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Quick Facts

- President Dan Mahony is the inaugural recipient of the 2015 Daniel Mahony Award for Social Responsibility from the Office of Diversity Outreach and Development in Kent State University's College of Education, Health and Human Services.
- Mahony created and then advocated for the Office of Diversity Outreach and Development in his former college.
- This is the second award Mahony has earned this year.



President Dan Mahony

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – Winthrop University **President Dan Mahony** is the inaugural recipient of the Daniel Mahony Award for Social Responsibility from the Office of Diversity Outreach and Development in **Kent State** University's College of Education, Health and Human Services.

The award will be given annually to an individual, college or division who has demonstrated distinctive service through the implementation and/or support of a diversity-focused program or activity that has enhanced the quality of life and opportunity for underrepresented individuals within the university or surrounding communities.

Mahony served for seven years as dean of the College of Education, Health and Human Services and a professor of sport management at Kent State before assuming the Winthrop presidency on July 1.

According to N.J. Akbar, assistant dean for academic diversity success in Kent State's University College, "**Dr. Mahony served as the catalyst for diversity within the College of Education, Health and Human Services and at the university.** When the advisory board for the office [of Diversity Outreach and Development] first voted, there were many who remarked the need to give Dan an award to honor his commitment to diversity. The advisory board voted unanimously to name the award the Daniel Mahony Award for Social Responsibility. I am proud to have served under him as his director of diversity outreach and received unmatched support the entire time."

"His commitment to the Office of Diversity Outreach and Development goes beyond just him driving its establishment, but rather he has been seen as a **leader across campus for his efforts,**" Akbar added. "From his leadership on diversity issues to his incorporation of opportunity faculty hiring, it is an honor to be able to recognize him for his **trailblazing leadership.**"

Mahony noted that he couldn't put in to words what an honor it is to receive the award from his former institution. "Diversity and diversity awareness are essential to higher education today, and they matter to me personally. At Kent State I was proud to create and then advocate for the Office of Diversity Outreach and Development in the college, and I **remain just as committed to diversity at Winthrop.**"

Mahony's award, his second this year, will be presented on Friday, Nov. 6. In June Mahony received the McInnis/Ryan Award for Mid-Career Higher Education Leadership from the American Association of University Administrators.

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