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Women Outnumber Men in Incoming Medical Class

The face of incoming classes at the KU School of Medicine is profoundly changing — and it may well wear mascara.

When the Class of 2011 participates in the 10th annual White Coat Ceremony Friday, Aug. 3, women will outnumber men 93 to 83. This is the first time in the school's 100-plus-year history the majority of class members are female. **Sandy McCurdy**, associate dean for Admissions, noted that gender numbers were as close as 87 women to 88 men once within the past several years.

Here are previous numbers:

2006: 175 students
91 men
84 women

2005: 175 students
96 men
79 women

2004: 175 students
93 men
82 women

Nationally, more women than men enter the medical field.

As is typical, most of the KU School of Medicine students — 151 out of 176 — are Kansans. The average age in the incoming class is 23.5, and the average undergraduate grade point average is 3.69.

“The next four years will require discipline, dedication and drive,” said

Barbara Atkinson, MD, executive vice chancellor of the University of Kansas Medical Center and

executive dean of the KU School of Medicine. “I have never regretted acting on my passion to become a doctor, and I am hopeful that our students’ passion will propel them to embrace this opportunity. Those whose lives they will touch are counting on them.”

During the traditional ceremony, each first-year student receives a physician's white coat from faculty and staff to symbolize entry into the medical profession and membership in the medical community. Students' coats are shorter than those worn by physicians.

This year's keynote speaker is **Bruder Stapleton, MD**, a 1972 graduate of the KU School of Medicine. His topic is

10th Annual White Coat Ceremony

Friday, Aug. 3, 2 p.m.
Battenfeld Auditorium
Reception, KU School of Nursing Atrium

“Somewhere Over 39th and Rainbow.”

Stapleton is chief academic officer and senior vice president of Seattle Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center. He is a professor and endowed chair of Pediatrics at the University of Washington School of Medicine, where he also serves as associate dean.

Students and faculty will conclude the annual ceremony by reciting the Oath of Commitment, written by a KU faculty member. The event is open to students' families and friends.



Hospital Named Among Best Places to Work

The University of Kansas Hospital is a top 10 finalist among large companies in

The Kansas City Business Journal's 2007 Best Places to Work awards program.

“This lets Kansas City know what a great workplace we've created,” said **Tammy Peterman, RN, MS**, executive vice president, chief operating officer and

chief nursing officer. “And what makes it so great is our employees — the most committed, compassionate and hard-working employees in Kansas City.”

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To celebrate, the candy cart will make rounds during the night shift Thursday, Aug. 2, and during the day Friday, Aug. 3, at the hospital and the Westwood Campus.

The ranking was based on an online survey employees completed, which rated these criteria:

- Team effectiveness
- Retention probability
- Alignment with goals
- Trust with co-workers
- Individual contribution
- Manager effectiveness
- Trust in senior leaders

- Feeling valued
- Work engagement
- People practices

Winning companies will be announced at the Best Places to Work Awards Luncheon Sept. 6. The winners will be featured in a special section in *The Kansas City Business Journal* Sept. 7.

"We're already winners by making this very select list," Peterman said. "Our employees make The University of Kansas Hospital a great place for patient care — as well as a great place to work."

In Memoriam

Kermit E. Krantz, MD, professor emeritus at the University of Kansas Medical Center, died July 30, surrounded by his family. He had recently had a stroke.

Krantz chaired Obstetrics and Gynecology for more than 30 years and was a faculty member for more than 40 years. A KUMC pioneer and leader, he is largely credited with desegregating Labor and Delivery, as well as the Nursery in the early 1960s.

In 1990, he was honored as the first University Distinguished Professor at the KU School of Medicine, where he served as associate to the executive vice chancellor for Facilities Development.

Funeral services are at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, at Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Rd., Prairie Village. The family suggests contributions to KU Endowment for the Kermit E. Krantz Chair, or to the Kermit E. Krantz Society.



Staff Explores Cancer Center and Medical Pavilion

Campus employees were the first to see the new outpatient Cancer Center and Medical Pavilion on the Westwood Campus at a July 25 open house, which led off a series of opening events.

Upper left are **Darlene Timmerman, RN**, nurse manager, KU MedWest Cancer Center; **Beth Clark, RN**, director of Cardiovascular Services; and **Mark Turner**, operations project director, Organizational Improvement.

Below left, second from the left, **Mary Perrin, RN**, nurse manager, Blood and Marrow Transplant Program, led a tour for a group of employees from the Midwest Cancer Alliance of the KU Cancer Center, including **Brooke Groneman**, **Traci Wilper**, and **Amy Gaier**. The \$37 million state-of-the-art facility will open for patients Monday, Aug. 6. (see *Center eXpress Extra*)

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eXtracurricular

Thursday, Aug. 2

CARDIAC SUPPORT GROUP: 7-8:30 p.m., first Thursday each month, White Heart Learning and Resource Center Conference Room, Center for Advanced Heart Care.

Friday, Aug. 3

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: "Diffusion Tensor Imaging of White Matter," George Thomas, MD, PhD, 7-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

ROUND TABLE SEMINAR: "Proteomic and Functional Genomic Approaches to Pathway Profiling for Aging and Age-Related Diseases," Kevin Rosenblatt, MD, PhD, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, noon-1 p.m., Lied Auditorium. Lunch provided for the first 35 attendees. Sponsored by the Kansas Masonic Cancer Research Institute.

WHITE COAT CEREMONY: KU Medical School Class of 2011, 2 p.m., Battenfeld Auditorium. Reception follows, School of Nursing Atrium.

Monday, Aug. 6

CANCER CENTER and Medical Pavilion: Opens for patients, Westwood Campus.

COMMUNITY HEALTH Project Showcase: Summer interns display final projects, noon-1 p.m., School of Nursing Auditorium.

Tuesday, Aug. 7

POWERPOINT 2003 TRAINING: Level I, Dianne Griffin, 9-11:30 a.m., 1028 Dykes Library. Register: www2.kumc.edu/comptraining/ClassRegistration.

ADULT CONGENITAL Heart Disease Support Group: 7-8:30 p.m., first Tuesday each month, White Heart Learning and Resource Center Conference Room, Center for Advanced Heart Care.

Wednesday, Aug. 8

BROWN BAG Lunch Program: "Senior Jeopardy: Healthcare Education for Older Adults," trivia game fun, Mary Bradley, Southview Homecare, noon-1 p.m., 200 Landon Center on Aging. Register: Matt Chandler, 8-3094.

LIVER TRANSPLANT Support Group: 7-8:30 p.m., first Wednesday each month, Wyandotte Room.

Thursday, Aug. 9

GROUPWISE 7.0 TRAINING: Dianne Griffin, 9-11 a.m., 1028 Dykes Library. Register: www2.kumc.edu/comptraining/ClassRegistration.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT Group for Alzheimer's Disease and Memory Disorders: Phyllis Switzer, 2-3:30 p.m., 145 Landon Center on Aging. Second Thursday each month.

Friday, Aug. 10

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: "Translation Molecular Mechanisms of Immune Regulation into Novel Therapeutics for MS," Elliot Frohman, MD, PhD, 7-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

ELECTRONIC AND COMPUTER Drop Off: KUMC and KUPI equipment only, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Hixson Atrium. For instructions and computer disposal form, visit www2.kumc.edu/safety/computer_equipment_drop_off.html.

Join the Survivor Party at the Speedway!

Employees of The University of Kansas Hospital and Medical Center are invited to a free Greater Kansas City Block Party featuring CBS "Survivor: Fiji" winner **Earl Cole** from 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at Kansas Speedway.

A Kansas City, Kan., native, Cole is the brother of **Carla Eskridge, RN**, case manager, Continuum of Care, and the son of hospital volunteer **JoAnn Kendall**. The family-friendly event will feature live music, children's activities, concessions, a Health Prevention Fair with hospital and medical center information, and more. Each carload of attendees will receive two free tickets to the O'Reilly Auto Parts Qualifying Day races Sept. 28.

Proceeds from a silent auction, photo sessions and race car rides will benefit the Earl Cole Fund for Legg-Calve Perthes Disease through KU Endowment. As a child, Cole had the condition, a potentially crippling hip disorder that affects one in 1,200 people.

Seminar Addresses Functional Decline

A seminar on age-related changes, "Adaptations to Functional Decline," will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7, in 200 Landon Center on Aging.

Offered by the Central Plains Geriatric Education Center, the program's focus is how activity and exercise can promote optimal functioning and safety for senior adults. Fall risk, gait instability and balance assessments will be discussed, as well as proper uses of adaptive equipment, restorative techniques and speech therapy.

Contact **Jane Johns**, jjohns@kumc.edu, for more information.

Distinguished Visiting Scholar Will Lecture

As part of the Distinguished Visiting Scholar Lecture Series, **John Brooks, PhD**, will speak from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, in 1023 Orr-Major.

Brooks' topic is "Contrasting Interpretations of Treatment Effect Estimates Between Risk Adjustment and Instrumental Variable Approaches." He is associate professor of pharmaceutical socio-economics, College of Pharmacy, University of Iowa.

The University of Kansas Medical Center's Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health sponsors the lecture.

Learn to Balance Cancer Caregiver's Role

A wellness program for caregivers of cancer patients, "Strength for Caring," will be from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, in the Wyandotte Room.

Lynn Marzinski, RN, Patient Resource Center coordinator for the Cancer Center, will discuss how to balance caring for yourself with caring for your loved one during cancer diagnosis and treatment. To register, call 8-1227 or visit kumed.com.

eXchange

Vehicles

2004 KAWASAKI VULCAN 1600 Meanstreak motorcycle, 47K, mint condition, black w/chrome, 4 DOT-certified helmets, \$7,495 OBO. 913-406-8488.

2002 FORD F250 XLT Super Duty 4 x 4, 39K, 4-door crew cab, 6 speed, towing package, 6-disk CD changer, excellent condition, \$21,500. 913-782-7392.

2002 HONDA CIVIC LX, 72K, 4 door, silver, power windows/locks, cruise control, AC, tape player, runs great, \$9,500. 816-356-3229.

1992 HONDA MOTORCYCLE, Shadow, 6K, 600cc, gets 50 mpg, \$2,000. 913-530-7756.

1985 HONDA MAGNA motorcycle, 28K, 500cc, great beginner bike, \$800. 913-481-8489.

For Sale

METAL STAND MIXER, Hamilton Beach, Moroccan red, Model 63222, brand new, sells for \$180, asking \$100. 913-481-8489.

MATCHING WASHER and dryer, Whirlpool, white, well maintained, excellent condition, bought in 2005 for \$800, asking \$400 OBO. 913-461-1851.

OAK CHINA cabinet, 19" deep, 34" wide, 77" high, lighted, 2 glass doors, 4 glass shelves, hanging glass rack/top shelf, 2 doors below for storage, \$300. 816-591-1011.

ROUND OAK TABLE, 46", scroll work on sides, 2 leaves, purchased in 1980s, \$350. 816-591-1011.

FURNITURE, 1900's armoire, \$150; sofa-size Impressionist-style painting, \$100; 3 rolls of decorative wood fencing, 15" high, \$8; hanging pot rack for kitchen, \$10; reel push mower, \$15; Asian stamp and ink set, \$5; jumper cables \$4. 913-461-7114.

REDWOOD PATIO furniture, round table, 4 benches, umbrella with stand, chaise lounge and chair with cushions, \$100. 913-642-7663.

GLASS PATIO TABLE, 4 matching chairs and a triple-seat glider (no cushions), \$40. 913-642-2002.

Calvert is the principal investigator and program director of the Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD) Research Group. He was awarded a five-year, \$5.5 million research grant from the National Institute of Health (NIH) for his work on PKD.

Gregory Allen Reed, PhD

Reed is an associate professor of pharmacology, toxicology and therapeutics. He has been awarded 20 research grants, including a Biomedical Research

Classified ads

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BURLEY BIKE TRAILER, seats 2 children, excellent condition, \$150. 913-422-8233.

1920's CHARMER, 813 Lyon Ave., 4 BR, 1 1/2 BA, 2 story, wood floors, original doors/hardware/chandelier/claw-foot tub, newer roof, newer AC/heat, washer/dryer/refrigerator/stove stay, detached garage/workshop, double lot, \$69,950. 816-333-7862.

OVERLAND PARK CONDO, The Orchards, 1 BR, 1 BA, new hardwood floors, new bedroom carpet, new paint throughout; water, trash, snow removal, lawn maintenance, pool and clubhouse, \$82,000. 913-568-4830.

RAISED RANCH in Bonner Springs, 3 BR, 2 BA, remodeled kitchen, basement, 2-car garage, huge deck, minutes from the Legends, \$156,900. 913-441-5840.

PET TAXI: 27" long, 19" high, used for air travel, \$30. 816-591-1011.

HOUSE, 15802 E. 44th Terr., Independence, 2 BR, 2 1/2 BA, move-in condition, great location. 816-796-6580.

For Rent

HOUSE, 3336 Wyoming, 3 BR, 2 BA, 1,800 square feet, living room, dining room, family room, alarm system, off-street parking, \$995/month. 816-204-0100.

FREE

JACK RUSSELL TERRIER needs loving home, female named Terrie, has all shots and papers. 913-530-5499.

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

Chancellor's Award Winners Announced

Three faculty members from KU Medical Center were honored with the Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Classroom Teaching during the 135th annual commencement ceremonies at the University of Kansas May 20.

James Calvet, PhD

Professor of biochemistry and molecular biology,

Support Grant and a \$235,000 NIH grant to study the effects of ginseng and ginkgo on drug disposition.

Peter Smith, PhD

Smith is professor of molecular and integrative physiology. Director of the Mental Retardation Research Center, he is also co-director for the Kansas Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Center. Smith won the Faculty Investigator Research Award in 1996.

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