KU announces spring 2007 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 following area students, named to the 2007 spring semester honor roll, are undergraduates unless otherwise noted:

**Sabetha/Sabetha High School:**
Krista Lierz, Liberal Arts sophomore; Brandon Lukert, Pharmacy Professional Prof I; Tyler Simpson, Liberal Arts and Fine Arts senior.

**Goff/Wetmore HS:** Jennifer Flentbrooke, Liberal Arts senior; Ella Fund-Reznicek, Liberal Arts sophomore; Phillipe Manning, Liberal Arts sophomore.

**Hiawatha/Hiawatha HS:** Blake Barrett, Liberal Arts senior; Taylor Lenon, Fine Arts senior; Megan Persinger, Liberal Arts senior; Brice Sanner, Business senior; Jordan Sanner, Liberal Arts senior; Charles Stinson, Liberal Arts senior; Elizabeth Weingart, Liberal Arts sophomore; Clarence Hall of Robinson, Liberal Arts senior.

**Seneca/Nemaha Valley HS:** Jamie Bergman, Liberal Arts and Social Welfare senior; Tara Bergman, Business junior; Debra Olberding, Allied Health senior; Mary Showman, Liberal Arts Senior.

The honor roll comprises 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 vary among the university’s academic units. Some schools honor the top 10 percent of students enrolled, some establish a minimum grade-point average and others raise the minimum GPA for each year students are in school. Students must complete a minimum number of credit hours to be considered for the honor roll.
Parents, students applaud KU’s four-year tuition compact for freshmen

Parents and students have been overwhelmingly positive in response to a new University of Kansas plan that offers no tuition increases for four years to freshmen and sets fees for four years in advance for all students.

KU’s Four-Year Tuition Compact, approved today by the Kansas Board of Regents, enables first-time freshmen and their families to plan financially for the true cost of tuition and fees for the time it takes to complete a bachelor’s degree program. Approximately 80 percent of college costs for Kansas residents and almost 90 percent for non-residents will be known and certain from the first day of class, said Marlesia Roney, vice provost for Student Success.

“Every time we discussed the proposal during new student orientation this month, the audience has burst into applause,” Roney said. “No tuition increase for four years is very welcome news to parents and students alike. They can now plan ahead with confidence.”

The tuition compact fixes the per-credit-hour tuition rate for first-time freshmen for four calendar years, the time it takes for a student taking 16 credit hours a semester to graduate with a bachelor’s degree. All but four KU bachelor degree programs can be completed in that time.

The compact, developed in collaboration with KU student leaders, also sets course fees for the next four years. Course fees are levied on a per-credit-hour basis in all of KU’s schools except social welfare and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Almost 65 percent of KU students are enrolled only in the College, and most won’t pay any course fees while earning a degree. Students who enroll in schools with course fees typically do so in their junior and senior years.

The university is also working to establish a four-year schedule of required campus fees, an annual charge students pay to support services such as the student health center, fitness and recreation center and the bus system. Required campus fees, which will be $377.75 for the fall 2007 semester, are set by Student Senate and voted on by the student body. The compact also includes an optional two-year fixed rate for student housing.

Returning and transfer students will pay the standard tuition rate, which is set every June by the regents. These students will pay the same set course fees as first-time freshmen. For more information about the Four-Year Tuition Compact and all tuition rates and fees, visit www.tuition.ku.edu.

A regents survey reported this week that tuition rates in Kansas are considerably lower than the rates in neighboring states. Kansans who attend KU pay $831, or 15 percent, less than residents in neighboring states to attend similar institutions each year.
I enjoyed hearing recently that there really are advantages to having your picture in the pages of The Hill City Times. Hill Citian Sloane Schulz, the daughter of David and Sue Schulz of rural Hill City, is home this summer while awaiting the opportunity to begin Pharmacy School classes at the University of Kansas, next August. To keep herself busy, and probably earn a little money, Sloane is working for The First State Bank and also filling in parttime as a lifeguard at the Hill City Swimming Pool. As one of her banking assignments, the Hill City High School graduate worked for one week in The First State Bank’s Hoxie, Kansas branch and was greeted there one day by a woman, who called her by her name. Sloane had to admit that she didn’t know the woman who addressed her, and the bank customer went on to say that she had never met Sloane in person, but had seen her picture in The Hill City Times so many times, “that she felt like she already knew her!”
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Cimarron students were Sheryl Doubek, daughter of Doug and Sarah Doubek, Liberal Arts undergraduate, senior; and Matthew Monical, son of Jeff and Krista Monical, Pharmacy Professional.

Montezuma student was Amy Winsor, daughter of Doug and Carol Winsor, Education undergraduate from South Gray High School.