

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 Morrisey

KUMC Auxiliary Scholarships

Erin Louise Musil

Jennifer Pogge

Phi Kappa Phi Initiates

Ashlen Richelle Angelo, 2010

Laine Marie Bassham, 2010

Hayley Epstein, 2010

Jeslyn A. Johnson, 2009

Andrew Maier, 2009

Christopher Charles Morrisey, 2009

Michelle Christine Wray, 2009

Dean’s Scholarship Recipients

Elizabeth Anderson

Samuel Adam Gillespie

Christopher Charles Morrisey

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

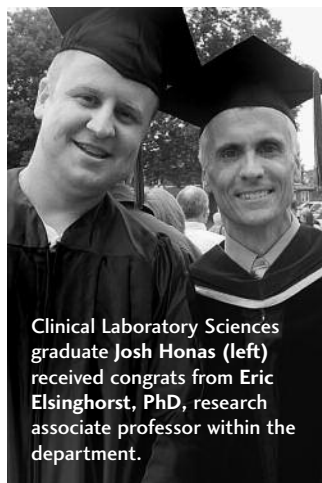
Katherine Elizabeth Schreiber

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Clinical Laboratory Sciences

Alan Voos Memorial Scholarship

Emily Janette Tonsfeldt



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

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

Emily Janette Tonsfeldt

Alex Wayne

Cytotechnology

Geraldine Johnson Award for Clinical Excellence

Janie Marie Hammerschmidt

Dietetics and Nutrition

Sevie Nelson Scholarship

Ann Walker

Ruth Gordon Award

Mallory Bratton

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Nurse Anesthesia Education grads **Jeana Acabal** (left) and **Pauline Taylor** were among the honorees at the School of Allied Health recognition and awards ceremony.

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. Diedrich 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
Kelly Zarifa

Nurse Anesthesia

George DeVane Excellence Award
Christopher Charles Morrisey
Erica Joann 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 Stolzle
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

Penny 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 Piroette, 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
Erin Gustafson, MD

Endocrine Society's Medical Student Achievement Award
Jacqueline Kitchen, MD

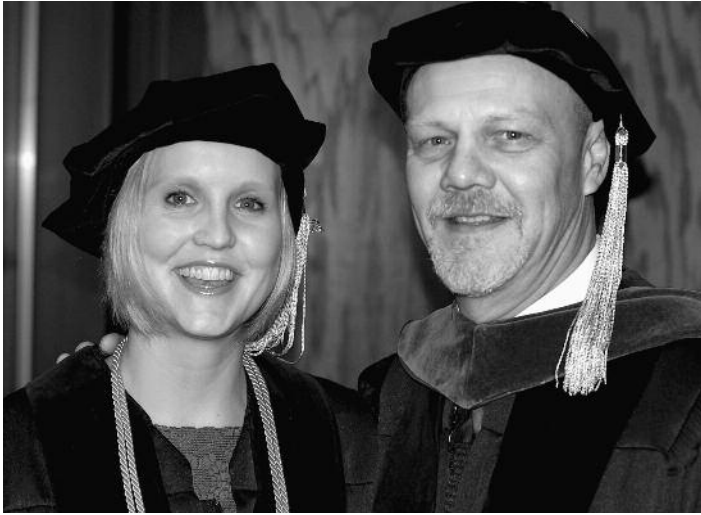
Pride in the Profession Award
Courtney Huhn, MD

Academic Excellence Award, Kansas City
Katherine Seymour, MD

The Coghill Award
Hope Karnes, MD

The Outstanding Student in Otolaryngology Award
Jeffery Markey, MD





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

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

Roscoe 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



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

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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 Faseru, MD, MPH

Analee E. "Betsy" Beisecker Public Health Excellence Award

Karisa Deculus

KU School of Nursing

At the end of the 2010-11 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 Blurton
Kevin Conard

Kay Schlichter Award

Heather Nelson

Jeanne Quesenbury Award

Jeff Knight

Registered Nurse Award

Roberta "Bobbe" Anson
Audrey Roberts

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



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 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.