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David L. Boren, an Oklahoma native who has served the state as governor and US senator, is the thirteenth president of the University of Oklahoma. He is the first person in the state's history to have served in all three positions.

As a state legislator, Mr. Boren was coauthor of a bill that established a statewide system of area vocational technical schools. As governor from 1975 through 1979, he promoted key educational initiatives that continue to serve Oklahoma. Established during his tenure were the Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute and the Scholar-Leadership Enrichment Program. Also, the first state funding for gifted and talented classes was provided in 1976 and, in 1976 through 1978, Oklahoma ranked first in the nation in the percentage of funding increases for higher education.

As governor, he also established a Oklahoma Physicians Manpower Training program, which provides scholarships for medical students and medical personnel who commit to practice in under-served rural areas.

Mr. Boren's involvement in promoting quality education at all levels is further evidenced by his founding of the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence in 1985. During his tenure in the US Senate, Mr. Boren authored the National Security Education Act in 1992 and legislation to restore the full tax deductibility of gifts of appreciated property to universities and other nonprofit organizations in 1993.

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