Local KU Graduates

KU's Class of 2007 numbers more than 6,400, including 2,125 who completed degree work in summer and fall 2006. Because KU conducts only one formal commencement ceremony each year, many of these candidates for degrees will return Sunday, May 20, for the university's 135th commencement procession into Memorial Stadium. More than 4,000 members of the Class of 2007 are expected to participate.

Local Graduates are:

- 66713 CK Baxter Springs Allyn Michael Kaufmann son of Mike and Carolyn Kaufmann Pharmaceutical Chemistry MS Graduate Master of Science/Pharmaceutical Chemistry Baxter Springs High School Baxter Springs KS
- Columbus Thomas John Barnow son of Kenny and Tena Smith Business Administration BSB Senior Bachelor of Science in Business/Business Administr Columbus Unified High School Columbus KS
- Columbus Brian David Phelps Male - Pharmacy PD Prof 1 Doctor of Pharmacy Columbus Unified High School Columbus KS
- Columbus Christina Nichole Sell daughter of Debbie Pryor History BA Senior Bachelor of Arts/History Girard High School Girard KS
- Columbus Jana Dawn Simpson daughter of Don and Pat Simpson Social Work Adv Standing MSW Graduate Master of Social Work Columbus Unified High School Columbus KS
- Galena Andrew Martin Horner son of Al and Susan Horner Chemical Engineering BS Senior Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering Galena High School Galena KS
- Riverton Matthew Thatcher Tracy son of Bob and Lynnette Tracy Biology BS Senior Bachelor of Science in Biology Riverton High School Riverton KS
- Scammon Jessie Nichole Fazel daughter of Kari Giroux-Clark Nursing BSN Senior Bachelor of Science in Nursing Salina High School South Salina KS
- Scammon Abbie Nicole Gilmore daughter of Tina Wydick French BA Senior Bachelor of Arts/French & Bachelor of Arts/Psychology Columbus Unified High School Columbus KS
The University Honors Program at the University of Kansas will commend more than 150 graduating students at a ceremony at Crafton-Preyer Theater in Murphy Hall on Saturday, May 19 from 1 to 3 p.m., including two from the Columbus area.

The ceremony recognizes KU seniors who have completed the University Honors Program and the University Scholars Program, a mentorship program students participate in during their sophomore year. During the ceremony students will receive gold cords to wear during commencement activities.

Columbus-area students being honored include Christina Nichole Sell of Columbus, a graduate of Girard High School and Abbie Nicole Gilmore of Scammon, a graduate of Columbus Unified High School.
Area students selected to Duke TIP

The University of Kansas will host a state recognition program for about 400 academically-talented seventh grade students selected for the Duke University Talent Identification Program including ten in the local area.

Selection to Duke TIP is based on college entrance exam scores that students take while still in middle school. The top five percent are chosen for the program. Each Duke TIP student receives a medallion.

Areas students being recognized include Tyler L. Schultz of Baxter Springs; Tyler L. Bradshaw, Christian D. Channel, Adrianne E. Elliott, and Martyn A. Soriano, all of Galena; Troy Eckhoff of Riverton; Jesse R. Newcomb and Shelby D. White, both of Scammon; and Jennifer M. Dey and Thomas M. Loucks, both of Weir.
Eudora High School graduates Sarah Abel and Mary Johnson are among the more than 200 students being recognized Sunday as the Class of 2007’s top scholars at Kansas University’s commencement.

Each year, KU awards its most prized four-year scholarships to students whose academic records and other qualifications make them eligible for selection.

Abel and Johnson both received endowment meritorious scholarships, which provide $500 to $2,500 a year for four years to high-achieving students who enhance the diversity of the student body.

The Class of 2007 includes graduates from the spring 2007 and summer and fall 2006 terms. The commencement procession begins at 2:30 p.m. at Memorial Stadium.

Abel is the daughter of Carl and Anita Abel, Eudora. Johnson is the daughter of William and Peggy Johnson, Eudora.
More than 4,280 students are candidates for degrees from Kansas University after the 2007 spring session. KU's Class of 2007 numbers more than 6,400, including 2,125 who completed degree work in summer and fall 2006. Because KU conducts only one formal commencement ceremony each year, many of the candidates for degrees will return Sunday for the university's 135th commencement procession into Memorial Stadium.

Faculty and candidates for degrees will assemble about 2 p.m. Sunday along Memorial Drive for the procession, which begins at 2:30 p.m. The program begins about 3:30 p.m.

Eudora students who earned degrees were Ethan Schmidt, doctor of philosophy in philosophy/history; John Smolen, juris doctor; Tammi Soileau, bachelor of arts in speech-language-hearing; Abbey Vieux-Revell, master of science in education; Nina Zuna, doctor of philosophy in education/special education; William Wilson, bachelor of general studies/economics; Brenda Brandon, master of arts/indigenous nations studies; Ramsey Hagan, bachelor of science in civil engineering; Sarah Abel, bachelor of science in business/accounting and bachelor of science in business/finance; Kelly Campbell, bachelor of general studies; Amanda Grosdidier, bachelor of science in biology; Peter Hickman, bachelor of arts/political science; Kendall Hudson, bachelor of science in business/marketing; Mary Johnson, bachelor of science in journalism systems; Kevin McCormick, bachelor of arts/human biology; and Jill Woodward, bachelor of arts/psychology.

Linwood students who earned degrees were Roger Hanzlik, master of public administration; Carrie Park, doctor of physical therapy; John Nelson, bachelor or arts/psychology; Lindsay Kass, bachelor of science in education; Caitlin Drouin, bachelor of arts/French; and Nathan Howard, bachelor of general studies/applied behavioral science and sociology.
LAWRENCE – Area students are among the more than 4,000 candidates for degrees set to graduate from the University of Kansas in a May 20 ceremony.

Area graduates include: Rachel Bailey Duncan of Effingham, bachelor’s degree in occupational studies; Nathan Lee Ladd of Effingham, international studies and bachelor’s degree in business/management; Angela Michelle Hinman of Denison, doctor of pharmacy;

From Holton: Wesley Adam Bickford, bachelor’s degree in psychology; Melissa A. Pagel, bachelor’s degree in education; Meghan Elizabeth Stockman, bachelor’s degree in atmospheric science; Carli A. Watkins, bachelor’s degree in journalism and women’s studies;

From Mayetta: Wesley Adam Bickford, bachelor’s degree in psychology; Jessie Diane Thoman, bachelor’s degree in psychology; Ashley Rose Williams, bachelor’s degree in education; and Johnny Lee Williams master’s degree in indigenous nations studies.

The program begins about 3:30 p.m. In case of inclement weather, participants should call KU Info, (785) 864 - 3506, or listen to local radio and television stations to learn the exact time of the commencement ceremony. Commencement information and an up-to-date schedule of events are available online at the Web site www.commencement.ku.edu.
Area residents honored by TIP

Tyler J. Shelby, Iola, and Jordan S. Woods, Bronson, middle school students will be recognized by Duke University's Talent Identification Program (TIP) June 3 at the Lied Center at the University of Kansas.

The TIP program honors talented seventh-grade students in the United States, who have scored as well or better than the average college-bound high school senior in either the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Testing Assessment (ACT).
Countians complete degrees at KU

There are more than 4,000 candidates for degrees who will graduate in a May 20 ceremony at the University of Kansas in Lawrence.

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The following are from Jefferson County:

- Grantville—Daniel Kaelson Shirley, Doctor of Medicine.
- McLouth—Laura Michele Combs, Master of Science in Education; Robert John Kabus, Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering; Lauren Elizabeth Kirby, Bachelor of Arts/Humanities; Justin Charles Smith, Bachelor of Music Education.
- Meriden—Michelle Renee Goodrick, Bachelor of Arts/Psychology; Erin Brianne Wolfram, Master of Science in Counseling Psychology.
- Nortonville—Katherine Louise Blair, Bachelor of Science in Journalism and Theatre minor.
- Oskaloosa—Lindsay Ann Baker, Bachelor of Arts/Human Biology; Tiffany Ann Cook, Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Science; Derek J. Hanson, Juris Doctor, Master of Urban Planning; Stephanie Ann Scurto, Master of Arts/English.
- Ozawkie—Stacia Ilene Pfau, Bachelor of Science in Education; Melinda Leigh Stewart, Bachelor of Fine Arts.
- Perry—Alexander K. Harmon, Bachelor of General Studies/Geography; Kate E. Harper, Bachelor of General Studies, Anthropology and Bachelor of General Studies/Psychology; Erin Leigh Nix, Bachelor of General Studies/Religious Studies.
- Valley Falls—Jennifer Gayle Brevitz, Bachelor of General Studies/Psychology; Benjamin Robert Davidson, Bachelor of Science in Education.
- Winchester—Judee S. Herring, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Melynda M. Swoyer, Bachelor of Science in Nursing.
Area students graduate

EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY
Emporia State University held commencement exercises May 12, at Welch Stadium, with six area students taking part.
—Yates Center - Samantha Lee Hintz, BSE; and Rachelle Diane Laymon, BSB, summa cum laude. Both are Yates Center High School graduates.
—Gridley - Joy Dawn Dyke, BSE, cum laude; Andrea Lynn Moore Hoag, BSB; Hatti L. John, BSB; and Linda Kay Snyder, B/S.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
Erin Lindsey Grisier, daughter of Rodney and Kelley Grisier, will receive a bachelor’s degree in social work from the University of Kansas, on Sunday, May 20, at Memorial Stadium. She is a Yates Center High School graduate.
Eleven students from De Soto are among 6,400 students, including 2,125 who completed degree work in summer and fall 2006, who will receive degrees at Kansas University’s spring 2007 commencement.

Faculty and candidates for degrees will assemble about 2 p.m. along Memorial Drive for the procession, which begins at 2:30 p.m. The program begins about 3:30 p.m.

De Soto students who earned degrees were Jessica Christenberry, bachelor of general studies/anthropology; Brian Knapp, bachelor of science in clinical laboratory; Jacob Miller, bachelor of science in business/accounting; Patrick Brown, master of science/engineering management; Christy Jansen, doctor of medicine; Jacqueline Clark, bachelor of social work; James Ingram, bachelor of arts/Latin America; McKenzie King, bachelor of science in business/management; Kelly Kramer, bachelor of science in education; Ramsey Hagan, bachelor of science in civil engineering; and Antoinette Marquez, bachelor of science in business/accounting.

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