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KUMC enrollment edges upward

With demand swelling for medical professionals nationwide, the University of Kansas Medical Center is doing its part to keep pace.

KUMC enrollment this fall rose to 3,178 students, 75 more students than fall 2008. That's up 2.4 percent – setting another record.

Highlights of this year's enrollment:

- 15.4 percent of students identified themselves as minorities, down slightly from 15.8 percent last year.
- 63.8 percent of students are female, down from 64.6 percent. (Even so, for only the second time, there are more first-year female students than first-year males in the School of

	FALL 2005	FALL 2006	FALL 2007	FALL 2008	FALL 2009
TOTAL ENROLLMENT	2,690	2,840	2,918	3,103	3,178
School of Medicine	1,669	1,683	1,721	1,804	1,871
School of Nursing	512	587	631	711	695
School of Allied Health	505	563	558	574	599
*Other	4	7	8	14	13

*Lawrence programs

- (Medicine's MD program.)
- 64.8 percent of students are Kansas residents, down from 68 percent.
- Enrollment in undergraduate programs in the School of Allied Health jumped 11 percent, to 181 students, the school's largest growth area.
- The School of Medicine's

increase includes 25 more medical residents because of new and expanded residency programs.

- The School of Nursing's slight decline is due primarily to lower undergraduate enrollment (down 6.1 percent), including the online RN-BSN program.

H1N1 vaccines, equipment in limited supply

With the spread of H1N1 flu increasing, hospitals nationwide now face a new challenge: a shortage of flu vaccine and protective equipment.

"The safety of our staff is paramount. With limited supplies, we are in the difficult position of needing to prioritize who receives the vaccine by their risks of exposure," said **Lee Norman, MD**, The University of Kansas Hospital's chief medical officer.

The hospital will receive limited doses of vaccine. Emergency Department and Obstetrics staffs will be inoculated first. Protective masks and other gear also are in limited supply. Norman asks that PAPP hoods and N95 respirators be reused until they are damaged or visibly soiled. Store the hoods and masks in paper bags in a dry place between uses.

Going green: hospital curbs pharmaceutical waste disposal

The University of Kansas Hospital is at the forefront of an effort to keep pharmaceutical waste out of the nation's water supply.

The hospital on Sept. 23 launched an initiative to put this waste in its place. New black bins throughout the hospital are available for drugs and drug waste that can't be safely placed in a

standard trash can or poured down the drain.

This includes unused or partially used IV bags, containers for chemicals like warfarin and nicotine, and certain chemotherapy drugs. As part of the initiative, health care providers should use the new system any time they work with a

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Unit 62's **Andrea Wagle, RN**, puts the new black bins to use.

Artwork provides new outlet for **BMT** patients



Emily Chapman from Prairie Village expresses herself by designing ceramic tiles.

Blood and marrow transplant patients at the Richard and Annette Bloch Cancer Care Pavilion have a unique new way to channel their emotions: painting them on ceramic tiles.

Called Tiles of Hope, the arts-in-healing program encourages BMT patients to express their feelings as they go through the transplant process. Occupational Therapy faculty and students work with the patients.

Starting this fall, the tiles will be displayed at the entrance of the BMT outpa-

tient area at the Westwood Campus. The idea for Tiles of Hope came from patient **Orville Henderson Jr.**, who believed cancer patients would benefit from a creative outlet to express themselves.

“He knew from personal experience the importance and power of reminding patients and caregivers that they’re not alone, that there’s always hope,” said his daughter, **Jill Hardy**, who worked with BMT staff to launch Tiles of Hope in her father’s memory.

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drug classified as hazardous pharmaceutical waste.

The hospital is one of only a few health care facilities nationwide stepping up to combat this type of waste. The program was rolled out in just two years.

“This initiative is primarily about being good environmental stewards and doing the right thing for our community,” said **Duane Daugherty**, environmental health safety manager,

Environment of Care. “Our goal is to make sure when we throw something away, we do so in the right container. It makes a huge difference in how environmentally responsible we are.”

The new guidelines apply to about 7 percent of the total drugs dispensed by the hospital’s pharmacy, said Daugherty. A small portion of total drug waste, it can make a big impact on the environment if not disposed of properly.

Join the United Way Caring Club

When campus employees donate to the United Way, they join thousands of others who care about our community. As a token of gratitude, the United Way developed the Caring Club. It’s the organization’s way of saying “thank you” for contributing and helping others “Live United.”

Backed by Caring Club partners, employees receive discounts from area retailers, restaurants and other services. Contribute at least \$144 annually to United Way’s Community Care Fund and receive a Caring Club card.

In all, 35 merchants offer discounts. Visit unitedway-wyco.org for a list of participants and discounts.

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exposure

Our first little ‘Hero’

Five-year-old leukemia patient **Dahd Cannon**, from Great Bend, was the first participant in Hero to Hero, a program from KU Kids Healing Place. Administered by The University of Kansas Physicians Pediatrics, the program is designed to bring moments of joy to children suffering from chronic illnesses. For Dahd, that meant a ride in a fire truck Oct. 2 from Murphy Courtyard to a nearby fire station. Kansas City, Kan., Fire Department **Captain John Peterson** (left) and **Manford Cannon**, Dahd’s father, discussed the activities.



eXtracurricular

Thursday, October 8

CAMPUS EMPLOYEE Flu Shot Clinic: 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Westwood Campus Multipurpose Room.

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

Friday, October 9

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: "Fitness and Brain Health in Older American Indians," Heather Anderson, MD, 6:45-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: "Early Intervention in Wyandotte County – Implementing Evidence-Based Practices," Kendall Burr, 8-9 a.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

LIFE IN THE USA Series for International Community: "Cook Once, Eat for Two Weeks," Lori Wuellner, noon-1 p.m., 1025 Orr-Major.

Saturday, October 10

CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER: 7 a.m.-3 p.m., Rosedale community. To volunteer, contact Vicki Melin, 5-5490, or Paula Baum, 8-1017. Information: christmasinoctober.org.

WALK NOW for Autism 1.5-Mile Fundraising Walk: 10 a.m., Kansas Speedway. Benefits Autism Speaks organization. Information: autismspeaks.org.

Monday, October 12

CANCER CAREGIVERS Support Group: 1-2 p.m., Atrium Conference Room, Westwood Campus.

Tuesday, October 13

BROWN BAG Lunch Series for Older Adults: "Untangling the Mysteries of Alzheimer's," Jeffrey Burns, MD, noon-1 p.m., 200 Landon Center on Aging. Reservations: Matt Chandler, 8-3094 or mchandler@kumc.edu.

EMERGING TRENDS Seminar Series: "Disparities in Health Care: A Problem with a Solution," Marcy Donley, noon-1 p.m., 1050 School of Nursing. Register: www2.kumc.edu/PDFATraining. Bring a lunch and enjoy the presentation.

RESEARCH SEMINAR Series on Aging, Health and Dementia: "A Community Pharmacy-Based Intervention to Improve Blood Pressure Control in African Americans," Theresa Shireman, PhD, RPh 4-5 p.m., 1050 School of Nursing.

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

Wednesday, October 14

INTERDISCIPLINARY MEDICAL Research Conference at Internal Medicine Grand Rounds: "Economic Analysis of Cinacalcet in Combination with Low-Dose Vitamin D Versus Flexible-Dose Vitamin D in Treating Secondary Hyperparathyroidism in Hemodialysis Patients," Ammar Almehti, MD, MPH, and Theresa Shireman, RPh, PhD, 8-9 a.m., 3015 Sudler Auditorium.

BROWN BAG Lunch Series for Older Adults: "Pandemic Flu 2009 H1N1 (Swine Flu)," Larry Franken, noon-1 p.m., 200 Landon Center on Aging. Reservations: Matt Chandler, 8-3094 or mchandler@kumc.edu.

KANSAS PUBLIC Health Grand Rounds: "H1N1 Update," Daniel Hinthorn, MD, noon-1 p.m., 1023 Orr-Major.

Thursday, October 15

CAMPUS EMPLOYEE Flu Shot Clinics: 7-9 a.m., 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-4 p.m., 2093 Delp.

Send calendar items to centerexpress@kumc.edu. Items must be received by noon on the Monday prior to publication.

Volunteers needed for Drive-Thru Flu shots

Organizers still need volunteers for The University of Kansas Hospital's Oct. 31 Drive-Thru Flu Shot event. The 10 a.m.-2 p.m. shift is especially short of volunteers.

Information and to volunteer: Clinical, **Angie Smith, RN**, asmith3@kumc.edu; nonclinical, **Ally Moore**, amoore6@kumc.edu. Indicate clothing size (for fleece vest to wear at the event).

Annual police training Oct. 8-10 on campus

The University of Kansas Medical Center Police Department's annual safety drills will be 5 p.m.-midnight Thursday, Oct. 8, and Friday, Oct. 9, and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10. The sessions are in Building 48, 4125 Rainbow Blvd., south of the fitness center.

During the drills, there will be increased police presence, including patrol cars and officers around the building, and gunfire-like noises from the simulated ammunition. The exercises are for local law enforcement training; they're closed to the public.

The parking lot behind Building 48 (Red Lot 44) will be closed during the sessions. Information: 8-5133.

Suggest a slogan for new hand sanitizer

With The University of Kansas Hospital's plan to convert from foam to gel hand sanitizers next month, Infection Control needs help creating a new slogan to replace "Foam In – Foam Out."

The department also is looking for a key word or phrase for employees to use in reminding co-workers to perform hand hygiene. Submit slogan or key word/phrase ideas to **Shawn Mueller**, smueller@kumc.edu, by Friday, Oct. 9.

The two winners each will receive a \$50 gift card. Their ideas will be unveiled during International Infection Prevention Week Oct. 18-24.

Time to shop for Back in the Swing

Retail Therapy, Back in the Swing's signature fundraising event in Kansas City, is Monday, Oct. 12-Sunday, Oct. 18.

Participants purchase Back in the Swing shopping cards for \$25. During the week they receive up to 20 percent discounts at more than 800 retailers and restaurants in the metro.

A nonprofit organization, Back in the Swing promotes healthy living after breast cancer through the funding of clinical services, supportive care programs and academic medical research. Information: backintheswing.org.

'Cancer Vixen' author to discuss her triumph

The University of Kansas Hospital will host an educational program with **Marisa Acocella Marchetto**, author of the memoir "Cancer Vixen." The event, co-sponsored by Rainy Day Books, is 6-8 p.m. Oct. 27 in the Westwood Campus Atrium.

The author was a self-described "shoe-crazy, lipstick-obsessed, wine-swilling, pasta-slurping, fashion-fanatic, single-forever, about-to-get-married big-city girl cartoonist." She used "a taboo-breaking sense of humor" to write about her 11-month, ultimately triumphant bout with breast cancer, from diagnosis to cure, and every challenging step in between.

Seating is limited. Admission is \$15, which includes one paperback of "Cancer Vixen" and two tickets. Tickets: Rainy Day Books, 913-384-3126, or rainydaybooks.com.

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Vehicles

2007 NISSAN VERSA S, 28K, 4-door, white, sedan, automatic, excellent cond., good mpg, garaged, factory warranty, non-smoker, no accidents, \$9,500. 305-389-1587.

2002 HONDA ACCORD SE, 77K, black, 2-door, pwr. windows/mirrors/locks, keyless entry, moon roof, CD/cassette player, well maintained, \$8,995 OBO. 913-209-4598.

2002 TOYOTA TACOMA PreRunner Double Cab, 58K,

4-door, V6, CD player, running boards, new tires/battery, \$13,000. 913-894-6438.

2000 TOYOTA COROLLA, 129K, excellent working cond., up-to-date maintenance, 1 owner, \$3,500 OBO. 913-226-9993.

For Sale

CANON MULTIPASS F50 color printer/copier/fax, works great, \$100 OBO. 402-812-5445.

SINGLE FUTON frame and mattress, non-smoking home, \$25, more to deliver. 913-706-8291.

Pharmacy honored for residency program

The University of Kansas Hospital's Pharmacy is the 2009 winner of the Residency Excellence Award from The American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists. The award is a national competition that recognizes excellence and leadership in the mentoring of pharmacy residents.

Pharmacy won for its two-year Health-Systems Pharmacy Administration Residency. The department will be honored in December in Las Vegas.

Nursing's Delta Chapter wins another Key

The KU School of Nursing's Delta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International has won the 2009 Chapter Key Award. The local chapter will receive the award at the nursing honor society's convention Oct. 31 in Indianapolis.

The award recognizes chapters that excel in the areas of leadership, knowledge, service, community and sustainability. This is the ninth time Delta Chapter has received the award.

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Marc Asher, MD, has received two prominent awards:

- One of two Lifetime Achievement Awards presented by the Scoliosis Research Society at its annual meeting, Sept. 23-26 in San Antonio. The 1,000-member international organization is dedicated to fostering the optimal care of all patients with spinal deformities.

- The Fred Ellsworth Medallion from the University of Kansas Alumni Association, Sept. 4. KU alumni and friends each year submit nominations for the award, which began in 1975. Asher, a 1962 graduate from the KU School of Medicine, retired Dec. 31 as University Distinguished Professor of ortho-



pedic surgery, concluding 36 years at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

Please send classified ads to centerexpress@kumc.edu or post online at 24/7. Items must be 25 words or less and received by noon Monday. Ads run on a space-available basis.

52" RCA FLAT-SCREEN HDTV, rear projection, great picture quality, perfect cond., no scratches/dents, photos, \$500. 816-550-8719.

2 TWIN BED frames, 1 wood pedestal for twin bed frame, 1 twin headboard (dark green with maple trim), \$50 OBO. 913-268-6417.

MENS GUCCI watch, stainless steel, mint cond., barely worn, box and lifetime warranty, extra links, purchased last year for \$1,500, asking \$400 OBO. 913-575-4658.

1965 SEWING MACHINE, white, \$100 OBO; Brother sewing machine, \$100 OBO; Singer mini serger, \$35 OBO. 402-812-5445.

BENCHMARK SOFA, love seat and chair, matching southwest pattern, like new, photos, paid \$2,000, asking \$800. 816-350-7552.

Housing

For Sale

OVERLAND PARK condo, spacious (1,100 sq. ft.) remodeled kitchen, carport, pool, quiet area, mowing/snow removal/water/trash service included, low utilities, \$98,000, owner financing, 913-236-8989.

The University of Kansas Hospital last November dedicated the Marc A. Asher, MD, Comprehensive Spine Center, which honors his work as an international authority on spinal research, patient care and development of spinal treatment devices.

Asher in 1989 helped develop the Isola Spinal Implant System, now one of the most common devices for treating spinal deformities. He has donated 50 percent of those royalties to KU Endowment and other nonprofit organizations.

PRAIRIE VILLAGE home, 2 BR, 1 BA, granite countertops, custom cabinets, new BA, new tile in kitchen/dining room, new paint, patio, landscaping, photos. 816-786-8303.

For Rent

WALDO APARTMENT, second-floor duplex, 2 BR, 1 BA, washer/dryer, stove, fridge, large layout, basement storage, covered deck, off-street parking, 10 minutes from KUMC, \$700/month. 816-665-3973.

HOUSE, 2 BR, 1 BA, large dining room, living room, family room, fenced backyard, porch, close to KUMC, quiet/safe, Wyoming St. & Park Ct., \$850/month. 913-685-3777.

HOUSE, 1 BR, 1 mile west of KUMC, no pets, \$400/month, plus utilities. 913-403-9943.

Wanted

ROOMMATE/new place to live Nov. 1, will go in on place with someone or move in as roommate. 816-820-3479.

TODDLER BED frame for 2-year-old. 816-686-5145.

DIGITAL/ELECTRONIC piano for new student, must be piano and not just keyboard. 913-268-4983.

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