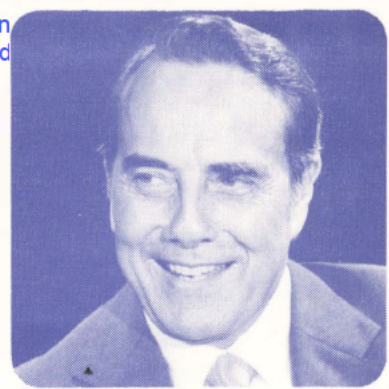


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## DOLE AND KASSEBAUM ANNOUNCE KANSAS STUDENTS AS SUMMER ENVOYS TO JAPAN

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senators Bob Dole and Nancy Kassebaum today announced the selection of two Kansas high school juniors as their delegates to live with a host family in Japan this summer. Shawn Hendrickson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hendrickson of Hanston, will represent Senator Dole. Mitchell Slape, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Slape of Wichita has been designated by Senator Kassebaum.

In a joint statement, the Senators said, "We are pleased to be able to offer this cross culture opportunity to two fine young people who have demonstrated their ability to serve as ambassadors in a program which was established to promote good will and understanding between Japan and the United States."

Host families are selected by the government of Japan and matched with the U.S. Senate delegates based on their interests and backgrounds. The overseas living program is funded by the Japanese government with Youth For Understanding, an American international student exchange organization, responsible for the arrangements to select two students from each of the 50 states.

Shawn, a member of the basketball and volleyball teams at Hanston High School, also serves as a class and band officer. One of 8 children, she has spent other summers driving a combine for her father, a custom harvester. She calls the trip "a chance of a lifetime."

Mitch, a debater at Wichita East High School, looks forward to a career in law or politics and to gaining a better understanding of Japanese education, politics, art, and business.

The summer experience begins on June 18th in Washington, D.C., with a predeparture orientation week hosted by YFU where the Kansas delegates meet with Senators Dole and Kassebaum. The 100 delegates, representing all 50 states, have an opportunity to become acquainted with other participants, to better understand themselves, and to increase their knowledge of Japanese culture, traditions, and the language.

Preliminary efforts to identify outstanding candidates began last fall when each high school principal in Kansas was asked by the Senators to nominate one candidate from his or her high school. YFU officials chose 12 semifinalists who were brought to Wichita on a Saturday in February for a day-long series of interviews by a committee representing educators, principals, and YFU. Mrs. Fred Murfin of Wichita represented Senator Dole. Mrs. Frances Aitchison, also of Wichita, served on behalf of Senator Kassebaum. Other members were: Earl Guiot, Buhler High School Principal and Chairman, Steve and Helen Hoch of Wichita, and Dr. James Fisher of Wichita State University.

YFU is presently interviewing potential United States host families for a coordinate program which will place one Japanese student in each state for the coming academic year. Kansas families interested in serving as a host should call Youth For Understanding, toll free (800) 424-3691, extension 281.