

## Dr. Sammy M. Ray Marine Biology Scholarship

### Established in 2013 by Charlotte P. Ray

When Sammy Ray graduated from Rosedale High School in 1938, his life had been changed forever. One year earlier, during his junior year, he was offered a full-time job at the local post office. This job would have provided his family with sorely needed income during the Great Depression, but would have cost him his education.

At the same time, he received another job offer, one from a taxidermist in town: "Come work for me and stay in school." Sammy took that job, worked hard to learn taxidermy, and stayed in high school. The skill he learned, the money he saved and the diploma he earned made possible his further education and a life beyond anything he had ever imagined. He never forgot the impact of that gesture.

The Dr. Sammy M. Ray Marine Biology Scholarship was created in his memory by people who benefited from and still believe in his commitment to education, hard work, and opportunity. They strive through this scholarship, as Sammy did throughout his many years at TAMUG, to help deserving students achieve goals often thought unreachable.