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## M1 students get cloaked, hit the books

They represent the cream of the crop – 175 fresh-faced students, each of them in the top three percent of their undergrad classes.

During their White Coat Ceremony July 31, the University of Kansas School of Medicine's first-year students, known as M1s, received their medical student coats from senior faculty. The ceremony is one of the campus's most popular events, attracting a spillover crowd to the Student Center's Battenfeld Auditorium.

Now the real work begins. "You will have to study harder than you've ever studied," said **Heidi Chumley, MD**, senior associate dean for medical education, who was the ceremony's keynote speaker. "You'll have to change and grow into your white coats, but don't lose sight of who you are."



After receiving their white coats, **Tara Price** (right), from Wichita, and 174 of her newly minted classmates in the KU School of Medicine lined up for a group photo July 31. This was the 12th year for the ceremony.

She offered three tips to the first-year medical students: Take care of themselves physically, maintain positive relationships with friends and family, and find simple rewards when

dealing with patients.

Also key: Realize personal needs take a backseat to others from here on. "Your life no longer is about you," Chumley said. *continued on page 2*

## Heart program at forefront of emerging practices

Cardiac researchers and physicians on campus are taking a leadership role in some of the fastest-growing practices in the field.

Complex cardiac arrhythmia. Ablations. Lead extractions. Electrophysiology research. The topics were front and center at last month's Kansas City Heart

Rhythm Symposium. The two-day workshop in Kansas City was sponsored by the University of Kansas Medical Center, The University of Kansas Hospital's Mid-America Cardiology, and the Heart Rhythm Society.

"In the greater Midwest region, we're a well-recognized leader in using these

innovative technologies," said **Dhanunjaya Lakkireddy, MD**, director of the Center for Excellence in Atrial Fibrillation and Electrophysiology Research.

Cardiac electrophysiology – essentially the study of heart rhythms – "is a very dynamic and growing field, and we need to teach

people about the various procedures so they can be applied in clinical practice," he added.

For instance, lead extraction targets the wire that delivers energy from a pacemaker or implantable cardioverter defibrillator (ICD) to the heart muscle.

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# Cancer center launches Nanotax trial in Wichita

The University of Kansas Cancer Center and the Cancer Center of Kansas have opened a Phase I clinical trial for Nanotax in Wichita. This is the first Phase I clinical trial discovered, developed and delivered by The University of Kansas Cancer Center, which is a critical component of achieving National Cancer Institute designation.

Nanotax, a potential new drug to fight ovarian cancer, initially opened at The University of Kansas Cancer Center in June 2008.

“Our mission is to ensure everyone across the state has access to cutting-edge clinical trials no matter where they live,” said **Roy Jensen, MD**, cancer center director.

## ‘State of the cancer center’ set for Aug. 25

**Roy Jensen, MD**, director of The University of Kansas Cancer Center, will discuss the cancer center’s progress, and what’s on the horizon, during the Second Annual State of the Cancer Center Address. The event is 2-3 p.m. Aug. 25 in the Beller Conference Center.

The center is on the main level of the Kansas Life Sciences Innovation Center, northeast corner of Rainbow Boulevard and 39th Street.

Jensen will focus on the cancer center’s push for National Cancer Institute designation. A tape of his address will be aired on the hour, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 26 in the Westwood Campus Atrium Conference Room.



New medical students **Jeff Mincher** (left), from Kansas City; **Omar Almoghrabi** (top), from Amman, Jordan; and **Bonnie Carsten**, Stockton, Kan., prepared a house for painting during M1 Community Service Day.

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Including graduate students and residents, the School of Medicine is the largest of the three schools at KUMC, representing about 58 percent of the approximately 3,100 students on campus.

Along with their upper classmen, the new medical students began classes Aug. 3, after a week of orientation. One of those days was M1

Community Service Day, during which they tackled 14 community projects, such as sorting school supplies, landscaping and repairing area homes.

Students from the other schools will be here soon: School of Nursing students start Wednesday, Aug. 19, after several days of orientation. School of Allied Health students start at various times this month.

## Women edge out men

For the second time in 105 years, more women than men entered the School of Medicine.

Year	♂ Men	♀ Women
2009	87	88
2008	90	85
2007	83	93
2006	91	84
2005	96	79
2004	94	81

# exposure



## Campus Labor

U.S. Secretary of Labor **Hilda Solis** (above, left) received some nursing pointers from student **Kara Marshall** during her tour of the School of Nursing’s Clinical Learning Lab July 21. Solis, who spoke to students from all three schools, said health care services will be one of the fastest-growing career fields over the next decade.



# eXtracurricular

## Friday, August 7

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: "The Pathophysiology of Mitochondrial Disease in Skeletal Muscle," Ronald Haller, MD, 6:45-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

UNIVERSITY COMPUTER Equipment Drop-Off: 8:30-10:30 a.m., Hixson Atrium. Information: 8-1081.

## Sunday, August 9

RACE FOR THE CURE: 7:30 a.m., Union Station, Kansas City. Information: [komenkansascity.org](http://komenkansascity.org), Paula Baum, 8-1017, or Ally Moore, 5-5248.

## Tuesday, August 11

LANDON CENTER on Aging Special Event: "Weatherization and Emergency Preparedness for Wyandotte County Residents Only," noon-1 p.m., 200 Landon Center. Reservations: Matt Chandler, 8-3094 or [mchandler@kumc.edu](mailto:mchandler@kumc.edu).

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY Support Group: Second Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Wyandotte Room. Information: Dolly Wood, 8-6945 or [dwood@kumc.edu](mailto:dwood@kumc.edu).

## Wednesday, August 12

SCHOOL of MEDICINE Welcome Breakfast for New Faculty Members:

Barbara Atkinson, MD, KUMC executive vice chancellor and SoM executive dean, 7-9 a.m., 4024 Varnes, KU School of Nursing. Register by 8 a.m., Monday, Aug. 10, at [www2.kumc.edu/PDFATraining](http://www2.kumc.edu/PDFATraining).

BIostatistics SEMINAR: "Using Information Systems to Influence Decision Making and Reveal Patterns in Clinical Practice," Russ Waitman, PhD (candidate for Biomedical Informatics position), noon-1 p.m., 1014 Orr-Major. Lunch provided for first 25 attendees.

CENTRAL PLAINS Geriatric Education Center Seminar: "Maintaining Skin Integrity," Toby Turner, DHA, 3-6 p.m., Landon Center on Aging. Register: [coa.kumc.edu/cpgec/upcomingprograms.htm](http://coa.kumc.edu/cpgec/upcomingprograms.htm).

## Friday, August 14

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: "Robotic Thymectomy," Emmanuel Daon, MD, 6:45-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

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## eXpress reminders

- The KU School of Medicine 2009 Mentoring Awards nomination deadline: 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7. Information: [kumc.edu/som/facaffairs/mentoringawards.html](http://kumc.edu/som/facaffairs/mentoringawards.html).
- Registration deadline for The University of Kansas annual Teaching Summit: Sunday, Aug. 9. Event is Tuesday, Aug. 18, on the Lawrence campus. Register: Center for Teaching Excellence at 785-864-4199, or [cte@ku.edu](mailto:cte@ku.edu).

## Bicycle event Aug. 22 needs volunteers

The Headstrong for Jake Foundation needs volunteers 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Aug. 22 to promote bicycle safety and helmet use. The event is the Shawnee Rotary Bike Rodeo at Mill Valley High School, 5900 Monticello Road in Shawnee.

Information: **Shari Beeson** at 5-6933, or [sbeeson@kumc.edu](mailto:sbeeson@kumc.edu), or [headstrongforjake.org](http://headstrongforjake.org).

## 5K to benefit seriously ill children

Help children and get some exercise by participating in A Chance for Children 5K run/walk. The event will be 8 a.m. Aug. 22 at Corporate Woods in Overland Park (Building 40).

The fourth annual fundraiser benefits pediatric patients in the University of Kansas Medical Center and The University of Kansas Hospital. It's coordinated by the Center for the Comprehensive Care of Children with Chronic Conditions (C6), a unit of KUMC Pediatrics.

The C6 team provides a new and innovative model of holistic care for seriously ill children and their families. You can purchase raffle tickets for the event prizes. For information and registration: **Linda Schuck**, 8-0448, or [achanceforchildren.com](http://achanceforchildren.com).

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When the wire, or lead, becomes damaged over time, physicians extract it from the heart.

Lakkireddy said lead extraction is just one topic that needs stepped up education in the cardiovascular community. Besides performing 200 such procedures last year, the hospital performed 700 cardiac ablations, in

which some heart tissue is destroyed so that normal heart rhythms can be restored. And referrals for atrial fibrillation to the hospital's electrophysiologists reached 35,240 last year.

While Lakkireddy served as course director, a six-person committee from the hospital and KUMC planned the symposium, including **Loren Berenbom, MD**, director of

the Richard and Annette Bloch Heart Rhythm Center; and **Jennifer Staley, RN**, MAC research director.

The symposium attracted 225 participants, including internationally known speakers in the field. Response to the workshop was so overwhelming that plans for the Second Annual Kansas City Heart Rhythm Symposium are in the works.



**Dhanunjaya Lakkireddy, MD**, and others at the hospital and KUMC are working hard to share their expertise in the fast-growing field of cardiac electrophysiology.

# eXchange

## Vehicles

2002 DODGE NEON, 116K, gold, 5-speed, \$2,700. 816-679-7461.

2001 CHEVY PRISM, 91K, silver, 4-door, VVIT 4-cylinder engine, good condition, excellent mpg, must sell. 913-287-1067.

2001 YUKON SLT, 117K, blue, 4WD, gray leather interior, heated seats, power front seats, remote keyless entry, sunroof, third-row seats, tow package, \$8,599. 816-726-6600.

1999 HONDA CIVIC, 145K, 5-speed, great mpg, clean, \$1,850. 913-677-5379.

1998 MAZDA, 120K, 4-cylinder, 4-door, \$1,500. 816-824-2641.

1993 CHEVY, 2-door, \$800 OBO. 816-824-2641.

## For Sale

WHIRLPOOL SIDE-BY-SIDE refrigerator, like new, stainless steel front with black handles and sides, used 1 year, \$800. 816-457-2136.

SPRINT INSTINCT cell phone, new, \$75 OBO. 816-305-0912.

FULL-SIZE MATTRESS and box springs, great shape, 3 years old, \$60 OBO. 785-766-4441.

NORDIC TRACK ski machine, \$75. 913-209-2106.

LG RUMOR phone, 1 year old, green, works perfectly, head phones, 2 chargers, \$50. 913-538-1082.

TEXTBOOKS: *Sentence Resources for Writers with Readings*, \$25; *Electrical Wiring Residential*, \$35; electricity textbook, \$45; *Electrical Motor Controls for Integrated Systems*, \$50. 913-209-2106.

SAMSUNG BLU-RAY player, full HD 1080P, model #BD-P2500, never used, still in box, \$120. 816-942-7799.

JOE ROCKET Phoenix Jacket, women's size small, mesh jacket, removable liner, like new, removable protective padding on elbows/back/shoulders. 913-406-6779.

OAK MEDICINE cabinet, new, 2 doors, shelf, towel rack, \$20. 913-907-5856.

COUCH & LOVE SEAT, rust color, modern pillows, \$300. 816-446-4117.

COMPLETE COLLECTION of "Sex and the City" DVDs (seasons 1-6), covers slightly worn, DVDs are fine, \$50, OBO. 913-209-3241.

SCRUBS: sizes L-XL, variety of colors and patterns. 816-255-8634.

TWIN BEDROOM suite, natural pine, footboard, headboard, chest with mirror, dresser, night stand, twin mattress, box springs, \$500. 913-907-9950.

FUTON with black frame, white cushion, like new, \$175. 573-529-1630.

2 ROYALS TICKETS (\$10/pair) for games Aug. 9, Aug. 25, Sept. 4; 6 ticket vouchers, \$5 each. 816-807-9807.

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42" SQUARE DINING table, 16" leaf, 4 upholstered chairs, cane backs, \$150 OBO. 913-334-5354.

## Housing

### • FOR SALE

KCK HOME, 2 BR, 1 BA, 1-car garage, new roof/front porch, large backyard. 913-236-9669.

TRADITIONAL RANCH, 3 BR, 1½ BA, 2 finished rooms in basement, hardwoods, new kitchen/baths/windows/roof/paint, borders greenway, 11414 Myrtle, Red Bridge, \$116,900. 816-521-0502.

OVERLAND PARK RANCH, 10 years old, 1,600 sq. ft., 3 BR, 2½ BA, new hardwood laminate flooring, appliances stay, wheelchair access, 10 minutes from KUMC, \$148,500. 913-488-8534.

### • FOR RENT

UPDATED RANCH in Fairway, 2 BR, 1 BA, minutes from KUMC, great neighborhood, no pets, \$1,400/month OBO. 913-226-4478.

APARTMENT, 2 BR, 1 BA, 5 blocks south of KUMC, spacious, \$445/month. 816-510-6016.

HOUSE, 1 BR, 1 mile west of KUMC, no pets, \$500/month, includes utilities. 913-403-9943.

## Pets

2 KITTENS, 7 weeks old, tiger-striped female and smoky gray

male, litter trained, used to kids. 913-261-9349.

### NEEDS LOVING HOME:

14-month-old Pug named Petie, neutered, vaccines current with records, no AKC papers. 913-782-5491.

## Wanted

PUNCHING BAG for children to practice karate, used, reasonably priced. 913-207-8532.

ROOMMATE to share 4 BR, 2½ BA in Grandview for 1 flat rate. 816-509-3238.

TREADMILL, free or very cheap. 913-244-7915.

DORM TRUNK for college student, any color, free or under \$25. 816-924-7165.

ELLIPTICAL MACHINE, will pick up. 816-263-0946.

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## eXceptional

**Jana Zaudke, MD**, received the KAFP Resident Research Award at the Kansas Academy of Family Physicians annual meeting in June. Her project focused on chronic pain management and residency education.

After graduation, Zaudke will continue as faculty in Family Medicine. Her practice will include inpatient, outpatient and obstetrical care. She will also be pursuing an academic fellowship as part of her appointment.

