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## KUMC Honored for TeacherTech Hires

YouthFriends of Greater Kansas City named the University of Kansas Medical Center its UpLink 2008 Partner of the Year.

KUMC earned the honor by hosting 10 TeacherTech “summer externs” – more than any other Kansas City area employer. TeacherTech connects teachers to eight-week externships in businesses, academic institutions and research facilities to expose them to applied industry concepts. Back in the classroom, teachers can inspire students through real-world application of math, engineering, technology and science.

“As KUMC’s reputation as a leading medical research, education and patient care center grows, so will the

need for securing talented, well-educated professionals. TeacherTech helps us address that need,” said **Barbara Atkinson, MD**, executive vice chancellor.

Positions local teachers filled at the medical center included:

- Construction assistant toxicologist
- Pediatric project coordinator
- Project manager, External Affairs
- Technology transfer fellow
- Web-based module developer/student resource
- Web-based module developer/technology
- Web-based writer/data manager

Among KUMC’s TeacherTech success stories was **Allison Johnson**, a biology

### TeacherTech Summer Externs Available

Beginning Monday, Jan. 5, departments across campus interested in hiring teachers as eight-week summer externs can start the application process at [youthfriends.org](http://youthfriends.org). Under UpLink, the Web site provides detailed information on how the program works, requirements and responsibilities for employers, sample externship positions and more. Medical center staff can direct questions to **Paula Baum**, External Affairs, 8-1017. Hospital staff can contact **Laura Norris**, YouthFriends, 816-842-7082.

teacher at Blue Valley West High School. She was hired to assist with research programs in the toxicology lab in the Kansas Life Sciences Innovation Center. Her responsibilities included measuring gene expression, mainly in the liver.

“When we heard about TeacherTech, we thought it would be a great fit for our laboratory to expose different individuals to the field

of toxicology,” said **Lauren Aleksunes, PhD**, postdoctoral fellow, Pharmacology, Toxicology and Therapeutics. “It’s not an area that’s routinely discussed at the high school level. But it’s a career option for those who are interested in biology and chemistry.”

For Johnson, the experience was challenging and rewarding. Working with a staff of scientific researchers, she had access to sophisticated lab equipment she said she’d only dreamed of using. She now shares her experiences and what she learned about the latest medical technology with her students.

This was KUMC’s second year to participate in TeacherTech.

To learn more about the program, visit [youthfriends.org](http://youthfriends.org). On the right side under UpLink, click on Teacher externships.

### Baby Frosty Wreath Melts Judges’ Hearts

Pediatrics staff fashioned the famed snowman in babyhood, complete with binky and bottle. The entry was among winners in the hospital’s annual wreath contest. From left are **Lisa Thierheimer**; **Mandy Delich, RN**; **Heather Schull, RN**; **Brandi Inslee-Cox**; and **Tasha Saffa, RN**. About 40 wreath entries were distributed to patients’ families before Christmas.



## Santa Visits All Hospital Campuses

For 19 years, **George Gunderson Jr.** has given jolly old St. Nicholas a helping hand during the holidays. Gunderson's day job is director of Business Affairs, University of Kansas School of Nursing. This year he posed for photos at the hospital's first and second shift parties, as well as festivities at Westwood Campus and KU MedWest. From left are **Rhonda Pardew, RN**, and **Jennifer Arthur, RN**, Exam Area; **Lynn Marzinski, RN**, Patient Resource Center; and **Sheri Harlan**, Outpatient Lab; all of the Richard and Annette Bloch Cancer Care Pavilion.



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### Wednesday, Dec. 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE Mass: 4:45 p.m., Spencer Chapel.

### Thursday, Jan. 1

NEW YEAR'S DAY: University and hospital administrative and support offices closed.

NEW YEAR'S DAY Mass: 10 a.m., Spencer Chapel.

### Monday, Jan. 5

PATHOLOGY & LABORATORY MEDICINE Grand Rounds:

"Personalized Approach Using Gene Expression Profiling Microarray in the Management of Breast Cancer," Yun Gong, MD, noon-1 p.m., Lied Auditorium.

### Friday, Jan. 9

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: "Etiologic and Phenomenologic Classification of Seizures: Implications for Evaluation, Management and Prognosis," Ivan Osorio, MD, 6:45-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

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

## eXtracurricular

### '09 Leadership Series Launches Jan. 9

The University of Kansas Medical Center's 2009 Leadership Series launches a new semester of campus-wide programs Friday, Jan. 9.

**Larry Long, PhD**, senior director, Counseling and Educational Support Services, KUMC, will discuss managing conflict in various settings and circumstances. The free program is noon to 1 p.m. in the KU School of Nursing Auditorium. Lunch is provided for the first 125 attendees.

Register at [www2.kumc.edu/PDFATraining](http://www2.kumc.edu/PDFATraining). CME and CNE credits are available. For more information, contact **Marty Gunion**, Professional Development and Faculty Affairs, [mgunion@kumc.edu](mailto:mgunion@kumc.edu).

## eXchange

### Vehicles

2005 GSX-R 1000 SUZUKI MOTORCYCLE, about 5K, blue/white, excellent condition, garaged, \$7,200 OBO. 913-207-9379.

2003 SAAB 9-5, 92K, black with tan interior, new tires, maintenance records, asking Kelley Blue Book value, \$8,640 OBO. 816-289-2746.

1992 HONDA CIVIC LX, 240K, excellent tires, brakes, battery, starts well, needs body work, oil changed every 3,000 miles, new air filter, \$800. 913-209-2106.

### For Sale

CHERRY BEDROOM SET, 2 twin beds that convert to bunk beds,

mattresses, dresser/ mirror, desk with hutch, very good condition, \$300. 913-397-9830.

HOT TUB/SPA, never used, factory closeout, 115V or 220V, seats 3, soft cover, instruction manual, \$965 OBO, can deliver after payment within 30 miles of Olathe. 913-764-8060.

ELECTRONICS: 27" Samsung TV, \$60; Koss DVD player, \$25; Mitsubishi 4-head VCR, used once, \$15; buy all 3 for \$85, all work great. 816-739-3946.

### Housing

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OVERLAND PARK home, 2 BR, 1 BA, 2-car garage, fenced back-

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yard on golf course, fireplace, covered patio, central heating/AC, small dogs OK (with damage deposit), \$800/month. 913-432-3217.

### Wanted

LARGE TOY CHEST in good condition. 816-588-1502.

ROOMMATE to share 2 BR condo at Plaza West, 1.5 miles from KUMC, walking distance to Plaza, no pets, \$700/month plus half utilities. 913-915-7364.

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