Washburn University School of Law began its Centennial Celebration in 2003 and continued the celebration through December 2006. In those three years, the law school celebrated not only its history, but also looked to the future of the school. During the celebration, many generous alumni and friends of the law school contributed financially to its future success. Through their generous support, Washburn Law has additional funding for its students and programming to help it move forward in the years to come.

For a century, Washburn Law alumni and friends have answered the call to provide financial support and leadership for our students. Once again alumni have responded to the law school’s financial needs. During the three years of Washburn Law’s Centennial Celebration alumni and friends generously committed $5.48 million in pledges and cash gifts. During the centennial celebration 66 benevolent individuals and law firms created endowments or contributed additional major funding to existing endowments. Photos of these contributors appear on these pages.

In addition, 245 alumni and friends were members of the Dean’s Circle last fiscal year – a record high. Dean’s Circle giving, which provides unrestricted funds, allows the dean of the School of Law to focus funding on priorities that have not yet been endowed. Please join Washburn University School of Law in thanking these contributors for financially supporting the future of Washburn Law.

The centennial celebration raised money for scholarships, chairs, professorships, and other law school priorities, all designed to help Washburn Law recruit and retain the best students and faculty. Because of these generous contributions, the law school continues on course to seek, recruit, and retain top talent.

Washburn University School of Law recruits students who are prepared to engage successfully in the rigorous intellectual challenge of a legal education. In the increasingly competitive law school recruiting environment, Washburn Law vies with other law schools to recruit the top students. Tied to our recruiting success is the availability of scholarships established through endowed funds – one of the most effective ways to help recruit and retain exceptional students.

“New scholarship funds have helped the School of Law attract students whose academic credentials and experiences have had an immediate impact on our student selectivity,” said Director of Admissions Karla Beam. “Scholarships are the crux of law school recruiting strategies,” she added.

Washburn Law’s extraordinary past has produced leaders in nearly every aspect of business, law, and government worldwide. The importance of fund-raising goes hand in hand with providing Washburn Law students with exceptional role models and mentors from among the prominent alumni of the School of Law. These bonds have been further strengthened through endowed and operating funds provided by generous alumni.

As Washburn University School of Law enters its second century, it draws on the strength of the school’s storied past to serve as a foundation for innovative programs and curriculum. With your support, Washburn Law will continue to remain a diverse, dynamic, and collaborative learning community focused on preparing tomorrow’s best lawyers by recruiting exceptional students. Please contact the law school Advancement office at (785) 670-1100 for more information on how you can continue the tradition of supporting the School of Law.
Centennial Endowments

The following individuals and law firms have generously created endowments or have contributed additional funding to existing endowments during the three-year Centennial Celebration. Please join Washburn University School of Law in thanking these individuals and firms for financially supporting the future of Washburn Law.

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- John & Kristina Dietrick Law Scholarship
- Honorable Robert J. Dole Scholarship Fund for Law Students with Disabilities
- Duke & Helen Dupre Business & Transactional Law Fund
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