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George Davis Scholarship

This scholarship was established with private and recycling program funds and first awarded in 1991.

MTSU biology faculty 1917-1944

M.A., George Peabody College (1928)

B.S., University of Chattanooga (1914)

By the time State Normal became Middle Tennessee State Teachers College in 1925, George Davis had single handedly revised and expanded the biology curriculum to include eleven courses: nature study, college botany, advanced botany, school sanitation, diseases and defects of children, advanced human physiology, entomology, the teaching of biology, genetics, advanced zoology, and health for rural schools and communities. He personally taught all eleven courses.

Davis headed both the first department of biological sciences and the first department of science; and, under his guidance, the requirements for the first biology major were developed.

From 1968 until 2014, students in biology had most of their classes in the George Davis Science Building. The name of the building honors the service of George Davis. Davis served Middle Tennessee State Normal School, State Teachers College-Murfreesboro, and Middle Tennessee State College-all antecedents of today's MTSU- from 1917 to 1944. During his tenure, Davis saw the biology curriculum grow from six courses to sixteen courses and a change in the status of the college from a certificate granting two-year institution to a bachelor's degree granting four-year tuition.