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NICU stars

Approximately 200 people shared in the April 14 festivities of The University of Kansas Hospital's annual Neonatal ICU reunion. Held in the Westwood Campus Atrium, the day is a free, fun-filled celebration for former patients, families, physicians and nurses. This year's theme was "Rock Stars." Outpatient Pharmacy's **Jill Petry, PharmD** (top), and her daughter, 6-month-old **Jacqueline**, joined the fun. One-year-old **Jacob Schmidtberger** received a joyful lift from NICU's **Rachel Ogren, RN**.



Stites: 'Terrific opportunity' awaits in leadership search

The search to find successors to **Barbara Atkinson, MD**, is quickly taking shape.

A 15-person search committee – initially focused on finding a new executive dean for the KU School of Medicine – will restructure so it can also look for a new executive vice chancellor for the University of Kansas Medical Center.

The decision to use the same search committee to fill both jobs was announced last week by **Steven Stites, MD**, Internal Medicine chair. He's acting executive dean at the school and acting executive vice chancellor at the medical center. During that time he'll also serve on The University of Kansas Hospital Authority Board.

"While change may bring about some angst, we have great people invested in this process," he wrote in an email

to medical center faculty, staff and students. "We have a terrific opportunity to make a tremendous difference in the future of the medical center and the university."

Atkinson, who announced plans to retire June 30, holds both executive dean and

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Steven Stites, MD, has pledged "open, transparent communication" during the leadership search.

ArtBra KC again benefits Missys' patients in need

The second annual ArtBra KC will make life a little easier for patients who cannot afford wigs, breast prostheses or postmastectomy garments at Missys' Boutique in The University of Kansas Cancer Center.

Set for May 4 at The Midland by AMC in downtown Kansas City, the charity auction and runway show of work-of-art bras again benefits the Missys' Boutique Patients In Need Fund. Last year's debut event founded by grateful cancer patient **Sharon Butler Payne** raised more than \$95,000 for the fund.

"Thanks to this amazing event, we've been able to offer our appearance center services free of charge to all patients in need who qualify,"

said **Judy Newell**, boutique manager. "These patients have been so incredibly grateful – and we are so grateful for the generosity of the organizers of ArtBra KC."

Artbras are highly embellished, one-of-a-kind bras designed by local artists, cancer survivors and their loved ones, and others.

"Celebrating the Art of Survival," ArtBra KC features 22 breast cancer survivors as models in a live auction. A silent auction offers another

40 artbras as well as many fine art pieces.

Kelly Jones of KCTV5 emcees the celebration, which includes food, drink and music by Nervous Rex. Payne again chairs, with **Betty Keim**, member of The University of Kansas Hospital Authority Board, as honorary chair. Both are breast cancer survivors.

Selected artbras are featured in the windows of Halls on the Country Club Plaza through Saturday, April 28.



ARTBRA KC
Celebrating the Art of Survival

Tickets are \$175 for patrons at 6 p.m. and \$95 for general admission at 7 p.m. Information and tickets: artbrakc.com.

Student researchers take home honors

Winners of the 34th annual Student Research Forum were announced March 30. The event showcases University of Kansas Medical Center student research.

Faculty judged 144 student oral and poster research presentations. Medal winners for the best in each school:

KU School of Health Professions

- **Angela Lentz**, Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Sciences

KU School of Medicine Graduate Studies

- **Felcy Selwyn**, Pharmacology, Toxicology and Therapeutics

KU School of Medicine Haden Medal

- **Lucinda Gruber**, Surgery, Cardiothoracic

School of Nursing Roma Lee Taunton Medal

- **Becky Spencer**, School of Nursing

1st place session presentation winners

- **Anna Groover**, Anatomy and Cell Biology, Basic Science I
- **Brad Sullivan**, Pharmacology, Toxicology and Therapeutics, Basic Science II
- **Felcy Selwyn**, Pharmacology, Toxicology and Therapeutics, Basic Science III

- **Angela Lentz**, Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Sciences, Clinical Science I
- **Janna Sorensen**, Hearing and Speech, Basic Science IV
- **Caleb Grote**, Anatomy and Cell Biology, Basic Science V
- **Jason Rucker**, Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science, Clinical Science II
- **Lucinda Gruber**, Surgery, Cardiothoracic, Clinical Science III
- **Anand Venugopal**, Molecular and Integrative Physiology, Poster Session

2nd place session presentation winners

- Tie – **Kyle Jansson**, Molecular and Integrative Physiology; **Anastasiia Aleksandrova**, Anatomy and Cell Biology; **David Guggenmos**, Molecular and Integrative Physiology, Basic Science I
- Tie – **Bliss O'Bryhim**, Ophthalmology; **Bryce Warren**, Anatomy and Cell Biology, Basic Science II
- **Caitlin Linscheid**, Anatomy and Cell Biology, Basic Science III
- **Matt Wilson**, Pharmacology, Toxicology and Therapeutics, Clinical Science I
- Tie – **David Williams** and **Melissa Taylor**, Pharmacology, Toxicology and Therapeutics, Basic Science IV

- **Chad Walesky**, Pharmacology, Toxicology and Therapeutics, Basic Science V
- **Alham Al-Sharman**, Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science, Clinical Science II
- Tie – **Brian Chalmers**, Surgery, Orthopedics; **Shengqi Li**, Dietetics and Nutrition, Clinical Science III
- Tie – **Lei Qiu**, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine; **Nia Thompson**, Surgery, Trauma, Poster Session

Additional honors

- **Caitlin Linscheid**, Anatomy and Cell Biology, Paul B. Freeburg Cell Biology Award
- **Mauricio Vargas Uribe**, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Joe R. Kimmel Award
- **Mariko Nishibe**, Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science, PTRS Outstanding Research Award; **Jason Rucker** and **Dave Burnett**, Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science, Honorary Mention
- **Matt Wilson**, Pharmacology, Toxicology and Therapeutics, Paul R. Schloerb, MD Research Award
- **Swathi Iyer**, Molecular and Integrative Physiology, Epigenetics and Stem Cell Biology Award

Hospital launches 'like-a-thon'



Like The University of Kansas Hospital? Of course you do, and now's the time to wear your passion on your social networking sleeve.

The hospital this week kicked off a Facebook "like-a-thon" among employees. If you click "like" on the hospital's Facebook page now through May 18, you'll be entered into a contest for loads of wonderful prizes.

Encourage your friends and family to like the hospital, too (though they won't be entered into the contest).

By liking the hospital on Facebook, you'll receive updates several times a week in your Facebook News Feed. The updates spotlight hospital news, photos and events. You can share those with your Facebook friends, too.

"Liking the hospital on Facebook is one of the easiest ways to stay involved and help us spread the word about all of the wonderful activities and developments happening here," said **Angie Olson**, interactive web strategy manager.

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Happy faces behind LMS

Employees at The University of Kansas Hospital have until April 30 to complete their annual courses on LMS. Meantime, for the dozen staff involved in updating the courses, it's time to celebrate the end of their annual LMS contributions. Among those working behind-the-scenes (from left): **Sheryl Ewert**, Human Resources; **Monica Lubeck**, Audit & Compliance; **Ruth Schukmann-Dakotas**, Radiation Safety; **Melba Sowemino**, Environment of Care; **Hollie Sedler**, Environmental Health and Safety; and **Chris Hawkins**, Biomedical Engineering.



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Friday, April 20

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: "Use of Ketogenic Diet in Refractory Epilepsy in Children," Ahmed Abdelmoity, MD, 8-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: "Hair Loss in Kids," Brandon Newell, MD, 8-9 a.m., Clendening Auditorium.

Tuesday, April 24

RESEARCH SEMINAR Series on Aging, Health and Dementia: "Communicating Risk to Older Adults," David Johnson, PhD, noon-1 p.m., 270 Landon Center on Aging. Lunch provided for first 20 participants. Register within 48 hours of program at <http://coa.kumc.edu/cpgec> (select "upcoming programs.")

Wednesday, April 25

BROWN BAG Lunch Series for Older Adults: "Food Safety for Seniors," noon-1 p.m., 200 Landon Center on Aging. Reservations: Matt Chandler, 8-3094.

STUDENT WELLNESS Program: "Discovering Balance: Eating Healthy on a Budget," Adrienne Moore Baxter, noon-1 p.m., B018 School of Nursing. Lunch provided for first 30 students.

TRANSPLANT SEMINAR: "Transplantation and U.S. Health Care Reform," Bryan Becker, MD, 1-2 p.m., Clendening Auditorium. Sponsored by the Department of Nephrology and the Center for Transplantation.

HEAD AND NECK Cancer Support: Second and fourth Wednesdays, 4-5 p.m., Executive Dining Room, Westwood Campus. Information: 8-1227.

Thursday, April 26

HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE Care Lecture Series: "Grief and Bereavement Expert Panel," Kate Shoemaker, LMSW; Laurie Moser, LMSW; and Debbie Wilson, LCSW, 8-9 a.m.; "Research Statistics: Methods and Dilemmas in Palliative Care," Christian Sinclair, MD, 9-10 a.m. Registration fee for each program is \$15. Series continues every Thursday morning. Registration is due noon Wednesday before the program. Register and select an ITV viewing site: coa.kumc.edu/cpgec/palliative.

SHAREPOINT USER GROUP: Noon-1 p.m., 1027 Orr-Major. Open to any campus staff members who build/maintain SharePoint sites. Share knowledge and network with other users. Information: Lauren Bond, Nursing Informatics, lbond@kumc.edu.

Friday, April 27

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: "Health Care Reform: Successes and Challenges," Molly Droge, MD, FAAP, 8-9 a.m., Clendening Auditorium.

Send calendar items to centerexpress@kumc.edu. Items must be received by noon on the Monday prior to publication.

Speaker to address communication skills

Paul Casella, one of the nation's top trainers in academic medicine, returns to campus Monday, April 23, and Tuesday, April 24 – and again May 8-10 – for a series of presentations designed to help attendees hone their written and oral communication skills.

Casella remains the most highly requested speaker among University of Kansas Medical Center faculty. This will be his sixth consecutive year on campus.

Since 1988, he has worked with health professionals to improve the clarity and effectiveness of their manuscripts for publication, formal presentations, grant applications, slides, posters, videos and other media for scientific purposes.

He'll present seven topics, ranging from "Patient Education Literature & Writing for the Lay Reader" to "How to Run an Effective Meeting." He'll also offer an interactive teaching/presentation skills workshop.

The sessions target faculty, though some presentations are open to a wider audience. Presentation details and registration are at <https://www2.kumc.edu/pdfatraining/Default.aspx>.

Forever Young singers tune up for concert

The Landon Center on Aging's Forever Young Spring Concert is 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, in Battenfeld Auditorium. A reception follows. It's free and open to the public.

The choir consists of local residents, 55 and older, singing music hits from the 1970s to today.

The choir was inspired by the documentary, *Young at Heart*, which follows a choir of singers aged 70 and older. Information: **Myra Hyatt**, mhyatt@kumc.edu, 8-2365.

Hospital Week: Burgers and brats await

National Hospital Week is little more than a week away. And that means plenty of burgers and brats for hardworking staff at The University of Kansas Hospital – served up with a smile by hospital leadership. Details:

- KU MedWest – Noon-1 p.m. April 30, north parking lot
- Hospital second shift – 6-7:30 p.m. April 30, cafeteria
- Hospital third shift – 11 p.m.-midnight April 30, cafeteria
- Hospital first shift– 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. May 1, Murphy Courtyard
- Westwood – 11 a.m.-1 p.m. May 2, behind Administration Center, near loading dock
- Broadmoor – Noon-1 p.m. May 2, east parking lot

Remember to wear your ID badge.

RPF research forum, awards April 30-May 1

The third annual KUMC Resident, Postdoctoral and Fellow Research Forum is fast approaching.

The forum is open to all who want to see outstanding research by the medical center's residents, postdocs and fellows. Details:

- Forum presentations are 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday, April 30, in Beller Conference Room. The event features faculty-judged oral and poster research presentations.
- **Edward Ellerbeck, MD, MPH**, Preventive Medicine chair, will present "Translational Research in Smoking Cessation" noon-1 p.m. April 30 in G013 School of Nursing. Lunch will be provided to the first 150 attendees.
- The forum awards ceremony is noon-12:15 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, in G013 School of Nursing.
- Immediately after the awards ceremony, **Jeff Burns, MD**, and **Russell Swerdlow, MD**, will present "Alzheimer's Disease: The Big Picture." Lunch will be provided to the first 150 attendees.

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KUMC STREET FAIR silent auction: Now through Friday, April 20, at www.32auctions.com/kumcstreetfair12:SGC. Auction ID is KUMCStreetFair12, and password is SGC. The free street fair is 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at Rosedale Middle School. Information: **Ryan Gove**, rgove@kumc.edu.

3RD ANNUAL TASTING EVENT– Culinary Creations from Soup to Dessert: 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, Westwood Campus Atrium. Event features cuisine from 10 area restaurants, music and presentations. Tickets are \$15, with proceeds benefiting The University of Kansas Cancer Center and SPOHNC – Support for People with Oral and Head and Neck Cancer. Tickets and information: **Mary Moody Whetstone, LMSW**, 8-3630 or mmoody@kumc.edu.

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Vehicles

2007 FORD MUSTANG V6 premium convertible, deep red, automatic, runs great, black leather interior in great shape, Shaker500 Audio system, 6-CD changer, automatic top, non-smoker, \$15,000. 913-909-3351.

2003 BUICK RENDEZVOUS CX, 94K, gray, good cond., photos, \$6,000. 913-638-8873.

For Sale

2 CRIB MATTRESSES, water-proof, perfect cond., come with 2 sets of sheets, paid \$100 each, asking \$50 each. 913-575-4658.

ALEGRIA SHOES, leopard print, worn twice, size 39 (U.S. size 8), great cond., \$85 OBO. Text 816-585-4853.

2 NIGHTSTANDS: 1 medium oak, good cond., \$15; 1 dark-colored, particle-board with laminate finish, \$10; buy both for \$20. 573-529-1630.

EAGLE ARION 2.1 soundstage speakers, subwoofer and remote, like-new cond., original packaging, great sound quality, perfect for computer system, \$60 new, asking \$30. 913-387-9312.

46" RCA TV, HD-ready, \$400 OBO. 816-612-3342.

VERIZON HTC Thunderbolt cell phone, great cond., comes with BodyGlove case, wall charger, USB charger, photos, \$240 or best reasonable offer. 816-854-0739.

BLACK KLOG, barely worn, size 11 W, \$40. 417-459-3422.

BUFFET, needs some new hardware, \$150. 913-568-9139.

TABLE, 54" x 36," 4 chairs, leaf, table pads, \$100. 913-568-9139.

WHITE WICKER dressing table with stool, can be used as small desk, 1 drawer, excellent cond., \$50 firm. 816-941-2191.

2 LANE LEATHER recliners, \$200 each, \$350/pair; 10-piece KitchenAid set, \$75; shoes, never worn, size 9, \$40; cranberry Coach purse with tags, \$200; metallic gray Coach purse with tags, \$300 (both for \$450); photos, cash only. 913-530-3307.

MASTER'S FNP nursing textbooks: 748 Theories for Practice and Research; 755 Health Care Professionalism; 806 Advanced Physiology; 731 Pharmacokinetics/Dynamics. 913-269-7090.

AB CIRCLE exercise machine, "As Seen on TV," used 3 times, fully assembled, comes with DVD,

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manual, paid \$200, asking \$75 OBO. 913-788-8387.

AUTHENTIC COACH purse, great cond., black with silver buckle, approx. 19" x 8," \$60. 816-914-8441.

GE REPLACEMENT FREEZER shelf, new/in box, \$10. 816-529-1419.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: sheets, king/queen-size bedding, TV, tables, chairs, sofas, sleeper-sofa, kitchen items/appliances, window AC, outdoor furniture and more, negotiable prices. 913-486-4094.

BABY CRIB, white with sliding side, good cond., rail adjusts up and down, \$25. 913-488-4713.

MEN'S MOUNTAIN bike, Haro brand, \$75; baby changing table, white, \$50 OBO. 913-980-6117.

2 GRACO CRIBS convert to toddler cribs, white Lauren design, could use a coat of paint, otherwise excellent cond., paid \$170 each, asking \$70 each. 913-575-4658.

Housing

For Sale

ROELAND PARK home, 5212 Delmar, 3 BR, 1.5 BA, hardwoods, new energy-efficient windows/

paint, finished basement rec room, great deck, fenced backyard, \$149,900. 913-558-4412.

For Rent

HOUSE, 3 BR, 2 BA, 2-car garage, nice neighborhood, 316 S. Stonecreek Dr., Gardner, \$900/month, plus \$800 deposit. 913-636-0049.

APARTMENT, 2 BR, 1 BA, close to campus, \$430/month. 816-510-6016.

Wanted

GLIDING OTTOMAN for nursery. 913-244-2898.

FULL-TIME NANNY during the week to care for 2-year-old and 4-month-old, mother works in home. 913-406-6748.

HOUSE to rent, starting June 1, would also consider duplex/apartment, at least 2 BR, within 30 minutes of campus, \$600/month or less, have 2 house-trained dachshunds. 785-418-4519.

SPRINT TOUCH-SCREEN phone, HTC EVO or EVO Shift. 913-200-0802.

RENTAL HOUSE or duplex, 2-3 bedrooms, \$850-900 a month, have 2 house-trained Chihuahuas, willing to pay extra pet deposit. 816-986-0694 (leave message).

Free

CHAIN-LINK DOG kennel, large, excellent cond. 816-739-4954.

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executive vice chancellor positions. Stites outlined other key factors in the leadership search. Among them:

- He vowed "open, transparent communication" during the search. In that light, he said there are a number of very strong internal candidates for both positions, but he said he will not apply for either one.
- He plans to establish transition teams in key areas. Those teams will help the medical center shift smoothly under its new leadership.

A list of search committee members is at www.kumc.edu/executive-dean-search/search-committee.html.

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Congrats to **Gail Fitzwater**, Employee of the Quarter at The University of Kansas Physicians.



Fitzwater

Fitzwater, medical records clerk in Urology, joined UKP six years ago. Colleagues praise her organizational skills, reliability, efficiency and ability to help others when needed.

"She is always willing to go above and beyond in order to

provide the best patient care possible," said **Brantley Thrasher, MD**, Urology chair.

"She's always on time and always here to work, and her integrity and passion for her work are something I wish every employee possessed," he said. "She is, without a doubt, a superstar and we are so very fortunate to have her as a part of our team."

Fitzwater, who is Employee of the Quarter for April through June, said her success in the position reflects her personality. "I'm very detail-oriented," she said, "so it's a good fit."

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