

TENNESSEE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

RICHARD J. RARIDON, PHD

Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dr. Richard J. Raridon of Oak Ridge was the recipient of the prestigious 2001 Tennessee Academy of Science Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Raridon, a research chemist with Oak Ridge National Laboratories from 1962–1992, received the award on November 9, 2001 during the joint meeting of the Tennessee and Kentucky Academies of Science Conference in Murfreesboro, Tennessee (Middle Tennessee State University). Tennessee Academy of Sciences (TAS) treasurer Dr. John Harris of Tennessee Technological University and TAS secretary Sally Swain of Middle Tennessee State University made the award presentation.

This award is given in recognition of a TAS Member who has made significant contributions to the Academy by serving in an official capacity. Dr. Raridon, a member of the Academy for over 40 years, has served as the Director of the Collegiate Division of the Academy since 1964. The Tennessee Academy of Science is an organization devoted to promoting science research and education; the Collegiate Division of the Academy provides a forum for students to present research papers to their peers at regional meetings each spring. This arm of the Academy serves a vital role in educating young scientists from across the State. Dr. Raridon also has served as the TAS representative to the American Association for the Advancement of Science since 1970.

Dr. Raridon, who received his undergraduate degree in Mathematics from Grinnell College in Iowa and his PhD in Phys-



Distinguished Service Award recipient Dr. Richard Raridon (center) is shown with Tennessee Academy of Science representatives Dr. John Harris (left) and Ms. Sally Swain.

ical Chemistry from Vanderbilt University, currently is interested in computer programming and periodically does consulting work. He is an adjunct instructor for Pellissippi State Technical Community College, a volunteer with the American Museum of Science and Energy, and a Mathcounts coach for 7th and 8th graders from Robertsville Middle School.