KU Announces Spring Honor Roll

More than 4,690 undergraduate students at the University of Kansas earned honor roll distinction for the spring 2007 semester.

These students, from the Lawrence campus and the schools of allied health and nursing at the KU Medical Center in Kansas City, Kan., represent 99 of 105 Kansas counties, 44 other states and the District of Columbia and 37 other countries.

The honor roll comprised of undergraduates who met requirements in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and in the schools of allied health, architecture and urban planning, business, education, engineering, fine arts, journalism, nursing and social welfare.

Honor roll criteria varied among the university’s academic units. Some schools honored the top 10 percent of students enrolled, some established a minimum grade-point average and others raised the minimum GPA for each year students are in school. Students must have completed a minimum number of credit hours to be considered for the honor roll.

The following is a list of area students named to the KU honor roll:


**Towanda** - Chelsea M. Delay, Christopher M. Green and Jon W. Hecker.

**Wichita** - Bradley M. Papineau, Micole Aronowitz, Amy E. Bonnell, Matthew R. Brantner, Brittany E. Brown, Martha A. Bryant, Benjamin R. Childs, Thomas C. Compton, Sadie Ellsworth, Stephanie L. Ferguson, Lauren C. Hodge, Maggie M. Murphy, Allyson M. Nye, Brandon S. Pope, Alison K. Rockett, Katherine E. Schreiber and Andrew R. Stangel.
Speakers add spice to museum exhibit

The Cherokee Strip Land Rush Museum is hosting "Wrapped in Pride: Ghanaian Kente and the African American Identity" through Aug. 16.

The exhibit describes how Ghanaian Kente fabric is made and how African Americans identify with the fabric and how it has shaped their identity. "Wrapped in Pride is a beautiful exhibit. One of the best traveling exhibits we have had," museum director, Heather Ferguson said.

In conjunction with the exhibit, on Saturday two programs will be held.

The first will be at 11 a.m., entitled "Zora Neale Hurston: Queen of the Harlem Renaissance (1891-1960)."

It is a first person interpretation put on by Carmaletta M. Williams, a professor of English at Johnson County Community College. Williams is the college's 2006 Distinguished Service Award recipient. She received her Ph.D. in English from the University of Kansas and an M.A. in English from the University of Missouri.

At 1 p.m., the second program begins. It is called "Gordon Parks Learning Tree Experience." This topic is discussed by Dr. John Edgar Tidwell. He is an associate professor of English at the University of Kansas. A native of Independence, he received his B.A. from Washburn University. His master's degree was awarded by Creighton University, Omaha, and his Ph.D. by the University of Minnesota.
Migrant workers focus on grant efforts

LAWRENCE (AP) — A group of universities and community colleges has been collaborating in an effort to obtain federal funding for a program to help college-bound children of migrant workers.

Kansas State University will lead the effort, which will also include the University of Kansas, Emporia State University, Garden City Community College and Kansas City, Kan., Community College.

The $2.1 million grant request Kansas State submitted would be for five years, reach 148 students and provide tuition for 12 credit hours per semester and a living stipend.

The collaboration began after the U.S. Department of Education denied the University of Kansas’ grant request to continue its College Assistance Migrant Program. The CAMP program had paid tuition for six credit hours and $750 in living expenses per semester for up to 24 students a year.

When the grant renewal was denied, a group of college officials started discussing how to collaborate and provide services throughout the state, Kansas State’s Bob Fanning said. Fanning is director of a program that helps children of migrant workers finish high school and assistant director of Kansas State’s English as Second Language program.

Under the proposal submitted in the spring to the Education Department, Kansas State would house CAMP and contract the service out to other schools with eligible students.
Music camp

De Soto High School student Ry Patton and Lexington Trails Middle School students Zachary Stephens and Philip Kaul were three of the more than 380 junior high and high school students from Kansas and 16 other states who attended one of four Midwestern Music Camps at Kansas University this summer.

Stephens and Kaul attended the Junior High Band and Orchestra Camp June 10 to 16. Patton attended the Senior High Band Orchestra and Choir Institute June 17 to 23.

KU’s School of Fine Arts and Department of Music and Dance offer the camps. David Clemmer, director of athletic bands and assistant band director at KU, leads the camps.

The camp provided instrumental, vocal and keyboard students a variety of musical experiences, including opportunities to participate in full symphony orchestras, choirs, bands, jazz ensembles and music classes.
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New bioscience head notes need for research

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Making Kansas a leader in the bioscience industry will take more than programs to attract new companies to the state, the president of the state’s top bioscience organization told a Lawrence crowd Monday.

It also will take increased research funding for Kansas University and other state institutions, Thomas Thornton, president and CEO of the Kansas Bioscience Authority, told members of the Lawrence Rotary Club.

“You can’t attract yourself to being a bioscience leader,” Thornton told the crowd at the Holidome. “You have to have the core research infrastructure in place as well.”

But how much the bioscience authority should spend on promoting research versus building programs to attract and expand new companies is a big question among the nine-member board that governs the authority. The stakes are high because the bioscience authority is expected to receive about $585 million in state funding in a 15-year period to spend on making the state a national bioscience leader.

Legislators will be watching to see how the authority works, now that there has been a change in board leadership within the last month.

“I’ll have to see how they are moving,” state Rep. Barbara Ballard, D-Lawrence, said when asked whether she was optimistic about the board’s future operations. Ballard attended Thornton’s speech Monday.

An audience member asked Thornton about recent media reports that the nine-member board is divided about the direction the authority should take. The board has been in a transition period since Clay Blair, the authority’s original chairman, resigned in early June amid questions about expenses charged to the authority. Some members have questioned those expenses. Others have defended Blair, and have said he was unfairly criticized.

Last week, the board split on who should replace Blair. On a 6-3 vote, the board chose as chairwoman Sandra Lawrence, executive vice president and chief financial officer for Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics. She was chosen over Bill Sanford, president and CEO of Nanoscale Materials, who is the board’s vice chairman.

After the meeting, Sanford expressed concern that the board may be moving in a direction of funding more basic research activities and fewer entrepreneurial programs to help bioscience businesses grow or locate in Kansas.

Lawrence, the board’s new chairwoman, also is chairwoman of the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, which helped create a “blue ribbon” report on education in the Kansas City area that recommends significant amounts of new research funding for the Kansas University Medical Center.

Among members of the authority’s board is Dolph C. Simons Jr., chairman of The World Company, which publishes the Lawrence Journal-World and the De Soto Explorer.

Thornton on Monday said more research funding may be appropriate. He said the state legislation that created the bioscience authority clearly envisioned that the authority would support research efforts.

He said additional research efforts would give the state the “people power” that companies often seek when choosing where to locate. Additional research funding also will increase the state’s chances of creating home-grown bioscience companies as researchers take their ideas and spin them off into new companies, he said.

Ballard, though, said state legislators placed a great deal of importance on the authority’s programs to attract new companies and expand existing ones. Ballard said she was not opposed to the authority funding more basic research functions, as long as it didn’t come at the expense of the authority’s programs to attract new companies to the state.

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A plan comes together

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When De Soto City Administrator Pat Guilfoyle and city engineer Mike Brungardt started looking to replace recently departed city planner Kim Buttram, they were certain the city couldn't afford another certified city planner so they agreed look for someone to perform just the position's secretarial functions.

The scaled-back search meant the city would contract once again with an outside planning firm, a practice that was discontinued two years ago as Buttram neared the completion of her master's degree in city planning from Kansas University.

To their surprise, one of the applicants for the "planning coordinator" position listed in the advertisement proved the two men wrong. Linda Bohnsack, who started as the new city planner last week, not only has the education but experience with Leavenworth County and the city of Tonganoxie.

For her part, Bohnsack saw the position as a chance to get back to her small-town roots.

"I really enjoy rural or small town planning as opposed to big city planning so when the job came open in De Soto I was attracted to it," she said. "The job description offered me a chance to do what I had been doing and learn some new things."

Bohnsack went to KU as a non-traditional student in the early 1990s, earning first her bachelor's degree in architectural studies in 1995 and a master's degree in urban planning in 1998.

The degree program might be named "urban planning," but Bohnsack said her interest, once again, was in working with smaller communities.

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As De Soto's new city planner, Linda Bohnsack will be doing the work with small towns that she enjoys. Bohnsack started last week, replacing Kim Buttram who moved to Texas.
City's new planner wants career in small towns

you have the very real opportunity to get involved in so many aspects of the town,” she said. “Planning gives you the chance, the opportunity to make a difference you don’t have in other fields except maybe city administration, but that’s too political for me.”

Once she earned her master’s, Bohnsack went to work for Leavenworth County in 1998. It was a position that had her working for the city of Tonganoxie two days a week and the county the other three. She then spent from 2000 to 2002 as the Tonganoxie city planner when that city decided to hire a full-time planner and then returned as a full-time planner with Leavenworth County until this March.

While with Tonganoxie, she helped with the revision of that city’s comprehensive plan, developed a site plan review process and design guidelines for its downtown improvement project, Bohnsack said.

That experience, plus that gained in day-to-day planning application process, is now at the disposal of the city. But Bohnsack said another attraction of the job was the chance to grow professionally.

“There’s also new things like administering the city’s Community Development Block Grant, writing grants and working with the city’s mapping system creating and printing maps,” she said.

Bohnbsack, who lives in Leavenworth with her husband, Donald, said De Soto seemed to be well prepared in the planning arena.

“I’m pretty impressed with the comprehensive plan,” she said. “I think that it is very good. It seem like De Soto is on its way to taking its place in the metropolitan area. It just needs to monitor that to make sure it continues to grow as the city and it citizens want it to evolve.”
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Whether they want to earn a GED, improve management skills or discuss Alfred Hitchcock films, Lawrence adults have several ways to continue or resume their education.

Lawrence Public Schools’ Adult Learning Center, located in the Lawrence High School annex building, offers a basic education program for adults.

“The emphasis in adult basic education is on lifeskills and employability skills,” said Ange White, an educator at the center.

The center also provides GED preparation courses and English language classes for non-native speakers. All the courses are free.

The adult education and GED classes consist of three or four three-hour sessions, available in the morning, afternoon and evening. The next session runs from Aug. 22 to Oct. 4, and enrollment is Aug. 13-16. Potential students can come by the center, where they can take diagnostic tests to provide personalized instruction.

Enrollment for the next session of English language classes will be on those same days, as well as Aug. 20-23. The English classes run on a similar schedule, but for longer: from Aug. 29 to Dec. 19.

Adults can learn about sign language, woodworking and computer skills through Lawrence Parks and Recreation continuing education classes. The classes typically run from six to 12 weeks, with one session per week. The cost usually ranges from $60 to $80, said Jo Ellis, recreation programs supervisor.

People can register for fall Parks and Recreation classes starting July 29, when paper copies of the fall activity guide are released. The guide is already available online at lprd.org.

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Kansas University’s continuing education department oversees a wide array of educational programs. Those available to Lawrence adults include independent study courses, professional development courses and self-enrichment programs.

Through independent study, adults can take undergraduate and graduate KU courses for credit, at normal tuition rates. Some professional development courses update students on advances in fields such as law or aerospace engineering, and others train students’ more general professional skills, such as project management and conflict resolution.

“These are for people who are out in their careers and feel they need to update their skills or their knowledge,” said Jim Peters, marketing director for KU continuing education. The courses, usually one or two days, run from

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Continuing education sites throughout the area

Lawrence
- Lawrence Public Schools Adult Learning Center: 2017 Louisiana St., Lawrence High School annex building, (785) 832-5960.

Johnson County:
- Pittsburg State University – Kansas City, 1920 W. 34th St, Lenexa, (913) 262-4447.

Leavenworth County:

Wyandotte County:
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about $200 per day and up.

KU’s Osher Lifelong Learning Institute provides short, informal classes examining different areas of culture, art and the humanities.

Though the program is intended for people 50 and older, Peters said people as young as 14 enrolled in the classes. “It’s really a general-interest, general population outreach,” he said.

Costs range from $25 for one class to $150 for an annual membership with unlimited classes. KU faculty and other experts teach the classes, most of which are located at the KU continuing education office, 1515 St. Andrews Dr. Some classes are in Topeka and Overland Park.

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