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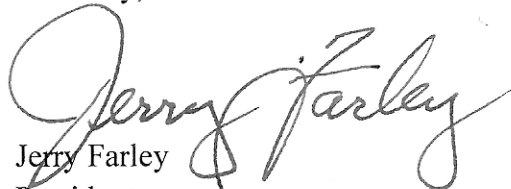
Washburn University is delighted to be the host of the 2009 Coleman Hawkins Legacy Jazz Festival. The festival will take place on the Washburn Campus outdoors (with a rain venue in White Concert Hall), on the weekend of June 26-28, 2009.

This great festival has grown in stature over the years and is now widely recognized as a major cultural event in this region as well as nationally. Its mission is to bring wonderful entertainment and the unique American art form of jazz to the widest possible audience free of charge as well as to support jazz education, enhance the life of the community, and raise money for charity. These worthy missions are acknowledged by Washburn University, whose own Director of Jazz Studies, Craig Treinen, is the Hawkfest Artistic Director. Washburn is one of only a tiny handful of universities in America to be the host of a major jazz festival.

The Heartland Visioning Project, the City of Topeka's citizen-developed strategic plan to grow the economy of Topeka, has identified improving quality of life as a top priority. Expanding music festivities is important to achieving that goal. Washburn University is pleased to support The Coleman Hawkins Legacy Jazz Festival. We urge all businesses and private citizens to attend and enjoy this event and to consider becoming a sponsor.

I invite you to take advantage of this exceptional opportunity set for June 26-28, and look forward to seeing you on campus at the event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerry Farley".

Jerry Farley
President