Ancillary Care Honors Outstanding Employees

The University of Kansas Hospital’s Division of Ancillary Care recognized employees for their clinical achievements, leadership and contributions to quality care during the 2005 Ancillary Care Clinical Excellence Awards ceremony March 2.

Bob Page, hospital senior vice president and chief operating officer, welcomed attendees and thanked Ancillary Care employees for the important roles they play in patient care by providing diagnostic and therapeutic services.

Patricia Sanders-Hall, vice president of Ancillary Care, and the eight directors of the division’s fourteen departments then presented awards honoring more than 50 employees’ performance in the Five-Star areas of service, people, quality, cost and growth.

“Yesterday, today and tomorrow, the employees in this division are doing outstanding things to meet the mission of this hospital and achieve our Five-Star goals,” said Sanders-Hall. “Every minute of every shift, many of you are out there doing absolutely amazing things that will make a difference in the lives and quality of life of our patients.”

Each department selected an employee of the year – a person exemplifying excellence in all of the Five-Star areas.

- Biomedical Technologies: Mike Reynolds, AS, BS
- Clinical Laboratories: Dean Helms, MT (ASCP)
- Clinical Nutrition: Brad House II, MSE, RD, LD, CSR
- Pharmacy: Tanya Folker, RPh, PharmD
- Pulmonary Function/Sleep Lab/Cardiac Rehabilitation: Michael Garrison, RPSGT
- Radiology: Ken Hensley, MS, BS
- Rehabilitation Services: Sonja Pittrich, PT
- Respiratory Therapy: Kathy Crist, RRT

Sanders-Hall presented the Ancillary Care Director of the Year Award to Rick Couldry, MS, RPh, recognizing his teamwork and leadership in Pharmacy.

“This award is about a quiet willingness to go above and beyond to get the job done, and it is a testament to someone with an unwavering central focus on the patient,” she said.

The top winners’ names will be placed on the Ancillary Care Clinical Excellence Award recognition wall located on the second floor of the hospital. These nine awardees each received an etched glass and marble plaque.

Match Day Nears

Graduating medical students from the KU School of Medicine will be paired with residency programs throughout the country on Match Day, Thursday, March 16, at 11 a.m. in Battenfeld Auditorium.

Match Day is the final step in the residency-matching process that begins when students first interview for spots in residency programs and rank their favorites. Using a computerized system, the National Resident Matching Program weighs the placement preferences of medical students with the preferences of the residency programs to which they have applied. The results are then sent to medical schools across the country.

On Match Day, students receive envelopes, one by one, and discover their residency assignments. This year, 109 SoM students will participate in the annual Match Day activities. Ten students have already been matched through an early process.

Hospital Steam/Hot Water Shutdown Set

The University of Kansas Hospital has scheduled a shutdown of its steam and hot water services, as part of its continued upgrades to mechanical systems.

The shutdown will begin at approximately 5 a.m., Saturday, March 11, and end at about 9 p.m. that evening. During this time, the main hospital building will not have steam for heat or hot water. If the weather is cold, additional blankets, blanket warmers and portable electric heaters will be used to help patients stay comfortable. Cafeteria services will not be affected by the shutdown.

For more information, contact Renee Jacobs at 8-0322 or rjacobks@kumc.edu.
Nominate a Nurse

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2006 Nursing Excellence Awards.

The Department of Nursing established the annual awards to recognize the accomplishments of outstanding nurses at The University of Kansas Hospital in the following categories:

- Patient/Family Advocate
- Patient/Family Educator
- Nurse Mentor/Consultant
- Nurse Preceptor
- Expert Clinical Nurse (Nontraditional Role/Setting)
- Expert Clinical Nurse
- Expert Nurse Leader
- Outstanding New Nurse Graduate (Dec. 2004 - May 2005 graduates)

Nomination forms are available from any nurse manager, from the Department of Nursing Education and Development, or from the hospital’s intranet at intranet.kumed.com. They are due March 17.

Development Director Named

In a move designed to speed the development and use of new drugs to fight cancer and other diseases, Scott Weir, PharmD, PhD, has been named director of the university's Office of Therapeutics, Discovery and Development.

The office reports to Roy Jensen, MD, director of the KU Cancer Center. The Office of Therapeutics, Discovery and Development operates on the KU Medical Center and KU Lawrence campuses, and Weir will spend time in both places. He will also collaborate with Michael Song, PhD, of the Henry W. Bloch School of Business and Public Administration at the University of Missouri-Kansas City in the development of business plans for early drug development enterprises.

“KU has had great success in this field, thanks to an outstanding School of Pharmacy,” said Jensen. “Scott will use his expertise in business and science to advance to clinical trials the discoveries made at KU and the Stowers Institute for Medical Research.”

Weir has spent nearly 20 years in pharmaceutical research and development. At the Lawrence campus, he currently holds an appointment in the Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry. He is also a professor in the KU School of Medicine's Department of Pharmacology, Toxicology and Therapeutics and the Frank B. Tyler Professor in Cancer Research.

eXtra: The appointment is the first of four planned this year as part of the campus’ quest for National Cancer Institute designation. For more information, visit kmcri.kumc.edu.

Stacks of Scrubs

During its recent scrubs drive, The University of Kansas Hospital’s Department of Nursing collected more than 800 articles of clothing for staff at the newly reopened Touro Infirmary Medical Center in New Orleans. Many of that hospital’s staff members lost their homes and clothing due to flooding from Hurricane Katrina.

Members of our hospital’s Central Transport and Laundry Services staff helped the Department of Nursing move and store the scrubs. Nursing’s Forces of Magnetism community outreach committees sorted, stacked and packed the scrubs. The KUMC Bookstore donated new scrubs and jackets to the effort. FedEx provided free shipping for the boxes, which weighed about 382 pounds.

Ancillary Care Celebration

The University of Kansas Hospital’s Division of Ancillary Care recognized outstanding employee achievements during its March 2 Clinical Excellence Awards ceremony in Wahl East Auditorium and Hixson Atrium. Attendees enjoyed a reception in their honor before the event.

Pictured, from left, are: Rachel McGraw, PT, Laura Myers, PT, Nancy Lawrence, OT, and Chrisy Owens, OT.
Thursday, March 9
VISITING PROFESSOR Presentation: “Rehabilitation Robotics: Bright Lights, Big Future,” Hermeno Igo Drebs, PhD, noon-1 p.m., School of Nursing 8018.

ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE/Memory Disorders Caregiver Support Group: Phyllis Switzer, 2-3:30 p.m., Landon Center, Room 145.

2006 BEST OF ASCO CI Cancers Symposium: Joaquina Baranda, MD, Bruce Minsky, MD, and Sukumar Ethirajan, MD, 6:30-9:30 p.m., InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza (formerly the Fairmont Hotel), 401 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, Mo. Symposium will review topics presented at the 2006 Gastrointestinal Cancers Symposium. To register, call 877-404-5823 or visit www.continuinged.ku.edu/kumc/asco.

Friday, March 10
NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: “Current Algorithm for the Surgical Treatment of Facial Pain,” Konstantin Vladimirovich Hermano, MD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl West Auditorium.

INTERNAL MEDICINE Grand Rounds: “Endocrinology, Metabolism and Genetics Year in Review,” Leland Graves, MD, 8-9 a.m., Sudler Auditorium.

Friday, March 17
NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: “Epilepsy and the Brain – Did We Miss the Boat?” Kore Liow, MD, 7-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: “Flow Writing,” Maril Crabtree, 1:30-3 p.m., Landon Center, Room 200. No writing experience is necessary. Space is limited. RSVP to Matt Chandler at 8-3094 or mchandle@kumc.edu.

Hospital Will Honor Physicians
The University of Kansas Hospital will show appreciation to physicians for their commitment to outstanding patient care on Doctor’s Day. Thursday, March 30, and Resident Appreciation Day, Monday, April 10.

All hospital employees and medical staff are eligible to nominate physicians and residents for the annual physicians’ and residents’ polls. Nomination forms are available from nursing educators or the Department of Nursing Central (second floor Wescoe). Return nominations by Monday, March 20, to any nursing unit educator, the Department of Nursing Central or to the table outside the cafeteria, from noon-1 p.m., March 20.

The poll criteria are based on the hospital’s values and the Five-Star performance standards of quality, service, people, cost and growth. Patient satisfaction data will also be reviewed for the high-performing physicians.

Tuesday, March 14
STUDENT WELLNESS Informational Table: “Alcohol and Drug Awareness – Safe Spring Break,” 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Stoland Lounge. Also Wednesday, March 15.


STUDENT FINANCIAL Aid Exit Interview Session: U.S. Bank representative, 1:15-45 p.m., School of Nursing 1050. Open to current KUMC students who want to learn more about rights and responsibilities as Stafford Loan borrowers about to begin repayment. Also 2-2:45 p.m. and 3-3:45 p.m.

PHARMACOLOGY/TOXICOLOGY Therapeutics Seminar: “Multipotent Stem Cells from Placenta,” Stephen Strom, PhD, 4-5 p.m., Breidenthal G030.

Wednesday, March 15
INTERNAL MEDICINE Grand Rounds: “Endocrinology, Metabolism and Genetics Year in Review,” Leland Graves, MD, 8-9 a.m., Sudler Auditorium.

DIETETICS AND NUTRITION Seminar: “Iron Deficiency and Anemia,” Leland Graves, MD, 8-30 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

Wednesday prior to publication.


Landon Center on Aging Capturing Creativity for Life
Majnu Reddy, PhD, noon-1 p.m., School of Nursing 1050.

Thursday, March 16
HUMAN RESEARCH Protection Program Training: Karen Blackwell and Dan Voss, 8-9 a.m., Clendening Auditorium. Training shares information regarding new forms required for submissions to the Human Subjects Committee. Attendees will receive credit for Human Subjects refresher training for 2006.

RESEARCH SEMINAR Series in Cancer and Developmental Biology: “In Vivo Analysis of Molecular Mechanisms Regulating Murine Endometrial Function,” Francesco DeMayo, PhD, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

STUDENT WELLNESS Program: “MD” Taking Time for Me: “Pursuing a Positive Philosophy,” 11 a.m.-1 p.m., School of Nursing 1050. Open to current KUMC students who want to learn more about rights and responsibilities as Stafford Loan borrowers about to begin repayment. Also 2-2:45 p.m. and 3-3:45 p.m.

Bookstore Hosts Graduation Fair
The KUMC bookstore invites faculty, staff and students participating in spring commencement ceremonies to its annual Graduation Fair from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Thursday, March 16, in Stoland Lounge. Representatives will be on hand to answer questions and take orders during the fair.

Ceremony participants can place orders for graduation apparel and accessories such as diploma frames and class rings, which may now have “MD” placed on them.

Apparel orders must be placed within specific time frames.

Master’s degree and doctoral degree candidates and faculty can place orders for apparel at the bookstore or at kumedbooks.com.

April 7 without penalty.

Bachelor’s degree candidates can purchase apparel at the bookstore or at kumedbooks.com March 16-May 21.

All candidates can also order announcements at the Graduation Fair. After March 16, these may be ordered by calling 800-433-0296 or visiting kumedbooks.com. (Click on “graduation.”)
Automotive

2005 YAMAHA Brân 350 4 x 4 ATV, blue, automatic, 4-wheel drive, used approximately 20 hours, $4,000 OBO. 913-375-8284.

2002 DODGE Grand Caravan EX, 125K Hwy. miles, regular oil changes/maintenance, $7,800. 785-331-6104.

For Sale

2000 CROWLINE BOAT, runabout with custom trailer, 19', V-8, I/B, 200 hours, pearl white/red trim, with custom trailer, 19', V-8, I/B, 2000 CROWLINE BOAT, runabout for sale $6,500. 913-299-9068 after 6 p.m.

2002 DODGE Grand Caravan EX, 125K hwy. miles, dual sliding doors, regular oil changes/maintenance, $7,800. 816-779-7586.

Participants Needed

African-American smokers age 18 and older are needed for a research study being conducted at KU Medical Center’s General Clinical Research Center (GCRC). The purpose of the study is to learn how certain types of cigarettes affect the way the body breaks down a medication used to help people quit smoking.

Participants make four visits during a month’s time. The first two visits last 30 minutes to one hour and determine eligibility. The last two are all-day visits. Participants will be asked to quit smoking for 10 days during the study. Those chosen to participate will be paid for their time. eXtra: For more information, call Babalola Faseru or Carrie Bronars at 8-4015 or e-mail bfaseru@kumc.edu or cbronars@kumc.edu.

For Rent

HOUSE, 2 BR, vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors throughout, central air, off-street parking, $480/month, plus $200 deposit. 913-299-9068 after 6 p.m.

CUTE 2 BR upstairs section of home, near KUMC/Portwest/Plaza, garage access, fenced backyard, washer/dryer, dishwasher, refrigerator, pets considered, utilities paid, $600/month. 816-225-2801.

In Memoriam

The KU School of Nursing is saddened by the recent death of E. Jean M. Hill, MS, RN, EdD, director of the School’s Department of Nursing Education from 1949-1963. During her administration, the School’s nursing program received its first national accreditation in 1956.

Hill earned degrees from the University of Kansas, Yale University, Western Reserve University and Columbia University. She was a leader in the development of nursing education in both Canada and the United States. In addition to her time at the KU School of Nursing, she taught nursing at Columbia and Boston universities and served as dean at Queens University School of Nursing in Kingston, Ontario.

Donations in her honor may be sent to the E. Jean M. Hill Professorship in Nursing fund at the KU School of Nursing, KU Endowment Association, 3901 Rainbow Blvd., Mail Stop 3012, Kansas City, KS 66160.

Where to send ads

Send or bring your ad. 30 words or less, to 2330 Shawnee Mission Pkwy., Suite E302, Westwood, KS 66205-2005, fax to 8-0241, or e-mail centerexpress@kumc.edu by noon Thursday of the week before it is to run. Ads run free of charge for employees, students and volunteers. All ads must include the advertiser’s name and work extension (or student box number) for verification. Only home phone numbers – no pager numbers or work extensions – will be published. Please include area code. No ads for commercial services or pets for sale will be accepted. Ads will not be taken by telephone. Ads may be held a week if space is limited.

SRF Seeks Judges

The Student Research Forum (SRF) committee seeks faculty volunteers to serve as judges for the 2006 SRF.

Judges typically participate in only one session approximately two hours long. A brief training session will be conducted for all volunteer judges, with time and location to be announced.

eXtra: Judges may sign up at www2.kumc.edu/SRFJudgeRegistration/login.aspx. For more information, contact SRF co-chairs George Thomas at gthomas1@kumc.edu or John Araujo at jaraujo@kumc.edu.