



Wilfred Konneker, PhD (1922 –2016)

Dr. Wilfred Konneker, a graduate of McClain High School, received a Bachelor of Science in chemistry from Ohio University in 1943. In 1947, he earned his Masters in Physics. He earned a doctorate in nuclear physics at Washington University in St. Louis in 1950. During WW2, he worked on the Manhattan Project. He was a pioneer in the nuclear medicine field, using radioisotopes for diagnosis and therapy, Wilfred and his wife were major philanthropists, endowing the Konneker Scholarship which is awarded to a graduate of MHS each year. He and his wife made a generous gift to Ohio University to purchase what is now known as Konneker Alumni Center. They also made many generous donations to support other programs at Ohio University, programs in St Louis and Greenfield Historical Society's Stone School. Konneker's many awards and accolades are far too numerous to list here.

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