



WASHBURN ENDOWMENT

Enduring passion inspires gift to School of Law



Sen. Robert J. “Bob” Dole, ba '52, jd '52 and, honorary doctorates '69 and '85, Washington, D.C., has dedicated his life and career to the service of both law and government. This enduring passion recently inspired Dole to establish the Senator Robert J. Dole Law Professorship Fund in the Washburn School of Law’s Center of Law and Government. Dole’s gift will provide funds to help recruit and retain an outstanding faculty member to serve as director of the recently established Center of Law and Government.

“We are deeply appreciative of Sen. Dole’s generous support of Washburn University School of Law,” said Thomas J. Romig, dean of the School of Law. “Sen. Dole’s outstanding career as a public servant embodies the goals of our newly-created Center for Law and Government.” Romig noted the Center will parallel Sen. Dole’s career, educating students on all aspects of public service from local and state government to federal government.

New Endowments

"This significant gift will allow Washburn Law to prepare students as highly-qualified public servants for a broad range of careers at all levels of government," he said.

After graduation from Washburn, Dole practiced law and served as an elected government official at the local, state and federal levels. His extensive public service includes the Kansas House of Representatives, four terms as Russell County Attorney, eight years as a U.S. Congressman, followed by nearly 30 years as a U.S. Senator. Dole also served as chairman of the Republican National Committee, president of the U.S. Senate and as Senate majority leader. He was President Gerald Ford's vice presidential running mate in 1976 and was a Republican candidate for President of the United States in both 1988 and 1996.

"We truly appreciate the generosity of this very special alumnus. Washburn has been home to many outstanding alumni

through its history, and Sen. Dole is certainly someone Washburn and our entire nation are proud of," said President Jerry Farley. "We are very fortunate to have the

support of a Washburn graduate like Sen. Dole who exemplifies a life of service to his community and country."

Washburn honored Dole in 1966 with a Distinguished Service Award, and the School of Law conferred a Distinguished Service Award on him in 1981. He served 1987-98 as a Washburn Endowment trustee, receiving emeritus status in 1998. In 2003, he established the Honorable Robert J. Dole Scholarship for Law Students, is a

member of the Lincoln Society and a lifetime member of the Washburn Alumni Association.

The \$300,000 Dole gift also qualifies for Kansas Partnership for Faculty of Distinction funds, a legislative effort to ensure and promote high quality educators in university classrooms.

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— Jerry B. Farley,
Washburn president

The following new endowments to benefit a variety of areas at Washburn University were established and fully funded during the first half (July 1 - Dec. 31, 2008) of the current fiscal year to date.

\$500,000 and above

Business Distinguished Professorship

\$250,000 to \$499,999

Senator Robert J. Dole Law Professorship Fund

\$100,000 to \$249,999

**School of Nursing "Vision for the Future" Fund
Goppert Scholarship Fund**

\$25,000 to \$49,999

John J. Bryan Law Scholarship Fund

Wendell J. McDonald Scholarship Fund

\$15,000 to \$24,999

John J. Bryan Scholarship Fund

Brian J. Moline Memorial Fund

Chandler Family Nursing Scholarship Fund

Gary and Mary Eisenbarth Business

Scholarship Fund

Georgia D. Sandlin Education Scholarship Fund

Irvine E. Ungerman Excellence in Clinical

Practice Award

Merton Elliott Law Scholarship Fund

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