

## **REYES**



### **Maria de los Reyes Microbiology Scholarship**

The award was established with funds from the recycling program and first awarded in 1998.

MTSU Biology faculty: 1981-2002

Dr. Maria de los Reyes received her B.S. in 1965 from Louisiana State University, her M.A. in 1970 from Eastern Kentucky University, and her Ph.D. in 1953 from Auburn University.

When Dr. Reyes joined the biology department in 1981, she was the only specialist in the area of microbiology. The department now offers an emphasis area in microbiology at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. She taught microbiology and immunology and developed courses in diagnostic microbiology and other areas. Dr. Reyes coordinated the general microbiology labs and played a leadership role within the department.

She was instrumental in raising the program to a higher standard. She says that her driving motivation was always “keeping in the front of my mind the quality education which our undergraduate students should leave with upon receiving a degree.” She was known for her high standards in the classroom, and in the long run, our students benefited from those standards.