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Howard Bailey Retirement

After an impressive 45-year career in higher education, Howard Bailey, Vice President for Student Affairs, has informed me of his decision to retire on December 31 of this year. Howard has served this University well and has impacted the lives of thousands of WKU students.

Howard came to WKU as a student in 1966 from Middlesboro, Kentucky, and with the exception of a one-year stint at NC State University, he has spent his entire career at WKU. He was first hired as an assistant residence hall director at Barnes Campbell Hall and then moved to the newly opened Pearce Ford Tower. He later moved into Student Affairs where he would work his way to Dean of Students and in 2008 was named Vice President of Student Affairs.

Howard has served on countless university committees, including one term on the WKU Board of Regents as the elected Staff Regent. He is widely known in national student affairs circles as a leader in his field and has been asked to present at a number of conferences and meetings across the nation on leadership, race relations and a host of issues related to Student Affairs in higher education. He spent one semester in 1995 in South Africa helping universities there re-write their Student Government constitutions in the wake of the fall of Apartheid.

Howard has been an active member of the Bowling Green community. He served on the Board of Directors for Bowling Green Municipal Utilities for eight years, including two terms as chair of that board. He has served on the United Way of Southern Kentucky Board of Directors, the Martin Luther King, Jr., Planning Committee for the City of Bowling Green, and he helped establish the Bowling Green Human Rights Commission and also served on that board. He is a founding member of the Kentucky Association of Blacks in Higher Education, has served on the Kentucky African American Heritage Commission, the NAACP and the U.S. Jaycees.

It has been an honor and a privilege to know Howard throughout his career at WKU and to personally work closely with him these last 18 years. He is a valued member of our University leadership team, the Administrative Council, and has earned respect from his colleagues and peers.

Please join me in wishing Howard well as he and his wife Kayla enjoy the next phase of life—a well-earned retirement!

Gary A. Ransdell



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