

IN MEMORIAM

Professor Luis Antonio Escabí

1921 - 1996

“The Professor of Professors”

Professor Luis A. Escabí, professor Emeritus and founder of the Biology Department and co-founder of the Catholic University of Puerto Rico, died April 12, 1996. He was born in Mayagüez, Puerto Rico February 1st., 1921. He obtained his B.S. in Biology in 1943 from the University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus and in 1944 he married Carmen Delia Pérez. They had three children: Dr. Luis A. Escabí, and Hilda Escabí, they also had two adoptive daughters. From 1946 to 1950 he was an instructor of Biological Sciences at the University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus and in 1950 he obtained his MS degree in Cytology from Ohio State University. In 1951 he started working at the Catholic University of Puerto Rico, where he founded the Biology Club and the Zeta Delta Chapter of the Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society.

Professor Escabí taught all the courses offered in the Biology Department at the Catholic University. He also did research and acted as student counselor, receiving many awards and honors. He retired in 1994 to dedicate himself full time to painting.

Professor Escabí will be missed by a large number of physicians, dentists and scientists that had the honor of being his students at some point throughout their education. As part of this fortunate group, I was honored to have such a great teacher, patriot and philosopher of science as an educator.

Professor Escabí will always be dearly remembered.

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