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Christopher M. Dyba, of St. Marys, Sport ScienceBSE, senior, is the McCollum Hall senior staff resident assistant.

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KU announces scholarship winners

The University of Kansas Office of Admissions and Scholarships has announced the students who have received the prestigious Summerfield and Watkins-Berger scholarships for fall 2008.

The scholarships provide $4,500 per year for four years to each student and are awarded to top students graduating from Kansas high schools in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements, records of community service and leadership.

Kaitlyn Anne Borden, daughter of David and Judy Borden of Augusta was one of the scholarship recipients.

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Hardman announced as scholar

This fall, KU awarded 138 of its most prestigious scholarships, the Summerfield and the Watkins-Berger scholarships, to students from 75 Kansas high schools in 31 counties.

Sloane Selbe Hardman, daughter of Philip and Debra Hardman, Osborne, is a freshmen art and basic studies student.

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Since KU has experienced its largest freshmen class ever, we also saw enrollment increased in this group of student-scholars,” said Gail Sherron, associate director of admissions and scholarships. “We are pleased that so many of Kansas’ most talented students selected KU as their college of choice.”

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The scholarships are awarded to top students the late Arthur Berger, and his wife, Marie. Emily Berger, who received a bachelor’s from KU in 1914, died in 1920 before receiving a master’s in chemistry. What became the Watkins-Berger scholarships were first established by the Bergers in 1943.

To be eligible for the scholarships, high school seniors need a cumulative unweighted 3.5 grade-point average and an ACT score of 31 or higher or SAT of 1360 in math and critical reading. Starting in fall 2009, students will need to have a 3.65 unweighted GPA graduating from Kansas high schools in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements, records of community service and leadership.

KU Endowment administers the scholarship funds and the Office of Admissions and Scholarships coordinates the review and awarding process. The Chancellor’s Honor Scholarship Committee selects the recipients.

Watkins-Berger scholarships for women are financed by the estate of philanthropist Elizabeth M. Watkins of Lawrence and an endowment in memory of Emily Berger by her younger brother.
Students receive Kansas Honors

Three Plainville High School students were recognized for their academic achievements at the KU Honors Program on Sept. 18 at Hays High School.

Amanda Brungardt, Eric Sears, and Katelyn Thysault rank in the top 10% of their class and were guests of the KU Alumni Association, who host the Kansas Honors Program to recognize and award high school seniors for their academic achievement.

Each student received a certificate and special edition of The American Heritage Dictionary.

HONORS STUDENTS -- PHS students are pictured, Eric Sears, Amanda Brungardt and Katelyn Thysault.
Ballard serves as proctor at KU

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Ballard, a senior, was chosen as Watkins Scholarship hall proctor. She is the daughter of Stephen and Gayle Ballard.
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Blackburn, a Mulvane High School graduate, is a freshman in pre-medicine.
**Student Leaders Named At KU**

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Shanna Doering, daughter of Candice and Mark Doering, has been named Hashinger Hall resident assistant. Doering is a junior majoring in biology.
Local art instructor Martha Fitzwater wins KAEA award

Special to the Courier

Martha Fitzwater, secondary art educator at Winfield High School, has been awarded the Kansas Art Education Association 2008 Art Enhancer of the Year Award. Several hundred art educators from across the state attended the KAEA banquet and awards dinner Oct. 3 in Lawrence.

Marilyn Stokstad, an expert in medieval and Spanish art, who taught more than 20 courses at the University of Kansas, was keynote speaker. Former chair of the Art History Department at KU, Stokstad is a nationally known author of many art history books, including “Art History,” which is one of the most widely used texts on the subject. Stokstad was also one of Fitzwater’s favorite and hardest professors when she studied at KU. Fitzwater received her degree in art education in 1971.

Fitzwater has taught for more than 30 years in Inman, Florence, West Elk, Buhler, Paola, Wellington, the Winfield Arts and Humanities Council, Southwestern College and USD 465.

In Winfield, she helped revitalize the Arts and Humanities Council through her work as Artist in Residence for Winfield USD 465 and through after-school and evening arts programs and classes. Record enrollment in the classes as well as reaching out to many students and teachers at all levels are parts of Fitzwater’s legacy as artist in residence for five years in Winfield.

Beyond her teaching in the classroom and after school and evening classes, Fitzwater taught for five years voluntarily at the Winfield Correctional Facility on

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Martha Fitzwater and Marilyn Stokstad, her former professor of art history at the University of Kansas. (Special to the Courier)
Lynn Felts, left, Winfield High School art teacher; Amy Groom, Wellington High School art teacher; Leigh Ann Tasker, new Oxford K-12 art teacher; and Martha Fitzwater, Winfield High School art teacher and Kansas Outstanding Art Advocate for 2008-2009, gather at the at a recent Kansas Art Education Association meeting. (Special to the Courier)

**Fitzwater**

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Thursday evenings. She has also taught ceramics to people through the court services of Cowley County. Fitzwater has helped with the visual arts portion of art competition at the Cowley County Fair. Fitzwater has helped with the Winfield Parks Department Playground Equipment Project. She has also been involved with art education and activities in the REACH preschool program. Additionally, she volunteers for community and service projects through her position as cosponsor the Winfield Student Chapter of the National Art Honor Society.

Fitzwater’s extensive support of visual arts projects in the schools and community, her assistance with students applying for art scholarships, her help with Ark Valley Chisholm Trail League Art Competition, with art awards, recognition, visiting artists and exhibitions more than qualifies her for the KAEC 2008 Art Enhancer of the Year Award.

"I was flattered and very grateful for the nomination from Lynn (Felts)," said Fitzwater, "and for the other teachers who provided the supporting evidence."

Since beginning her teaching career in 1971, Fitzwater said she has always tried to include outreach activities such as community murals and students’ exhibits open to the public.

"I think we have a really strong emphasis on art not only in our schools but throughout our community," said Fitzwater. "It’s nice to get something like this later in your teaching career."

Fitzwater grew up in Winfield. She is the daughter of the late Fred and Vivian Lawrence.
Students serve in KU residence halls

Wyandotte County students are among student leaders in residence halls and student housing at the University of Kansas, Lawrence.

Students are elected to represent other students and organize activities.

Students from Wyandotte County include Marieka Jenay Jones, daughter of Theresa Owens, freshman, Gertrude Sellards Pearson Hall resident assistant, Maranatha Academy; Jordan P. Jennings, son of Everett and Marcia Jennings, senior, McCollum Hall resident assistant, Bishop Miege; Mark Anthony Marquez, son of Aileen Buchanan, junior, Lewis Hall resident assistant, Sumner Academy; James M. McIntosh, son of Marvin and Deborah McIntosh, junior, Ellsworth Hall resident assistant, Sumner Academy; and Ehiremen E. Ighalo, daughter of Tessy Thionkhan, senior, Jayhawk Towers Tenants Association president, Sumner Academy.