

Hemenway takes final walk as KU chancellor

It was a walk to remember – cell phones, Facebook and all. For **Robert Hemenway, PhD**, the University of Kansas 137th commencement May 17 in Lawrence marked his final “walk” as chancellor. Hemenway ends his 14-year tenure as KU’s top leader in June.

Focusing his remarks on “change” as a positive force, he urged new grads to accept change and take risks. Living by example, he embraced the latest changes in technology by asking grads to grab their cell phones, take quick photos of themselves with their seatmates, and email the shots to be posted on KU’s Facebook page: facebook.com/ku.

“Change happens,” he quipped, “even for chancellors!” Response to his final, resounding, “Rock Chalk Jayhawks!” shook Memorial Stadium.

KU Medical Center grads

Graduates from the KU Schools of Allied Health, Medicine and Nursing and the Graduate Studies program on the University of Kansas Medical Center campus were among more than 4,000 commencement participants.



Anthony Mattingly

“As we say every year, the walk is the ceremony. You have to walk before you can fly. The walk prepares Jayhawks for flight.”

– KU Chancellor Robert Hemenway, PhD

KU School of Allied Health

With the conclusion of the 2008-09 academic year, these students and faculty were recognized for exceptional accomplishments with the following scholarships and awards.

ALLIED HEALTH HONORS

Louise de Schweinitz Darrow Awards

- Debra Kay Altenhofen
- Steven Matthew Butner
- Susan Ann Kary
- Susan Michelle Ternes
- Hilary Beth Turner

James P. Cooney Leadership Award

- Gabriel Anne Barga

Stata Norton Distinguished Teaching Award

- Adrienne Moore Baxter, MS, RD, LD

ACADEMIC HONORS

Phi Kappa Phi Initiates

- Sarah Beth Bracciano
- Ashlee Davis
- Katherine Kelly Elvig
- Carrie E. Hodges
- Todd Kenneth McAllister
- Ian Miller
- Heidi Louise Pastor
- Erin Marie Racki
- Melissa Elaine Rosin
- Mary Catherine Tee
- Kayla Ann Wilhelm

Dean’s Scholarship Recipients

- Allison Morgan Coil
- Sarah Elizabeth Edwards
- Lauren Hartmann Foster
- Mariah MacKinney
- Anne Stuart Moore

- Suong Thi Nguyen
- Komica Lynntrese Purnell
- Lindsey Michelle Thompson

CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES

Alan Voos Memorial Scholarship

- Melissa Dyanne Link

Bertha Martha Connor Scholarship

- Melissa Dyanne Link

June Hull Sherrid Scholarship

- Gail Denise Allen
- Heather Dyanne Bushnell
- Noel Lynn Clay
- Megan Elizabeth Corrazzin
- Kara N. Dunlap
- Kelsey Janette Grist
- Erin Marie Helms
- Carrie E. Hodges
- Hannah Claire Hohendorf
- Ashton R. Howell
- Patrick M. Ketter

- Paul. N. Longabach
- Rupesh Mishra
- Ashley Beth Newcomer
- Suong Thi Nguyen
- Deborah Kathryn Stueve
- Xiaochen Su
- Anh Kha Tang
- Rani A. Waugh
- Rachel Ashley Young

CYTOTECHNOLOGY

Geraldine Johnson Award for Clinical Excellence in Cytotechnology

- Courtney Leigh Robinson

DIETETICS AND NUTRITION

Sevie Nelson Scholarship

- Melanie Miller

Ruth Gordon Award

- Corey Harris

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Rowena H. Sherrill Award

Tammi Marie Linnebur

Marian Weber Boelte & Arthur H. Boelte Scholarship

Susan Ann Kary

HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Academic Achievement Award

Mariah MacKinney

Faculty Award to the Outstanding Health Information Management Student

Katherine Kelly Elvig

Health Information Management Program Scholarship

Kelsey Marie Moffat, Spring 2008

Steven Matthew Butner, Fall 2009

HEARING AND SPEECH

William M. Diedrich Award for the Outstanding Student in Speech-Language Pathology

Jennifer Renee Knell

Cornelius P. Goetzinger Award for the Outstanding Student in Audiology

Dana Jacobson

Jacob R. Osman Award for Outstanding Pediatric Speech-Language Pathology Student

Jennifer Lyn Flenthrope

NURSE ANESTHESIA

The George DeVane Excellence Award

William Eric Gray

Tiffany Taylor

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Elizabeth Collins Award for Leadership and Professionalism

Kelisha Ann White

Jane M. H. Underwood Award for Outstanding Potential as an Artful Practitioner

Lauren Hartmann Foster

Frank Gurtler Memorial Award for the Most Inspirational Student

Kelisha Ann White

Andy Thompson Student Award Established in Memory of an OT Graduate

Debra Kay Altenhofen

Barbara Reber Umlauf Award

Kimberly Anne Dickey

Kindle Ann Rose



Clinical Laboratory Science program graduates (from left) **Suong Nguyen, Anh Tang** and **Xiaochen Su** paused for a do-it-yourself group photo.

PHYSICAL THERAPY AND REHABILITATION SCIENCE

Marsha E. Melnick Research Award

Nicholas Michael Long

Kurtis Clifton Springstead

Chairperson's Outstanding Student Award

Brittanie Amanda Stevenson

Joan Mills Clinical Excellence Award

Lyndsay Kaye Myers

Bill Dunn Clinical Excellence Award

Elizabeth Jean Kellerman

Ruth G. Monteith Outstanding Achievement Award

Matthew LeRoy Pfizenmaier

Camilla Wilson Students' Choice Award

Nicholas Michael Long

Penny Cohn Scholarship Award

Sarah Beth Bracciano

Natasha Irene Curry

Sasha Jean Schippers

Kayla Ann Wilhelm

Bloom and Wabeh-Foster Scholarship Award

Sarah Beth Bracciano

Natasha Irene Curry

Melissa Denny Sindt

Kayla Ann Wilhelm

Biofreeze Award

Julie Ann Gawith

Kayla Ann Wilhelm

RESPIRATORY CARE

Faculty Award to the Outstanding Respiratory Care Student

Jonathan Ko



Morie Dotson and **Komica Purnell**, graduates of the Respiratory Care program, were all smiles.



Ryan Peters shared a hug after graduating from the School of Allied Health's Nurse Anesthetist Education program.

View more photos at commencement.ku.edu/2009/photos.shtml

KU School of Medicine

The KU School of Medicine recognized its graduates during the annual hooding and awards ceremony May 16 in the Lied Center in Lawrence. Earlier that day, the medical school's Department of Health Policy and Management and Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health bestowed honors in a hooding ceremony in Battenfeld Auditorium.

Merck Manual Awards

Lindsay Elise Abbott, MD
Megan Louise Krause, MD
Emily Margret Haury, MD
Ana Marie Liolios, MD
Jeremiah Robert Kempke, MD
Joseph Zenisek, MD

Helmuth Sprinz Award

Numukunda Darboe Jr., MD

Edward V. Williams Award

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Edwin Robert Malone Jr., MD

Russell Jay Eilers Award

Rodger Dietz, MD
Cynthia Wheat, MD

LMMSA Award

Ruben Font Jr., MD

OCED Personal Perseverance Award

Telemate A. Sokari, MD

The Advocacy Award, Kansas City

Adam Jacob Obley, MD

Perseverance Award

Evelyn Lidia Slomka, MD
Latasha Kaye Steele, MD

Endocrine Society's Medical Student Achievement Award

Laura Ann Thomas, MD

Pride in the Profession Award

David Biller, MD

Academic Excellence Award, Kansas City

Lindsey Leigh Saint, MD

Janet M. Glasgow-Rubin Certificate of Commendation

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Janet M. Glasgow-Rubin Achievement Citations

Lindsay Elise Abbott, MD
Megan Louise Krause, MD
Emily Margret Haury, MD
Ana Marie Liolios, MD
Julianne Donnelly, MD
Jennifer Ann Spiegel, MD
Shriti Masrani, MD
Joella Elizabeth Wilson, MD
Stephanie Michelle Kempke, MD
Kimberlee Dian Clark Reetz, MD

The Coghill Award

Stephen G. Hersperger, MD

The Mary Packwood Memorial Award

Melissa Garber, MD

The MaryAnn McMullan Memorial Award

Melissa Garber, MD

Emergency Medicine Award

David Biller, MD
Edwin Malone Jr., MD

W. Clarke Wescoe Award

Megan Krause, MD

The Norman L. Martin Award

Shaun Best, MD

Mahlon H. Delp Award, Kansas City

Megan Krause, MD

The KAFP-Foundation Hostetter Award

Melissa Garber, MD
Alison Raymond, MD

John B. Redford Award for Excellence

Michael Khadavi, MD

Norge W. Jerome Preventive Medicine Excellence Award

Laura K. Frye, MD

Tom D.Y. Chin Preventive Medicine Excellence Award

Melissa Garber, MD

The Dr. Daniel C. Darrow Award

Travis Ryan Langner, MD

The Dr. Herbert C. Miller Award

Ebony Rose Copeland, MD

The Kyle Lee Gratny Memorial Award

Anna Elise Esparham, MD

The Dr. Louise deSchweinitz Award

Toluwalase A. Ajayi, MD

James G. Price, MD, Award for Excellence in Family Medicine

Melissa Garber, MD

The Matthew Freeman Award in Social Justice

Adam Obley, MD

Dewey K. Ziegler Neurology Award

Susan M. Sifers, MD

Anesthesiology Academic Excellence Award

Julianne Donnelly, MD

Thomas G. Orr, Sr. Award

Lindsey Leigh Saint, MD

Paul C. Laybourne, MD, Award

Megan Krause, MD

Donald W. Goodwin, MD, Award

Brian Cuthbertson, MD

LeRoy A. Calkins Award

Alison Blevins, MD
Megan Krause, MD

Russell F. Holcomb Award

Courtney West, MD

The Jack C. and Ruth M. Schroll Family Award

Ana Marie Liolios, MD

P.G. Czarlinsky Family Award in Memory of Charley Czarlinsky, MD

Lindsay E. Abbott, MD
Stephanie M. Seiler, MD

Prakash Raghavan Clinical Student Award

Lindsay E. Abbott, MD

The Willard J. Smith, MD, Award for Academic Achievement

Joella E. Wilson, MD

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Far left: School of Medicine grads and faculty gather for the traditional walk down the hill.

Left: Happy grads included (from left) **Mila Ju, MD, Latasha Steele, MD, and Holly Allen, MD.**

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Roscoe Falls Morton, MD, FACP, Memorial Fund Award

Amanda M. Valliant, MD

The Daniel K. Roberts Medical Student Award for Excellence in Women's Health Care

Stefanie M. Kempke, MD

Robert H. Robinson, MD, Award

Scott D. McLaren, MD

Karl E. Becker Jr., MD, Award

Scott D. McLaren, MD

Drs. Richard and Diana Guthrie Excellence in Pediatrics Award

Stephanie M. Seiler, MD

Conrad Osborne, MD, Family Medicine Award

Stephanie M. Seiler, MD

Distinguished George E. "Ned" Burket, MD, Family Medicine Award

Alison K. Raymond, MD

The George J. Farha Award for Excellence in Surgery

Lindsay E. Abbott, MD

The Ronald L. Martin Clerkship Award

Erin K. Zahradnik, MD

The Ronald L. Martin Elective Award

Paige E. Clark, MD

HEALTH POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

Master of Health Services Administration

Bret G. Hammig Award

Stacy Harper

Erica Kloehn

Health Care Executive of the Future Award

Lafe Bauer

Paul Rohrer

Professional Development Award

Kevin Arnhold

Danielle Forbis

Melissa Wolken



JoEllen Greischar-Billiard, RN, clinical assistant professor, celebrated with School of Nursing grad **Monica White**.



Nursing graduates **Cara Smith** and **Liza Murray** pose for a cell phone photo. KU's chancellor challenged grads to take such photos to post on KU's Facebook page.

Faculty Recognition Award

Amy Christensen

Christina Dinger

Neha Sharma

Alison Starks

Dacy Suellentrop

Angela Tallant

JHAWK Student of the Year Award

Richelle Beckman

JHAWK Faculty Appreciation Award

Michael Grasso, PhD

PREVENTIVE MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Master of Public Health – Kansas City campus

The Kansas Health

Foundation Excellence in

Public Health Teaching Award

Theresa I. Shireman, PhD, RPh

Analee E. "Betsy" Beisecker Public Health Excellence Award

Florence Ndikum-Moffer



KU School of Nursing

As the 2008-09 academic year drew to a close, these students and faculty were honored for their outstanding accomplishments.

UNDERGRADUATE

Outstanding Senior Awards

Arlene Higgins

Sounitha Vilayvanh

Kay Schlicter Award

Kasey Bowden

Jeanne Quesenbury Award

Mary Rodriguez

Mary Roberts Senior Nursing Award

Anna Alley

Mary Roberts Junior Nursing Award

Kasey Bowden

Dean's Award

Jordan Bedford

Registered Nurse Award

Kay Johnston

Sigma Theta Tau Award

Sounitha Vilayvanh

Jean Hill Award

Arlene Higgins

School of Nursing graduate **Jordan Bedford** grabbed a final shot with the Jayhawk mascot.

GRADUATE

Henrietta Froehlke Award

Kelly Hewins

Hester Thurston Award

Kari Hess

Colleen P. Kosiak Graduate Student Clinical Excellence Award

Stephani Almai Stancil

Sigma Theta Tau Award (Master's)

Cara Knipp

PhD Alumni Award

Elizabeth Rosen

Melba Carter Award

Carol Kemper

Sigma Theta Tau Award (Doctoral)

Elizabeth Rosen

Sigma Theta Tau Community Leadership Award

Kari Hess

FACULTY

Jayhawker, RN Clinical Award

Vicki L. Hicks, RN, MS, ARNP-CNS, clinical assistant professor

Jayhawker, RN Lecture Award

Sandra M. Hanson, RN, BSN, MEd, assistant professor

Phyllis Keeney Lawrence Teaching Award

Janet D. Pierce, ARNP, CCRN, DSN, professor