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-Kylee Michelle Levin, Medicine MD Prof. I, Dr. A.J. Anderson Memorial Scholarship and Dr. Frederick B. Carlson Scholarship.
-Bradley John Sells, son of Keith Sells, Chemical Engineering BS, Junior, William B. Anderson Memorial Scholarship, Gladys H. Burkhart Scholarship, and James Schull Combs and Catherine C. Combs Memorial Scholarship.

Courtland:
-Kira Dawn Odell, daughter of Rebecca and Bradley Odell, Music Education BME, Freshman, Anschutz Scholarship.

Munden:
-Sally J. Strnad, daughter of Billy Joe and Sharon Strnad, Music Therapy BME DECL, Junior, Wayne Moody Scholarship Fund and Ethel Elizabeth Ruppenthal Scholarship/ Loan

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Though KU Endowment raises support for scholarships and other student aid, the university determines the distribution of available support. The figure fluctuates each year based on several factors, such as the number of students who apply for and receive them, the investment performance of endowed scholarship funds and new gifts for scholarships.

Scholarship funds are managed by 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.

Local students receiving scholarships include:

**Kiowa** - Mary Etta Babb, daughter of Sheri and Allen Babb, Pre-Education Secondary, Freshman, Anschutz Scholarship, Wichita HS East, Wichita.

**Lake City** - Lori Kay Yearout, daughter of Keith and Eva Yearout, Biology BS, Freshman, Ellis D. Bever Undergraduate Scholarship, South Barber High School, Kiowa.

**Medicine Lodge** - Rachael Dawn Brungardt, Medicine MD Prof 1, School of Medicine Scholarships; **Alexandra Rae Ferguson**, daughter of Gail and Max Ferguson, Unified Early Childhood BSE, Sophomore, Lester Suhler Memorial Scholarship, Medicine Lodge High School, Medicine Lodge; **Mattie Layne Sheldon**, daughter of Miles and Linda Sheldon, Pre-Journalism, Freshman, C.R. Krimminger Scholarship, and Lester Suhler Memorial Scholarship, Medicine Lodge High School, Medicine Lodge; **Kolton Wade Stimpert**, son of Renee Ricke, Mechanical Engineering BS, Freshman, Edward W. Lehnhoff, Jr. Engineering Scholarship and Lester Suhler Memorial Scholarship, Medicine Lodge High School, Medicine Lodge; **Kelli J. Swayden**, Nursing MS Graduate Melva Jean Hatfield - John Wettig Scholarship in Nursing.

**Nashville** - **Shawn Joseph Schaller**, son of James and Cynthia Schaller, Pre-Journalism, Freshman, Clark A. Wallace Scholarship, Cunningham High School, Cunningham.
County students earn academic scholarships

More than 5,000 Kansas State University students have been awarded academic scholarships for the 2008-2009 school year. In all, students received nearly $14.8 million in scholarships.

Most of the scholarships are made possible through donations and gifts to the Kansas State University Foundation.

Among this year’s scholarship recipients are 66 K-State students who were selected as new Sen. Robert J. Dole Public Service Scholars through the Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas.

Students from Glen Elder receiving scholarship are Kimberly Rene Brinker, Edward Ise Memorial/Chitty-Ise Scholarship and Patricia Smith Seberan Pre-Physical Therapy Scholarship; Joshua R. Hoffinger, Edward Ise Memorial/Chitty-Ise Scholarship, Engineering Scholarship, The Dane G. Hansen Foundation Fund and Medallion Scholarship; Anita Dale Winkel, Activity Scholarship; Chelsey Rae Winkel, Ernest L. and Lou R. Adams Scholarship Fund in Agriculture and Phebe Bissell Memorial Scholarship in Agriculture.

Hunter students are Morgan Leigh Keller, Activity Scholarship; Joel Douglas Sulsar, Leo C. and Joanne M. Klamath Scholarship; Nathan Watson, Achievement Award, Leo C. and Joanne M. Klamath Scholarship and KSU Alumni Association Scholarship.

Tipton student is Christie Marie Corpstein, Elvon G. and Lydia E. Skee Education Fund.
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From our area or high school: Noah A. Lock, son of Diane Lock, Atmospheric Science BS Junior; Grace Pearson, Alumni Scholarship, Ellis D. Bever Undergraduate Scholarship; Brian Michael Palermo, son of Sandra Cahoon, Human Biology BA Freshman, Anschutz Scholarship; Erica Dian Tanner, daughter of Becky Crichton, Anthropology BA Freshman, Kendall Laughlin Memorial Scholarship—all Chase County High School graduates.
KU Announces Scholarships

Kansas University, Lawrence has announced that the following Clark County students received scholarships for the 2008-2009 school year they include:

Stacey Leigh Canton daughter of Jay and Kim Canton Biology BS Senior; Ivan and Letitia Burket Education Fund

Lindsey Marie Elmore daughter of Steve and Sally Elmore Accounting BSB Junior; Emily V. Berger Scholarship and Ivan and Letitia Burket Education Fund

Michael J. Gillaspie son of James and Barbara Gillaspie Architectural Studies BA Senior; Ivan and Letitia Burket Education Fund

Adrienne Victoria Odermann daughter of Barbara Odermann Pre-Education Sophomore; Wayne Moody Scholarship Fund

Bruce Alan Romans son of Julie and Lonnie Sarver Computer Science BS Junior; Roland T. Beard Scholarship Aaron Glen Goodnight son of Greg and Pixie Goodnight Microbiology BS Freshman; Roland T. Beard Scholarship and Nontraditional Undergraduate Student Scholarship Ashland High School Ashland KS

Justin Waco Goodnight son of Greg and Pixie Goodnight Medicine MD Prof 1 Mahlon Delp Scholarship.
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During this year’s financial crisis, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 34 percent from Labor Day to Nov. 20. KU Endowment took a hard hit, partly because 31 percent of its investments were in international equities that suffered worse losses than the U.S. indexes.

The endowment has 23 percent in domestic equities, 20 percent in fixed income, 16 percent in such securities as U.S. Treasuries, and 8 percent in alternative investments, such as hedge funds.

Kansas State University’s foundation saw its pool of investments fall 12 percent — from $337 million on June 30 to $295 million on Sept. 30. The KSU Foundation’s portfolio is now around $260 million, because the investments were down another 10 to 15 percent from Sept. 30.

"The portfolio is down about 25 percent," said David Weaver, vice president and chief investment officer for the KSU Foundation. "Diversification didn’t help. Everybody got hit."

About 90 percent of the portfolio was invested in equities and about 10 percent in high-quality bonds, Weaver said.

Although the foundation isn’t cutting scholarship funding this academic year, it might do so in the 2009-2010 year if the stock market doesn’t recover, said Alan Klug, the KSU Foundation’s vice president and chief financial officer.

The KSU Foundation’s executive committee did halt construction on a new, $18 million foundation office building in Manhattan as a way to cut operating costs.

The Washburn Endowment Association’s portfolio was about $97 million on Dec. 15 — down 22 percent from $124 million on June 30, said JuliAnn Mazachek, the association’s president.

Endowment officials say they are not cutting back on scholarship distributions at this time.

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- Katherine Anna Linden daughter of William and Kay Linden, Wayne Moody Scholarship Fund and the Edward H. Isern Scholarship.
- Travis Alan Schneweis son of Alan and Susan Schneweis, Edward H. Isern Scholarship.
- Abby Elizabeth Thill daughter of Mike and Giner Thill, Edward H. Isern Scholarship and Anschutz Scholarship.
- Leslie Suzanne Wise daughter of Andrew and Joanie Wise, Sheila Nichols Scholarship in Nursing.
- Kathryn Mae Crandell Scholarship and Paul W. and Virginia Bassett Miller Medical Scholarship.

County: Barton

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