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Big grant will support biomed growth, careers

The future of biomedical research in Kansas looks bullish these days, thanks to an \$18.5 million grant for a program headquartered at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

The five-year grant benefits the Kansas IDEa Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (K-INBRE). Launched in 2001, K-INBRE involves researchers at nine institutions on 10 campuses around the state, with KUMC serving as lead campus.

Kansas received the highest level of funding among the seven states awarded the National Institutes of Health grants. Since the program began in 2001, K-INBRE has been awarded a total of \$44.2 million.

Joan Hunt, PhD, University Distinguished Professor, vice chancellor of KUMC's Biomedical Research Infrastructure and principal investigator for the K-INBRE grant, said one of the top priorities for the \$18.5 million grant is to encourage

students to develop biomedical careers. That, in turn, will strengthen the region's biomedical workforce and industry, bolstering economic growth in the long run.

"Higher education is vital to career development, and the K-INBRE grant permits us to foster the growth of new scientists who, we hope, will choose to pursue their research careers in Kansas," she said.

With the grant, the K-INBRE added two initiatives.

One is the Partnership for Translational Research Training Core, directed by **Dianne Durham, PhD,** professor of Otolaryngology at KUMC. The new initiative is designed to provide opportunities for physicians and basic scientists to develop their skills in applying discovery research to improved patient outcomes.

The second new initiative is a systems biology focus for the Bioinformatics Core at KU-Lawrence.

RN-MD newsletter targets dynamic environment

Nurses at The University of Kansas Hospital are stepping up a key component of good patient care: nurse-physician communication.

To keep communication channels open, they've launched a newsletter, *From Your RN*. It is emailed each month to 664 physicians, as well as third- and fourth-year medical students. It's also posted on 24/7 and delivered to physician lounges and workrooms.

The publication features articles by nurses from each division, as well as a Pharmacy

and Core Measure section. Their main goal: highlight important practice changes and processes of their divisions/units. For instance, Acute Care has new IV drip standards. The CVOR is using the robotic arm for valve repair and thoracotomies, and Critical Care is ready to start the Adult modified Yale Protocol June 1.

"In our relentless pursuit to provide the highest level of quality care to our patients, we experience rapid change and want to provide coverage of this

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The new *From Your RN* newsletter is edited by **Liz Miquelon, RN,** (foreground), with articles penned by many of the hospital's nurses.

Rainbow Award goes to Mark Meyer, MD

Mark Meyer, MD, associate professor, Family Medicine, has received the Rainbow Award at A Grande Affair, an annual celebration honoring the best of teaching and mentoring at the University of Kansas School of Medicine.

More than 520 students, faculty, residents and volunteer physicians attended the gala, planned by KU's Medical Student Assembly. The Rainbow Award recipient is chosen by medical students

who cast votes for the faculty member and mentor who they feel best exemplifies excellence in medicine.

From his nomination: "Dr. Meyer sets a great example through his professional demeanor and dedication to his patients. That he is also the personal physician to many fellow doctors is testament to his skills." Meyer received the award from last year's honoree, **David Robbins, MD**, professor, Internal Medicine.

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progress," wrote **Liz Miquelon, RN**, Float Pool educator, in the inaugural edition, which was emailed to physicians May 5.

Miquelon, the publication's editor, and others point out that *From Your RN* is one more educational or reference tool for physicians.

"Communication between physicians and nurses is at

the very core of excellent patient care," explained **Chris Ruder, RN, MS**, vice president of Patient Care Services. "In a large and complex environment, it is important to have multiple methods to communicate the plethora of ongoing changes within our patient care areas. I see this newsletter as a flexible, accessible and valuable resource."

Student researchers take home honors

The Student Research Forum, a two-day event held each spring, showcases student research at the University of Kansas Medical Center. KUMC faculty judged oral and poster research presentations from 140 students. Medal winners at the 31st annual forum:

KU School of Allied Health

- **Floyd (Han-Hung) Huang**, Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Sciences

KU School of Medicine

- **George Thomas**, Graduate Studies, Neurology and Molecular and Integrative Physiology and Medical Oncology
- **Jeffrey Robinson**, Haden Medal, Internal Medicine

KU School of Nursing

- **Carol Kemper**, Roma Lee Taunton Medal

Presentation winners:

- **Katryn Allen**, Molecular and Cell Biology II
- **Jie Chao**, Cardiovascular Biology
- **Megan Dunn**, Neuroscience I
- **Brian Earl**, poster session
- **Kendra Gagnon**, Clinical Studies II
- **Brittany Gorres**, Molecular and Cell Biology IV
- **Floyd (Han-Hung) Huang**, Clinical Studies III
- **Tamara Jimenez**, Reproductive Biology
- **Hope Karnes**, Neuroscience II
- **Jeffrey Robinson**, Clinical Studies I
- **Autumn Ruiz**, Microbiology
- **Felcy Pavithra Selwyn Samraj**, Molecular and Cell Biology I
- **Shane Stecklein**, Oncology
- **George Thomas**, Neuroscience III
- **Ming Xu**, Molecular and Cell Biology III

Additional honors:

- **Megan Dunn**, Paul B. Freeburg Cell Biology Award, Anatomy and Cell Biology
- **Floyd (Han-Hung) Huang**, Best Overall, Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Sciences
- **Troy Johnson**, Joe R. Kimmel Award, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

SRF co-chairs were **Ozan Kumru**, Microbiology, Molecular Genetics and Immunology; **Shane Stecklein**, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine; and **Emily McDonald**, Molecular and Integrative Physiology.



Gearing up for Heart Walk

Team captains are readying their walkers for the Heart Walk Saturday, May 30, at This Park. They're distributing T-shirts to more than 1,000 registered walkers. Pictured (from left) are **Jeff Sygman**, Student Services, and **Jim Luyendyk, PhD**, Pharmacology, Toxicology and Therapeutics, both from the University of Kansas Medical Center, and **Amy Hollister**, Case Management, The University of Kansas Hospital. There's still time to register with your department team at kcheartwalk.org. For more information, contact **Ally Moore**, 5-5248, for hospital teams, or **Hallie Calloway**, 8-0606, for KUMC teams.

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Thursday, May 28

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS Medical Center Auxiliary Spring Bazaar: 8 a.m.-4 p.m., hospital lobby and outside cafeteria. Also Friday, May 29, same time/location.

LUNG CANCER Support Group: Second and fourth Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Atrium Conference Room, Westwood Campus. Information: 8-1227.

Friday, May 29

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: "Are We Helping or Hurting? Ethical Issues in Medical Missions," Valeria Higinio, MD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

Saturday, May 30

2009 KANSAS CITY Heart Walk: 9 a.m., Theis Park. Register: kcheartwalk.org. Information: Ally Moore, 5-5248 (hospital teams), or Hallie Calloway, 8-0606 (KUMC teams).

Sunday, May 31

SECOND ANNUAL Joel's Ride Bike Rodeo Safety Event: 8:30-10 a.m., Congregation Beth Torah, Overland Park. To learn more or volunteer, contact Liz Carlton, RN, 8-5428 or lcarlton@kumc.edu.

Monday, June 1

MOLECULAR & INTEGRATIVE Physiology Seminar: Frederick E. Samson, Jr. Memorial Lectureship: "Mitochondria at the Center of Oxidative Stress in Alzheimer's Disease," George Perry, PhD, noon-1 p.m., Beller Conference Center.

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PATHOLOGY AND LABORATORY Medicine Grand Rounds: "Auxiliary Wnt Signaling and Mesenchymal Stem Cell Fate," Timothy Fields, MD, PhD, noon-1 p.m., Lied Auditorium.

Tuesday, June 2

KIDNEY CANCER Support Group: First Tuesdays, 4-5 p.m., Atrium Conference Room, Westwood Campus. Information: 8-1227.

Wednesday, June 3

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT Seminar: "School of Medicine Promotion and Tenure Online Application Training," Karen Chinn and Jo Halverson, noon-1 p.m., 3020 Murphy. Also offered 4-5 p.m., Friday, June 5, same location. Attend any session to complete training. Register: www2.kumc.edu/PDFATraining.

CENTRAL PLAINS Geriatric Education Center Seminar Series: "The Art of Moving Forward: Leaders and Teams – Leadership and Team Development," Carol McAdoo, 3-6 p.m., Landon Center on Aging. Registration \$10. Information: coa.kumc.edu/cpgec/UpcomingPrograms.htm

Thursday, June 4

BLOOD AND MARROW Transplant Support: First and third Thursdays, 1-2:30 p.m., Atrium Conference Room, Westwood Campus. Information: 8-1227.

Friday, June 5

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

PSYCHIATRY GRAND Rounds: "Deconstructing Psychosis: Rethinking Phenomenology, Nosology, and Validity!" Roshan Dasari, MD, 10:30 a.m.-noon, 3015 Sudler Auditorium.

Healthy Hawks on the prowl for bikes

The Department of Pediatrics' Healthy Hawks will host its second annual Bike Drive 6:30-10 a.m., Monday, June 8.

Donated bicycles, tricycles and exercise equipment can be dropped off at the circle drive of Miller Building (Department of Pediatrics) or at the circle drive of the Childhood Development Center, west of Miller on Olathe. New and old parts are needed, too.

The bikes and equipment are repaired and given to Healthy Hawks families with children ages 2-18 who are trying to lead healthier lives. You can also make cash contributions, which are used to repair the bikes. For information, contact **Ann McGrath Davis, PhD**, 8-5928, adavis6@kumc.edu.

Kemper Fellowship nomination deadline May 29

Deadline for the William T. Kemper Fellowships for Teaching Excellence is Friday, May 29. The awards honor University of Kansas Medical Center faculty who have demonstrated outstanding teaching and advising. The fellowships are \$5,000 for one year.

Nominations should be sent to **Allen Rawitch, PhD**, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs and dean of Graduate Studies, 5015 Wescoe, mail stop 1040. For information, contact **Valarie Biscanin**, 8-1258, vbiscanin@kumc.edu.

Stressed? Relax – and attend these classes

Sign up for Cultivating a Stress-Resilient Life, a wellness program that can help you reduce stress in your daily life. Over four weeks you'll learn how to identify ways you experience stress and how to cope with it.

- Main Campus – 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Tuesdays, June 2, 9, 16 and 23, HR Conference Room B131
- Main Campus – 11 a.m.-noon, Thursdays, June 4, 11, 18 and 25, HR Conference Room B131
- Westwood Campus – 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Wednesdays, June 3, 10, 17 and 24, Conference Room O

For information and to enroll, contact **Kim Self**, 5-5224, kself@kumc.edu. Space is limited to 15 per class. Indicate the class you wish to attend.

Symposium to honor Glen Andrews, PhD

The University of Kansas Medical Center will honor **Glen Andrews, PhD**, during a University Distinguished Professor Symposium at 4 p.m., Tuesday, June 9, in G013 School of Nursing Auditorium. The symposium is open to all faculty, staff and students. **Ananda Prasad, MD, PhD**, Wayne State University, will provide the keynote presentation, "Zinc in Human Health."

In February, Andrews was named University Distinguished Professor, which is a lifetime title and the highest honor KU bestows on faculty. He is a 25-year faculty member in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

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Vehicles

2005 CHEVY AVEO, 44K, 4-door hatchback, manual, AC, CD player, 17" wheels/tires, excellent condition, dark blue, \$4,900. 913-908-7002.

2005 SATURN ION, 61K, red, 2-door, suicide hatch on both sides, new tires, great condition, \$7,500 negotiable. 785-979-4449.

2004 HONDA ODYSSEY EX-RES minivan, 49k, 5-door, great condition, garaged, rear DVD entertainment system, many options. 913-485-6554.

For Sale

2 CALIFORNIA MALIBU bikes: blue men's and red women's, \$50 each; 2 black futons, nonsmoking/pet-free home, \$50 each. 816-455-2867.

25' WERNER LADDER, \$150; Sears table saw, \$75. 913-492-5140.

SLEEP NUMBER bed, queen size, dual controls, like new, used as guest bed 5 times, \$1,850 OBO. 816-589-2875.

2 WEDDING DRESSES: Sweetheart dresses, size 16 and 12, polyester, beaded bodices with beaded satin trim, built-in crinolines, call for exact measurements, \$80. 816 578-4362.

2 KU FOOTBALL season tickets, 6 games, section 24, row 27, visitor side, 20-yard line, option to purchase bowl game tickets, below face value at \$300/seat. 816-699-7291.

SPRINT INSTINCT touch-screen phone, purchased Nov. '08, works great, a few scratches on screen, includes all accessories, photos, at least \$100. 816-277-9610.

RED SCOOTER, 1500cc, 90 mpg, 2-person seating, 3 large storage compartments, AM/FM radio, 89", photos. 913-710-2054.

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 as space is available.

Garage Sale

GARAGE SALE: 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Friday, May 29, and Saturday, May 30, 18727 W. 164th Terr., infant/boy/adult clothing, baby furniture, couch, piano, household items and more.

Housing

• FOR RENT

HOUSE, 3 BR, 1 BA, garage, great neighborhood, short walk to KUMC, \$700/month, available June 15. 913-909-3507.

WESTWOOD HOME, 2 BR, 1 BA, walking distance to KUMC/Plaza, parking, hardwoods and tile, screened porch, storage, laundry, fence, Woodside pool privileges, \$910/month. 913-208-4428.

Free Pets

HIMALAYAN KITTENS, purebred, 8 months, 1 boy, 1 girl, very sweet. 816-699-4956.

3 GOLDEN RETRIEVER mix pups, 4-5 months, 1 black male long hair, 1 black female short hair, 1 brown male with black snout. 913-775-2302.

4 NEWBORN KITTENS need good home in 7 weeks, mother needs home in 6 weeks. 816-721-4569.

Lost

LITTMANN STETHOSCOPE, cranberry colored, name 'laser' engraved, lost on Unit 46. 913-940-1934.

Wanted

BICYCLE CARRIER for children's bike. 816-263-0946.

REFRIGERATOR and electric stove in good condition, prefer white with ice maker. 636-634-1148.

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

KUMC's 'Mrs. Kansas' combines intellect, beauty

Cydney Boler, JD, is more than a mother, wife, community volunteer and attorney. She's now Mrs. Kansas United States.

Boler, Corporate Counsel and Contracts Office division director for the Research Institute at the University of Kansas Medical Center, won the crown May 10 in Salina, Kan. Next up: the Mrs. United States competition, the "premier pageant for married women," in Las Vegas, July 19-24.

Boler competed in pageants in her early 20s, but that was a decade ago. "My first pageant experiences



Cydney Boler, JD

really gave me confidence when it came to interviews and what I needed to do well in law school, so I decided to give it another try," she said.

Her KUMC colleagues are helping. "Every time they come into my office they have a different interview question," she said. "They've been a great help and are very supportive."

Boler has worked at KUMC for three and a half years. She reviews contracts for clinical trials and works on building agreements between the Research Institute and outside companies, such as Quintiles and pharmaceutical corporations.

Outside of work, the mother of two is a volunteer for Court Appointed Special Advocates. CASA helps abused and neglected children navigate the legal system when they don't have parental support.

As Mrs. Kansas, she'll attend a number of events throughout the year and blog about her adventures at mrsksunitedstates2009.blogspot.com.

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