



STATE OF ARKANSAS
ASA HUTCHINSON
GOVERNOR

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As the Governor of the State of Arkansas, I am excited and appreciative to see members of the business community invest in Arkansas, and I am particularly inspired when it is accomplished in ways to elevate citizens through education. To have a native Arkansan remember his Alma mater with not only an impactful gift but also with a thoughtful one speaks volumes about Neil Griffin.

While this is the largest gift by an individual in Arkansas State University history, it is structured to benefit both faculty and students. The lasting influence of Neil's college accounting teacher, H.B. Foster Bowdon, is reflected in a named professorship. Neil Griffin's desire to uplift future generations of university students is seen through scholarships to assist them in achieving their educational goals. His vision to broaden the perspectives of students comes by providing them with international travel funds.

In Neil Griffin, the state of Arkansas is proud to have someone who never forgot his roots or the place and people who played an essential role in his life. Today, Arkansas State University honors the generosity of Neil Griffin by naming the Neil Griffin College of Business, which will assure that future generations will recognize the distinguished work and career of this native of the Needham Community, which is near Jonesboro, who made this inspiring legacy possible to support future student and faculty enhancement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Asa Hutchinson".

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