Jean Dorton
Kentucky Arts Council Board
Paintsville

Jean Dorton is a retired community and legislative liaison and interim manager of advancement for Big Sandy Community and Technical College. She is also an active board member for various other organizations.

After graduating from Paintsville High School in 1971, Dorton attended Prestonsburg Community College, where she received an Associate in Arts as well as an Associate in Science. She later graduated from Morehead State University with a Bachelor of Science degree and was recognized as Outstanding Environmental Science Student in 1995.

Dorton has since been active with environmental organizations such as Personal Responsibility In a Desirable Environment (PRIDE), where she is currently a board member, past secretary and past chair. She was a member of the Kentucky Environmental Quality Commission and worked in the Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet secretary's office from 2003 to 2005.

As a testament to her love for the arts and folk culture, Dorton is currently a member of the American Folklife Center Board at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. Her other arts affiliations include her former positions as member and chair of the Kentucky Folk Art Museum in Morehead, member of the Kentucky Arts Council board, the Kentucky Foundation for the Arts board, the East Kentucky Concert Series and the Apple Festival board arts and crafts chair.

Dorton was a member and vice chair of the Morehead State University board of regents from 2003 to 2009 and was on Paintsville City Council for two years. She currently serves on the Center for Rural Development executive board and is a member of Delta Sigma Service Sorority.

Dorton and her husband, Denny, are active members of their local community and of the Paintsville First United Methodist Church. They have one son, Andrew Trigg Dorton, who is married to Stephanie Stumbo. Andrew and Stephanie have two sons, Tristan and Ashton, who attend Beaumont Middle School in Lexington.