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DOLE: FHSU GIFTED PROGRAM TO "GO NATIONAL"

Washington, DC -- A model program for gifted students at Fort Hays State University (FHSU) has received federal funding to expand the program on the national level, Kansas Senator Bob Dole today announced.

The Department of Education has awarded a \$50,550 grant to FSHU to assist the university in the nationwide promotion and distribution of the College Studies for the Gifted program nationwide. Since its inception in 1980, Ft. Hays' gifted program has given more than 200 students between the ages of 10 and 18 the opportunity to study in college classrooms.

"This program has been successful on the state level," said Senator Dole, "and it only makes sense to take it one step further - to promote it to school districts as well as other universities throughout the nation. Ft. Hays' gifted program provides a logical, commonsense way to utilize the resources of local universities. Many school districts can't afford a gifted program, and the Ft. Hays program can certainly help to fill that void."

In a speech on the Senate floor last July, Senator Dole praised the gifted program as a "cooperative effort involving students, parents, school districts and the university which provides academic opportunities for the gifted pre-college student," and called for the nationwide promotion of this unique program.