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KU School of Medicine **Rises Eight Spots**

The University of Kansas School of Medicine rose to 68th in the nation among all medical schools in receiving National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant awards.

Among public schools, it rose from 47th to 39th. This signifies substantial growth from just two years ago, when the School of Medicine ranked 81st.

In addition, with one exception, the school's basic science departments all rank

in the top 25 for public medical schools. Two departments made the top 10, with Anatomy at third and Physiology at ninth. Rankings are based on NIH FY07, in which the School of Medicine was awarded \$45.3 million.

"At a time when federal NIH funding remains flat, School of Medicine faculty continue to secure new funding for life sciences research," said **Barbara Atkinson, MD**, executive vice chancellor, University of

Kansas Medical Center, and executive dean, School of Medicine. "These improved rankings mean we're not only recruiting new, world-class talent to our campus, but our faculty members continue to conduct meaningful research aimed at improving the health of our region."

This significant progress puts KU well on its way to achieving the goals set out in *Time to Get it Right*, a report outlining numerous long-term goals for the

School of Medicine.

The KU Cancer Center recently finalized an agreement for collaboration in cancer research and education among the metropolitan area hospitals, including The University of Kansas Hospital, Saint Luke's Health System, Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics, and Truman Medical Centers.

eXtra: For more information about School of Medicine achievements, visit kumc.edu. Click on "2008 State of the School of Medicine."

SoM Faculty Honored During Retreat

Six faculty members received teaching, mentoring and leadership awards during the University of Kansas School of Medicine

Faculty Retreat Sept. 19. Lifetime Achievement in Mentoring Awards went to **Paul Cheney, PhD**, Molecular and Integrative Physiology (far left), and **Daniel Stechschulte, MD**, Allergy/Clinical Immunology/Rheumatology (far

right). **Glendon Cox, MD**, Health Policy and Management (second from left), received the inaugural Faculty Leadership Award established in his name. Ruth Bohan Teaching Professorships went to **John Wood, PhD**, Molecular and Integrative Physiology (third from left), and **Michael Moncure, MD**, Trauma and Critical Care (fourth from left). The Honorary Mentoring Award went to **Debra Sullivan, PhD**, Dietetics and Nutrition, KU School of Allied Health.

For more information, visit kumc.edu/som/facaffairs/honorsandawards.html.

Celebrate the Difference

What a difference a decade makes!

In just 10 short years, The University of Kansas Hospital has become one of the best hospitals in the country. Hospital staff members are invited to celebrate its 10th anniversary as an independent hospital authority by gathering for cake and reminiscences at one of the following times and locations:

- **Wednesday, Oct. 1,** 2 to 4 p.m., cafeteria. Treats will be delivered to

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departments during second and third shifts.

- **Thursday, Oct. 2,** 2 to 3 p.m., Westwood Campus Atrium. Treats will be delivered to KU MedWest and Broadmoor.

On Oct. 1, 1998, The University of Kansas Hospital, with the approval of the Kansas Legislature, became an independent hospital authority. This allowed the hospital to invest in staff, equipment and facilities to ensure the best outcomes for patients, their families and the community.

KUMC Team Raises \$44,000 to Benefit ALS

Sunny skies shone on a sea of blue scrub tops as more than 290 University of Kansas Medical Center walkers raised a record-breaking \$44,000 at the Walk to Defeat ALS Sept. 20 in Corporate Woods.

The KUMC Team easily

surpassed its goal of \$30,000, earning it first place in both the top fundraising corporate team and largest corporate team categories.

“A heartfelt thank you to all who contributed to this spectacular fundraising effort,” said **Paula Baum**, Public Affairs. “Your generous donation of time and money will have a positive impact on continued ALS research, as well as programs and services for local patients and families.”

Three More Faculty Earn Kemper Awards

University of Kansas Medical Center Executive Vice Chancellor **Barbara Atkinson, MD**, recently surprised three more faculty members with William T. Kemper Fellowship for Teaching Excellence awards.

The awards recognize professors who demonstrate superb teaching and advising. Each includes a \$5,000 prize.

- **Won Choi, PhD**, Preventive Medicine and Public Health, received his award Aug. 27. His research analyzes smoking cessation efforts, with a particular focus on the role of tobacco advertising and promotions.



- **April McVey, MD**, Neurology, received her award Sept. 11. Her clinical interests are in neuro-muscular disorders, evaluation and experimental treatment, and in neuro-degenerative diseases, specifically Alzheimer’s disease.



- **John Wood, PhD**, Molecular and Integrative Physiology, received his award Sept. 17. He studies microvascular inflammation in a variety of cardiopulmonary diseases.



Free Flu Shots Available Soon

Protect yourself, your colleagues and patients by getting a flu shot.

Free walk-in flu shot clinics for staff, physicians, volunteers, faculty and students will be offered between Tuesday, Oct. 14, and Tuesday, Nov. 18. Immunizations will take place at the Occupational Health Clinic, Westwood Campus, Nursing Resource Center, Landon Center on Aging, Support Services Building, Student Health Services and KU MedWest, as well as through a roving cart in the hospital.

Watch future issues of *Center eXpress* for a full schedule. The University of Kansas Hospital, University of Kansas Medical Center and Kansas University Physicians, Inc., are partnering to improve influenza immunization rates, with a goal of 80 percent.

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Hospital, KUMC Sign Cancer Charter

Members of the Midwest Cancer Alliance (MCA) Partners Advisory Board recently signed a milestone document. The charter formalizes the collaboration of key hospitals and research institutions pursuing National Cancer Institute designation for the region. Participating in the event were (from left) **Tom Thornton**, Kansas Bioscience Authority; **Rob Denell, PhD**, Kansas State University; **Roy Jensen, MD**, University of Kansas Cancer Center; **G. Richard Hastings**, Saint Luke’s Health System; **Gary Sherrer**, MCA Partners Advisory Board; **Barbara Atkinson, MD**, University of Kansas Medical Center; **Kevin Conlin**, Via Christi Health Systems; **John Bluford**, Truman Medical Centers; **Bob Page**, The University of Kansas Hospital; **Randall O’Donnell, PhD**, Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics; **David Chao**, Stowers Institute for Medical Research; and **Kent Palmberg, MD**, Stormont-Vail HealthCare.



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eXtracurricular

Thursday, Sept. 25

FAMILY CAREGIVERS Support Group: Noon-1 p.m., 145 Landon Center on Aging. Lunch provided. Information: Myra Hyatt, 8-2365.

Friday, Sept. 26

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: "The End of the Beginning in Understanding the Pathogenesis of ALS," Jeffrey Elliott, MD, 6:45-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: "The Time is Now – A 10-Year Vision to Advance the Life Sciences at KUMC," Paul Terranova, PhD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

ONCOLOGY JOURNAL CLUB: Michelle Affield, MD, and Joaquina Baranda, MD, 8:30 a.m., 3015 Sudler Auditorium.

PSYCHIATRY GRAND Rounds: "Decreased Brain Omega-3 DHA Content Produces Neurobiological Effects Associated with Depression: Interactions with Reproductive Status in Female Rats," Beth Levant, PhD, 10:30 a.m.-noon, 3015 Sudler Auditorium.

BIOCHEMISTRY AND MOLECULAR Biology Seminar: "Cellular Regulation of Phospholipase C-

beta Enzymes through G Proteins," Suzanne Scarlata, PhD, 11 a.m.-noon, Beller Conference Center.

KANSAS MASONIC Cancer Research Institute Round Table: "The Role of CCN5/WISP-2 in Micromanagement of Invasive Breast Cancer," Sushanta Banerjee, PhD, noon, Lied Auditorium. Lunch provided for first 35 attendees.

KIDDRC & NEUROLOGY Seminar: "Understanding ALS: A Tale of Two Proteins," Jeffrey Elliott, MD, 12:15-1:15 p.m., Beller Conference Center. Lunch provided for first 40 attendees.

Saturday, Sept. 27

SATURDAY MORNING at KUMED Event: "Parkinson's Disease and Essential Tremor," 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Battenfeld Auditorium/Francisco Lounge. Register: 8-1227.

Monday, Sept. 29

LASIK SEMINAR: "New Advances in LASIK and Other Vision Correction Procedures," John Sutphin, MD, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Wyandotte Room. Register: 5-6700.

MOLECULAR & INTEGRATIVE Physiology Seminar: "Applications of Lab-on-a-Chip Technologies to Neuroscience: In Vivo Monitoring and Single Cell Analysis," Susan Lunte, PhD, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Beller Conference Center.

Tuesday, Sept. 30

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT Seminar: "How to Set Up and Begin Clinical Research," Kathryn Ellerbeck, MD, Mark Cohen, MD, and Jeff Burns, MD, noon-1 p.m., G013 School of Nursing. Registration required: www2.kumc.edu/PDFATraining.

ALZHEIMER & MEMORY Seminar Series: 4-5 p.m., 200 Landon Center on Aging.

GASTROENTEROLOGY GRAND Rounds: 5-6:30 p.m., B018 School of Nursing.

Wednesday, Oct. 1

INTERNAL MEDICINE Grand Rounds: "Advance Care Planning for the 21st Century – Introducing

RN Satisfaction Survey Reminder

If you're a registered nurse in The University of Kansas Hospital's Department of Nursing, you can help the hospital improve quality by completing the National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators (NDNQI) RN Satisfaction Survey. The hospital will use the survey results to identify areas for improvement.

The confidential online survey takes only about 20 minutes to complete. The deadline is 11:59 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28.

To participate, you must be:

- A registered nurse in the Department of Nursing
- Employed full-time, part-time or PRN
- Involved in patient care 50 percent of the time
- Employed prior to July 1, 2008

The survey data will become a part of the NDNQI database. The data also will be submitted as part of Magnet re-application.

Rehab Week Honors Patients, Staff

Members of the Kansas City Symphony entertained rehabilitation patients, family and staff Sept. 22 as part of National Rehabilitation Week.

The concert was one of several events to recognize and celebrate rehabilitation patients and staff. Other events included a reunion for former patients and staff, an ice cream social and a resident wheelchair race.

T-POPP: Transportable Physician's Orders for Patient Preferences," Karin Porter-Williamson, MD, 8-9 a.m., 3015 Sudler Auditorium.

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

COMMUTER INFORMATIONAL Event: Talk with representatives from RideShare, The Metro and The Jo, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Westwood Campus Atrium.

BROWN BAG Lunch Series for Older Adults: "How to Leave Your Legacy," Lorrie Eagles, noon-1 p.m., 200 Landon Center on Aging, Room 200. Reservations: Matt Chandler, 8-3094.

Thursday, Oct. 2

HEMATOLOGY JOURNAL Club: 8-8:30 a.m., Prasanth Reddy, MD, Boley Conference Room.

CANCER & DEVELOPMENTAL Biology Seminar: "Adult T-cell Leukemia and Uncoupling of

Signaling Pathways by HTLV-I," Christophe Nicot, PhD, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

Friday, Oct. 3

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: Eleanor Lisbon, MD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

PSYCHIATRY GRAND Rounds: "DHA and the Brain: Development and Beyond?" Susan Carlson, PhD, 10:30 a.m.-noon, 3015 Sudler Auditorium.

BIOCHEMISTRY AND MOLECULAR Biology Seminar: "Role of Two-Component Signal Transduction Systems in Streptococcus Mutans Virulence," Indranil Biswas, PhD, 11 a.m.-noon, Beller Conference Center.

LIFE IN THE USA Series for the International Community: "Interacting with Law Enforcement in the United States," Officer Gregory Scott, noon-1:30 p.m., 1023 Orr Major. Lunch provided for first 30 attendees.



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Vehicles

2005 HYUNDAI SANTA FE, 44K, silver exterior, gray interior, some hail damage, 4-wheel disc brakes, power mirrors/locks/windows, alloy wheels, cassette/CD, \$9,000 OBO. 816-743-0223.

1997 MERCEDES-BENZ E320 Sedan, 193K, air bags, sunroof, 4-wheel ABS, radio/cassette, 4-wheel disc brakes, rear-wheel drive, great condition, \$8,300 OBO. 816-743-0223.

1995 SUBARU LEGACY Brighton, 200K, white, 31 mpg hwy., 5-speed, 3-month engine/transmission warranty, 4-cylinder, alloy wheels, AWD, lifetime warranty tires, CD, some rust, bike rack, 2 bikes, \$3,000. 305-389-1587.

For Sale

ANTIQUE HUTCH, primitive oak, \$300; small table, \$100; futon, light wood, super-single size, deluxe mattress, \$125; 30" KitchenAid gas stove, white, convection oven, \$200. 816-560-7599.

2 NASCAR TICKETS, Sprint Cup Series, Sunday, Sept. 28, face value \$113, \$75 each. 913-907-9950.

RIMS AND TIRES, TSW Montage 18" rims, Sumitomo tires, 3K, all 4 for \$825, photos available. 913-233-9483.

TABLE SAW, 10" Black & Decker commercial grade, 4 years old, used about 10 times, works great, paid \$400, asking \$250, photos available. 816-322-3699.

COUCH AND LOVESEAT, khaki color, slightly faded, good condition, non-smoking environment, \$250. 913-544-1491.

MISSOURI LAW books, more than 500 total. 816-536-2119.

REMINGTON CHAIN SAW, electric, 3 hp, 16" bar, manual included, excellent condition, used once, paid \$80, asking \$35. 816-363-8696.

LITTLE TIKES kitchen, includes sink, oven, storage, extended countertop, fun features, great condition, paid \$55, asking \$16. 816-363-8696.

BARRON'S MASTERING SPANISH 12 CD set, only used 3 discs, paid \$85, asking \$45; MCAT Comprehensive Review, 2004 edition, never used, paid \$65, asking \$30. 816-500-1088.

Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE, Friday, Sept. 26, and Saturday, Sept. 27, 8717 N. Wheaton Ct., KCMO, near I-29/Barry Rd., furniture, clothing, tools, baby toys, collectibles, half price after noon Saturday.

GARAGE SALE, Friday, Sept. 26, and Saturday, Sept. 27, 2632 N. 83rd St. KCK, furniture, clothing, tools, baby toys, collectibles, lawn mowers, tiller, exercise equipment and more.

ESTATE SALE, 8 a.m., Friday, Sept. 26, and Saturday, Sept. 27, 1008 NE 44th St., KCMO, furniture, kitchen items, books, crystal and more. 816-223-3667.

NEIGHBORHOOD SALE, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday, Sept. 26, and Saturday, Sept. 27, 11403 Lowell Ave., Overland Park, lots of new name-brand clothing, kitchen items, furniture. 816-786-8303.

YARD SALE, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, Sept. 26, and Saturday, Sept. 27, 5708 Nall Ave., Roeland Park, clothing, household/kitchen items, furniture, baby items and more.

MOVING SALE: Saturday, Oct. 4, 5905 Catalina, Fairway, furniture, home decor, electronics, collectibles, clothing, lawn mower and more.

Housing

• FOR SALE

1-ACRE WOODED LOT on small private lake near Lake Pomme de Terre, city amenities, water, electricity, \$15,000, owner financing. 816-454-9252.

LARGE RANCH home in south KCMO, 3 BR, 2+ BA, new furnace/AC, hardwood floors, walk-out basement, acre fenced lot, \$155,000. 913-492-5140.

RAISED RANCH HOME in North Kansas City, 3 BR, 1 BA, fresh paint inside/outside, newly remod-

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eled kitchen/living room/dining room, newly paved driveway, 1-car garage, unfinished basement, \$100,000 OBO. 816-529-5210.

• FOR RENT

HOUSE, 3105 New Jersey, KCK, 3 BR, 1 BA, 1-car garage, \$600/month, \$600 deposit. 913-371-1168.

APARTMENTS, 1 BR for \$410/month plus month free rent; 2 BR for \$490/month plus month free rent; 3 blocks from KUMC. 816-510-6016.

ROOM in Overland Park, 15 minutes from KUMC, quiet neighborhood, \$375/month plus 1/3 utilities. 816-510-6016.

RANCH ESTATE on 2 acres in Stilwell, Kan., 190th and Mission Road, 4 BR, 4 BA, finished basement, Blue Valley Schools, 5-car garage, \$1,500/month plus utilities. 816-868-5680.

APARTMENT TO SUBLET, 2 BR, 2 BA, balcony, 3801 Woodview Ridge Dr., KCK, less than 10 minutes from KUMC, \$770/month for December/January 2008. 913-645-9973.

Pets

LARRY THE CHOCOLATE LAB, older, neutered, laid back. 913-486-0721.

3 CATS rescued from rural shelter, fixed, declawed. 913-486-0721.

KITTENS, 10 weeks old, black, adorable. 816-531-1925.

RESCUED CALICO cat, female, 2 years old, shots current, lovable, good with other animals, photos available. 816-868-2775.

KITTEN named Jackson, male, black/white, about 13 weeks old, neutered, shots current, shy, playful, good with adult cats and children. 816-699-1218.

FEMALE LAB, 2 years old, 65 pounds, healthy, tan, spayed, health info/shots up to date, lots of energy, great with kids. 816-737-0674.

CUTE RABBIT with cage, accessories, toys. 816-510-335.

BORDER COLLIE named Buster, 5 months old, friendly, needs large yard; tiger calico cat named Emily, 2 years old, fixed, declawed, indoor cat. 816-914-0312.

Wanted

NATIVE STONE for small landscaping project, Merriam or Shawnee location east of Pflumm, will pick up. 913-248-0474.

FEMALE ROOMMATE to share home near KUMC/Plaza, updated, 2 carports, 1 block from State Line Road, \$450/month, includes utilities. 913-262-1942.

OUTDOOR KENNEL for abandoned cat, small, clean, free or cheap. 913-909-5038.

SEWING ALTERATIONS for wedding dress and junior bridesmaid dress, reasonably priced, need by Oct. 1. 816-898-2024.

TREADMILL, 5 years old or less. 913-706-0488.

ROOMMATE to share newer Northland townhome, private bedroom/bath, other shared living space, garage, wooded view, about 20 minutes from KUMC, female preferred, \$400/month. 816-741-4859.

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