

RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE FOUNDATION

Theodore Lemeshka Memorial Fund

History

The Theodore H. Lemeshka Fund was established by contributions from his family, colleagues and friends to honor Ted for his service to education.

As a faculty member Theodore Lemeshka won high esteem and admiration from faculty, staff and especially students during his twenty years of service to Rhode Island College.

Following his graduation from Boston University in 1938, Ted spent four years in the Army Medical Corps as a Staff Sergeant with thirty-two months overseas, and as a supervisor in the training program for blind soldiers in the State of Connecticut. In 1945, he returned to Brown University and received his M.A. in Biology and Education in 1947. After serving as Professor of Pharmacology and allied sciences as well as Registrar of the Rhode Island College of Pharmacy, Ted came to RIC in 1956 to teach biology and he initiated courses in microbiology in 1960.

At the time of his death, January 19 1976, Ted was teaching over 300 students a year in microbiology in a new building that houses modern laboratory facilities. He was also noted for accepting additional responsibility willingly. To know him was a privilege. He had the deepest respect of the college and his community.

Preamble

The fund will be administered as an endowment fund within the Rhode Island College Foundation and shall consist of a check for \$50.00. The award will be funded from the interest earned on the principal of the memorial fund. The award will be presented by the appropriate representative of the Biology Department as part of the Cap and Gown Day Program.

Selection Criteria

1. The recipient shall be a senior Biology Major.
2. The recipient must have a minimum cumulative grade index of 3.0 for all courses taken at RIC.
3. The recipient must have a minimum cumulative index of 3.5 for the following RIC courses: Chemistry 103-104 (General Chemistry), Biology 331 (Human Anatomy), Biology 335 (Human Physiology), Biology 348 (Microbiology).

Selection Process

The recipients will be identified and named by the members of the Biology Honors Committee based on the above criteria. In addition, insight will be gained by the results of a questionnaire submitted to faculty who taught candidates for this award in one or more of the courses listed in the selection criteria (#3). Such faculty will be asked to evaluate the leadership potential of all candidates scholastically qualified for this award.

Approved [Frank Doliak] Date [9/17/80]
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