

## TENNESSEE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

## JOHN W. HARRIS, PHD

*Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, Tennessee*

Dr. John W. Harris, Professor of Biology at Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville was recently recognized for his long and dedicated service to the Tennessee Academy of Science through conferral of the Academy's Distinguished Service Award. The award was presented during the awards breakfast of



Distinguished Service Award recipient Dr. John W. Harris accepts his award plaque from 2003 Tennessee Academy of Science president Ms. Karen Kendall-Fite.

the November 2003 joint meeting of the Tennessee Academy of Science and the Tennessee Science Teachers Association held at the Franklin Marriott Cool Springs Conference Center in Franklin, Tennessee.

The Distinguished Service Award is given in recognition of Academy members who have made significant, ongoing contributions to the Academy while serving in an official capacity. Dr. Harris, an Academy member for almost 35 years, was recognized as a Fellow of the Academy in 1984. However, Dr. Harris' most notable contribution to the Academy was his distinguished service as TAS Treasurer and Member of the Executive Committee from 1989–2003. In addition to his long-term service on the Executive Committee, Dr. Harris also has served as Section Chair for both the Cell and Molecular Biology and Botany sections, has made numerous research presentations at annual meetings, including at least one plenary session, and has served as either chairman or member of numerous Academy committees. Dr. Harris also has published his research in the *Journal of the Tennessee Academy of Science*.

Dr. Harris received his PhD from Indiana University and subsequently joined the faculty of the Biology Department at Tennessee Technological University where he has been Professor of Biology since 1980. Dr. Harris also served his university as Director of the Honors Program from 1978–83 and was a Fulbright Lecturer at Marathwada University, Aurangabad, India in 1991–1992. The TAS is very proud to recognize Dr. John W. Harris for his exemplary contributions and service to the Academy for over three decades.