

KEMP



James R. Kemp Biology Scholarship

This award was established with funds from the recycling program and first awarded in 1996.

MTSU Biology faculty: 1971-1995

In 1954, James R. Kemp entered Middle Tennessee State College where he earned his B.S. in biology and in 1959, he became the first person to be awarded the M.A. degree in biology.

In the fall of 1959, Jim Kemp began his teaching career at Tullahoma High School. He was named "Educator of the Year" by the Tullahoma Jaycees in 1961. Two years later, he was named "Outstanding Biology Teacher of Tennessee" by the National Association of Biology Teachers.

He joined the MTSU biology faculty in 1971. He taught the non-majors Topics in Biology course, Bacteriology, and, at one time or another, all the human anatomy and physiology courses, for which he spent several years as the coordinator. Jim was also responsible for coordinating the summer teaching schedule for the department.