



The Basic Facts

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B & A Sciences Strikes Gold

Cream rises to the top. When university committees evaluate faculty for university-wide awards for excellence in teaching, technology, research and service, faculty from B & A Sciences rise to the top. The 1999-2000 University Awards were announced at the University Convocation on August 16, 2000. The college claimed seven of fifteen awards.

Award winners are Dr. Stephen Krau (NURS) and Dr. Cindi Smith-Walters (BIOL), University Awards for Outstanding Teaching; Dr. Sara Barlow (BIOL) and Dr. Tom Cheatham (CSCI), University Awards for Teaching and Technology; Dr. Judith Iriate-Gross (CHEM), University Research Award; and, Dr. Les Aspinwall (MATH) and Dr. Kevin Ragland (ABAS), University Service

Awards. Each award winner received a \$3000 cash prize from the MTSU Foundation. The college has many outstanding faculty members and we celebrate the recognition of these seven.



Special points of interest:

- B & A Sciences Faculty Receive Awards
- NSF Funds Scholarships for MTSU Students/GAANN Fellowships
- *The Basic Facts* Explained
- Do You Know Your College? Take a quiz and test your knowledge

NSF and U.S. DOE Fund \$783,000 in Scholarships

The National Science Foundation (NSF) funded scholarships at \$2500/year each for 40+ majors in CSCI, ETIS, and MATH. To qualify, undergraduate juniors and seniors must be approved for Pell Grants. Graduate students must qualify for assistance. Cur-

rently there are 40 scholarship recipients and funds are available for additional students. Please see our web site (<http://www.mtsu.edu/~collbas/nsf>). The U.S. Department of Education funded graduate assistantships in areas of national need — GAANN in MATH, BIOL, and CHEM for students

working toward a Ph.D. Students can spend two years completing an M.S. at MTSU and carry the fellowship into their doctorate program at Vanderbilt, TSU, University of Memphis or MTSU. See our web site <http://www.mtsu.edu/~collbas/gaann>.

B & A Sciences Monthly Newsletter is Born!

The only constant is change (and Marlene). Dean Earl Keese, who served as dean of the college for 14 years, reigned last fall to become president of Lima Technical College in Ohio. Dr. Ray Phillips was appointed interim dean and Dr. Tom Cheatham as interim associate dean We have a

new executive secretary, Ms. Judy Carter and a new web page (<http://mtsu.edu/~collbas>). And in keeping with all these changes, we have a new monthly newsletter, *The Basic Facts* (this will take the place of *College Happenings*). We need your input and suggestions for articles

and news items. Please forward any suggestions to Ms. Judy Carter (jcarter@mtsu.edu).



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The Basic Facts

How Well Do You Know the Departments in the College of Basic and Applied Sciences?

Please identify the department described by each group of phrases:

1. _____
 - Most active recruiters
 - Student program ranked 16 out of 270 in the nation
 - Largest such program in Tennessee
 - Chair rides a Harley-Davidson
2. _____
 - Largest number of majors in the college
 - No lower-division courses
 - Chair/director likes genealogy and Christian music
 - The only graduate certificate program in the College
3. _____
 - Most program options of any department in the college
 - Chair/director took a vacation cruise in Alaska this summer
 - Environmentally sound and set in concrete
 - National Winner of
4. _____

Solar Bike Competition

 - Nationally ranked/recognized program
 - Chair/director likes boating, fishing, and racquetball
 - Their students rise above other students in the college
 - Newest chair/director
5. _____
 - Home of a nationally recognized student organization
 - Host to the Project SEED Students each summer
 - Department Chair/Director took a class from Tom Cheatham
 - Mobile lab unit to assess air quality in Tennessee
6. _____
 - Chair/Director has been in the position longer than any other in the College
 - Miss Rodeo Tennessee is one of their majors
 - One of two schools
7. _____

in the College

 - Current SGA President is one of their majors
 - Faculty won all three major university awards (teaching, research, service) in 99-00
 - Faculty member is NASA Summer Fellow@Goddard Space Center, 2000
 - Chair/Director lives on a farm
 - Graduates largest number of majors of any department in the College
8. _____
 - Largest number of McNair Scholars of any department in the university
 - Their students help keep social security sound
 - Chair likes boating and water skiing
 - Majority of their majors become teachers
9. _____
 - Won national grants totaling over \$800,000
 - Home of the Photometry Center
 - Their majors like to look at stars
 - Chair is Faculty Advisor for BSU
10. _____
 - Faculty member on NIA working at Stanford this fall
 - First in state to have this undergraduate program accredited
 - Majors frequently earn highest salaries among university graduates
 - Chair likes to play racquetball

