Chancellor shares ‘great expectations’ for KU grads

It was more than just another walk.

For the more than 4,000 graduates and their families taking part in the University of Kansas’ 139th Commencement May 22, the journey to Memorial Stadium was many years in the making. And as KU Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little, PhD, reminded graduates in her commencement address, it was just the beginning – the fulfillment of one promise and the start of another.

She encouraged each grad to make more than just a “living” after graduation – to forge ahead and make a “life” by becoming a strong and helpful member of society.

“All of us here today – your parents and family, your friends, the professors who greeted you as you entered the stadium – have great expectations for each of you,” she said. “But none of those are greater than the expectations you should have for yourself. Live up to those expectations by making a living and a life, and by keeping your promise to the future.”

University of Kansas Medical Center

Graduates from the KU Schools of Allied Health, Medicine and Nursing and the Graduate Studies program numbered among the graduates taking the traditional walk down Mount Oread, through the campanile and into Memorial Stadium. In the days leading up to commencement, graduates were the guests of honor at hooding and awards ceremonies, luncheons and recognition ceremonies.

Barbara Atkinson, MD, KUMC executive vice chancellor celebrated the graduates’ big day along with KU Regent Dan Lykins (left) and Dorothy Knoll, PhD, KUMC dean of students.

KU School of Allied Health

With the conclusion of the 2010-11 academic year, the KU School of Allied Health has recognized students and faculty members for their exceptional accomplishments by awarding the following scholarships and awards.

ACADEMIC HONORS

School of Allied Health Banner Carrier, 2011 University of Kansas Commencement
Melissa Knight

The Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions 2010 Scholarship of Excellence Award
Christopher Charles Morrissey

KUMC Auxiliary Scholarships
Erin Louise Musil
Jennifer Pogge

ACADEMIC HONORS

Phi Kappa Phi Initiates
Ashlen Richelle Angelo, 2010
Laine Marie Basham, 2010
Hayley Epstein, 2010
Jeslyn A. Johnson, 2009
Andrew Maier, 2009
Christopher Charles Morrissey, 2009
Michelle Christine Wray, 2009

KU School of Allied Health Scholarships

Dean’s Scholarship Recipients
Elizabeth Anderson
Samuel Adam Gillespie
Christopher Charles Morrissey
Erin Louise Musil
Brian Ruzich
Kathryn E. Sjoholm
Sumere Marie Smith
Emily Janette Tonsfeldt

Allied Health Alumni Association Scholarship
Kayla Marie Buehler
Katherine Elizabeth Schreiber
Kathryn E. Sjoholm

Forever Friends Diana Lain Hughes Scholarship
Megan Embers Roelofs

Visiting Nurse Association Scholarship
Amy Nicole Andrejack
Katherine Elizabeth Schreiber

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Clinical Laboratory Sciences
Alan Voos Memorial Scholarship
Emily Janette Tonsfeldt

Cytotechnology
Geraldine Johnson Award for Clinical Excellence
Janie Marie Hammerschmidt

Dietetics and Nutrition
Sievie Nelson Scholarship
Ann Walker

June Hull Sherrid Scholarship
Ashley Rene Bennett
Erin Holton
Joshua B. Honas
Amber Lea House
Cassie Michelle Keast
Kelli Susanne Lilly
Heather Nicole Morton
Quyen Pham
Jennifer Pogge
Sara Ashly Quick
Jessica Renee Richardson

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Emily Janette Tonsfeldt
Alex Wayne

Clinical Laboratory Sciences graduate Josh Honas (left) received congrats from Eric Elsinghorst, PhD, research associate professor within the department.

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Marian Weber Boelte & Arthur H. Boelte Scholarship
Rebecca Boan

Health Information Management
Academic Achievement Award
Sumere Marie Smith
Faculty Award to the Outstanding Health Information Management Student
Heidi Hale
Health Information Management Program Fall 2010 Scholarship
Sumere Marie Smith
Health Information Management Program Spring 2011 Scholarship
Jeffrey Steven Whorton

Hearing and Speech
William M. Diehrich Award for the Outstanding Student in Speech-Language Pathology
Emily Jane Bellacera
Cornelius P. Goetzing Award for the Outstanding Student in Audiology
Lauren Gina Baranowski
Jacob R. Osman Award for Outstanding Pediatric Speech-Language Pathology Student
Julie Crowe Mujica
Debra L. Park Award for the Outstanding Student in Hearing Science, 2010
Brian R. Earl
Shirley J. Salmon, PhD and Thomas Lee Salmon Scholarship
Melissa Lynn Bayouth
Kim Wallace

Nurse Anesthesia
George DeVane Excellence Award
Christopher Charles Morrissey
Erica Joanna Swingle
Occupational Therapy
Elizabeth Collins Award for Leadership and Professionalism
Karalyn Elizabeth Boston
Jane M. H. Underwood Award for Outstanding Potential as an Artful Practitioner
Jessica Ruth Adams
Kendall Cathrin Carithers
Frank Gurtler Memorial Award for the Most Inspirational Student
Karalyn Elizabeth Boston
Andy Thompson Student Award Established in Memory of an OT Graduate
Amy Lynn Payne
Barbara Reber Umlauf Scholarship
Karalyn Elizabeth Boston
Tressa Rene Newberry

Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science
Marsha E. Melnick Research Award
Molly J. Cornell
Tung T. Le
Jessica Lynn Ratner
Amanda Katarina Stolze
Candice Che’rie Zimmers
Chairperson’s Outstanding Student Award
Andrea Suzanne Diacono
Jessica Lynn Ratner

Joan Mills Clinical Excellence Award
Bethany Ann Hurley
Katherine Elizabeth Schreiber
Bill Dunn Clinical Excellence Award
Ashley Lynn Duntz
Ruth G. Monteith Outstanding Achievement Award
Mandee Kaye Evans
Camilla Wilson Students’ Choice Award
Jenna Lee Hamilton
Bethany Ann Hurley
Pennyl Cohn Scholarship Award
Jenna Lee Hamilton
Katherine Elizabeth Schreiber
Beverly A. Drake Fellowship Award
Jenna Lee Hamilton
Outstanding PTRS Graduate Teaching Assistant Award
Lisa D. VanHoose
PTRS Award for Outstanding Research Presentation in Rehabilitation Science at the KUMC Student Research Forum
Han-Hung (Floyd) Huang
Bittel Family Scholarship Award
Kevin Lee Farmer
Natalia Y. Loskutova

Respiratory Care
Faculty Award to the Outstanding Respiratory Care Student
Jennifer L. Bolyard

KU School of Medicine
The KU School of Medicine honored graduating students for their exceptional accomplishments during its annual Hooding and Awards Ceremony May 21 in the Lied Center in Lawrence.

Merck Manual Awards
Nathan Cuka, MD
Chase Hall, MD
Andrew Pirotte, MD
Bruce Tjaden, MD
Janet M. Glasgow - Rubin Certificate of Commendation
Katherine Seymour, MD
Helmuth Sprinz Award
Kimberly Carter, MD
Maxx Gallegos, MD

Janet M. Glasgow - Rubin Achievement Citations
Smita Aggarwal, MD
Stacie Garland, MD
Mallory Martinez, MD
Anne Miller, MD
Stephanie Murray, MD
Brooke Nesmith, MD
Erin O’Brien, MD
Blair Wendlandt, MD
Nicole Wiegard, MD
Edward V. Williams Award
Phoebe Griffin, MD
Russell Jay Eilers Award
Edward Anderson, MD
Nathan Cuka, MD
LMMSA Award
Rigoberto Ramirez, MD
OCED Personal Perseverance Award
Cheryl Martin, MD
The Advocacy Award, Kansas City
Samantha Alsop, MD
Adam Merando, MD
Perseverance Award
Elin Gustafson, MD
Endocrine Society’s Medical Student Achievement Award
Jacqueline Kitchen, MD
Pride in the Profession Award
Courtney Huhn, MD
Academic Excellence Award, Kansas City
Katherine Seymour, MD
The Coghill Award
Hope Karnes, MD
The Outstanding Student in Otolaryngology Award
Jeffery Markey, MD

Nurse Anesthesia Education grads Jeana Acabal (left) and Pauline Taylor were among the honorees at the School of Allied Health recognition and awards ceremony.
Michael Machen, MD, clinical assistant professor, had the honor of placing the doctoral hood on his daughter, Samantha Machen Alsop, MD, during the May 21 ceremony.

Sherri Braksick, MD (left), and Megan Brown, MD, posed for one more photo together at the School of Medicine’s hooding and awards ceremony.

The Department of Ophthalmology
Medical Student Award
Emily Broxterman, MD
The Mary Packwood Memorial Award
Courtney Huhn, MD
The MaryAnn McMullan Memorial Award
Courtney Huhn, MD
Emergency Medicine Award
Bethany Duff, MD
W. Clarke Wescoe Award
Anne Miller, MD
The Norman L. Martin Award
Mallory Martinez, MD
Mahlon H. Delp Award, Kansas City
Chase Hall, MD
Don Carlos Guffey Award
Timothy Lyon, MD

The KAFP-Foundation Hostetter Award
Stacey Dimitt, MD
Courtney Huhn, MD
Norge W. Jerome Preventive Medicine Excellence Award
Rigoberto Ramirez, MD
Tom D.Y. Chin Preventive Medicine Excellence Award
Suzanne Ozbun, MD
The Dr. Daniel C. Darrow Award
Britton Zuccarelli, MD
The Dr. Herbert C. Miller Award
Richard Friesen, MD
The Kyle Lee Gratny Memorial Award
Ashley Kay, MD
The Dr. Louise de Schweinitz Award
Katherine Speer, MD

James G. Price, MD, Award for Excellence in Family Medicine
Molly Hoss, MD
Dewey K. Ziegler Neurology Award
Cynthia Costa, MD
Anesthesiology Academic Excellence Award
Frank Sahli, MD
Honor in Medicine Award
Kimberly Carter, MD
Jeffrey Robinson, MD
Thomas G. Orr, Sr. Award
Jessica L. Hogan, MD
Paul C. Laybourne, MD Award
Laura Donnelly, MD
Donald W. Goodwin, MD Award
Kayla Gertsema, MD
LeRoy A. Calkins Award
Erin McNulty, MD
Russell F. Holcomb Award
Jessica Wallisch, MD
The Jack C. and Ruth M. Schroll Family Award
Anne Miller, MD
John D. Foret Urology Award
Maxx Gallegos, MD
P.G. Czarlinsky Family Award in Memory of Charley Czarlinsky, MD
David Creed, MD
Matthew Wilson, MD

KU School of Medicine grads enjoyed the festivities May 22 in Lawrence.

Prakash Raghavan Clinical Student Award
Matthew Kaiser, MD
Brooke Nesmith, MD
The Willard J. Smith, MD Award for Academic Achievement
Bruce Tjaden, MD
Mahlon H. Delp Award, Wichita
Stephanie Murray, MD
Roscie Falls Morton, MD, FACP, Memorial Fund Award
Matthew Wilson, MD
The Cramer Reed Award
Stephanie Murray, MD
The Daniel K. Roberts Medical Student Award for Excellence in Women’s Health Care
Annabel Mancillas, MD
Drs. Richard and Diana Guthrie Excellence in Pediatrics Award
Robert McCully, MD
Conrad Osborne, MD Family Medicine Award
Kara Sloan, MD
Distinguished George E. “Ned” Burket, MD Family Medicine Award
Delane Olsen, MD
The George J. Farha Award for Excellence in Surgery
Adam Misasi, MD
The Ronald L. Martin Clerkship Award
Alicia Chennell, MD
Robert H. Robinson, MD Award
Dennis Knoernschild, MD

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Yamri Degefu (left) and Ashley Elkouri celebrated together after the School of Nursing’s recognition ceremony.

Health Policy and Management and Preventive Medicine and Public Health

The School of Medicine’s Department of Health Policy and Management and Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health recognized graduates and faculty during a hooding ceremony May 21 in Battenfeld Auditorium.

HEALTH POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

Master of Health Services Administration

Bret G. Hammig Award
  Brett Kollars
  Heidi Waldschmidt

Health Care Executive of the Future Award
  Rebecca Carl-Stutz
  Madeline Ross

Professional Development Award
  Ryan Heiman

AUPHA Bugbee-Falk Book Award
  Ronald Nguyen

JHAWK Student of the Year Award
  Savanna Trent

JHAWK Faculty Appreciation Award
  Marcia J. Nielsen, PhD, MPH

PREVENTIVE MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Master of Public Health – Kansas City Campus

Excellence in Public Health Teaching Award
  Babalola Fasera, MD, MPH

Analee E. “Betsy” Beisecker Public Health Excellence Award
  Karisa Deculus

KU School of Nursing

At the end of the 2010-II academic year, the School of Nursing recognized students for their exceptional accomplishments, as well as faculty for their contributions to nursing education.

UNDERGRADUATE

Outstanding Senior Award
  Brooke Blurtun
  Kevin Conard

Kay Schlichter Award
  Heather Nelson

Jeanne Quesenbury Award
  Jeff Knight

Registered Nurse Award
  Roberta “Bobbe” Anson
  Audrey Roberts

Dean's Award
  Heather Wurtz

Sigma Theta Tau Award
  Zachary Schroeder

E. Jean M. Hill Award
  Caysi Bonebrake

GRADUATE

Hester Thurston Award
  Brenda Nickel

Colleen P. Kosiak Graduate Student Clinical Excellence Award
  Becky Austin

Ruth O. McKibben Alumni Research Award
  Jill Peltzer

Melba Carter Award
  Cheryl Spittler

Sigma Theta Tau Award (Doctoral)
  Jamie Myers

FACULTY

Jayhawker, RN Clinical Award
  Jenny Beerman, RN, MN, LNCC, clinical assistant professor

Jayhawker, RN Lecture Award
  Lynelle Pierce, BSN, MS, clinical assistant professor

Phyllis Keeney Lawrence Teaching Award
  R. Geraldine Neuberger, RN, MN, EdD, ARNP, professor

Chancellor’s Distinguished Teaching Award for Teaching Excellence
  Wanda Blaser Bonnel, RN, PhD, GNP-BC, ANEF, associate professor

Nursing grad Elyse Biethman paid tribute to tradition during the May 22 walk to the stadium.

Nursing grads: David Tafreshi (from left), David Seefeldt, Shea Scanlon, Paresa Tafreshi and Brittany Lee posed for one more photo together during the May 21 recognition ceremony.