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Clay M. Chandler Outstanding Freshman Biology Award and Scholarship

The award was established with recycling program funds and first awarded in 1979.


Dr. Clay Chandler received his bachelor’s degree in chemistry from Bethel College. He continued his education during the summers at George Peabody College where he earned an M.A. in 1955. He then went on to receive his Ph.D. in zoology from Indiana in 1965.

Dr. Chandler joined the MTSU faculty in 1970 and retired December 1992. His courses in general biology, honors biology, ecology, limnology, microtechnique, and biological literature enjoyed longstanding reputations for rigor and thoroughness. He was heavily involved in the university honors program and the multidisciplinary environmental science and technology major. Chandler sustained a record of productive research spanning four decades. His research was published in many regional, national, and international journals.

Clay Chandler was an outstanding scholar, teacher, southern gentleman, and friend to many faculty members and students. His lectures were filled with poetry, witticisms, and anecdotes. He seemed to always have a boyish enthusiasm for science, especially when it related to his specialty, planarians.