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School of Medicine continues to climb in NIH rankings

When it comes to receiving National Institutes of Health research grants, the University of Kansas School of Medicine is on a roll. In just three years, its ranking climbed from 81st to 65th in the nation among all medical schools.

Among public medical schools, the KU School of Medicine rose from 39th to 36th from federal fiscal year 2007 to 2008.

The latest rankings represent a dedication to research across the board:

- All but one of the school's basic sciences departments ranked in the top 25 for public medical schools.
- Anatomy and Cell Biology ranked No. 5 for public medical schools.
- School of Medicine faculty received \$44.7 million in NIH grant funding

during federal fiscal year 2008.

"Even during challenging economic times, our innovative faculty members continue to secure new funding for life sciences research," said **Barbara Atkinson, MD**, executive vice chancellor, the University of Kansas Medical Center, and executive dean, the KU School of Medicine. "We are proud of our world-class faculty and the

meaningful research they conduct to ultimately improve the health of our region."

Compared with other public medical schools, KU's notable ranking improvements include: Preventive Medicine, from 13th to 9th; Biochemistry, from 41st to 31st; Neurology, from 37th to 33rd; and Psychiatry, from 49th to 41st.

Such progress puts KUMC well on its way to achieving the goals set out in *Time to Get It Right*, a task force report outlining numerous long-term goals for higher education in the region.

Garden dedicated

A ribbon of bold pink tulips vied for attention with showy crabapple trees when the Garden of Infinite Possibilities officially debuted at the Richard and Annette Bloch Cancer Care Pavilion at The University of Kansas Hospital's Westwood Campus.

Garden founders, supporters and donors, cancer center staff and hospital leaders gathered April 13 for a dedication ceremony. In heartfelt remarks, founding supporter **Barbara Unell** described how much it meant to realize her dream of creating a healing place of positive energy, harmony and inspiration for "cancer patients, their loved ones and the dedicated caregivers who work here day after day to restore balance to our minds and bodies."

Rosie Thompson, RN, Cancer Services, said the garden "is important because it's something normal for patients who often feel like their lives are crashing in."

"This garden is a special gift," explained Unell, a cancer survivor. "It represents what every patient who comes through these doors wants and deserves: the chance for



Hospital employees who made gifts to the garden include (from left) **Amy Metcalf**, Marketing; **Rosie Thompson, RN**, Cancer Services; **Kate Migneron**, Hospital Fund Development; **Noella McCray, RN**, Cancer Services; and **Amy Bennett**, Communications Services.

infinite possibilities – to know that nothing is impossible."

The **David and Michelle Dockhorn** family joined the Unell family as founding supporters. To donate to the garden, contact **Kate Migneron**, Hospital Fund Development, 8-4497 or kmigneron@kumc.edu.

Find It Now! electronic resources available to staff

Physicians, nurses and allied health providers now have access to a suite of evidence-based clinical resources with *Find It Now!*



The University of Kansas Hospital, the University of Kansas Medical Center and the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita partnered to offer tools to help users make informed clinical decisions, review evidence related to cutting-edge treatments and teach students how to evaluate more advanced health care literature. Many of the resources include patient care sheets that can be distributed at hospital discharge

or the end of an appointment.

Find It Now! resources include:

- MD Consult
- UpToDate
- Dynamed
- Cochrane Library
- Nursing Reference Center
- Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature
- PubMed
- Anatomy.tv
- AccessMedicine
- AccessSurgery
- Affiliated resources are Micromedex, Zynx and Nutrition Care Manual

You can access *Find It Now!* from the Hospital Links page, The University of Kansas Physicians desk top and the Dykes Library home page. For more information, contact **Bob Pisciotta**, associate director and head of Technical Services, Dykes Library, bpisciot@kumc.edu.

International health care forum planned

Learn about health care issues and opportunities around the globe during International Health Care Experiences, a three-day forum for students and faculty to share experiences about working and training abroad.

Sessions include:

- *Senior nursing student presentations on Mexico, Malawi and the Dominican Republic:* 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, April 20, 1050 KU School of Nursing.
- *International Health Elective Showcase:* top three senior medical students' abstracts, 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, April 21, 1050 School of Nursing; senior medical and nursing student poster presentations, noon to 1 p.m., School of Nursing Atrium.

- *Patient/Health Care Practitioner Relationships:* 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, BO18 School of Nursing. **Ann Kuckelman Cobb, RN, PhD**, medical anthropologist, nurse educator and artist, facilitates a panel of physicians and researchers who have practiced abroad. Panelists include **Ammar Almeghi, MD**, Nephrology, Syria; **Mani Mani, MD**, Plastic Surgery, India; **Isaac Opole, MD, PhD**, General and Geriatric Medicine, Kenya; **Valmi Sousa, RN, PhD**, School of Nursing, Brazil; and **Fen Wang, MD**, Radiation Oncology, China.

For more information, contact **Judith Reagan**, director, International Programs, jreagan@kumc.edu.



Fire victims benefit from Scrubs Drive

A recent campuswide Scrubs Drive resulted in 500 pounds of new and gently used scrubs donated to the Wyandotte County chapter of the American Red Cross for victims of fires and other disasters. Among organizers were (far left) **Paula Baum**, External Affairs, and **Thu Janes, RN**, Unit 62. Also pictured are (third from left) **Esther Bowman, RN**, Unit 62; **June Yi, RN**, Unit 46; **Michelle Taylor**, Unit 61; **Tiffany Halverson, RN**, Unit 62; and **Lisa Mills, RN**, Unit 61.

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

Thursday, April 16

KUMC AUXILIARY BOOK FAIR: 7 a.m.-4 p.m., hospital lobby. Also Friday, April 17, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.

Friday, April 17

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: "Carotid Diseases," Karthik Vamanan, MD, 6:45-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

PEDIATRIC GRAND ROUNDS: "State of Children's Health in Kansas: Challenges Ahead," Roderick Bremby, 8-9 a.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

PSYCHIATRY GRAND ROUNDS: "Tasers, Pepper Spray, Police Dogs and the Mentally Ill: What Mental Health Professionals Should Know," B. Todd Thatcher, DO, 10:30 a.m.-noon, 3015 Sudler Auditorium.

KANSAS MASONIC CANCER Research Institute Seminar: "Targeting Interleukin-6 for Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer," Allen Gao, MD, PhD, noon-1 p.m., Lied Auditorium. Lunch provided for first 35 attendees.

LIFE IN THE USA Series for the International Community: "National Parks System and Mission," Eileen Andes, noon-1 p.m., 1014 Orr-Major. Lunch provided for first 30 attendees.

GOLD HUMANISM Honor Society Induction: 5-7 p.m., School of Nursing Auditorium. Reception follows. Information: Ryan Carrillo-Verstraete, rverstraete@kumc.edu.

Saturday, April 18

JAYHAWK MEDICAL GOLF Tournament: 6:30 a.m. check-in, 8 a.m. start, Falcon Ridge in Lenexa, \$100 for students, \$125 for others who preregister at KUMCIO.org. Benefits KUMC International Outreach. Information: Colleen Loo, kumcio@kumc.edu.

HYPERTROPHIC Cardiomyopathy Symposium: 8 a.m. registration, 8:30 a.m.-noon program, G013 and 1050, School of Nursing. Register: 8-1227 or kumed.com.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION of University Professors, Kansas State Conference Spring Meeting: Business session for members, 10:30 a.m.-noon; "Shared Governance," Cary Nelson, AAUP national president, and other speakers, 12:45 p.m.-2:30 p.m., Beller Conference Center. Register for lunch: aaup-in-ks.org.

Tuesday, April 21

VALIC RETIREMENT Information: 11 a.m.-1 p.m., outside cafeteria.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT Brown Bag Seminar: "Nursing Shortage Emerging Trends: Current Perspectives," Cath Glennon, RN, noon-1 p.m., 1027 Orr-Major. Register: www2.kumc.edu/PDFATraining.

ALZHEIMER AND MEMORY Seminar Series: "Mitochondrial Research in Alzheimer's Disease," Russell Swerdlow, MD, 4-5 p.m., 145 Landon Center on Aging.

Wednesday, April 22

BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES for Older Adults: "The Gift of Anger," noon-1 p.m., 200 Landon Center on Aging.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH Screenings: 2-5 p.m., Conference Room H, Westwood Campus.

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Prom Dress/Formalwear Drive deadline

4 p.m., Friday, April 17

2078 School of Nursing.

Information: Ginger Breedlove, PhD, gbreedlove@kumc.edu.

Thursday, April 23

DIVERSITY EVENT: "The Beauty Academy of Kabul," documentary, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m., G013 School of Nursing. Also noon-1:15 p.m. Friday, April 24. Sponsored by KU School of Nursing Faculty and Staff Enhancement Program and KUMC Diversity Initiative. Lunch provided for first 30 attendees.

Friday, April 24

PEDIATRIC GRAND ROUNDS: Michael Moncure, MD, and Mary Beth Gentry, 8-9 a.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

LONDON CENTER ON AGING Research Seminar: "Incident Oral/Pharyngeal Cancer from Medicare Claims," Jonathan Mahnken, PhD, noon-1 p.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

Unit 43 to host seminar on exceptional care

The University of Kansas Hospital's Unit 43 Medical Director Partnership will host "Collaborating for Exceptional Care" 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, in Lied Auditorium.

Presentation topics include performance improvement, core measure updates, Magnet re-designation, national patient safety goals, patient satisfaction, and interdisciplinary communication and collaboration. Posters will be on display 3 to 3:30 p.m. in Hixson Atrium.

The event is open to nurses, physicians, ancillary staff and unlicensed care staff from Unit 43 (Family Medicine and Orthopedics) and from other patient care areas. Continuing Nursing Education credit is available. Register at education@kumc.edu. For more information, contact **Heidi Boehm**, Unit 43 educator, 8-0273, or hboehm@kumc.edu.

Register to be a marrow or stem cell donor

You could be a marrow or stem cell donor for someone with leukemia or another blood-related disease who is waiting for a lifesaving transplant.

Attend one of two donor registration drives: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, in Stoland Lounge, or Thursday, April 23, in the Westwood Campus Atrium Conference Room. This service project is part of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine's Lab Week celebration.

You must be between 18 and 60 and in good health to register. Joining the registry is easy and painless. To determine your tissue type, the inside of your cheeks will be swabbed with cotton swabs. While registration is only the first step, donors must be willing to donate to any patient in need.

To learn more, visit Be the Match at marrow.org.

Speaker will share communication tips

Would you like to improve your interactions with co-workers, peers or patients? Join **Paul Casella** at "Speaking for Success: Interpersonal Skills in the Academic and Health Care Setting," 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, in the KU School of Nursing Auditorium.

To register for this or other professional development events, visit www2.kumc.edu/PDFATraining. For more information, contact **Kelly Magaha**, Postdoctoral Affairs, 5-6845, or kmagaha@kumc.edu.

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Vehicles

2005 INFINITI FX35, 56K, touring package, heated leather seats, sunroof, navigation, cargo rails, well maintained, \$22,000. 913-764-8403.

1999 FORD F150 4x4 truck, 163K, V6, automatic, CD player, tinted windows, bed liner, trailer hitch, Michelin tires, everything works, \$3,500 OBO. 913-709-4289.

1995 HARLEY-DAVIDSON Heritage Softail, 11.6K, custom factory paint, loaded with chrome, all Harley-Davidson, windshield, removable bags, \$9,500. 913-638-1979.

1982 HARLEY-DAVIDSON Shovelhead vintage tour bike, 23K, cobalt blue with hard bags, trunk, photos, \$5,500 or reasonable offer. 913-530-7756.

For Sale

2" MATTRESS TOPPER, memory foam, full size, 7 months old, excellent condition, \$75. 816-739-3946.

DINING SET, table with beech and maple veneers, dark pecan finish, leaf, 4 high-back side chairs, 2 high-back arm chairs, \$300 OBO; lighted china/curio cabinet, photos, \$250 OBO. 816-830-1019.

20" SANYO TV, analog with digital converter box, rabbit-ears antenna, 3-drawer cabinet with shelves, \$50 for everything or buy separately. 816-550-4297.

PROFESSIONAL BULL RIDING, 4 tickets for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, Quest Center, Omaha, Neb., also 2 nights lodging at Embassy Suites near event, tickets listed for \$100 each, make an offer. 206-854-7748.

COACH BAG, authentic, limited edition, small patchwork pouch, tan signature fabric lining, back-wall zip pocket, \$100. 816-419-8263.

2 TV CONVERTER BOXES, brand new, \$50 each. 816-221-2553.

TICKLE ME ELMO, excellent condition, \$30. 816-739-3946.

2 SOFA SLIPCOVERS, 1 dark brown, Sure Fit brand, velour, 2 months old, \$50; 1 light brown, heavier material with adjustable belts, \$30. 816-739-3946.

38" RIDING MOWER, MTD Yard Machine, 13 HP, \$599; arched aluminum ramps for loading mower, \$99. 913-492-5140.

HP NETBOOK, still in box with all documentation. Paid \$349 plus tax, asking \$250. 816-734-9565.

XBOX 360 ARCADE, less than 1 year old, 2 guitar controllers, 1 regular controller, 10 games, photos, \$400 firm. 816-521-0325.

VINTAGE JAPANESE PACHINKO machine, late 1960s/early 1970s model, needs new Plexiglas and cleaning/tune-up, \$25. 816-739-3946.

Housing • FOR RENT

TOWNHOME, 3 BR, 2 BA, new kitchen cabinets/appliances, remodeled bathrooms, energy-saving windows, hardwoods, attached garage, quiet cul-de-sac, 5 minutes from KUMC, \$825/month. 913-432-2602.

Classified ads

Send classified ads to centerexpress@kumc.edu or post online at 24/7. Items must be received by noon Monday and will run on a space-available basis.

Carpool

GARDNER/OLATHE to KUMC, mostly weekends/nights, also work some during the week. 913-314-9890.

Pets

LOVABLE CAT, Tom, gray/white striped shorthair, male, 9 months old, neutered, vaccinated, affectionate, gets along with other animals. 913-526-7786.

Wanted

FEMALE YORKIE purebred puppy for a companion. 913-568-5619.

ROOMMATE to rent upstairs of 1 1/2-story home near KUMC, 1 large BR, BA, large walk-in closet, linen and cedar closets, rent on monthly basis, \$600/month plus half utilities. 913-449-8908.

eXtra: Find these and other classifieds on the hospital intranet, 24/7, intranet.kumed.com.

Donate your pull tabs

Are your soda can pull tabs piling up? Turn them in to The University of Kansas Hospital's Float Pool by Friday, May 1,

to raise funds for the local Ronald McDonald House.

In December 2008, the Float Pool renamed the effort the Tasha Bradford Community Charity Project in memory of the Float Pool health care assistant who

died Dec. 21. A longtime supporter of the project, she created the small cardboard "houses" used throughout the hospital to collect pull tabs.

Donation locations:

- Hospital, 2028 Wescoe
- KU MedWest, Medical Records, 1st floor
- Westwood Campus, Suite 200, receptionist's desk

The Float Pool will continue to collect pull tabs, which also include soup, sardine and other can tabs. Place your tabs in the cardboard houses at various locations.

Tuition assistance deadline approaches

The deadline for Kansas state employees to apply for tuition assistance for the Summer 2009 semester is Thursday, May 14.

The University of Kansas Medical Center, like other state agencies, is authorized to provide tuition assistance to full-time state employees who meet the program's eligibility requirements. Visit www2.kumc.edu/hr/learninganddevelopment/tuition.html for more information or to print an application. Return completed applications to the University Benefits Office, 1044 Delp, Mail Stop 2022.

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