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**ABC's John Stossel to give public lecture at Wichita State**  
*Lecture to be underwritten by Fred C. and Mary R. Koch Foundation*

Award-winning news correspondent John Stossel, co-anchor of ABC's "20/20," will give a lecture in conjunction with the 20th anniversary of Wichita State University's Elliott School of Communication at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12, in the Eugene M. Hughes Metropolitan Complex.

Stossel's appearance will be made possible by the Fred C. and Mary R. Koch Foundation. It takes place during Communication Week at the Elliott School of Communication.

The public lecture is free, although it will be a ticketed event. Information on how to pick up free tickets will be announced in September.

Stossel became co-anchor of "20/20" in May 2003. He joined the highly acclaimed TV news magazine in 1981 and began doing one-hour primetime specials in 1994.

In addition to longer in-depth reports for "20/20" on subjects ranging from addiction to parenting issues in his "Family Fix" segments, Stossel is featured in a recurring segment called "Give Me a Break." These short commentaries take a skeptical look at a wide array of issues, from pop culture controversies to censorship and government regulations.

Stossel is the author of the book "Myths, Lies, and Downright Stupidity: Get Out the Shovel – Why Everything You Know is Wrong."

**The Elliott School of Communication**

In 1989, the departments of journalism and speech communication joined to become the Elliott School of Communication with an endowed gift from Oliver Elliott, Wichita businessman and WSU alumnus (1942). The Elliott School is throwing a birthday party in conjunction with its annual Communication Week, which will be Saturday, Oct. 10, through Wednesday, Oct. 14.

The Elliott School of Communication is the only comprehensive, integrated school of communication in Kansas. It is one of the largest units in the Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. For information on the Elliott School, go to [www.wichita.edu/esc](http://www.wichita.edu/esc).

**Fred C. and Mary R. Koch Foundation**

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