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## Gift funds hall of fame at NKU

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David L. Holt, former president of the Northern Kentucky University's Norse Athletic Club, is being honored with scholarships as well as The David L. Holt NKU Hall of Fame for athletes.

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The hall of fame will be housed within the Bank of Kentucky Center to be built on the campus next year.

It will be funded by a \$250,000 gift from Mr. Holt's relatives, the Griffin family. The men's and women's basketball programs will receive \$12,500 for 10 years to be used for scholarships.

"The Griffins wanted to give a gift that would help the athletic program right away," said Kurt Moeller, NKU associate athletic director.

The family operates Griffin Industries, a 17-state waste-recycling firm headquartered in Cold Spring. For 10 years, NKU's annual basketball tournament has been named after the company's founder, John L. Griffin.

Griffin said he was happy to help honor Holt, his late brother-in-law, for his work with the school.

"Dave was a great guy who was taken away from us too soon," he said.

Holt, who worked for the company and married Griffin's sister Linda, also was active in NKU athletics. During the past 20 years, he served as president of the Norse Athletic Club and was on the club's board of directors until his death in April of this year from a brain tumor. The Villa Hills resident was 62.

"This scholarship fund and hall of fame named in David's honor create lasting legacies that ensure David's support and commitment to our intercollegiate athletics program and the university are long remembered," said NKU President James Votruba.

NKU has had a hall of fame for eight years but there was no location to display the accomplishments of inductees. The recognition began in 1997 with several members of teams from the 1970s. The latest inductees included the 2000 NCAA II women's basketball national champions.

"Dave was a first-class individual who was very supportive of our entire athletics program," said NKU Athletic Director Jane Meier.

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