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Bob Page Selected to Lead The University of Kansas Hospital

Bob Page, senior vice president and chief operating officer of The University of Kansas Hospital, will succeed **Irene Cumming** as president and chief executive officer.

The Hospital Authority Board voted March 27 to name Page after Cumming announced she would become the new leader of the University HealthSystem Consortium in Chicago. Page will work closely with Cumming through the end of June, when she leaves for her new position.

“Bob Page has been a

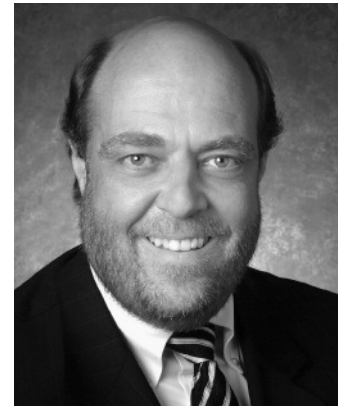
relentless champion of our hospital and a key leader in making change happen,” said Cumming. “He has the proven track record of developing and maintaining patient-focused organizations.”

A member of the hospital’s executive team for more than a decade, Page is known as a goal-setter who inspires employees and energizes teams. He joined the staff in 1996 as vice president for Organizational Improvement after years in leadership positions in accounting and hospital finance in St. Louis. In 2000, he was promoted to

his current post.

Page designed and implemented the hospital’s organizational improvement plan. His leadership helped increase patient satisfaction from the bottom 10 percentile to the top 10 percentile performance, based on national benchmarks. Financially, he managed hospital operating expenses, resulting in record operating margins for the hospital.

Page has played a key role in the hospital’s phenomenal growth since 1998 by streamlining operations and adding staff and beds. He also



prioritized and oversaw the implementation of about \$300 million in capital investments from 2004 to 2007.

“Our goal has been simply to be the best hospital in the nation in terms of quality patient care,” Page said. “Irene Cumming has brought us to national prominence. Now, we will take it the rest of the way.”

Affiliation Talks Progress

The University of Kansas Hospital and the University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC) took a major step toward agreement March 27 when the Hospital Authority Board voted unanimously to accept a non-binding broad outline that will allow new affiliations for KUMC.

KUMC and the hospital have negotiated for months on the medical center’s proposal to extend research and academic affiliations to Saint Luke’s Hospital. The outline will be used to craft a detailed final agreement.

Highlights from the “Common Framework and Guiding Principles” include:

- Realign the physicians’ practice organization to bring physicians employed by the hospital (primarily

cardiology and emergency) into the KU physician practice organization. This would strengthen the overall physician practice plan and make operations more efficient.

- Increase the hospital’s financial support of physicians and the School of Medicine from \$30 million to \$42 million for fiscal year 2008 and create a formula for future years.
- Increase hospital funding

for 25 new residency positions at the hospital and 14.5 positions transferred from the Veterans Administration. Pledge support for 75 additional residency positions in coming years.

- Commit to base all department chairs on the KUMC campus.
- Continue talks about a new medical office building on the KUMC campus.
- Define branding restrictions for Saint Luke’s.

Match Day Reveals Residencies

Ryan Vancura learned to “be careful what you wish for” when he opened his envelope on Match Day, when fourth-year students from the KU School of Medicine receive residency match results.

He took the stage cradling four-month-old son **Ravi**, sporting tiny blue scrubs with his name embroidered on the front and a Jayhawk patch on his pants, and called out with a grin, “University of Hawaii Integrated Program, Honolulu, Hawaii.”

Ryan’s transitional year – before moving again to Portland, Ore., for his residency.



Ryan Vancura with son Ravi

Laura Zeiger, assistant dean of students, read names as students walked on stage two at a time to open envelopes that revealed their destinies. **Glen Cox, MD**, vice dean, KU School of Medicine, and senior associate dean for Educational and Academic Affairs, kicked off the ceremony.

Some students were less surprised by match results than others. Holding the sealed envelope to his forehead ala Johnny Carson’s “Carnac the Magnificent,” **Justin Davis** said, “I see bourbon, horses and basketball,” before ripping the paper open to read, “University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington!”

Other students were just as excited about staying in the Kansas City area. “Pediatrics, Children’s Mercy Hospital,”

Tracy Hall sang out, eyes glistening and her smile wide.

Brothers **Jason** and **Stephan Pizzola** learned they would part ways for their residencies. Stephan will complete his residency in anesthesiology at KU School of Medicine-Wichita, Kan., while Jason will specialize in surgery at Berkshire Health Systems in Pittsfield, Mass.

Mercy, Research Medical Center and the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Students matched with residency programs across the country, including Baylor College of Medicine, Houston; Stanford University, California; Loyola University Medical Center, Chicago; George Washington University, Washington, D.C.; Brown University, Providence,



Tracy Hall

After the March 15 ceremony in Battenfeld Auditorium, Vancura admitted, “I put down Hawaii as my first choice, but when I got home, I started thinking that maybe the move would be stressful,” he said, glancing at his wife **Brindley**.

But she returned his smile, ready to “go Hawaiian,” as the family moves to Honolulu for



Joshua Max with wife Jinny and daughter Maya

With wife **Jinny** holding six-month-old **Maya** in a Jayhawk cheerleading outfit, **Joshua Max** learned he’d be going to Mayo Graduate School of Medicine in Rochester, Minn., his first choice.

Of the 160 fourth-year students, 62 will complete their residencies in Kansas, with 41 on the KUMC campus and 21 in Wichita. Another 16 students will serve in Missouri, with several matched locally at Children’s

R.I.; and Yale-New Haven Hospital, Connecticut.

During their fourth year, medical students throughout the U.S. interview for spots in residency programs and rank their top three choices. The National Resident Matching Program matches students with residency programs, and results are sent to medical schools to be distributed to more than 15,000 students, who learn results the same day.

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eXtracurricular

Thursday, March 29

REFRACTIVE SURGERY Seminar: "New Opportunities for Refractive Surgery at KUMC," Allen Boghossian, DO, 6:15-6:45 p.m., 2013 Eaton.

Friday, March 30

EDUCATORS' BREAKFAST Series, panel on legal and compliance issues related to teaching, visit kumc.edu/som/facdev/educators.html, 7-9 a.m., 1025 Orr-Major.

NEUROLOGY/Neurosurgery Grand Rounds: "The Role of Iron in Neurologic Dysfunction," Muhammad Nashatizadeh, MD, 7-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: Kay Farley, MD, "An Approach to the Diagnosis of Abusive Head Trauma in Children," 8-9 a.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

INTEGRATIVE CANCER CARE Conference: keynote, Rachel Naomi Remen, MD, Overland Park Convention Center. Contact 913-321-8880 or rebeccah@cancerationkc.org.

PSYCHIATRY GRAND Rounds: "Paliperidone ER: A Clinical Overview," Sandra J. Dirks, Drake College of Pharmacy, Des Moines, Iowa, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Sudler Auditorium.

DOCTOR'S DAY, catered lunch for physicians, residents and hospital executive team, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 4016 School of Nursing.

Saturday, March 31

A GRANDE AFFAIR: Spring formal, dinner and awards gala for KU School of Medicine students, 6 p.m.-1 a.m., Hyatt Regency at Crown Center.

Monday, April 2

STUDENT WELLNESS Program: "Discovering Balance: Student Health Insurance Options," Sara Honeck, noon-1 p.m., 1014 Orr Major. Lunch for first 30 attendees.

Tuesday, April 3

LONDON CENTER on Aging Special Event: "Pain Management," Mary McDonald, MD, noon-1 p.m., 200 Landon Center. Call Matt Chandler, 8-3094, to register.

GI GRAND Rounds: "Colorectal Cancer Screening – Past, Present and Future," Richard Bloomfield, MD, Wake Forest University, 5-6:30 p.m., B018 School of Nursing.

Wednesday, April 4

BLOOD DRIVE: 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Stoland Lounge. Visit bloodislife.org for medical eligibility information. Also Thursday, April 5.

FREE TAX preparation services: AARP Tax Aide Program, must be 62 or older, Wednesdays through April 11, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 210 Landon Center. Appointments: Hallie Kates-Calloway, 8-0606.

SON/SAH JOINT Faculty Lecture Series: "How FGF23 Works," Darryl Quarles, MD, Summerfield Endowed Professor of Nephrology, vice chair, Department of Internal Medicine, director, The Kidney Institute and Division of Nephrology, noon-1 p.m., B018 School of Nursing.

School Dean Will Present Bartholome Lecture

Gail Agrawal, dean of the University of Kansas School of Law, will keynote the annual Bartholome Lecture from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 5, in Reike Auditorium.

The lecture topic is "Who Speaks for the Child: The Law and Medical Decision Making." Agrawal will discuss the legal framework that supports providing health care to children. A reception will follow in Clendening Foyer.

Hosted by the Department of History and Philosophy of Medicine, the Bartholome Lecture honors William Bartholome, a nationally renowned pediatric ethicist who taught and practiced pediatrics at the KU School of Medicine for more than 20 years. The lecture is for scholars and clinicians who work with pediatric health care issues.

For more information, call **Glenda Gochenour**, 8-7098.

Workshop Focuses on Writing Scientific Papers

"Clarity, Structure and Reasoning in a Scientific Paper" is the focus of a spring writing workshop from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, April 5, in Clendening Auditorium.

The speaker, **Paul Casella**, Office of Professional Development, Carver College of Medicine, University of Iowa, is co-author of "Writing, Speaking and Communication Skills for Healthcare Professionals."

Attendees can register on site, and free CME credit is available. Lunch will be provided for the first 25 faculty and staff members.

Networking Is Topic of Leadership Series

The fourth lecture in the Spring 2007 Leadership Series will focus on successful networking skills. The event is from noon to 1 p.m. Friday, April 6, in Reike Auditorium.

Denise Upham, president of Six Degrees Solutions, will offer tips and techniques on using networking to advance or enhance your career.

No registration is required. Lunch will be provided to the first 100 attendees. For more information, contact **Marty Gunion**, senior coordinator, School of Medicine Office of Professional Development and Faculty Affairs, 8-1312 or mgunion@kumc.edu.

Cardiologists Present Research

Heart team researchers at The University of Kansas Hospital presented five

studies at the American College of Cardiology's annual conference March 24-27 in New Orleans.

"To have five abstracts accepted for a major cardiovascular meeting is outstanding," said **Jim Vacek, MD**,

director of Cardiovascular Research. "It shows the increased growth in the hospital's cardiovascular research since the heart team was revitalized in 2001."

Hospital cardiologists also will present major research

at the American Thoracic Society national meeting in San Francisco in May. Since 2001, the hospital's cardiology researchers have published and presented findings at 54 national and international conferences.

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Vehicles

2003 LINCOLN LS, black with tan leather interior, GPS, every option available, great condition, \$15,000 OBO. 913-387-7983.

1998 FORD MUSTANG, 124K miles, red, spoiler, 6-cylinder automatic, A/C, cruise, power windows/locks, AM/FM stereo, tape/CD, new brakes and front tires, \$3,995. 913-638-4597.

1991 TOYOTA Camry Deluxe Sedan, 161K, automatic, 4-door, A/C, power steering, windows and door locks, single CD, cruise, \$1,500. 913-851-3893 or 913-568-3472.

For Sale

ELECTRIC RANGE, 1999 Jenn-Air 30" free-standing slide in, with replacement burners for indoor grill and cast-iron griddle, good condition. 913-268-6344.

FISH TANK, 55 gallon, all accessories and black iron stand, \$85 OBO. 913-999-5068, ext. 2451.

DELPHI ROADY XT XM satellite radio, new in box, includes car kit, \$35. 913-660-2044.

RIDE-ON POLICE motorcycle, Fisher Price Power Wheels, great condition, \$75. 913-909-6998.

ANTIQUA BARBER chair, good condition, \$350. 816-835-2057.

RV/TRAILER with slide out, fully loaded (A/C, heater, awning), sleeps 6, 26' long, excellent condition, also pot/pans, plates, cups, silverware, stabilizing bar, swivel chair, 1 owner, \$10,000. 913-287-1242.

OVER-THE-range microwave, GE Spacemaker, black, very good condition, \$100 OBO, you pick up. 816-291-2531.

1996 POLARIS SL700, 2-seater with single trailer, \$1,700 OBO. 630-842-0526.

1995 WAVERUNNERS, Yamaha, 2 available, 700R and 1100R with trailer, low hours, garaged, excellent condition. 913-649-2416.

OPEN HOUSE, noon-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, 5532 Maple, Mission, 2 BR, 2 BA, newly remodeled kitchen and baths, finished basement w/bonus room, 4 miles from KUMC, myspace.com/5532Maple, \$161,850. 913-530-4687.

MOVE-IN READY house, 2513 W. 46th Ave., KCK, 10 blocks from KUMC, 2 BR, 1 1/2 BA, new refrigerator, dishwasher, stove, washer/dryer, new windows, large deck, newly renovated, off-street parking, \$134,900. 816-410-5472.

ALUMINUM V-bottom boat with trailer, 14', 25 hp Mercury motor, excellent condition, \$1,800 OBO. 913-782-6974.

SPACIOUS HOME, 4,600 sq. ft., 4 BR, 5 1/2 baths, in-ground pool, hot tub, wine cellar, 20 minutes from KUMC, truworthyhome.com. 913-631-1739.

COUNTRY LIVING, home on half acre in Liberty, 4 BR, 1 BA with double vanity, finished basement, large laundry room, detached 2-car garage, easy highway access, will sell or rent. 816-651-9001.

NORTHLAND HOME, FSBO, 4 BR, 3 1/2 BA, extras include cantina and Spanish garden, near Zona Rosa shopping and schools, vippropertychicago.com/7804nw77kcmo.html, open house 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, \$279,000. 816-591-0888.

For Rent

HUGE 2 BR apartment, second floor of historic house 3 minutes from KUMC, lots of windows, fireplace, balcony, many extras, \$735/month. 816-561-3535.

NEW HOUSE, 4708 Reinhardt Dr., Roeland Park, 3 BR, 2 BA, 2 levels, fireplace, skylight, deck, washer hook-up on both levels,

garage, off-street parking, \$1,200/month. 913-963-5472.

RENOVATED duplex near Corporate Woods, 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA, fenced yard, nice neighborhood near parks, walking trails, \$1,100/month. 913-271-6929.

OTHER HALF of renovated duplex near Corporate Woods, 3 BR, 1 1/2 BA, \$1,000/month. 913-271-6929.

Wanted

ROOMMATE for me and my cat, 2 BR apartment, Westport/Valentine, all utilities paid including wireless Internet and cable TV, washer/dryer, off-street parking, \$395/month. 816-204-0100.

COZY, CHARMING, quaint place to live, cottage, small house, guest house or modest duplex, etc., reasonable distance from KUMC campus, for a 50+ employee. 913-766-3584.

eXtra: Find classifieds on the hospital intranet, intranet.kumc.edu, under "Quick Links."

Record Set for Research Presentations

A record number of University of Kansas Medical Center students – 130 – will present research at the 29th Annual Student Research Forum (SRF) April 12.

Students give an 8- to 10-minute presentation, followed by questions, which will be judged by a panel of

faculty judges. Oral presentations will run from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. in Dykes Library. Cash prizes are awarded to the first-place winners from each school, as well as to individual room winners.

Arthur Toga, PhD, University of California-Los Angeles, an internationally known expert in brain mapping, will present the A.L. Chapman Keynote Lecture at noon.

Poster presentations will

be judged at 3 p.m. Posters can be viewed during a wine and cheese reception at 5 p.m. in the Varnes Center, School of Nursing.

Reservations are due by April 6 for the Awards Banquet Friday, April 13, at the Liberty Memorial. The banquet is free to student participants, SRF volunteers, mentors and faculty judges, and is \$5 for guests. Reserve a seat by e-mailing SRF@kumc.edu.

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