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## **EMPORIA STATE**

### EMPORIA STATE WINS FEDERAL GRANT FOR EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kansas) announced today that Emporia State University has been awarded a \$232,783 Talent Search grant for its continuing work on an innovative education program.

Talent Search Grants, provided under the Higher Education Act, provide funding to support identification and counseling for talented individuals age 12-27 to pursue and complete high school and post-secondary education.

"Talent Search is aimed at those students who could benefit from higher education but might 'fall through the cracks' -- those unaware that college could be for them. I'm proud of the work that ESU has done in providing expanded horizons and educational opportunity for these people", Dole stated. "It's particularly important to reach youngsters still in school, to help them stay in school and succeed".

ESU's education development program, now in operation 7 years, provides counseling, career assistance, and help in finding financial aid sources for individuals potentially able to do well in college but who might never be able to consider pursuing further education. More recently, ESU has begun to emphasize "early intervention" -- identifying 7th and 8th graders with ability but from backgrounds that might discourage them finishing school and going on to college, and providing counseling and academic support.

"Emporia State has been a leader in this kind of early intervention; its work is vital, and this recognition from the Department of Education is well-deserved. I will continue to support these and other efforts to expand educational opportunity for Kansans," said Dole.

Emporia State's program has offices in Manhattan, Ks. and St. Joseph, Mo., as well as in Emporia, Ks.

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