

## **MATHIS**



### **Phillip Mathis Outstanding Junior Scholarship**

This award was established with funds from the recycling program and first awarded in 1995.

Biology Faculty 1967-2004; Dean of the MTSU Honors College 2004-2008

Phil Mathis completed his B.S. at Murray State College in 1964, his M.S. in biology at MTSU in 1967, his Ed.S. at Peabody College in 1971, and his Ed.D. in 1973 at the University of Georgia. His thesis was the first research master's thesis completed in the MTSU Biology Department.

Dr. Mathis taught numerous students in non-major biology, genetics, Honors genetics, advanced genetics, biometry/biostatistics, and special problems. Appointed to the Graduate Faculty in 1974, he assumed the position of graduate advisor/coordinator in 1980. He continued in this position for the next 21 years. His appointment to the Honors Faculty in 1999 opened the door to his teaching of the newly established Honors genetics course. In 2004, Phil was appointed interim dean of the University Honors College and, following a national search for a permanent dean, he was asked to remain as dean.