

Embracing Technology

Dynamic experiences lead Stremming to believe in importance of new building.

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Troy A. Stremming's life is an embodiment of the word "busy." It's a word that gets thrown around a lot, but in Stremming's case, it's the kind of busy that happens inevitably when passionate people make those passions a priority. Regardless of life's demands, he has kept a passion for Washburn University alive through continued involvement and generosity.

Stremming, BBA '91 and JD '94, is a dynamic performer in his role as executive vice president of government relations and public affairs for Pinnacle Entertainment, a multi-state casino entertainment company based in Las Vegas. He lends his time and expertise through service on the boards of the Kansas City Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Mid America Minority Business Development Council and the American Gaming Association Task Force on Internet Gaming and Diversity. He has managed multiple professional investments deftly, most recently serving as co-chair of the task force to land the 2016 RNC Convention in Kansas City alongside Mayor Sly James.

He is also a devoted father to Jackson, 17, and Sydney, 15. He and his wife, Abigail, lead a bustling life that most parents of energetic teens will acknowledge requires high outputs of energy and commitment.

There may seem to be no affordable space in his life for dwelling on the past, but Stremming doesn't think of his time at Washburn as merely fond memories to occasionally glimpse in the rearview mirror. The business and legal educations he received were such huge factors in his success, that he's committed to staying involved and supporting the school in return.

"I'm a true Ichabod at heart, and had an excellent opportunity to get an education there," said Stremming, who, as an undergrad, played on both the baseball and basketball teams, and studied marketing and business before going on to graduate from the law school. "I've continued to try to stay involved with the university and, as a member of the board of governors, to provide a good environment for students at the law school."



With a recent donation of \$25,000 toward a new law school building, he ensures that untold numbers of future students become infected with enthusiasm for the Ichabod way of life.

The decision to back a new building made sense for Stremming, who observes the

importance of embracing technological advancements through his career in the casino industry.

"Offering a new, state-of-the-art law school to an already strong academic foundation will allow us to recruit the best of the best for years to come," said Stremming. "Law students spend an extraordinary amount of time in the law school itself, whether that's in the library, clinics or classrooms. As we settle into a new century, students need access to classrooms that are more flexible and outfitted with the newest technology."

Above all, he knows his financial and civic commitments to the school acknowledge his indebtedness to an education that paved the way to a busy life rich with the manifestations of his passions.

"I'm fortunate to be in the position to give back to an institution that not only afforded me an excellent education, but also fond memories for a lifetime," said Stremming. "It's invigorating to think I can touch the lives of so many future Ichabods. Someone did that for me before I became an Ichabod myself, and it's refreshing to pass that forward."