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John Zamora Biology Scholarship

MTSU Biology faculty: 1987-present

This award was established with recycling program funds and first awarded in 2002.

Dr. John Zamora holds a B.A. in biochemistry from Columbia University and a Ph.D. in microbiology from Auburn University. Prior to coming to MTSU he served as a post-doctoral scholar in the Department of Pharmacology at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.

Dr. Zamora has taught a long list of courses, including the non-majors Topics in Biology (now Exploring Life), microbiology, environmental microbiology, food and industrial microbiology, zoology, pathophysiology, histology, molecular genetics, and General Virology. Dr. Zamora served as the president of the MTSU Sigma Xi Society and the MTSU Chapter of the American Association of University Professors, is a Fellow in the Tennessee Academy of Science, and spent a few years as the Biology Club faculty sponsor.

Contributing to the community, Dr. Zamora worked with the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) holding workshops for restaurant servers on the responsible consumption of alcohol. Certified at both the state and national levels, John was one of only two such instructors in Tennessee to offer workshops in Spanish. Not only does John teach the workshops in Spanish but he also worked with the TABC by helping translate their workshop materials and the certification exam into Spanish.

John is a recipient of the Carolyn Taylor Carr Award for meritorious achievement in research in 1985 and was included in Outstanding Young Men of America in 1990.