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DOLE, KASSEBAUM ANNOUNCE U.S.-JAPAN STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Senators Bob Dole and Nancy Kassebaum announced today the launching of the 1983 Japan-U.S. Senate Scholarship Program for 1983.

The program is funded by the Government of Japan and is being administered by Youth for Understanding, one of the largest teenage student exchange programs in the United States.

All high school principals in Kansas have been asked to submit the name of one junior from their school to compete in statewide competition. Each Senator will ultimately appoint one finalist to represent Kansas in Japan during the 1983 summer. Although the competition is stiff, the rewards are considerable.

The two young Kansans will have the opportunity to live with a selected, volunteer Japanese family for eight weeks. Prior to leaving the United States in June, the students will participate in a four-day orientation session covering Japanese language and culture at Stanford University in California.

In a letter mailed to almost 500 principals two weeks ago, Senators Kassebaum and Dole asked for help in identifying capable and deserving high school juniors. Factors the Kansas principals have been asked to consider in selecting the school's candidate include: ability to adapt to new environments; a mature, stable and outgoing personality; and a minimum grade point average of 3.2 on a 4 point scale.

The nomination forms from the principals must be postmarked no later than November 2, 1982. A state selection committee will interview semifinalists in February, 1983. Senators Kassebaum and Dole will announce the two finalists in late March.

Ms. Hillary Kircher of Leawood, presently a senior at Shawnee Mission East High, was Senator Dole's delegate in 1982. Andrew Barron of Baldwin City, a senior at Baldwin High School, represented Senator Kassebaum in the 1982 program.