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Quick Facts

- The Mary Grace and Antonino DiGiorgio Endowed Scholarship will honor the president's late parents, who had encouraged their son to pursue education as a path to success in their adopted American homeland.
- The theater in the facility will be named "Dina's Place," in honor of the DiGiorgios' late daughter, who passed away in May 2007 at age 42, following a brief illness.



Board members Karl Folkens and Kathy Bigham

ROCK HILL, S.C. - **President Anthony DiGiorgio** and **First Lady Gale DiGiorgio** announced Sept. 24 that a personal estate gift to Winthrop will memorialize members of two other generations of their immediate family in new ways.

The gift, announced at a dedication luncheon for the new **DiGiorgio Campus Center**, involves:

- The **Mary Grace and Antonino DiGiorgio** Endowed Scholarship will honor the president's late parents, who had encouraged their son to pursue education as a path to success in their adopted American homeland. The new scholarship will be unrestricted in its use.
- Concurrent with the dedication of the DiGiorgio Campus Center, the theater in the facility will be named "**Dina's Place**," in honor of the DiGiorgios' late daughter, who passed away in May 2007 at age 42, following a brief illness.

The \$200,000 estate gift from President and Mrs. DiGiorgio also will support the already established **Margaret and Ernest Nesius Endowed Scholarship**, which honors Gale DiGiorgio's late parents.

"As honored and humbled as we are by the naming of the Campus Center in our honor, the occasion would be missing something if the immediate family members no longer with us were not recognized in some meaningful way," President DiGiorgio said. "This is our way of expressing our love for them in ways we know each would appreciate."

The DiGiorgios said their elder daughter Dina had a passion for movies, pop culture and musical theater, with the stage play and later movie, "Grease," being one of her favorites for its story of high school romance and memorable rock 'n' roll lyrics.

"Dina's Place will give Winthrop students the opportunity to discover their own such favorites as they enjoy the experience of getting lost in a good movie or exploring new ideas through other theater events," the president added.

The late **Dina DiGiorgio** was born in Belleville, N.J., and was a 1983 graduate of Ewing High School. She enjoyed a career in insurance and worked for New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Co., E.P. Bishop, and Harrah and Associates. A devoted mother to Gabriella, now 16, Dina was deeply involved in children's issues, and was active in St. Gregory the Great Parish and the Parent's Association of St. Gregory the Great School.

For more information on upcoming movies in Dina's Place, visit the [Eagle Flicks website](#).

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