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## **UofL sculpture donated by alumnus, dedicated April 24**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — President James Ramsey and supporters of the University of Louisville's J.B. Speed School of Engineering dedicated a stone sculpture and honored its principal donor, alumnus Bernard Dahlem, during a noon ceremony today.

The 21,000-pound black granite sculpture stands about 8 feet tall and 6 feet wide in front of the J.B. Speed Building on Eastern Parkway near Third Street.

The Integrity sculpture is incised with the shape of the symbol of Tau Beta Pi, the nation's oldest engineering honor society. The symbol is called the bent – after the bent part of a trestle, the load-bearing part of a bridge. The back of the sculpture includes an inscription about the importance of integrity. The society's executive director, Jim Froula, spoke at the dedication.

Geoffrey Atherton of UofL Planning, Design and Construction designed the sculpture, and Terry Fewell of Fewell Monument Co. of Scottsburg, Ind., assembled and installed it. Other contributors include John Brasch of Brasch-Barry General Contractors Inc., site work; Bruce Henderson of Henderson Services, lighting; civil and environmental engineering professors J.P. Mohsen and Mark McGinley, additional design work; and Tim Gornet, Joe Vicars and Damon Stacy of the UofL Rapid Prototyping Center, assistance with design.

Dahlem, who earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering at Speed and an honorary doctorate of science from UofL, has been a longtime supporter of the engineering school. He serves on Speed's Industrial Board of Advisers and UofL's Board of Overseers and is in the UofL Athletic Hall of Fame. The former president of Speed's Alumni Foundation also received Speed's Professional Award for Engineering and its Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1988 and was its 2005 Alumni Fellow.

He founded Dahlem Realty Co. while overseeing Dahlem Construction Co., founded by his father. The construction company was later sold to employees, and his two sons run the Dahlem Co. in Louisville. Dahlem splits his time between Louisville and Florida.

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