University of Kansas issues diplomas to area students

LAWRENCE — The names of more than 4,450 candidates for degrees at the University of Kansas this spring — representing 95 Kansas counties, 48 other states and the District of Columbia and 44 other countries — have been announced by the University Registrar.

The students graduated at commencement exercises held last Sunday, May 18, at Lawrence.

Those students from Montgomery County who were slated to receive diplomas were:

- Caney: Andrea Dryden, bachelor of science in nursing; Jesse Nathaniel Hall, bachelor of science in computer science.
- Coffeyville: Teresa Marie Bowman, bachelor of arts/biology; Dustin Allen Knight Bradley, Juris Doctorate; Katie Anne Cevera, bachelor of science in journalism; Brett Matthew Dye, bachelor of general studies/anthropology; Darci Jo Eveleigh, Bachelor of Science in Education; Sean Michael McClenning, bachelor of science in journalism; Lauren Nicole Peterman, bachelor of general studies/psychology; Matthew Charles Pierson, master of science/civil engineering; Bradley James Wuggazer, bachelor of arts/history.
- Independence: Emily Catherine Bannwarth, bachelor of science in business/marketing; Jody M. Blevins, bachelor of science in nursing; Thorsten Eugene Fraley, bachelor of arts/theatre and film; Stephanie Sue Gettler, doctor of pharmacy; Joseph E. Hall, bachelor of science in business/finance; Philip Odaray Hansden, doctor of medicine; Dustin Andrew Johnson, bachelor of general studies/economics; Christine Meryl Jones, bachelor of science in nursing; Matthew E. Kadel, bachelor of science in business/finance; Christopher Michael Landrum, bachelor of arts/philosophy; Brandy Dale Moses, bachelor of arts/economics; Scott A. Shepherd, bachelor of science in mechanical engineering; Kara Christina Thompson, master of accounting and information systems; Mandra Kelly Tryon, master of occupational therapy; Bethanie Marie White, bachelor of science in journalism; Matthew S. Yusu, bachelor of science in education.
Completes honors

Anne Catherine Kretsinger, who received a bachelor’s degree in communication studies from the University of Kansas in May 2008, also was a participant in the KU cording ceremony which honors those seniors who have completed the University Honors Program and the University Scholars Program. She is the daughter of W. Brock and Mary Kretsinger and a graduate of Emporia High School.
Kevin L. Briggs of Emporia recently received a master's degree in health services administration from the University of Kansas and also received the 2008 Professional Development Award from the KU Department of Health Policy and Management. Briggs graduated earlier from the University of Kansas with two bachelor's degrees, one in nursing. His research practicum was "A Comparative Analysis and Description of the Swedish Healthcare System and Nursing Practice with the United States." He works for the Shawnee Mission Hospital. Briggs, the son of Albert Lee and Gerri Briggs of Emporia and formerly of Reading, is a graduate of Northern Heights High School.
Ridgley honored

The University Honors Program at the University of Kansas convayed honors to more than 150 graduating students at a ceremony May 17.

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

Among those honored was Alisha Ann Ridgley, Gold Cord Graduate, Political Science, BA. Her parents are Brad and Beth Zweifel. She is a graduate of Lucas-Luray High School.
Rotarians hear about ‘Bunker Hill’ movie

Russell Rotary Club members at their organization’s May 13 meeting, listened to one of their members, Troy Waymaster, Luray, speak about the movie, Bunker Hill, which will be shown later this month at the Dream Theater of Russell. Waymaster grew up in Bunker Hill, and his father, Lance Waymaster, still resides there.

The movie is an independently-made, non-Hollywood film directed by Kevin Willmott, Lawrence, who is a professor at the University of Kansas.

For its first public showing the movie was presented in Lawrence, March 29. Waymaster attended the showing and enjoyed the movie. The movie’s second public showing will occur at the Dream Theater in Russell, May 30. On that day, a reception, which Willmott will attend, will begin at 6 p.m.; the movie will be presented at 7 p.m.; and then, if time allows, Willmott will have a question-and-answer session afterwards.

Advanced tickets are required for the events and will not be available at the door. The tickets will be $15 each, and will be available for sale at the Dream Theater, the Russell Chamber of Commerce, and from members of the Bunker Hill Lions Club, which are area groups helping to sponsor the local presentation of the movie.

A total of 246 tickets, matching the number of seats at the Dream Theater, will be available for sale. Waymaster said, although Bunker Hill, Kan., is the stated setting of the movie, the town where most of the filming actually occurred was Nortonville, Kan., which is located north of Lawrence. Willmott has never visited Bunker Hill. However, in years past, he used to travel Interstate 70 in the Russell County area. He saw road signs marked with the name of Bunker Hill, and was intrigued by that name for a town. A few still photographs of areas in Bunker Hill appear in the movie.

The premise of the movie is the town of Bunker Hill suddenly becomes cut off from the outside world. There is virtually no motorized transportation or highway service. Telecommunications, electricity, and other utilities won’t operate. The film explores the efforts of the town’s residents to survive. For example the town’s residents work to bring back ‘old fashioned’ equipment, such as horse-drawn carriages. Local leaders, the ones with public influence and with access to needed resources, try to maintain social unity and order. Also, the Bunker Hill people try to explore conditions outside of their town.

The man who is the main character in the movie is a former Wall Street executive who has recently been released from jail and has moved to Bunker Hill where his wife and children reside. Waymaster said Willmott started filming the movie during the summer of 2006 and finished filming in December 2006.

Waymaster, who has been keeping up on information about Bunker Hill since 2006, first met Willmott in Topeka in 2007 at the second inauguration of Governor Kathleen Sebelius.

Waymaster was seated with some other family members of his when he spotted who he thought could be Willmott. Waymaster went over to the man, asked him his name, and, sure enough, the person was indeed Willmott. Waymaster’s father, Lance, then came over also. The movie director was excited to meet some people who were from Bunker Hill. Troy Waymaster thought it would be interesting to have an activity related to Bunker Hill in Russell County. As a result, he contacted Willmott, who was enthusiastic with Waymaster’s idea, and the two men worked out the arrangements, with the cooperation of the Dream Theater and other Russell area organizations.
Scholarships awarded to SCHS grads

Scott Community High School seniors were recipients of the following scholarships and awards during their annual Senior Awards Night on April 30.

**State of Kansas Awards**
**Kansas State Scholars**

**Kansas State Scholars:**

**Kansas Exceptional Academic Performance:** Ian Huck, Track Kendrick.

**Special Awards**
**“Wall of Fame” Awards:** Trace Kendrick, 3A state individual cross-country champion; 3A state cross-country team champions: Trace Kendrick, Tyrel George, Cosme Chavez, Brett Summers, Ian Huck; Chance Cheledemos, Kansas Football Coaches Assn. 3A All-State free safety; Logan Numrich, KFCA, 3A All-State defensive end. Chance Cheledemos, Logan Numrich.

**KSHSAA Citizenship Awards:** Ian Huck, Haley Wilcoxson.

**KSU Outstanding Senior in Math and Science Awards:** Ian Huck, Tyrel George.

**Garst Seed Company National FFA Scholarship:** Cole Pearson ($1,000).

**GFWC of Kansas Citizenship Essay Award:** Tyrel George ($500).

**Kansas American Legion**

**Music Scholarship:** Parker Arzt ($1,000).

**Kansas Angus Auxiliary Scholarship:** Cole Pearson ($1,000).

**Kansas State Dept. of Ed. “Robert C. Byrd” Scholarship:** Trace Kendrick ($5,000 over 4 years).

**Marceil Gradwohl 4-H Scholarship:** Cole Pearson ($500).

**Institutional Awards**

**Baker University (Baldwin City):**
Samantha Green, Academic Scholarship ($6,000/year-renewable for 4 years); Academic Leadership Award ($1,500/year, renewable for 4 years); art scholarship ($1,000/year).

**Brigham Young University-Idaho:** Emily Bennion, Award of Excellence ($734).

**Butler Co. Community College:** Janelle Mason, athletic award (volleyball, books/tuition); academic award ($700).

**Colby Community College:**
Kylee Gruver, music award (choir) (tuition), athletic award (cheerleading) (books). Lacey Harvey, music award, (choir and band) (books/tuition), CCC leadership, ($1,000/year for 2 years), ACT scholarship, ($800). Santana McBride, music award, (band) (16 hours of tuition/semester) academic scholarship ($600). Kiesha Scott, ACT scholarship, ($600).

**Emporia State University:**

**Ft. Hays State University:**
Tyrel George, Miller Black and Gold Academic Award ($1,200), award of excellence in physics, ($900), NASA Kansas Space Consortium Scholarship ($1,000), Howard-Wichael
Memorial Scholarship ($500). Debbie Kough, Hays City Silver Academic Award ($800), award of excellence in art and design ($900). Tawnia Smith, Hays City Silver Academic Award ($800), award of excellence in chemistry ($900). Brandon Snow, athletic award, (track-$500), award of excellence in business and leadership, ($500).

Garden City Community College: Cosme Chavez, athletic award, (cross country/track) (books/tuition), GCCC Dean’s List Scholarship ($700). Brittany Fyler, Dr. Steven Stover Memorial Scholarship, ($1,000). Bryan Ingalls, journalism scholarship, (books/tuition). Rebekah McFann, athletic training scholarship, (books/tuition), GCCC Dean’s List Scholarship ($700).

Hutchinson Community College: Chance Chelemedos, athletic award, (track) (books/tuition).

Kansas State University: Ian Huck, Putnam Scholarship, ($6,500), engineering scholarship, ($1,500). Cole Pearson, KSU Leadership Scholarship, ($3,000), KSU college of agriculture, ($750), KSU Institute of Food Technology Freshman Scholarship, ($1,000).

Manhattan Christian College: Sierra Gregory, MCC Presidential Scholarship ($3,500), KSU activity scholarship ($1,000).

McPherson College: Amanda Kennedy, academic excellence award ($4,000), vocal music scholarship ($4,000 renewable), Kansas Resident Award, ($3,000).

Northwest Ks. Technical College: Gerardo Guillen, departmental scholarship, (collision repair) ($500), summer internship scholarship, ($1,000).

Southwest Ks. Technical School: Alex Antillon, departmental scholarship, (auto body) ($500), SCHS Counselor Recommendation Award, ($100).

University of Kansas: Ethan Gechter, KU Freshman Achievement Scholarship ($1,500). Logan Numrich, KU Freshman Scholarship ($2,000).

Washburn University: Brad Quilling, band scholarship ($1,600).

Westwood College of Technology, (Denver, Colo.): Miles Doherty, Westwood Scholarship, ($1,500/year).

Wichita State University: Trace Kendrick, Top Shock Scholarship ($2,500), DSI Top 50 Scholarship ($1,000/year), athletic award, (cross country/track, $1,500/year), WSU housing scholarship ($4,000). Brett Summers, WSU academic scholarship ($3,500).

William Jewell College (Liberty, Mo.): Parker Artz, academic scholarship ($6,500/year), music scholarship, ($4,000/year).

Local Scholarships

Doornbos Family Scholarship: Cole Pearson ($1,000).

Alpha Omega Sorority Scholarship: $400 each to Sierra Gregory, Trace Kendrick, Tyrel George, Amanda Kennedy, Santanna McBride, Tawnia Smith, Stephanie Cooper, Brett Summers, Lacey Harvey, Kiesha Scott, Chance Chelemedos, Lisa Gamble, Brecken Dunagan, Janelle Mason and Debbie Kough.

American Legion-Lester Reid Post No 183 Scholarship: Lacey Harvey ($2,000).

Hildred/Raymond Armantrout Memorial Scholarship: Miles Doherty ($3,000); Ian Huck ($3,000).

Darlow Boulware Memorial Scholarship: Parker Artz ($200).

Bill Carson Memorial Scholarship: Brecken Dunagan ($500).

FFA of Scott City: Justin Erven ($200); Cole Pearson ($200); Kiesha Scott ($200).
First National Bank Scholarships: $250 each to Tyrel George, Janelle Mason, Kiesha Scott.

Phyllis Kamp Memorial Scholarship: Trace Kendrick ($500).

Masonic Lodge Essay Scholarship: Rebekah McFann ($250)

Glenn Novak Memorial Ag Scholarship: Cole Pearson ($800).

PEO Chapter AW of Scott City: Lisa Gamble ($250), Janelle Mason ($250), Kiesha Scott ($250).

Pioneer Sales Scholarship: Tyrel George ($1,000).

Rebekah Lodge No. 621 Scholarship: Rebekah McFann ($250).

Ruby Wilkens Music Scholarship: Parker Artz ($400).

Scott City Music Club Scholarships: Amanda Kennedy ($400), Brad Quilling ($400).

Scott City Quilt Guild Scholarships: Kylee Gruver ($250), Rebekah McFann ($250).


Security State Bank Drawing Winners: Chance Chelemedos ($250), Janelle Mason ($250), Kiesha Scott ($250) and Brett Summers ($250).

VFW Post No. 7773 Scholarship: Chance Chelemedos ($400/year; $1,600 total).

XI Delta Kappa Sorority Scholarship: Brecken Dunagan ($200).

Scott Community Foundation Scholarships Hoffman Scholars: Tawnia Smith ($5,000), Trace Kendrick ($5,000).

Future of Scott Scholars: Kiesha Scott ($1,000), Ian Huck ($1,000), Parker Artz ($500), Lisa Gamble ($500), Tyrel George ($500), Janelle Mason ($500), Rebekah McFann ($500), Cole Pearson ($500).
Reade Among Emporia State Graduates

Emporia State University awarded bachelor’s and graduate degrees to over 800 graduates during its 141st commencement Saturday, May 17, 2008.

Troy Allen Reade, EHS graduate, received his Bachelor of Science in Education.
KU lists journalism award winners

LAWRENCE – The William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of Kansas has announced recipients of annual awards and scholarships totaling about $300,000.

Dean Ann Brill announced the 130 award and scholarship recipients, including 11 incoming freshmen, during the April 29 ceremony in the Kansas Union.

Students from 30 Kansas counties, 12 other states and four other countries earned awards and scholarships in writing, editing, reporting, broadcasting, strategic communication and media management.

Area students included: Brian C Schneweis, Great Bend, son of Kathleen Mai, senior, who received the Jan M. Guth Memorial Scholarship; Amanda Kay Steinle, Russell, daughter of Debra Wehling, senior, who received the Bob Billings Scholarship and Diane Lazzarino Award for Strategic Communication Writing.

The awards presented totaled more than $11,000. They were:
- Mel Adams Strategic Communications Award, given for student performance in strategic communication
- Sharon Bass Award for an outstanding magazine student
- John Bremner Award for excellence in copy editing
- Walter Evert News Award for outstanding reporting on the University Daily Kansan
- Gerald Funk Feature Writing Awards for outstanding magazine writing
- John Katch Broadcast Award, given to outstanding students in broadcast journalism
- Diane Lazzarino Award for an outstanding writing by a strategic communication student
- Dana Leibengood Strategic Communications Award, given to an outstanding senior in public relations
- Bruce Linton Electronic Media Graduate Award, given to an outstanding graduate student who specializes in radio/television
- Paul V. Miner Award for Kansan Leadership to recognize outstanding contributions to the University Daily Kansan
- Rick Musser Multimedia Award
- Calder Picket Graduate Student Award for outstanding research
- Don Pierce Sports Writing Award for outstanding sports writing on the University Daily Kansan
- Les Polk Copy Editing Award
- Angelo Scott News Reporting Awards for outstanding reporting on the University Daily Kansan
- Gene Slais Broadcast News Award, given to an outstanding senior in television news
- Sullivan, Higdon and Sink Strategic Communications Senior Award, given to the outstanding senior in strategic communication
- Lee Young Magazine Senior Award, given to an outstanding senior magazine student

Funds for these awards and scholarships were made possible by private donations to KU Endowment, the independent, nonprofit organization serving as the official fundraising and fund-management organization for KU. Founded in 1891, KU Endowment is the first foundation of its kind at a U.S. public university.
Town and Country instructor earns group fitness instructor certification from ACE

DALLAS — The American Council on Exercise (ACE), the premier certification, education and training organization, has announced that Karen Wilder of Great Bend has passed the exam to become an ACE Certified Group Fitness Instructor.

Karen has always been interested in fitness. It all started when she ran cross country in high school. She has continued to stay active ever since. She started instructing at Town and Country in January 2002 and has received other certifications in Pilates, Zumba, group fitness and personal training through other certifying organizations.

She graduated from the University of Kansas with a B.S. in pharmacy. Over the past few years, she has been pursuing a Pharm.D. (doctorate) degree and recently graduated from KU on May 18.

“Karen is an extremely awesome instructor” says Caron Zager, owner of Town and Country Racquet Club, Great Bend. “She always finds new and different workouts to keep members motivated. Town and Country is very lucky to have such a dedicated individual.”

About ACE

The American Council on Exercise, America’s Authority on Fitness, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the benefits of physical activity and protecting consumers against unsafe and ineffective fitness products and instruction. As the nation’s “workout watchdog,” ACE sponsors university-based exercise science research and testing that targets fitness products and trends.

ACE sets standards for fitness professionals and is the world’s largest nonprofit fitness certifying organization. For more information on ACE and its programs, call (800) 825-3636 or log onto the ACE Web site at www.acefitness.org.
KU Honor Students

The University Honors Program at the University of Kansas commended more than 150 graduating students at a ceremony held Saturday, May 17, 2008 at the Crafton-Preyer Theatre in Murphy Hall.

The ceremony recognizes KU seniors who have completed the University Honors Program and the University Scholars Program, in which students participate during their sophomore year.

University Honors Program students must complete a freshman tutorial and a combination of honors courses and out-of-classroom experiences such as study abroad, internships, community service or undergraduate research to graduate from the program. Students must also maintain a minimum 3.25 grade-point average.

Among those students being honored was Anthony Strickland, son of Joe and Michelle Strickland, Washington. Anthony is a senior in Human Biology and is a Washington High School graduate.