



**ROBERT J. DOLE  
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## 20th Anniversary Programming

Our 20th year featured a full slate of national and international leaders.

### The Dole Lecture

The 2023 Dole Lecture, held in partnership with the Bipartisan Policy Center and the Sunflower Foundation of Kansas, featured former Senate Majority Leaders Trent Lott and Tom Daschle. The two colleagues and contemporaries of Senator Bob Dole discussed the legacy of Senator Dole, the nature of their bipartisan leadership, and what we can do to foster a more productive politics.

### Discussion Group

Our Spring Discussion group, “Building Democracy in the 21st Century,” featured our Spring Fellow Dr. Qëndrim Gashi, former Kosovar Ambassador to France, who discussed democracy development in Europe’s newest country, with guests which included former President of Kosovo, Atifete Jahjaga.

The final two sessions in the series featured both the Republican and Democratic Co-Chairs of the bipartisan Kansas Future Caucus in the Kansas state legislature, Tory Marie Blew (R) and Rui Xu (D) and Secretaries of State Brad Raffensperger (R-GA) and Maggie Toulouse Oliver (D-NM) with former Dole Fellow Jerry Seib moderating.

### A Conversation on Race

In honor of Black History Month, Senior Associate Director Barbara Ballard hosted the 7th installment of our newest signature series “A Conversation on Race,” featuring KU professors Maryemma Graham and Shawn Leigh Alexander.

### Featured Program Partners

First Ladies Association of Research and Education brought us our Presidential Lecture Series on First Ladies and their Leadership. We helped Kansas Public Radio celebrate their 70th anniversary with a visit from Juana Summers, co-host of *All Things Considered*. The Carter Center, the Millennial Action Project, and the Kosovo American Education Fund at American Councils supported our Spring Discussion Group series.



# Student Engagement at KU

Our Student Advisory Board celebrated another active season of volunteerism, fellowship, and civic engagement.

- Pizza and Politics sessions drew record attendance each month on topics related to the Supreme Court, democracy at home and abroad, and more.
- A cohort of 9 students traveled to the Institute of Politics at the Harvard Kennedy School in March for part two of our pilot exchange program, continuing the bipartisan conversation on politics and culture in another state.



## Engagement Across Kansas

We've built great partnerships with state and regional organizations to reach 1,000s of young people.

- Our White House-style Easter Egg Roll with Dole attracted a record crowd this year of over 1,000 members of the community.
- We've made strides in our partnerships with local scouting organizations, including the Girl Scouts of America NE Kansas/NW Missouri and the Boy Scouts of America to deliver a variety of in-person and virtual workshops.
- In partnership with the Eisenhower Presidential Library, we supported the Smithsonian traveling exhibit "Voices and Votes" currently touring the state of Kansas.

## National Partnerships in the Dole Archives

The Dole Archives is a committed partner to national initiatives that spread access and awareness to political history, and Congressional history in particular.

- In a partnership led by West Virginia University, the Dole Archives received its second NEH grant for continued development of the American Congress Digital Archives Portal (ACDAP)—an innovative new online tool that will enable researchers worldwide to search Congressional collections like ours in a one-stop-shop, and revolutionize our understanding of the U.S. Congress.
- Our original League of Wives exhibit, which debuted in 2017 featuring the leadership story of POW MIA wives during Vietnam, opened at its 6th venue nationally: the Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership at the US Naval Academy.

