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# Recognition Ceremony

May 21, 2011



## ACADEMIC REGALIA

*The academic dress worn by participants signifies the wearer's academic discipline and degree-granting institution. The American Council on Education's Academic Costume Code specifies the details of academic regalia for member institutions, including the colors and styles of caps and tassels, gowns, and hoods.*

*The colors of tassels worn by the graduates on their caps identify their academic disciplines. Students graduating with a Bachelor's degree from the School of Allied Health wear light green tassels. Graduates earning a Master's degree and those receiving a Doctor of Philosophy wear black tassels. Mortar boards are worn by recipients of Bachelor's and Master's degrees, while the wide variety of cap styles worn by doctoral degree recipients are in keeping with traditions of the graduating institution.*

*Gown styles also symbolize the level of academic achievement. The Bachelor's degree gown has pointed sleeves and is worn closed. The Master's gown has longer, square-cut sleeves, and the Doctoral gown has bell-shaped sleeves trimmed with velvet chevrons. Master's and Doctoral gowns may be worn open or closed. The style, trimming and color of doctoral gowns vary according to institutional traditions.*

*Recipients of Doctoral and Master's degrees may also wear hoods that signify their high academic attainment. The lining of each hood carries the university colors - crimson and blue for the University of Kansas. The velvet edging on each hood (and on the sleeves of the gown) signifies by its color the degree earned. Dark blue signifies Doctor of Philosophy; Doctor of Science, golden yellow; Doctor of Laws, purple; Doctor of Literature, white; Doctor of Divinity and Doctor of Theology, scarlet; and Doctor of Dentistry, lilac. Master's degree hoods for students in science-related fields are often trimmed in gold.*

## University of Kansas School of Nursing Recognition Ceremony

May 21, 2011 11:30 a.m.

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| Processional .....  | Kansas City Brass   |
| Presiding.....  | Cynthia Teel, RN, PhD<br>Associate Dean, Graduate Programs  |
| Greetings .....   | Barbara Atkinson, MD<br>Executive Vice Chancellor, KU Medical Center<br>Executive Dean, University of Kansas School of Medicine                                 |
| Remarks from the Dean.....  | Karen L. Miller, RN, PhD, FAAN<br>Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs,<br>KU Medical Center<br>Dean, University of Kansas School of Nursing |
| <b><u>Presentation of Awards</u></b>                                      |   |
| Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award<br>for Teaching Excellence..... | Karen L. Miller   |
| Phyllis Keeney Lawrence Teaching Award in Nursing.....                    | Karen L. Miller   |
| School of Nursing Awards.....   | Karen L. Miller   |
| Sigma Theta Tau Awards.....   | Carol Elliott, CRNA, MPA, PhD<br>President, Delta Chapter   |
| KU Nurses Alumni Awards.....  | Robert Spaniol, RN, PhD<br>President, KU Nurses Alumni Association  |
| Jayhawker RN Awards.....  | Stephanie Lee & Shea Scanlon<br>Graduating Student Representatives  |
| Presentation of Class of 2011 Composite.....                              | Samantha Bowman &<br>Heather Nelson<br>Graduating Student Representatives   |
| Students Graduating with Honors.....                                      | Nelda Godfrey, RN, PhD<br>Associate Dean, Undergraduate Programs  |

### **Presentation of Graduates**

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Doctor of Philosophy.....                           | Karen L. Miller<br>Marge Bott, RN, PhD, Associate Dean, Research |
| Master of Science & Post Masters Certificates ..... | Karen L. Miller<br>Cynthia Teel                                  |
| Bachelor of Science in Nursing.....                 | Karen L. Miller<br>Nelda Godfrey                                 |
| Dismissal .....                                     | Cynthia Teel   |
| Recessional.....                                    | Kansas City Brass  |

## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

**Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award**.....*Karen L. Miller*

**Phyllis Keeney Lawrence Teaching Award in Nursing** .....*Karen L. Miller*

The Phyllis Keeney Lawrence Teaching Award in Nursing was established as a living tribute in memory of Phyllis by her family, friends and colleagues. A registered nurse and 1990 graduate of the KU School of Nursing, Phyllis was killed by a drunk driver in an automobile accident in 1997. During a discussion regarding the faculty members who had made a difference in her life, Phyllis had told her parents that “nurses will only be as good as the teachers from whom they learn.”

**School of Nursing Awards**.....*Karen L. Miller*

### *Kay Schlichter Award*

The Kay Schlichter Award was established in memory of Katherine Ann “Kay” Schlichter. Kay was President of her class and died two weeks prior to her graduation in 1957. The award was started by her classmates, who voted to leave the award rather than a traditional class gift. The award is given to a graduating Senior with outstanding academic achievement who has demonstrated leadership ability. The undergraduate students and faculty members help select the recipient each year.

### *Jeanne Quesenbury Award*

The Jeanne Quesenbury Award was established in 2003 as directed by Ms. Quesenbury's estate. Jeanne Holman Quesenbury earned her BSN from the University of Kansas, and was a faculty member at the KU School of Nursing from 1955 until her retirement in 1972. Because she was well known for her expertise in clinical practice, and the high standards for patient care that she set for students, the criteria for the award state that it will be given to a graduating BSN student who demonstrates excellent clinical skills. The undergraduate students and faculty members help select the recipient each year.

### *Registered Nurse Award*

The Registered Nurse Award is given each year to a student who has completed the RN-BSN degree completion program with outstanding academic achievement and commitment to professional growth. The RN-BSN students and faculty members help select the recipient each year.

### *Colleen P. Kosiak Graduate Student Clinical Excellence Award*

The Graduate Student Clinical Excellence Award was established by the Faculty Practice Committee in 2005 and was named in memory of Colleen P. Kosiak in 2006. Ms. Kosiak earned her MS in the Family Nurse Practitioner track from the KU School of Nursing in 1997 and was posthumously awarded a PhD in nursing in 2006. The award bearing Dr. Kosiak's name celebrates an outstanding graduate nursing student for clinical expertise in providing holistic patient care, and is consistent with her beliefs about demonstration of leadership in advanced clinical practice.

### *Dean's Award*

The Dean's Award was established in 1981 to recognize a graduating Senior who has provided outstanding service to the School of Nursing.

### *Hester Thurston Award*

The Hester Thurston Award was established to recognize Ms. Thurston on the occasion of her retirement after 30 years on the faculty of the KU School of Nursing. Ms. Thurston served nursing at the University of Kansas, throughout the state of Kansas and nationally with distinction. The award is given to a graduate of the Master's program who demonstrates excellence in leadership and community service activities.

### *Melba Carter Award*

The Melba Carter Award was established in 1988 by Dr. Carter, to be given to a student whose dissertation is most outstanding in the field of health promotion or disease prevention. Dr. Carter was a retired nursing faculty member who served as the first director of the Office of Nursing Research.

**Sigma Theta Tau, Delta Chapter Awards**.....*Carol Elliott*  
*President, Delta Chapter*

Sigma Theta Tau International is the world's only honor society for nursing. The society recognizes superior achievement and leadership while fostering the highest standards in the nursing profession. Members in the honor society are recognized throughout the worldwide community of nurses as those who excel within nursing.

Each year, the Delta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, which is affiliated with the KU School of Nursing, is privileged to honor a graduating Senior with outstanding scholastic achievement, research and leadership ability, a graduating Master's student with research skills, leadership and commitment to nursing, a graduating Doctoral student with research skills, leadership and commitment to nursing, and a practicing nurse who demonstrates exemplary healthcare leadership with awards, which are formally presented at the Delta Chapter new member induction banquet.

**University of Kansas Nurses Alumni Awards** .....*Robert Spaniol*  
*President, KU Nurses Alumni Association*

### *Outstanding Senior Award*

The Outstanding Senior Award is given to an undergraduate student with outstanding scholastic achievement.

### *E. Jean M. Hill Award*

The E. Jean M. Hill Award was established in honor of Jean Hill, Director of Nursing Education at the KU Medical Center from 1949 to 1963. This award is given in recognition of a graduating Senior nursing student who has demonstrated outstanding clinical performance.

*Ruth O. McKibben Alumni Research Award*

This award was established in 1988 by the KU Nurses Alumni Association to recognize a doctoral nursing student who has demonstrated outstanding performance in the areas of scholarship and leadership.

**Undergraduate Student Awards** .....*Stephanie Lee & Shea Scanlon*  
*Graduating Student Representatives*

*Jayhawker RN Awards*

The Jayhawker RN Awards are given to the nursing clinical and lecture course instructors selected as most outstanding by the Senior class.

**STUDENTS GRADUATING WITH HONORS**

**2011 School of Nursing Banner Carrier in Commencement**

Kevin James Conard

**BSN Students Graduating With Highest Distinction**

Roberta Lee Anson  
Brooke Rachele Blurton  
Kevin James Conard  
Kelsey Nicole Fechter

**BSN Students Graduating With Distinction**

|                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Elyse Maurine Biethman | Zachary James Schroeder |
| Ruth Denny             | Kelly Lynn Weafer       |
| Jessica Marie Messer   | Sherri Wharton          |
| Sandra Miller          | Theresa Lynn Williams   |
| Lori R. Ricke          | Heather M. Wurtz        |

**BSN Honors Program Graduates**

|                          |                                      |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Elyse Maurine Biethman   | Joanna Ruth Lance *                  |
| Samantha Kristine Bowman | Rachel Anne Shanberg                 |
| Kayla Marie Dudley       | Andreanna Elizabeth Kounas Steinhoff |
| Michael Henry Feighny    | Stephanie E. Thomas-Dodson           |
| Lauren Louise Hansen     | Rebecca Lee Wassmer                  |
| Brynn Elizabeth Harris   | Heather M. Wurtz *                   |
| Jeff E. Knight Jr.       |                                      |

*\* Denotes University Honors Program*

**2011 Inductees to Phi Kappa Phi, Interdisciplinary Honor Society**

|                        |                            |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Adrienne Brinker       | Susan Eileen O'Neil        |
| Anna Jo Buckley        | Adrienne M. Platt          |
| Heather Renee Fischer  | Richelle Rumford           |
| Doncy Joji Itty Eapen  | Lauren See                 |
| Heidi Eck              | Deanna Michelle Swaggerty  |
| Kelsey Nicole Fechter  | Stephanie E. Thomas-Dodson |
| Amy Lynn Hite          | Stacey Nicole Wattier      |
| Lindsey Leigh Neibling | Jennifer Kaye Whiteside    |
| Heather Nelson         | Renee Denise Williams      |

2010 - 2011 Inductees to Sigma Theta Tau International, Nursing Honor Society

**Graduate Students**

|                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Kathleen Bryant                 | Suzanne Stewart Mitchell |
| Heidi Eck                       | Miguel Angel Perez       |
| Shana Lea Fromholtz             | Gretchen Anette Perry    |
| Lindsey Michelle Herrick        | Alicia D. Ramsey         |
| Marguerite Ritter Huster        | Lauren See               |
| Karen R. Kidder                 | Mary Yvonne Theel        |
| Tzu-Yu Kung                     | Jennifer Jeanne Thibault |
| Stefanie Nicole Lawrence-Perret | Stacey Nicole Wattier    |

**Undergraduate Students**

|                          |                                      |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Roberta Lee Anson        | Alexandra Meghan Lee                 |
| Elyse Maurine Biethman   | Taylor Dawn Lies                     |
| Brooke Lauren Blurton    | Amanda Lyn Linde                     |
| Caysi Shannon Bonebrake  | Kim J. Medis                         |
| Melinda Rae Boor         | Jessica Marie Messer                 |
| Amber Dawn Bortz         | Sandra Miller                        |
| Samantha Kristine Bowman | Susanna Jeanette Neely               |
| Brittany Marie Case      | Brooke Newcomer                      |
| Brooke Castrop           | Shea Catherine Eileen Scanlon        |
| Kevin James Conard       | Zachary James Schroeder              |
| Ruth Denny               | Maria Seston                         |
| Shanna Lynn Doering      | Rachel Anne Shanberg                 |
| Kayla Marie Dudley       | Sarah Short                          |
| Kelsey Nicole Fechter    | Andreanna Elizabeth Kounas Steinhoff |
| Michael Henry Feighny    | Paresa Tafreshi                      |
| Heather Renee Fischer    | Stephanie E. Thomas-Dodson           |
| Molly Gotobed            | Anne Laurel Vanderhorst              |
| Timothy Allen Greene Jr. | Rebecca Lee Wassmer                  |
| Lauren Louise Hansen     | Kelly Lynn Weafer                    |
| Dena Hunt                | Sherri Wharton                       |
| Alexandria Lee Kaufman   | Theresa Lynn Williams                |
| Jeff E. Knight Jr.       | Lauren May Wood                      |
| Joanna Ruth Lance        | Heather M. Wurtz                     |

**2011 SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

*2011 Crighton Award Winner*

Cheryl Spittler

*Kansas University Student Nurses 2010 – 2011 Officers*

Samantha Bowman, Secretary  
Brooke Castrop, Co-President  
Ashley Elkouri, KUSN/AUSN Liaison  
Michael Feighny, Membership Officer  
Deena Finer, Community Officer  
Whitney Franken, Co-President  
Alexandra Lee, Treasurer  
Brooke Newcomer, Convention Officer

*Association of Undergraduate Students in Nursing 2010 – 2011 Officers*

Samantha Bowman, Fundraising Chair  
Stephanie Lee, Senior Celebration Chair  
Heather Nelson, Social & Community Services Chair  
Shea Scanlon, President

*Student Ambassadors, 2010 – 2011*

Kelsey Fechter  
Michael Feighny  
Jennifer Haverkamp  
Alexandra Kaufman  
Ryan Koerkenmeier  
Amanda Linde  
Heather Nelson  
Brooke Newcomer  
Amanda Robinson  
Shea Scanlon  
David Tafreshi  
Paresa Tafreshi

*KUMC Community Outreach Program (COP) Student Director, 2010 – 2011*

Heather Wurtz

# KU SCHOOL OF NURSING GRADUATES

## Doctor of Philosophy

### *December 2010 Graduate*

Jamie Cook Myers

### *May 2011 Graduates*

Tona Leigh Leiker

Qihua Shen

Cheryl Ann Spittler

## Doctor of Nursing Practice

### *August 2010 Graduate*

Karen Kathleen Trees

### *December 2010 Graduates*

Carol A. Buller

Krista Renee Estes

Shelley Fair

Dawn Marie Julian

Donna S. Nyght

Lisa Mae Newcomer Vail

### *May 2011 Graduates*

Karri Lynn Arndt

Shelley Dawn Barenklau

Amy Lynn Hite

Julie E. Wilhauk

### *Tentative August 2011 Graduate*

Paul Hertel

### *Tentative December 2011 Graduate*

Laura Catherine Bevis

Kiersten Dawn Camp

Kimberly Kay Haynes

Kristina Lea Henry

Paula Marie Israel

Rachel Pepper

JoAnn M. Peterson

Christina J. Phillips

Brenda Lynn Tyczkowski

## Post-Master's Certificate Recipients

### *Fall 2010 Recipients –Health Professions Educator Certificate*

Shelley Dawn Barenklau

Tamra Renee Call

Paul A. Hertel

Karen R. Kidder

Shirley Ann Nichols

Shelley Dawn Barenklau

Karen Kathleen Trees

Amy Gage Weber

### *Fall 2011 Recipients –Psychiatric/Mental Health*

#### *Nurse Practitioner Certificate*

Linda Funk Barloon

Michelle Fisher

Bruce Fletcher

Cora Franklin

Sharon A. Lehmann

Arlene Long

Loretta J. North

Brenda Joyse Patzel

Susan White

Lisa C. Whittom

## Master of Science

### *August 2010 Graduates*

Jaclyn Diane Bauer

Jody M. Blevins

Andrea Bond

Mary Melinda Boren

Katharyn Ann Burgardt

Kerry Jeanne Campbell

Melissa Sue Campbell

Ma Agrifina Palao Catapusan

Melissa Anne Denning

Kelly Marie Derganc

Andrea Ergas

Kristin Anne Everhart

Jamie Fowles

Donita Lynn Hall

Angela Marie Hunter

Zohra Mari Hussaini

Lynda D. Johnson

Abigail Laine Kidwell

Judith Mueni Kimatu

Stephanie Noelle King-Whitlow

Tzu-Yu Kung

Hannah Kathryn Lauer

Heather Jo Lauth

Bridget Lee

Jamie Diane Leopold

Natalie Christine Lickteig

Jennifer Ann Mancina

Kate McConaughy

Katherine Louise McElderry

Debbie Ann Meyer

Judith Winter Meyer

Sherry Lee Murillo

Lisa Mikyong Park

Amanda Brooke Parks

Maria Lee Petersen

Marcia Norwich Petterson

Pamela Ann Pierce

Michelle L. Remmert

Lauren Ann Repine

Julius Amira Saisi

Roberta Darlene Severin

Anna Laurel Short

Serkalem Getahun Sisay

Melissa Shay Stein

Kellie Anne Stewart

Melynda M. Swoyer

Julie DaNette Tan

Erin Marie Tompkins

Jill Ann Truneccek

Lance A. Vickery

Marina Volarevich-Pittman

Nancy Huff Walrafen

Kathleen Mary Ward

Mary E. White

Patricia Ann Zeller

*December 2010 Graduates*

Janiene Rochelle Nash  
Gretchen Diann Wells  
Anna Ruth Werner

*May 2011 Graduates*

|                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Eileen M. Broich                | Alan Duane Reschke        |
| Tamra Renee Call                | Meredith Catherine Rudish |
| Justine Noelle Flory            | Richelle Rumford          |
| Rebecca Ann Gearhart            | Mary Yvonne Theel         |
| Stefanie Nicole Lawrence-Perret | Jennifer Jeanne Thibault  |
| Melissa Gail McAllister         | Sarah L. Thompson         |
| Rebecca Ann Miller              | Casey Wagner              |
| Brenda Jolene Nickel            | Jennifer Kaye Whiteside   |
| Stacey N. Purinton              | Sarah Maria Wiggs         |
| Deborah Ann Rector              | Patricia Joleen Winslow   |
|                                 | Gloria J. Wood            |

*Tentative August 2011 Graduates*

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Marijen Sabas Aga          | Camille Hertzfel            |
| Becky Austin               | Marguerite Ritter Huster    |
| Jenny Arthur               | Tarih Faye Johnson          |
| Tim Badger                 | Laura Ann Lambert           |
| Brooke Elizabeth Barnes    | Erica Van Lathon            |
| Karen Teresa Bozwell       | Zachary Aaron Lerner        |
| Kathleen Bryant            | Amy Marie Lueger            |
| Anna Jo Buckley            | Becky Lukehart              |
| Angela Renee Burnett       | Joe Marcille                |
| Erin Christine Christensen | Ashley Meyer                |
| Sarah Coffey               | Sharon Milberger            |
| Laura M. Davidson          | Judy Nandwa                 |
| Sarah A. Davis             | Zivile Nauronyte            |
| Kavita Desai               | Laura R. Nestell            |
| John W. Dietrich           | Melissa M. Oropeza-Vail     |
| Doncy Joji Itty Eapan      | Dawn Petty                  |
| Angie Nicole Edstrom       | Carol Jean Politsch         |
| Ashley Danielle Ferguson   | Alicia Dianne Ramsey        |
| Michelle Fernandez         | Amy Christine Reed          |
| Shana Lea Fromholtz        | Lisa Rae Rice               |
| Amy Lynn Gab               | Kerry Sander                |
| Carol Blakely Gaumer       | Christina Elizabeth Schmidt |
| Cassie Irene Gifford       | Estelle Renae Schmidt       |
| Amy Sue Greenfield         | Lauren See                  |
| Erica Jana Grover          | Erin Colleen Shern          |
| Denise Gail Hankin         | Ruth Helen Sidor            |
| Amy Elizabeth Harrison     | Jodie Marie Smith           |
| Gina Evonne Hauser         | Tashra Shanale Thomas       |

*Tentative August 2011 Graduates Cont'd*

|                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Barbara Thompson     | John Bernard Tucker    |
| Belinda Thompson     | Amy Gage Weber         |
| Ashley Maye Thornton | Gloria Dean Wiggins    |
| Emily Laine Tooley   | Joanne Michelle Wilson |

**Bachelor of Science in Nursing**

*August 2010 Graduate*

Gracielle M. Alba, RN

*December 2010 Graduate*

Curtis Lester High, RN

*May 2011 Graduates*

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Julie Al-Azzeh              | Ruth Denny, RN            |
| Carissa Nicole Alexander    | Jennifer Marie DiGiramo   |
| Megan Marie Andrasik        | Melissa Larae Dishman     |
| Roberta Lee Anson, RN       | Shanna Lynn Doering       |
| Amanda Austerman, RN        | Sara Droge                |
| Brandon James Bailey, RN    | Kayla Marie Dudley        |
| Christina Marie Balding     | Ashley Marie Elkouri      |
| Chad E. Bartko              | Kathryn Falk              |
| Brooke Lauren Beutler       | Kelsey Nicole Fechter     |
| Elyse Maurine Biethman      | Michael Henry Feighny     |
| Alexandra Marie Blessing    | Tosha Fields, RN          |
| Meagan Lee Bliss            | Deena Elyse Finer         |
| Brooke Rachelle Blurton     | Heather Renee Fischer     |
| Caysi Shannon Bonebrake     | Rebecca Flaig, RN         |
| Jessica Bonovich            | Rebecca Flann             |
| Melinda Rae Boor            | Nicholas David Flaucher   |
| Amber Dawn Bortz            | Aimee Elizabeth Fogel     |
| Samantha Kristine Bowman    | Whitney Blaire Franken    |
| Adam Wayne Bright, RN       | Kristin M. Gilmer         |
| Erin Nicole Brightwell      | Kayla Ann Glaser          |
| Bethany Michelle Brown      | Lindsey Marie Gooder      |
| Emily Catherine Carlson, RN | Molly Gotobed             |
| Brittany Marie Case         | Timothy Allen Greene, Jr. |
| Brooke Castrop              | Erin Noel Greif, RN       |
| Jill Meredith Coan, RN      | Melissa Sue Haag          |
| Kevin James Conard          | Lauren Louise Hansen      |
| Rocio Contreras             | Mark Harbaugh             |
| Hannah Moore Cooper         | Laura Kay Harp            |
| Anna Cox                    | Kellian Rae Harrell       |
| Jessica Lynn Cunningham, RN | Brynn Elizabeth Harris    |
| Courtney Davis              | Jennifer Jo Haverkamp     |
| Heather Brooke Davison      | Amy Carole Hawk, RN       |
| Yamrot S. Degefu            | Hollie Holloway, RN       |

Kerri Gail Horn  
Sherri Ann Hutsler, RN  
Ginger Ireland  
Hollie J. Jackson  
Marcos David Jaramillo  
Vaishali Javia  
Erin Christine Johnson  
Kellie Lynne Jones, RN  
Alexandria Lee Kaufman  
Mary Hani Kelly  
Jeff E. Knight Jr.  
Ryan Lee Koerkenmeier  
Brenna Michelle Krampf  
Joanna Ruth Lance  
Alexandra Meghan Lee  
Brittany R. Lee  
Stephanie Jane Lee  
Taylor Dawn Lies  
Amanda Lyn Linde  
Alicia Michelle Lopez  
Christina Marie Mathos, RN  
Brendan Michelle Matthew  
Kim J. Medis  
Jessica Marie Messer  
Sandra Miller  
Anthony Patrick Mott  
Susanna Jeanette Neely  
Lindsey Leigh Neibling  
Heather Nelson  
Brooke Newcomer  
Abby R. Newell  
Casey Nicole Newell  
Margaret Unodinma Onyemenam  
Lauren Christine Page  
Amber Renae Peterman  
Leslie Susan Phariss  
Maria Dominique Pirotte  
Erica Post, RN

Lauren Elizabeth Pratscher  
Kristy Marie Provence  
Laura Purvis  
Lori R. Ricke, RN  
Audrey Roberts, RN  
Amanda Ann Robinson  
Shea Catherine Eileen Scanlon  
Zachary James Schroeder  
Martha Scott, RN  
Michelle Scott  
David Christopher Seefeldt  
Maria Seston  
Rachel Anne Shanberg  
Sarah Short  
Linus Clemmer Silvey  
Christina Marie Smaus  
Shenoah Speece  
Andreanna Elizabeth Kounas Steinhoff  
Tiffany Lynn Stransky, RN  
Jacque Stults  
David R. Tafreshi  
Paresa Tafreshi  
Stephanie E. Thomas-Dodson  
Nicole Sheree Thompson, RN  
Nathaniel Justin Uhl  
Ramona A. Urbina, RN  
Laura Rose Van Hemert, RN  
Anne Laurel Vanderhorst  
Hannah Elizabeth Vig  
Rebecca Lee Wassmer  
Kelly Lynn Weafer  
Sherri Wharton  
Renee Denise Williams  
Theresa Lynn Williams  
Lauren May Wood  
Heather M. Wurtz  
Stacey Yadon  
Lauren Zey

### *Tentative August 2011 Graduate*

Stephanie Renee Yonts, RN

## **THE SOLDIERS AND SAILORS MEMORIAL BUILDING**

*The Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Building, commonly known as Memorial Hall, is one of the most significant civic structures in Kansas City, Kansas. Built in 1925 as a memorial to Wyandotte County veterans killed in battle during World War I, and rededicated to those who died in subsequent wars, the building serves a variety of functions from civic events to rock concerts. Listed with the National Register of Historic Places in 1985, several spaces inside the building have been designated to be protected as well -- the historic veterans meeting rooms with all of their charters and war artifacts on the wall, the memorial lobby, and the chapel on the third floor, located directly above the lobby. Memorial Hall is one of the few buildings where the registry has protected interior spaces as well as the exterior.*

*Designed in 1923 by the architectural firm of Rose and Peterson, Memorial Hall measures 213 feet by 168 feet and consists of three stories and a basement. The front portico is classical in design, with the remainder of the exterior more reflective of Georgian architecture, a feeling emphasized by the many eight over eight double hung windows. The entry portico consists of six stone columns, three stories in height, set in antis between projecting wings. In keeping with the Tuscan order, the entablature above the columns is basically plain with an unornamented frieze. The cornice is pronounced. Above the entablature is a rectangular pediment in the form of a high parapet with the base and top of stone. The walls are of brick with terra cotta panels including inscriptions and two flanking eagles in high relief. Behind the entry columns, five double doors capped with elaborate stone cartouches containing small bulls eye windows lead into the lobby originally called the Memorial Hall. A masonry of Carthage marble runs around the perimeter of the room, supporting twelve engaged Corinthian columns and four corresponding corner piers finished in plaster. The two large chandeliers are bronze. The ceiling lights in the gallery are milk glass globes carved or painted with classical decoration.*

## **THE KU NURSES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

*During the Presentation of Graduates, Dr. Robert Spaniol, President of the KU Nurses Alumni Association, will present graduates with a gift to commemorate and honor their accomplishments at the University of Kansas Medical Center. The KU Nurses Alumni Association, along with the KU Allied Health Alumni Association and the KU Medical Alumni Association, comprise the KU Medical Center Alumni Association, whose mission is to "create, foster and enhance relationships among KU Medical Center alumni, students and friends by promoting awareness and support for activities that enhance education, research and service – both at the University and across the Great State of Kansas."*

*Graduates, we hope you will stay in touch through your KU Nurses Alumni Association, and help support those who follow in your footsteps at the Medical Center in the years to come.*

*Wishing you much joy and success as you begin a new journey!*

## A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS

Seating on the main floor and on the first row of bleachers is reserved for our guests needing special seating and their families. The main floor will be opened to everyone shortly before the Processional begins.

To minimize interruptions of the ceremony, please turn all pagers and cell phones to the “silent” or “off” position for the duration of the event.

Please feel free to take pictures, but only from the outer aisles of the auditorium floor or from the audience seats; photographers should make an effort to not impair the view of other spectators. A professional will photograph each graduate on the platform. Proofs will be sent to each graduate for review at no obligation to purchase.

We thank you for your cooperation.

To contact the KU School of Nursing,  
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