

Coverage of the estate gift of Richard Smith
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KU Endowment and the Wichita State Foundation

Press release:

<https://kuendowment.org/news-articles/estate-gift-from-ku-alumnus-will-fund-5-5-million-in-scholarships/>

The gift benefited two universities, the University of Kansas and Wichita State University. The Wichita State Foundation held a press conference in Wichita that was attended by the leaders of both universities.

The conference received coverage on local television and radio stations in Wichita, and the Lawrence newspaper also ran the story. The Associated Press picked it up, which landed it online in newspapers across the country.

Radio:

KMUW (NPR affiliate)

[\\$11 million gift will provide scholarships at WSU, KU](#)

KNSS

[Wichita State, KU split scholarship gift](#)

KFDI

[WSU, KU Announce Full-Ride Scholarship Funding from Richard "Dick" Smith Estate](#)

Television:

KWCH

[Wichita State, KU receive estate gift to fund \\$11 million in scholarships](#)

Print:

Emporia Gazette

[Wichita State, Kansas split \\$11 million scholarship gift](#)

Wichita Business Journal

[Range Oil Co. founder's estate gives \\$11 million for WSU, KU scholarships](#)

The Wichita Eagle

[Longtime Wichita resident leaves \\$11 million to WSU, KU for full-ride scholarships](#)

Man found not guilty of attempted murder in stabbing case

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But he is convicted of 2 misdemeanors

A Douglas County jury on Wednesday found a Lawrence man not guilty of attempted first-degree murder in a stabbing case that occurred last spring. He was, however, convicted of two

misdemeanor charges in the case.

Brian Samuel Stubbs, 25, was arrested March 19, 2021, in the 1700 block of West 24th Street after Lawrence police

responded to Cedar Apartments and found a 38-year-old man suffering from stab wounds.

At a preliminary hearing in April 2021, the man who was

stabbed testified that Stubbs had come to his apartment around midnight on March 19. He said Stubbs banged on his door while he was trying to go to sleep. After opening

the door, the man said, Stubbs stabbed him in the abdomen and then entered the apartment and began hitting him.

The man said he believed the incident stemmed from an altercation he had with Stubbs during a prior meeting.

› STUBBS, 5A

Oil magnate's estate gives \$11M for scholarships at KU and WSU

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This remarkable gift will create opportunities for KU and its students for generations to come.

— KU Chancellor Douglas Girod

The estate of a Kansas oil magnate has donated \$5.5 million in scholarship funds to the University of Kansas and an equal amount to Wichita State University.

The estate of Richard "Dick" Smith gave in total \$11 million to the two Regents universities. KU is Smith's alma mater, while Wichita State is located near the headquarters of Range Oil Company, which Smith founded in 1964.

The \$5.5 million in scholarships to KU are to be split equally between undergraduates across the university and

students studying geology, which is the degree that Smith received from KU in 1954.

At WSU, undergraduates in any field will qualify for the scholarships. Wichita State University announced the news of the scholarships Wednesday after a press conference attended by the Smith family and university leaders.

"This remarkable gift will create

opportunities for KU and its students for generations to come," KU Chancellor Douglas Girod said as part of the event. "It also reinforces the educational partnership between Wichita State and KU as both strive to create a stronger Kansas through higher education."

Smith, a longtime Wichita resident, died in January 2021 at the age of 87. His widow,

Sondra Langel, said that funding higher education opportunities for Kansans was important to Smith.

"Dick believed that a college education could have an incomparable impact on the direction an individual's life could take," Langel said. "His family and friends join in celebrating the opportunities his scholarships will create for thousands of young Kansas students."

Smith had previously made several other donations to KU in the areas of geology, arts, athletics and the KU School of Medicine in Wichita, KU Endowment President Dale Seufferling said.

248 COVID cases added in 2 days in Douglas County

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HEALTH

Douglas County has added 248 new COVID-19 cases in the past two days, bringing the total number of cases since March of 2020 to 24,459, according to Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health.

The county has 3,256 active cases as of Wednesday afternoon. The number of inpatients hospitalized for COVID at LMH Health has dropped slightly from 22 as of Monday to 20 Wednesday.

The county's daily case count, based on a 14-day moving average, also remains about the same as Monday, dropping slightly from 144.71 to 143.71.

However, LMH Health professionals called for continued caution.

› COVID, 8A

Online:

Associated Press

[Wichita State, Kansas split \\$11 million scholarship gift](#)

The AP pickup resulted in the story showing up online in several cities, from Seattle to San Antonio.

KU's social media manager also featured in on Facebook and Twitter.



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A bequest from the estate of Richard "Dick" Smith, a longtime KU benefactor, will provide \$5.5 million in scholarships at KU. Smith, who received a bachelor's degree in geology in 1954 from KU, went on to found Range Oil Co. He died in 2021 at age 87.



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