

Kassebaum to receive KU education award

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Former Sen. Nancy Kassebaum Baker will receive an award for contributing to the mission of Kansas University's education school, KU announced Thursday.

She will be presented the third Gene A. Budig Award on April 26 at the Eldridge Hotel in Lawrence.

A 1954 KU graduate, Kassebaum Baker served three consec-

utive terms in the U.S. Senate, retiring this year. She began her political career as a school board member in Maize.

"Nancy Kassebaum Baker has always promoted the best interests of children and education in her political work," said Karen Symms Gallagher, KU dean of education.

Budig, a former KU chancellor who now serves as president of professional baseball's American

League, was more generous in his praise for the recipient.

"No one has done more than Nancy Kassebaum Baker to advance the cause of education in America," he said.

KU's School of Education's national advisory board established the award in 1995 to honor Budig for his service and commitment to high-quality classroom teaching.

He received the first Budig award and Ed Meyen, professor of

education, was the second recipient.

Since retiring, Kassebaum Baker has continued her public service as a member for several organizations involving education and children, including KU's Alumni Board, the NCAA Foundation and the Ewing Kauffman Foundation.

She is helping endow a chair in women's studies and political science at Iowa State University.