Gayle graduates from KU

Andrew Gayle of Florence was a December candidate for graduation at the University of Kansas.

He received a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering.

The Marion High School graduate is the son of Stephen and Jolene Gayle of Florence.
KU scholarships

LAWRENCE — More than 6,500 students at the University of Kansas will receive an estimated $28.6 million in privately funded scholarship support during the 2008-09 academic year. This represents a $1.9 million increase over the 2007-08 academic year.

Virtually all scholarships, fellowships and awards at KU come from private contributions to KU Endowment. So far, 8,555 scholarships have been awarded for the current academic year. Many students receive more than one scholarship. KU divides many scholarships between the fall and spring semesters, and there are some students who receive scholarship support for the summer term as well.

The following local students were awarded scholarships:

Burlington: Alison Garrett Blevins, daughter of Terry and Lisa Garrett, medicine, MD; Gouldner Medical Scholarship, Paul W. and Virginia Bassett Miller Medical Scholarship, and Ivan and Letitia Burket Medical Scholarship; Christine Elizabeth Fraker, daughter of Elizabeth Anderson, computer science, BS; Cameron Kroh Reed Memorial Scholarship; Brande Marie Isenman, daughter of Jim and Diana Isenman, pre-business, Cameron Kroh Reed Memorial Scholarship; Samantha Jo Kuhlmann, daughter of Craig and Lisa Kuhlmann, pre-pharmacy, Aquila Scholarship; Jessica Leigh Menard, daughter of Jamie and Christopher Menard, pre-sport sci/comm. Health, Kurt D. Friedemann Memorial Scholarship; Lacie Rochelle Reed, daughter of Debbie and Stacy Reed, elementary education, BS; Opal Jayne Kennedy Scholarship; Brent Lucas Stull, son of Annette and Bruce Stull, Organ, BM, Hartwig Family Fund; Beverly M Wilson, medicine MD; Dr. Theodore A. Coffin Scholarship and KUMC Bookstore Scholarship - Medical Students; Joshua Tyler Inman, formerly a Burlington High School student, fine arts/music, BA, Senior Band Scholarship; Rustain L. Morgan, formerly a Burlington High School student, medicine, MD, Flowers Memorial Trust.

LeRoy: Emily Jo Graham, daughter of Warren and Patricia Graham, physical therapy, DPT; Freeman - Roy Scholarship; Jonathan David Nehring, civil engineering, BS, formerly a Southern Coffey County High School student, Christina M. Hisson Opportunity Award.

Lebo: Eric Scott Gourley, son of Doyle and Lori Gourley, pharmacy, PD; Plough Pharmacy Student Scholarship and School of Pharmacy Scholarships.

New Strawn: Lucas John Culbertson, son of Robert and Carol Culbertson, geography, BS; Harley S. Nelson Family Scholarship - Humanities & Social Science; Katharyn Diane Parker, daughter of Devra and Bill Parker, chemistry, BA, John K. and Edna M. Cape Scholarship and Nannie Beisly Scholarship.
KU studying distracted driving, crash link

Researchers at the University of Kansas go before a national research group with a new report ranking distracted driving high among today’s transportation issues.

Bob Honea, director of the Transportation Research Institute at Kansas University, will discuss the report Tuesday at the annual meeting of the National Academy of Sciences Transportation Research Board.

Honea says “It’s a no-brainer” that sending and receiving text messages while driving is a bad idea. But institute officials hope to help lay the groundwork for doing something about it, starting with gathering data.

He says law-enforcement personnel should investigate – or at least keep track of – instances when cell phones and other wireless devices are in use during accidents.
A recession we can weather

Simply put, the money is not coming in.
At least not enough to meet that going out.
In her revised budget to carry the state through to June 30, Gov. Kathleen Sebelius proposed a variety of cuts to the tune of $200 million. For 2010, the cuts are even deeper.
We'll all feel the pinch. Tax relief measures for businesses and estates likely will be suspended. Programs for the poor will suffer. Schools will have to get by.
State law requires an ending balance of at least 7.5 percent of total expenditures be built into the budget to weather the fluctuations of receipts and payments. Most privately held businesses would have a hard time accruing that deep of a cushion in today's economy.
We all should follow the state's lead in preparing for the downturn. Sebelius based the cuts on an estimate of annual receipts that come from taxes levied on a myriad of things, including individual and corporate income, retail sales, liquor and tobacco sales, corporate franchises and property holdings.
Sebelius has a strong crew working to devise the budget, including three economists from the University of Kansas, Kansas State University and Wichita State University.
The group met first in October to get a general idea of economic trends across the state, Midwest, and country. At November's meeting they reached by consensus the expected revenue for this and the upcoming fiscal year, giving the hard data upon which the budget is constructed. A last meeting in April gives room for revision.

IT'S NOT all doom and gloom.
Yes, we're in a slowdown, layoffs have happened and more likely are imminent. But as a whole, we're still growing. The average growth for personal income in Kansas is predicted at 3.2 percent for 2009, compared to the national average of 3.6 percent, which puts us closer to the national average than we typically are.
Employment is still relatively protected here. Unemployment is expected to reach 4.7 percent sometime this year and continue into 2010. That's not a surge by any means and is lower than the predicted national rate of almost 2 points higher.
Kansans are accustomed to growth. For the past 34 years state revenues have risen with the exceptions of fiscal years 1986, 1999, 2002 and now 2008. From fiscal year 2005 to 2006 the state saw a 6.9 percent drop in revenue. We're expecting a 2 percent loss in income by June's end and to continue into the next year.
These are not insurmountable numbers.
Legislators are urged to judiciously prune state programs and subsidies to carry us through this temporary downturn, leaving us a strong base from which to rebuild when better times return.

— Susan Lynn
Garnett resident Charles Emet Caron earned a Bachelor of General Studies/Economics EconomicsBGS from KU last month. He is the son of the late Robert and Susan Caron of Garnett.

He was one of more than 1,600 candidates for degrees for the fall 2008 semester at the University of Kansas announced by the Office of the Registrar.

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The University of Kansas recently announced the names of more than 1,600 candidates for graduation in the fall 2008 semester.

Among the names released were Amy Roussel, Bachelor of Science in education, and Steven Sudick, Bachelor of Arts in architectural studies, both of Basehor; Robert Rielly, Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering, and Jennifer Vandewalle, bachelor's degree in general studies and sociology, both of Fort Leavenworth; John Carlton, bachelor's degree in general studies and economics, John Curatola, doctorate degree in history, Melissa Farr, bachelor's degree in general studies in psychology, Pamela Hall, Master of Science degree in education, and Ryan Radovich, bachelor's degree in general studies in English and history, all of Lansing; Craig Bates, Bachelor of Science degree in education, Ryan Bogner, bachelor's degree in music education, Bret Elliott, Bachelor of Science degree in business and accounting, Ronald Martin, Bachelor of Science degrees in economics and international studies, Michaela McCann, Bachelor of Science degree in education, Elsie Mohammadpour, Bachelor of Science degree in education, Shane Norris, Bachelor of Science degree in journalism, Cheryl Reding, doctorate degree in education, Zachary Stephens, Bachelor of Science degree in business information systems, John Tripp, Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology, and Kathleen Williams, Master of Science degree in nursing, all of Leavenworth; and Levi Huseman, Bachelor of Science degree in education.
Ark City native will be named Kansan of Year

By ALEX GAMBILL
Traveler Staff Writer

Former U.S. Ambassador and Ark City native, Delano E. Lewis, will be recognized as Kansan of the Year Jan. 30 at the 91st annual Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas Banquet.

The banquet will be held at Kansas Expocentre’s Maner Conference Center in Topeka.

In a phone interview Lewis said he’s very honored to be recognized.

For one with many accomplishments, he said, “I don’t really know how I stood out. I just hope that my dedicated work was exemplary.”

Lewis was born in 1938 in Ark City to Raymond E. Lewis and Enna Wordlow Lewis. The family moved to Kansas City in 1942.

After graduating from Sumner High School, Lewis attended the University of Kansas in 1956. He received a bachelor of arts degree in political science and history in 1960 and in 1963 earned a juris doctor degree from Washburn University School of Law.

Lewis said he credits a lot of his accomplishments to Kansas’ educational system.

“I’m quite grateful for my education in Kansas and the University of Kansas.”

In 1963, he was appointed as a staff attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice and went on to join the Office of

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Analysis and Advice of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, two years later.

He served in the U.S. Peace Corps in Africa from 1966 to 1969. He held positions of associate director in Nigeria and country director in Uganda.

From 1969 to 1971, Lewis was legislative assistant to Sen. Edward Brooke of Massachusetts. In 1971 he was administrative assistant to Congressman Walter E. Fauntroy of the District of Columbia.

In 1973, he went to work for C&P Telephone Company as public affairs manager. In 1981 Lewis was named president of the Washington DC company of Bell Atlantic. In 1990, he was named chief executive officer.

In 1994, Lewis became president and chief executive officer of National Public Radio (NPR). In the same year, Vice President Al Gore appointed him to a two-year term as co-chairman of the National Information Infrastructure Advisory Council.

In 1999, Pres. Bill Clinton nominated Lewis to serve as the U.S. Ambassador to South Africa, which he served through 2001.

He became a senior fellow at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces.

Lewis was presented the Distinguished Leadership and USA Media Spotlight awards by Amnesty International ten years after his work in 1987 in The Sovereign Military Order of Malta, Federal Association and USA.

He is a recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Citation from the University of Kansas and a Distinguished Service Award and honorary doctor of laws degree from Washburn University.


Lewis is a served on the boards of trustees of The Catholic University of America, Mount Vernon College, The United Negro College Fund and The Greater Washington Research Center. He is also a former chairman of the board of The Eugene and Agnes Meyer Foundation; is an honorary board member of Mainstream, a national board member of Africare and an emeritus member of the board of The Washington Performing Arts Society.

Lewis and his wife, Gayle, live in Mesilla, N.M. and have four sons and eleven grandchildren.

The banquet will begin at 5:30 p.m. and tickets for the event may be ordered by calling (785) 235-6245 or online at ksnativessonsand-daughters.org.

Bill Self, University of Kansas head men's basketball coach, will be honored as Distinguished Kansan of the year, at the banquet.
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Haysville graduates include Carol Michelle Journey, daughter of Phillip and Suyapa Journey, Bachelor of Science in Business/Marketing and Jamie Elizabeth Neugent, daughter of Roger and Carol Neugent, Bachelor of Science in Education. Both students are graduates of Campus High School. Graduate and undergraduate degrees are conferred in December based on work completed during the fall semester. Because KU conducts only one formal commencement ceremony each year, many students graduating in the fall or summer terms will return for the traditional walk down the hill and into Memorial Stadium on Sunday, May 17, 2009.
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The degree candidates represent 64 Kansas counties. Rebecca Kathryn Gant, Lawrence - Senior Bachelor of Arts/Spanish, a graduate of Medicine Lodge High School, Medicine Lodge, was among the candidates for degrees.
Professionals hired to help Sisters of St. Joseph

Two professionals have been hired to help the Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia reach out to their supporters and the wider community.

Martha Bryant, whose family has deep roots in Kansas, is the Executive Director of Development, while Oregon native Sarah Jenkins is the Director of Communications. It is the first time a lay person has been in either position.

Bryant will work to expand the development efforts of the Sisters of St. Joseph, focusing on funding ministries and programs that meet the needs of neighbors in Concordia and other communities where the sisters work.

Bryant has worked in development for more than a decade, with the Knoxville (Tenn.) Zoological Gardens, Lynn University in Boca Raton, Fla., and the New World Symphony in Miami, among other organizations. She is a graduate of New Mexico State University and the University of Kansas and holds a doctoral degree in global leadership and education from Lynn University.

Bryant’s Kansas connection is in Clark County, near Ashland, where her family have ranched for more than a century.

She joins Sister Carmel Garcia, who has been with the development office for many years. Together, Bryant and Garcia will work to diversify the kinds of funding that support the Sisters of St. Joseph and their work. She can be reached by calling the Nazareth Convent or e-mail at mbryant@csjkansas.org.

Jenkins is a graduate of the University of Oregon and has been a reporter and editor for more than 30 years. She has worked with newspapers in Oregon, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Washington, and was most recently editor of the Yakima (Wash.) Herald-Republic. During her career, Jenkins has received national awards from the Society of Professional Journalists, Investigative Reporters and Editors Inc., and the Associated Press Managing Editors, and a variety of regional press associations.

She was raised in rural eastern Oregon and has a son and grandchildren in the Murfreesboro, Tenn., area.

She succeeds Sister Jean Rosemarynoski, who has led communications efforts for eight years.

Jenkins will work with the sisters to better tell the stories of the work they do throughout Kansas and elsewhere. Because of her longtime interest in history, she is especially delighted to be working in the landmark Nazareth Convent and Academy, which has been home to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia for 125 years.

The Sisters of St. Joseph is a religious order of women who came to Concordia in 1883 and established the Nazareth Convent and Academy. There are approximately 160 Sisters in the Order, serving missions in more than 20 cities and towns in Kansas, plus others in Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico and Texas. The Sisters of St. Joseph also have supported a mission in Brazil for more than 40 years.