

Robert Harvey, known by many as Bob, attended Highland Park High School in Topeka, Kansas. He graduated from Washburn in 1964 with a bachelor's degree in applied music.

After serving in the U.S. Army Reserves, Harvey relocated to southern California and spent nine years working as a project manager for a second-tier contractor on the Apollo Space Program and shuttle project. During this time, he also played trombone with the San Fernando Valley Symphony Orchestra. Later, Harvey worked as a project manager for a general contracting firm managing several U.S. government contracts.

Harvey had a major career change in the mid-1980s and moved to New York where he started his own business doing financial systems consulting for Fortune 500 companies.

He retired in 2005 and once again became involved Washburn University, culminating with the installation of the Harvey Garden, a natural prairie and Japanese-style water garden just north of the Art Building on campus.

Harvey was appointed to the Washburn University Alumni Association and Foundation board of trustees in 2008 and enjoyed being chair for the Development Committee. He also enjoyed many years participating in various fundraising projects at Washburn until he retired to St. Petersburg, Florida in 2013 where he continues to enjoy life and play bridge.