

Regents approve naming Honors College at WKU for Dixie and Pete Mahurin

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The [WKU Board of Regents](#) today (Jan. 27) honored Dixie and Pete Mahurin for their legacy of support for gifted education by naming the [Honors College](#) for them.



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The Mahurins, of Bowling Green, are both WKU alumni. WKU President Gary A. Ransdell said their philanthropic and leadership support to WKU spans more than four decades. “They are pillars in the Bowling Green community and support numerous causes on and off campus,” he said. “I cannot think of a more fitting way to recognize this tremendous family than to name the Honors College at WKU The Dixie and Peter Mahurin Honors College.”

Their 2010 gift facilitated the move of the headquarters of the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children to WKU. A 2002 gift created a professorship in gifted studies, one of the few endowed chairs in gifted education in the United States.

Pete Mahurin was a founding member of the WKU Foundation and served eight years, four as chair. He also served on the Campaign Cabinet for both of WKU’s capital campaigns.

Dixie Mahurin, a longtime WKU employee in student athlete academic advising, is a founding member of the WKU Sisterhood, which has contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to WKU.

In other business, the Board:

- Approved an employment contract with Mike Sanford as head football coach;
- Approved an education specialist degree in gifted education and talent development;
- Approved graduate certificates in advanced behavioral management and college and career readiness.

More: [Dr. Timothy C. Caboni named WKU’s 10th president.](#)

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