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## **Dole Institute announces 4 student interns selected for spring 2005**

LAWRENCE -- Bill Lacy, director of the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas, announced today the selection of four student interns for the Dole Fellowship Program.

The student interns were selected based on academic performance, a written essay and an interest in politics. The Dole Institute attempts to include interns from all political perspectives and differing years of academic seniority.

“ I am delighted by the quality and enthusiasm of this intern class,” Lacy said. “This is our first internship group, and I could not be more pleased. Interns will assist Dole fellows with study groups, forums and on-campus presentations, and they will manage individual special projects for the institute.”

Senior Dole fellow Steven Jacques (pronounced “Jakes”) noted the high quality of applicants for the intern positions.

“ It was a very competitive group -- all applicants were impressive,” he said.

The institute plans to immediately incorporate the interns into projects under way at the institute.

“ We have a lot going on at the institute this semester, and the interns will have the opportunity to make an impact right away,” noted senior Dole fellow Adam Taff.

Projects include assisting with the Reagan Presidential Lecture Series, the fellow study groups on a range of political topics beginning in March and developing competitive intern appointments in Washington, D.C.

The 2005 spring semester Dole fellow interns are:

### **DOUGLAS COUNTY**

From Lawrence

Karen M. Bentley, freshman in history and in journalism (strategic communications emphasis), is the daughter of Terrence and Mary Bentley. She is in the University Honors Program and has received the Bob and Marlene Whittaker Leadership Scholarship at KU.

### **JOHNSON COUNTY**

From Olathe

Matthew Thomas Schoonover, junior in political science and communication studies, is the son of Theresa Schoonover. He is the president of the Theta Chi social fraternity and is a community volunteer for children. He is an Olathe North High School graduate.

From Shawnee

Angela Yvonne Carlon, junior in political science and international studies, is the daughter of Gil and Lil Carlon. She is a member of the Student Senate and is the team captain of a KU Mock Trial team. She is a Shawnee Mission Northwest High

School graduate.

SEDGWICK COUNTY

From Derby

Kyle Stearns, junior in communications studies, is the son of Jim and Lynn N. Stearns. He has been a member of the Student Senate and volunteers with Big Brothers and Big Sisters. He is a Derby High School graduate.

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