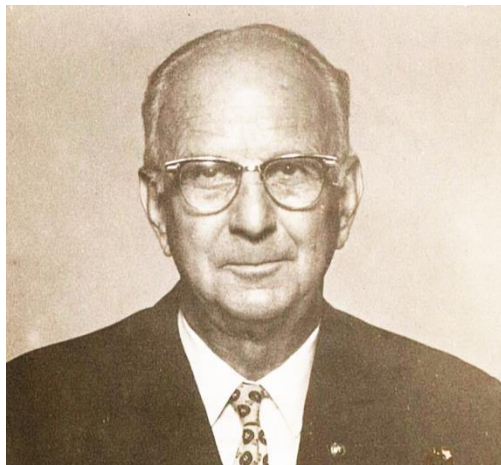




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## **Thomas Whitehead Chair for Teachers of Science**



Dr. Thomas H. Whitehead was professor of chemistry and later dean of the graduate school at the University of Georgia. He grew up in Athens and graduated from Athens High School in 1921 and the University of Georgia in 1925. After teaching for a year in the science department of Athens High, he went to Columbia University in New York City where he received a PhD in Chemistry in 1930. He returned to Athens and taught at UGA from 1930 until his retirement in 1972, with two interludes of war service for the Army Chemical Corps. While at UGA he worked to improve the quality of science education in Georgia secondary schools. For several years during the 1960s he was director of National Science Foundation summer institutes for high school science teachers and for high school science students. Dr. Whitehead died in 1982.

The *Thomas Whitehead Chair for Teachers of Science* was endowed by his wife Dorothy and son John in 1995 and was first presented in 1997. The Chair is given in odd-numbered years, for a two-year term.