When Amanda Von Schriltz, RN, graduated from nursing school a year ago, she was bombarded with job offers.

“There are so many hospitals out there, and you have so many offers thrown at you, it’s hard to know which one to choose,” she said.

The deciding factor in signing with The University of Kansas Hospital was the innovative Nurse Residency Program. A partnership between the hospital and the University of Kansas School of Nursing, the yearlong program provides specialized training that helps new bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) graduates gain confidence treating complex cases, making critical decisions and delivering specialized care. The program also offers one-on-one support and encourages the nurses to get to know a wider circle of peers, mentors and leaders throughout the KUMC campus.

The Nurse Residency Program celebrated completion of its first year with a dinner June 10 at Indian Hills Country Club that honored Residency Program participants and recognized their mentors, team facilitators, unit managers and program leaders.

Tammy Peterman, vice president and chief nurse executive, praised the program as a “phenomenal success.”

One indicator of the program’s performance is the 94 percent job retention rate among the 51 first-year BSN participants. “That is outstanding,” said Peterman, who spoke at the dinner. “We are extremely pleased. We hired the best and the brightest, and we’re so proud they’re part of our team.”

David Martin, RN, clinical assistant professor, School of Nursing; Robyn Setter, RN, education specialist, and Cyndy Steen, RN, nursing development coordinator, both with the hospital, coordinated the program’s monthly training sessions and small group meetings. Taught by nursing experts, the sessions covered everything from how to handle extreme emergencies to streamlined charting techniques.

The dinner program included personal reflections from several residency program participants about their first year on the job. “We are all human,” said Eva Davis, RN, Surgical Intensive Care Unit. “The work is sometimes scary and stressful. The team helps you get through the bad days and good days.”

Von Schriltz agreed. “I really enjoyed the program,” she said. “It gave me a great foundation. I’m 23 years old, and I work with the sickest patients in Kansas City. That’s a really awesome feeling.”

The hospital was one of 12 academic medical centers that participated in the program this year.

A new yearlong Residency Program for BSN graduates hired by the hospital after May 15, 2004, begins in August.

Forty-eight Nurse Residency Program participants were honored June 10, including, from left, Sarah Lindley, RN, Kelley Asta, RN, Trisha Maisch, RN, Elizabeth Tjaden, RN, and Rebekah Kirkland, RN. All work in the Operating Room.

The University of Kansas Medical Center
Brant Thrasher, MD, wants nothing more than to build the Urology Department into a world-class program. One way this William L. Valk Urological Chair plans to do so is by helping to establish an endowed professorship in Urology.

Thrasher is spearheading the fund-raising efforts to establish the John Weigel, MD, Professorship in Urology, named for a professor and physician who has served as the backbone of the Urology Department for nearly three decades. Thrasher, an admirer of Weigel’s, has also contributed to the fund.

“John Weigel is a great clinician and a fantastic physician. We want to honor him as we support our research efforts,” Thrasher said. “I want to give back something to John and put some of my own money into the department.”

Thrasher’s gift counts toward KU First: Invest in Excellence, the largest fund-raising campaign in KU history. KU Endowment is conducting KU First on behalf of KU and the University of Kansas Hospital through 2004 to raise funds for scholarships, fellowships, professorships, capital projects and program support for the university, and capital projects, program support and patient services for the hospital.

Karla Van Goethem serves as a health care assistant on Unit 46. More than 100 HCAs and health care technicians were honored during National Nursing Assistants Week, June 10-17.

June 10-17 was National Nursing Assistants Week at The University of Kansas Hospital. Health care assistants and health care technicians received special recognition throughout the hospital.

This HCA loves her job
“Twelve hours go by so fast!”

Karla Van Goethem’s work as a health care assistant on Cardiac Care Unit 46 provides lots to learn and plenty of adrenaline.

“Working here, you get to see and do so much,” said Van Goethem, who often gets to observe patient procedures. “I think it’s because we’re a teaching hospital. Nobody pushes you away. I learn so much.”

Just as important to Van Goethem as on-the-job learning opportunities and the stimulating environment is the approval she receives for a job well done.

“People appreciate me, and that’s important because it’s my first real job,” said Van Goethem.

One of Van Goethem’s favorite aspects of the job is fulfilling special requests, such as fixing a patient’s hair for a special visit from relatives.

“A patient may need to have her hair done because her family is coming in from Nebraska and she wants to look nice. They really appreciate the extra 20 minutes you spend helping them with their appearance.”
Mud puddles made for soggy tennis shoes but didn’t dampen spirits at the June 12 American Heart Walk. More than 660 walkers joined the KUMC team and participated in the annual fund-raiser at Mill Creek Park on the Country Club Plaza. KUMC walkers raised an estimated $70,000 for the cause, the second highest team total. Final tallies will be announced in the coming weeks.

Above, red and blue balloons added a festive touch to KUMC teams walking in Saturday’s event. Unit 46 walkers also brought along several canine friends on their one- and four-mile walks.

Above, Judy Francis, Patient Relations, left, and Judi Smedra, Medical Staff Affairs, cool off near the beautiful fountain at the south end of the Plaza’s Mill Creek Park.

Left, Emma Clark, 20 months, likes to eat her pancakes standing up, according to mom, Emily Clark, who works in the nuclear department of Mid-America Cardiology. The free pancake breakfast was a special treat for KUMC walkers.

Above, hospital walkers included, from left, Jean Davis, Transportation; Bob Page, chief operating officer; Charlie Page-Adams; Steven Hall; and Patricia Sanders-Hall, vice president, Ancillary Care.

Left, Terry Rusconi, senior director, Organizational Improvement, passed out hundreds of white sun visors. The visors were this year’s special gift to Heart Walk participants.
Pride in the Profession

Below left, Barbara Atkinson, MD, KU School of Medicine executive dean and vice chancellor for Clinical Affairs, presented the second annual Pride in the Profession Award to fourth-year medical student Matthew Weiss, MD. Donald Hagen, MD, KUMC executive vice chancellor, and Bradley Marples, MD, president of the KU Medical Alumni Association, also participated in the presentation, which took place at the Medical Alumni Association Dinner held May 19 at the Fairmont Hotel. Weiss was nominated for helping establish the free student-run JayDoc Clinic, as well as his volunteer activities on behalf of sick children and adolescents here and in Africa. The award, established in honor of former School of Medicine

Lend a Hand

Last year, KUMC neighbors received a helping hand with home improvements when volunteers pitched in during United Way’s A Day of Caring. This year’s projects from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 19, include preparing sack lunches for homeless clients and priming a wall for a public mural. Volunteers receive free T-shirts and lunch. For more information and to sign up, contact Mary Bosco at 8-1255 or mbosco@kumc.edu.

Summer Junior Volunteer Program

If you see teens in blue polo shirts around the KUMC campus, they’re probably members of the hospital’s Junior Volunteer Program. Thirty-five young people between the ages of 14 and 16 volunteer an average of eight hours per week throughout the summer. They run errands, help people in wheelchairs and take charts to various departments. For more information about enrolling in next year’s program, contact Paula Gangel, director, Volunteer Services, at 8-6528 or pgangel.
Ten Neurology residents and two fellows presented their research projects June 11 during the annual Department of Neurology Research Day at the Landon Center. Projects are judged by Neurology faculty for scientific merit, clinical relevance and overall effort. This year’s prize for best project went to Mamatha Pasnoor, MD, second-year Neurology resident, for her study of a unique form of multiple sclerosis. Above left, Gary Gronseth, vice chair, Neurology, reviewed research data with Neurology residents Sunitha Santhakumar, MD, and Reddiah Mummaneni, MD. Above right, Daniela Bota, MD, presents her research project to her Neurology colleagues.

Special Delivery

A 60-foot-long truck (left) delivered Radiology’s new 4.5 ton PET-CT scanner (above right) on June 14. The combination scanner uses a radioactive isotope to produce images of cells. Nuclear Medicine supervisor James Traylor said the new scanner should be operational in about three weeks after installation, testing and application setup are completed. Until then, Radiology patients who need advanced diagnostic and molecular imaging are visiting a mobile PET-CT scanner parked outside the Sudler Building on the KUMC campus. (Photos by James Traylor)
At the end of the academic year, the KU School of Nursing recognized its students for their exceptional accomplishments, as well as faculty for their contributions to nursing education.

**Undergraduate Awards**
- **Outstanding Senior Award** presented by the KU Nurses Alumni Association: Dana Whitmore, Mission, Kan.
- **Kay Schlicter Award** presented by the School of Nursing: Sara Funke, Olathe, Kan.
- **Jeanne Quesenbury Award** presented by the School of Nursing: Julie Westphal, Kansas City, Kan.
- **Mary Roberts Senior Nursing Award** presented by the KUMC Auxiliary: Stephanie Bohling, Prairie Village, Kan.
- **Mary Roberts Junior Nursing Award** presented by the KUMC Auxiliary: Heath Scheibmeir, Roeland Park, Kan.
- **Dean’s Awards** presented by the School of Nursing: Kristin Lynn Cokerham, Kansas City, Kan.
- **Registered Nurse Award** presented by the School of Nursing: Nancy Herrmann, Shawnee, Kan.
- **Sigma Theta Tau Award** presented by the Delta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau: Ashleigh Surber, Olathe, Kan.
- **Jean Hill Award** presented by the KU Nurses Alumni Association: Kate Weber, Roeland Park, Kan.

**Graduate Awards**
- **Froehlke Award** presented by the KU Nurses Alumni Association: Mary Meyer, Leawood, Kan.
- **Hester Thurston Award** presented by the School of Nursing: Gretchen Poland, Mission, Kan.
- **PhD Alumni Award** presented by the KU Nurses Alumni Association: Ellen Rindner, Lenexa, Kan.
- **Melba Carter Award** presented by the KU Nurses Alumni Association: Mary Koehn, Andover, Kan.
- **Sigma Theta Tau Award** presented by the Delta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau: Sally Holkins Whitaker, Overland Park, Kan.

**Faculty Awards**
- **Jayhawker, RN Clinical Award** presented by the School of Nursing: Jenny Beerman, RN, MN
- **Jayhawker, RN Lecture Award** presented by the School of Nursing: Jo Ellen Greischar-Billiard, RN, MS
- **Phyllis Keeney Lawrence Teaching Award** presented by the School of Nursing: Anita Wingate, RN, PhD
- **Chancellor’s Award** for Outstanding Classroom Teaching presented by the University of Kansas: Cynthia Teel, RN, PhD

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**Tilzer Returns to Head Clinical Laboratory**

Lowell Tilzer, MD, PhD, has returned to the KUMC campus as professor of Pathology for the KU School of Medicine and as the new director of Clinical Laboratories in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. He will also serve as medical director of the Pathology Medical Director Partnership.

Tilzer received his bachelor, MD and PhD degrees, as well as his residency training, at the University of Kansas. He served on the School of Medicine faculty until 1992, when he left as a full professor. Most recently, he was chief executive officer for the American Red Cross Southwest Region.

In addition, Tilzer is co-author of the Laboratory Test Handbook, third edition, the second highest selling book on laboratory medicine. He has also published more than 40 articles in peer-reviewed journals.

His many accomplishments include being the first to implement bar coding for laboratory specimen process, discovery of progesterone receptors in meningiomas and being the first to suggest progestin therapy for treatment of inoperable meningiomas. Tilzer also invented and patented novel techniques for extracting DNA and RNA using gel barrier technology, which has led to the development of isogene biotechnology.
Surveys in Spanish

Hospital patients who speak Spanish now receive a Spanish version of the Press Ganey patient satisfaction survey that is mailed to their homes a few days after discharge. This service began June 1. As the hospital receives survey comments in Spanish, they are translated and then forwarded to the appropriate hospital departments and nursing units on a weekly basis.

Karlon Cruse, manager, Interpreter Services, and his staff helped translate various components of the survey. Offering a Spanish version will help the hospital obtain more patient feedback and enhance efforts to improve patient satisfaction.

Call for Street Fair Vendors

Student Services is looking for vendors who would like to participate in the annual KUMC/Rosedale Street Fair and Parade Saturday, Sept. 25. Vendors for food, services, arts, crafts, jewelry or other merchandise should contact Christina Schnose at 8-7055 or cschnose@kumc.edu to obtain an application. There is a $50 charge to participate.

All proceeds from the fair go to Rosedale Middle School and the JayDoc Free Clinic.

Ailey Camp Volunteers

Volunteers are needed at the Alvin Ailey Dance Camp July 9, 21 and 22. The camp offers a week of activities for 11-14 year olds. Camp activities include dance, creative communication and personal development classes.

The camp’s goal is to challenge participants to develop awareness of the importance of a healthy body and mind. It was developed in response to increases in school drop-out rates, substance abuse, teen pregnancy and suicide. For additional information, visit www.kumc.edu/community, or call 8-1255 to sign up.

Wizards Game

KUMC Human Resources is sponsoring a Family Fun Event for the 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 3, KC Wizards vs. Dallas Burn soccer game. The event includes a pre-game meal catered by On the Border Mexican Grill and includes post-game fireworks.

Tickets for sideline reserved seats, including the meal, cost $11 each. They are available for sale 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. outside the cafeteria on the following dates: June 22, June 24, June 29 and July 1.

For additional information, visit the Family Fun Events Web site: www2.kumc.edu/hr/events/events.html.

Parking Permits

All surface lot parking permits on the KUMC campus will expire June 30, 2004. If you are a permit holder, you must pick up a new parking permit even if you are on payroll deduction.

For your convenience, Parking Services’ staff will distribute permits in Stoland Lounge 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on June 18, 21, 23 and 25. During these periods, you will not be able to pick up your new permit at the Parking Services office, located in the Support Services Building.

Family Caregiver Training

The Landon Center on Aging will host a series of five free training sessions for home caregivers during July.

Classes cover topics such as home safety, legal and financial issues, assistive and adaptive devices, assisting with personal care, healthy eating, community resources and caregiver stress. The series is sponsored in cooperation with the American Red Cross, Heart of America Family Services and Visiting Nurse Association.

For a schedule, contact Hallie Calloway at 8-0606 or hcallowa@kumc.edu. Classes are free; enrollment is limited.
### Classifieds, etc.

#### Automotive:
- 2001 Hyundai Sonata, 38K, tinted windows, AC, power locks-doors, still under warranty, brand new tires, $8,300 OBO. 816-679-2338, please leave message.
- 1998 Chevy Corvette, 51K, red, silver leather interior, glass top, new tires, always garaged, maintained in excellent condition, $25,000 OBO. 913-927-0760 after 4 p.m.
- 1997 Ford Taurus GL, 4-door FWD sedan, silver, 121K, auto, 4 speed with OD, 3.0L V6, power windows-doors, alloy wheels, keyless entry, folding seat, well-maintained, $3,500. 913-814-0911.
- Motorcycle: 1976 Honda Goldwing 1000 cc, fully dressed, leather saddlebags, runs and looks excellent, $1,500. 816-763-1318.
- Dirtbike: 2001 Yamaha TT-R 125L, 125cc, FMF pipe, low hours, one owner, $1,300 OBO. 816-833-2363.

#### For Sale:
- Lotus 6-string electric guitar, Marshal 25w amp, lots of accessories, $300. 816-665-8242.
- Wedding gown, size 14, ivory/cream beaded haltered bodice, chiffon waist to floor and train, slip, custom-made tiara and full fingertip veil, $500; woman’s wedding ring set, 1.25 cts., princess style, $1000. 816-550-6942.
- Foldable Tunturi rowing machine, $25; Igloo 1-gallon beverage cooler with spigot, $2; 2 double-style rabbit cages, $7 each. 816-753-0300 or 913-381-7949.
- Exercise equipment: Ab-Doer II, nearly new, 3 workout videos from beginner to advanced, $25. 913-236-4043.
- Starlight Theatre: 2 tickets to July 7 Annie, can be exchanged for any night of show, good seats in terrace section I, paid $13 each, will sell for $10 each. 913-788-8783.
- Dining room table, 4 chairs, good condition, $40; matching table stands, coffee table, $40; sports cards: ice hockey, football, basketball, some baseball, rookie collector cards, make offer. 913-671-8774.
- Beautiful, historic Hyde Park home, 800 E. 41st St., 2 miles from KUMC, 4 miles from VA Hosp, 4 BR, 1/2 BA, hdwd floors, clawfoot tub, fenced yard, central heat/air, 1-car garage, $155,000. Visit www.realtor.com under MLS #1182023 or email adesiraisseau@kumc.edu.
- Moving sale: Maytag gas dryer, works great, $75; bedroom set: walnut headboard, armoire, dresser w/mirror, 2 nightstands, $400; coach and loveseat Victorian camel back, tapestry print, reupholstered 3 years ago, $80; cherry end tables, $30 each. 913-492-3874.
- Dining room table, solid wood, includes self-storing leaf, 6 chairs need new fabric, very nice, $100; computer desk, $75. 816-763-1082.
- Top-of-the-line KUSS waterbed, queen size, excellent condition, complete heavy-duty bed frame, foundation mattress, hard-sided waveless water mattress, heater, $125. 816-741-8118.
- Moving sale: computer desk, $40; humidifier, $15; violin, full size, $70; violin shoulder rest, $5; luggage set, new, $30; twin bed-in-bag, $10; queen spread set, $25; air hockey, $30. 913-345-1940 to make offer.
- Sofa, chair, ottoman, all blue pinstripe, excellent condition, $250; 27 cu.ft. refrigerator, almond, works great, $300. 913-239-0015.
- Berkshire Village townhouse co-op, ranch style, 2 BR, 1 BA, approx. 900 sq.ft., new CA, new 5’ fence, newer carpet, end of building, furnace humidifier, $9,675. Bobbie at 913-432-8111.

### Coming Up

**Saturday, June 19**
- Nurse Midwifery Education Program Completion and Awards Ceremony, 3 p.m., Lied Auditorium.
- United Way Day of Caring, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., sign up in Alumni and Community Relations, 8-1255.

**Tuesday, June 22**
- Surgery Grand Rounds, “Acid Secretion in Ulcer Disease: From Prout to Proton Pump,” Michael Zdon, MD, 7 a.m., Clendening Auditorium.
- KMCRI Round Table, “Advances in the Management of Involuntary Weight Loss Associated with Cancer,” Tracy R. Smith, MD, noon, Lied Auditorium.

**Wednesday, June 23**
- 2004 Nursing Excellence Awards dinner, 5 p.m., Varnes Center.