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KUMC spring enrollment tops 3,000

More students than ever before are choosing the University of Kansas Medical Center, according to enrollment data released Feb. 20 by the KU Board of Regents. For the first time, spring enrollment passed the 3,000 mark.

And this climb is part of a trend. It's KUMC's seventh consecutive enrollment increase, and it comes on the heels of a record-breaking fall enrollment. Total spring enrollment is 3,041, an increase of 113 students from spring 2008. This 3.9 percent increase tops the 2.9 percent increase seen

on the Lawrence and Edwards campuses.

By the numbers

It's not all about the numbers, but they do tell a great deal. The KU Schools of Allied Health, Medicine and Nursing each saw changes in spring enrollment numbers, and these changes represent growth and increased interest in campus programs.

School of Nursing

The record-breaking spring enrollment was led by significant increases in the School of Nursing's graduate programs. These programs added 61

students, amounting to an 18.5 percent jump from spring 2008 totals.

Nursing graduate programs that showed the greatest increases include the new Doctor of Nursing Practice program and the Adult Geriatrics (nurse practitioner) program.

Overall, the School of Nursing added 68 enrollees, for a total of 750 students.

"The increase in enrollment reflects the growing interest of nurses in advancing their educational levels, as well as the increasing support for this advancement by the hospitals and other agencies that employ

these nurses," said **Rita Clifford, RN, PhD**, associate dean, Student Affairs.

School of Medicine

The School of Medicine saw a modest increase in enrollment, climbing 1.8 percent from spring 2008. The school added 20 medical residents. Small increases also were seen in the areas of Basic Science, Health Policy and Management, and in the MD/PhD program.

School of Allied Health

Spring enrollment in the School of Allied Health held steady. Enrollment in

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Hospital expands Emergency Department

The University of Kansas Hospital recently expanded its Emergency Department (ED), adding 12 new rooms to support patient evaluation, treatment and emergency care.

The 2,500-square-foot

expansion includes eight new private patient rooms, and four rooms dedicated to the Level I Trauma program and psychiatric evaluation. This brings the ED's total number of patient care and treatment rooms to 32.

The added space, plus increased staffing implemented late last year, will help ED staff meet the needs of its growing patient population. In fiscal year

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Emergency Department staff (from left) **Tami Murray, RN**, **Laurie Truog, ARNP**, and **Danielle Gilder, RN**, show off the expanded ED space.

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2008, the hospital had 43,392 ED visits, up five percent from the previous year.

"The goal is to get more patients out of the waiting room and into appropriate care more quickly," said **Tammy Peterman, RN, MS**, executive vice president, chief operating officer and chief nursing officer.

Five of the eight new patient rooms are dedicated to the hospital's "Fast Track" program to speed care to non-acute patients.

"The new rooms are just one part of a hospitalwide program to improve access through our Emergency Department," Peterman said. "We have created more sophisticated bed planning to get patients admitted more quickly, freeing up emergency beds. It is important to us that we not only have high-quality care, but that patients have access to it."

The project was built in unused space set aside for expansion when the Emergency Department moved to the Center for Advanced Heart Care, which opened in 2006.

STAR Fund provides extras for patients

When a patient's husband stretches out in a sleeper chair, when a hearing-impaired patient uses a text telephone, when a Cardiovascular Operating Room pre-op patient changes the TV channel, they can thank The University of Kansas Hospital's generous employees.

Those items and dozens more have been provided for patients and their families through STAR Fund contributions made solely by hospital employees. The fund is used to develop

patient-focused programs and purchase equipment, electronics, educational resources and other items to benefit patients and their families.

Annual grants are given to departments and units that apply for funding for specific projects. Last year, the largest of about 20 STAR Fund grants went to Units 41/42, 43 and 46. Staff combined forces to request a power-operated lift to assist with heavy patients who have fallen or need to be moved.

Later this month, the STAR Fund will grant nearly \$49,000 with proceeds from the 2008 campaign.

"Every dime employees give to the STAR Fund goes directly to specific projects here at the hospital," said **Lindsay McPhail**, development officer for annual giving, Fund Development. "These projects provide 'extras' that aren't in the

budget but are so appreciated by our patients and their families."

How to donate

The STAR Fund is part of the annual Employee Campaign, which launched March 2 for 2009. You can donate to the STAR Fund or any of nearly 70 other funds at any time throughout the year. Contributions are:

- 100 percent tax-deductible
- Recognized by name in the annual report
- Available through payroll deduction or by cash, check or credit card

For a donation form and a list of funds, visit 24/7. Click The Hospital in the navigation bar and look under Community Involvement. For a printed form/brochure or more information, contact McPhail at 8-5971, lmcp@mail@kumc.edu.



High school students create burn center murals

Olathe North High School students are transforming the walls and ceiling of the Burnett Burn Center's hydrotherapy rooms with murals to give patients a more relaxing atmosphere. Students, their instructor and burn center staff (at left) worked together to select paint, colors and design for the mural. When "Bridge to Health" is completed, the students will have dedicated 50 hours to creating it.

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Please send calendar items to centerexpress@kumc.edu or contact Marli Murphy at 5-5192. Items must be received by noon on the Monday prior to publication.

eXtracurricular

noon-1 p.m., 1014 Orr-Major.
Lunch provided for first 30 attendees.

Tuesday, March 10

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH Screenings: 8-11 a.m., Conference Room H, Westwood Campus.

RESEARCH INSTITUTE Professional Development Seminar: "Audits and the Audit Process," 9 a.m.-1 p.m., B018 School of Nursing. Register: www2.kumc.edu/PDFATraining.

LANDON CENTER ON AGING Elder Law Series: "Learn about Long-term Care Insurance," Steve Anderson, noon-1 p.m., 200 Landon Center. Reservations: Matt Chandler, 8-3094.

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY Support Group: Second Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Wyandotte Room.

Wednesday, March 11

BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES for Older Adults: "What's Hot for Older Adults: New Technology on the Horizon," Mary Sheridan, noon-1 p.m., 200 Landon Center on Aging. Reservations: Matt Chandler, 8-3094.

KANSAS PUBLIC HEALTH Grand Rounds: "Rabies Vaccine," Ingrid Garrison, DVM, MPH, noon-1 p.m., 1023 Orr-Major.

Thursday, March 12

HISTORY & PHILOSOPHY OF Medicine Lecture Series: "Can Numbers Lie? Case Studies in Statistics and Health Care in New York City, 1915-1930," Tanya Hart, 4:30 p.m. reception, 5 p.m. lecture, Clendenning Auditorium.

Friday, March 13

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: "So You'd Like to Live Forever and Not Get Alzheimer's Disease," Russell Swerdlow, MD, 6:45-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

Thursday, March 5

BLOOD DRIVE: 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Multipurpose Room, Westwood Campus. Sign up at esavealifenow.org. Walk-ins welcome. Bring a photo ID. Information: 888-647-4040.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION of University Professors Workshop on Faculty Rights and Academic Freedom: 4-5 p.m., G572 Hospital (across from cafeteria). Information: 8-6031.

Friday, March 6

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: "Peripheral Neuropathy Update," David Cornblath, MD, 6:45-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

TOPICS IN TRAUMA: "Alphabet Soup: The ABCs of Complications in Trauma," 7:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., G013 School of Nursing.

CLINICAL ONCOLOGY Journal Club: 8:30-9:30 a.m., 3015 Sudler Auditorium.

UNIVERSITY COMPUTER Equipment Drop-off: 8:30-10:30 a.m., Hixson Atrium. Information: 8-1081.

BIOCHEMISTRY AND Molecular Biology Seminar: "Mechanistic and Biophysical Studies of Esterases," Cynthia Dupureur, PhD, 11 a.m.-noon, 1050 School of Nursing.

CAMPUSWIDE Leadership Series: "Working with 4 Generations in the Workplace and Classroom," Tracy Russo, PhD, noon-1 p.m., Wahl Hall East Auditorium. Lunch provided for first 125 attendees. To receive credit, register at www2.kumc.edu/PDFATraining.

LIFE IN THE USA Series for the International Community: "Life in the USA - Building Democracy: The History of Women Voting in the United States," Frank Neff, League of Women Voters,

Daffodil Days brings hope to cancer patients

Cancer patients receiving treatment at The University of Kansas Hospital's Richard and Annette Bloch Cancer Care Pavilion will get a beautiful reminder of spring during Daffodil Days Friday, March 13.

Patients will receive fresh daffodils. The American Cancer Society celebrates Daffodil Days every year in March. As the first flower of spring, the daffodil symbolizes hope for a future where cancer no longer exists.

To kick off the event, clinical staff and physicians from the hospital will team up with NBC Action News to host a live cancer call-in event, 5 to 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 12. These volunteers will answer callers' questions about cancer diagnosis, care and treatment at 816-932-HELP.

To learn more about Daffodil Days, visit the American Cancer Society at cancer.org.

Sign up for KC Corporate Challenge

Employees of The University of Kansas Hospital, the University of Kansas Medical Center (includes Edwards and Lawrence campuses) and the University of Kansas Physicians are invited to join a campuswide team for the Kansas City Corporate Challenge. A sign-up meeting is set for noon to 1 p.m., Thursday, March 12, in Conference Room K at the Westwood Campus.

You also can stop by a table outside the cafeteria from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, March 11, or sign up at kccorporatechallenge.com. Click on "Challenge Manager" on the right side of the home page, and enter the code ku7632.

To be eligible for the campus team, employees must be at least 50 percent FTE. For more information, contact **Jan Schmidt**, Kirmayer Fitness Center, jschmidt@kumc.edu.

Symposium honors distinguished professor

The University of Kansas Medical Center will honor **Dale Abrahamson, PhD**, chair, Anatomy and Cell Biology, during a University Distinguished Professor Symposium Friday, March 13.

The University Distinguished Professor distinction is a lifetime title that represents the highest honor the University of Kansas can bestow upon its faculty. The award recognizes outstanding individuals who are distinguished scholars in their respective fields and who have a strong dedication to students, colleagues and the university.

The symposium is 3 p.m. in Lied Auditorium with a reception following in Hixson Atrium. Guest speaker **Billy Hudson, PhD**, will provide the keynote presentation, "Kidney Filtration Apparatus: Molecular Insights from Goodpasture and Alport Syndromes." Hudson is an Elliot V. Newman Professor of Medicine and Biochemistry and director for the Center for Matrix Biology at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

For more information, contact **Kelly Hutsell**, External Affairs, 8-2695 or khutsell@kumc.edu.

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Vehicles

2001 HONDA VT1100 Shadow, 23K, windshield, Vance Pipes, leather sidebags, black with Phantom Flames, chrome air cleaner, 38-42 mpg., tires in good shape, photos. 816-506-7348.

1997 TOYOTA CELICA, 240K, good condition, runs great. 913-522-3971.

1979 LINCOLN TOWN CAR, 115K original miles, clean, interior in excellent condition, runs great, new alternator/starter, recent tune-up, \$2,700 OBO. 913-232-8562.

For Sale

KENMORE CARPET CLEANER, good condition, \$25; children's white metal table, 2 chairs, \$25. 816-452-5903.

2 COACH BAGS, both for \$100. 913-831-1449.

PROM DRESS, Alfred Angelo, size 14, royal blue with sequins, small train, worn once, photos, paid \$200, \$100 OBO. 913-231-0289.

BUTLER'S COFFEE TABLE, good condition, small crack in the top, \$40 cash. 913-488-5395.

COACH HANDBAG, black Gallery leather tote with patent leather trim, silver hardware, \$135. 816-419-8263.

BABY ITEMS, Medela breast pump, \$40; over-the-shoulder baby sling, carries up to 40 pounds, black and white, like new, \$20. 816-452-5903.

WHEELCHAIR, Quickie 2, 250 lb. weight limit, includes cushion, never used, \$400, call after 6 p.m. 816-361-7032.

Classified ads

E-mail your ad, 25 words or less, to centerexpress@kumc.edu or submit online at 24/7 at intranet.kumed.com by noon Monday. Or send or bring ad to Administration Building, Suite 100, 2330 Shawnee Mission Pkwy., Westwood, KS 66205. Ads are free for employees, students and volunteers. Include your name and work extension (or student box number) for verification. Only personal phone numbers – no pager numbers or work extensions – will be published. Include area code. No ads for commercial services or pets for sale will be accepted. Ads will not be taken by telephone. Ads may be held if space is limited.

EVERLAST BOXING GLOVES, two sets, excellent condition, \$20 for both. 816-668-5538.

JACK LALANE JUICER, junior size, excellent condition, \$50. 816-591-1011.

Housing • FOR RENT

HOME, 2-3 BR, dining room, recreation room/finished downstairs, fenced yard. 913-271-4385.

APARTMENT, 1 BR, carport, fireplace, Rainbow Ridge Apts., available April 1. 913-432-6790.

HOME, 2 BR with full basement, newly remodeled on 1/4 acre,

Bannister and 71 Hwy., \$700/month. 816-718-8444.

Pets

HAMSTER AND GUINEA PIG with food, bedding and cages. love to be handled, great with kids. 913-636-5681.

Wanted

HANDYMAN for putting up shelves, some electrical work, plumbing jobs and other small jobs. 816-665-2295.

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undergraduate programs was slightly down, but graduate program enrollment increased, mainly in Physical Therapy programs, which took a 13.3 percent jump.

Minority enrollment stepped up slightly to 18.7 percent this spring. In gender enrollment statistics, female students now represent 65.7 percent of the KUMC student body.

Enrollment numbers represent more than just statistics. They show the "big picture" of the KUMC campus makeup and present a cross-section of who calls KUMC home.

Donate new or used scrubs

The University of Kansas Medical Center, The University of Kansas Hospital and the University of Kansas Physicians have teamed up with the Wyandotte County Chapter of the American Red Cross to collect scrubs for victims of fires and other natural disasters.

Donate your new or gently used scrubs during the campuswide scrubs drive, now through Tuesday, March 31.

Drop-off locations include: outside the hospital cafeteria; front desk, Richard and Annette Bloch

Cancer Care Pavilion; front desk, KU MedWest; Department of Nursing Central, second floor Wescoe; hospital floors four, five and six by the elevators; School of Nursing Student Lounge, basement level; front desk, Center for Advanced Heart Care; Calkins Student Center, G005 Orr-Major; Kirmayer Fitness Center; and the KUMC Bookstore.

All scrubs must be free of hospital logos and personal identification. More than 500 pounds of scrubs were collected during last year's scrubs drive.

For more information,

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