

RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE FOUNDATION

Mary M. Keeffe Scholarship Fund

History

The recommendation to establish an award in recognition of Dr. Mary M. Keeffe's generous contributions to the Department of Biology was made in the late spring of 1980. It is anticipated that the first award will be made during the 1980-81 academic year.

A native of Pascoag, Rhode Island, and a graduate of Rhode Island College, Dr. Mary M. Keeffe earned a bachelor of arts degree at Providence College, a master of arts degree at Columbia University, and a degree of doctor of philosophy at Fordham University. She had taught at Burrillville High School, the University of Vermont, Fordham University School of Education, Notre Dame Convent School, and the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota, before she joined the RIC faculty in 1952.

One of the founders of the Science Fair, Dr. Keeffe has been very active in encouraging the study of science among young people. A devoted research biologist, she has also worked extensively in the field of conservation, is an active archeologist, and is an accomplished photographer. She has had a number of articles published and has delivered papers at science conferences in this country and abroad.

She is active in professional organizations and in women's activities. She became the first chairman of the Rhode Island College biology department when it was established in February of 1962.

Preamble

The fund will be administered as an endowment fund within the Rhode Island College Foundation and shall consist of the interest earned from the wise investment of the fund's principal. This shall be an annual award. The Chair of the Department shall make the announcement of the recipient no later than the end of the fall semester and an appropriate ceremony shall accompany the announcement. In addition the identity of the student and a brief description of the award shall be transmitted to the Records Office for inclusion in the recipient's permanent file and transcript in accord with college policy and regulation.

Selection Criteria

1. The recipient must be a biology major.
2. The recipient must have minimum cumulative grade indices of 3.0 for all courses completed.

3. A 3.5 index for completed courses in biology, two of which are beyond the introductory level.
4. The recipient must have a 3.0 index for completed courses in the Physical Sciences.
5. The recipient must have a total of 48-59 semester hours credit, all of which resulted from studies at Rhode Island College.
6. The recipient must submit a statement of intent which testifies to plans for continued study and career choice in the Biological Sciences.

Selection Process

The Honor's Committee of the Department of Biology shall screen the candidates for the award and subsequently identify the recipient.

The department chair shall notify the recipient and the Rhode Island College Foundation shall assume the responsibility of drawing the award check on call.

Approved _____ Date _____
Title _____