

# *Dr. Jane F. White*

## *Foreword*

Dr. Jane F. White enjoyed a long and distinguished career in the College of Business Administration at Georgia Southern University. Dr. White began her career at Georgia Southern College in 1962 and served as associate professor of office administration until her retirement in 1985 as a professor emeritus of business. She is warmly remembered by colleagues for her sharp intelligence and strength of mind. Dr. White endured a childhood disability that she never let hold her back and in fact, caused her to become even more determined in proving herself up to the challenge of academia. She lived an independent life that allowed her to concentrate her time and efforts solely on the classes and students she taught and her many contributions to the academic field of business communications.

## *History*

Dr. White received an Associate of Arts from Christian College in Columbia, Missouri in 1937 and a Bachelor of Science from Central College in Fayette, Missouri in 1940. From that point, she began teaching high school in Missouri and continued for five years. In 1945, she began teaching secretarial courses at St. Mary's Junior College in St. Mary's City, Maryland thus beginning her long and successful career in higher education. Dr. White continued teaching all across the United States in states such as Texas, Colorado, Indiana, North Carolina, Tennessee, Oregon, Washington and New York just to name a few. In 1948, Dr. White had the opportunity to attend a summer program at Columbia University in New York City and went on to receive her Master of Business Administration from the University of Denver in 1950 and her doctorate from the University of North Dakota in 1974.

In addition to her academic positions, Dr. White also held a number of secretarial positions within companies such as the St. Louis Union Trust Company, United States Cartridge Company and Sears Roebuck and Company. She incorporated her work experience and diverse background into the courses she taught making her a well-rounded business instructor.

## *Georgia Southern History*

Dr. White began her teaching career at Georgia Southern College in September of 1962 after being hired by Dr. Paul LaGrone, dean of the School of Business. Dr. White taught primarily business communications and business education courses at the graduate level. She was an excellent teacher and an exemplary scholar with many publications in her field. In 1976, Dr. White was appointed to the research committee of the American Business Communication Association due to her many scholarly contributions and vast knowledge of the field. She was also a dedicated Faculty Advisor to Pi Omega Pi, National Business Education Teacher Honor Society. Dr. Bill

Bolen, who would eventually become Dr. White's department chair, decided to take one of her business communication courses upon his arrival to Georgia Southern and describes Dr. White as a "professional, hardworking instructor." Her students describe her as a taskmaster, yet always very fair. Many of her students throughout the years recalled her love of dogs, particularly her little dog, Pepi. Ms. Betty Lane, chair of the Home Economics Department and a colleague of Dr. White's, describes her as "a lovely lady, she could be rather sharp in her demeanor because she never wanted anyone to dominate her mind. She always proved she was up to the task."

During Dr. White's tenure in the School of Business she experienced a tremendous amount of growth. She retired in June of 1985 and as a retirement gift, the College sent her on a wonderful trip to England for her many years of dedicated service to the College of Business Administration and its students.

Dr. White believed in the College of Business Administration and the strong business education that it has provided thousands of students and she wanted to see that tradition of excellence continue on throughout the years. Upon Dr. White's passing in August of 2001 she bequeathed the College \$96,172.94. Her contribution is to be used to award an outstanding Marketing faculty member the *Jane White Marketing Scholar* and also to award an outstanding Marketing student the *Jane White Marketing Scholarship*. Dr. White's generous contribution to the College of Business Administration will be endowed for years to come and will help recognize those faculty members who are exceptional scholars in the Marketing field and marketing students who go above and beyond in the classroom and who demonstrate leadership ability.

### *Time Line*

1937	Received an Associate of Arts from Christian College, Columbia, Missouri
1940	Received a Bachelor of Science from Central College, Fayette, Missouri
1940-1945	Taught at several high schools in Missouri
1942	St. Louis Union Trust Company, Missouri
1943-1945	United States Cartridge Company- Missouri
1945-1962	Taught college in NYC, Maryland, Texas, Colorado, Milledgeville, Indiana, North Carolina, Tennessee, Oregon, Washington
1948	Attended Columbia University in New York City
1950	Received a Master of Business Administration from the University of Denver
1951	Georgia State College for Women, Milledgeville
1955	Sears, Roebuck and Company, California
1956-1957	Taught High school in California
1960	Attended the University of Southern California and Stanford University
1962	Georgia Southern College, Statesboro, Georgia
1974	Doctorate from the University of North Dakota
1985	Retired from Georgia Southern College