United we stand
The transition to fall also brings the return of the United Way campaign to KUSM-W. This year, our campaign will be held the week of Oct. 30 so get geared up for some fall fundraising!

The United Way of the Plains works with a variety of nonprofits in Sedgwick, Butler, Sumner, and surrounding counties in south central Kansas to help people in need. Specifically, the United Way focuses on helping people who would otherwise not be able to meet education, income, and health needs. In fact, in 2015, the United Way helped 26 KUSM-W employees. When you support United Way of the Plains, not only do you help the south central Kansas community, you help the KU community too.

Baby Jay loves the Wichita community. Make him proud by joining the campaign! We’ll keep you updated with important information about our campaign in the next few weeks.

United Way
United Way of the Plains


Save the Date:
United Way Kick-Off Breakfast
8:30-9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 31
Sunflower Room

“Stumped”
KU School of Medicine-Wichita is happy to continue supporting the Tallgrass Film Festival by being a Community Partner for the documentary, “Stumped,” showing at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at the Scottish Rite Center. Get information about the film and/or purchase tickets [here](http://www.tallgrassfilmfestival.com/).
The Park Elementary kids will be on campus Tuesday, Oct. 31, for their annual trick-or-treating event. On the day of the event, the children will be split into groups and taken to different departments for candy or even small prizes. You can be as festive or reserved as you want to be. You can decorate, dress up in costumes, or it can be as simple as just handing out the candy or prizes. The only requirement is that you, as a department, supply the candy or prizes. If your department would like to participate, email jeaton2@kumc.edu, by Friday, Oct. 27.

But, wait … there’s more! We’ll also be holding our campus pumpkin-decorating contest. Prizes will be awarded for employee choice and kids’ choice for the favorite pumpkins. Let us know if you will decorate a pumpkin for the competition by Friday, Oct. 20. They will be distributed the morning of Monday, Oct. 23, and you’ll have until noon Monday, Oct. 30, to complete them. Deliver your decorated pumpkins to Public Affairs by that time.

On Tuesday, Oct. 31, the pumpkins will be displayed in the Sunflower Room for employee judging. Stop by and cast your vote before noon.

We want your stories. All of them … large and small.
Is there a special event happening in your department? Do you know a student who has an interesting hobby, or who has made a significant accomplishment?

Are you involved in community outreach? An educational program? A hands-on workshop or training session?

Public affairs wants to know about any and all of these events. There are a variety of ways we can publicize events and accomplishments in the school, but we can’t promote them if we don’t know they’re happening.

Though not every event is going to catch the attention of the media, we can still promote your event through one of our social media accounts, our monthly community newsletter, or by writing our own feature story for the school’s website.

Keep us informed. Drop us an email and tell us what’s happening. We’ll share the good news.

We support you
Public affairs offers a variety of items to support your department events. Do you need a logo banner to showcase at your fair booth? We have a few. Are you serving cold drinks at an event and want something sleeker than a cooler? You can borrow one of our stainless steel beverage tubs. Are you looking for a way for people to take notice? No one can ignore a 6’ inflatable Jayhawk.

Visit our website to check out photos of available items and fill out an event support request form to reserve what you need.

You can also request an appearance by our energetic and fun Baby Jay. Loved by adults and kids alike, Baby Jay will kick your event up a notch. All Baby Jay appearances must have a direct connection to KUSM-W.
2018 open enrollment

Information about open enrollment for 2018 is posted on the State Employee Health Plan website. Open enrollment booklets, premium rates, and Optum coverage advisor is now posted.

This year will be an ACTIVE enrollment and all employees will need to make their health elections during open enrollment in the Membership Administration Portal (MAP). Get all details concerning the State Employee Health Plan (SEHP).

HealthQuest

There’s not much time left to earn your 2018 HealthQuest premium incentive. Employees and spouses enrolled in medical plans A and C, you have until Sunday, Dec. 31, to complete your health assessment (worth 10 credits) and earn 40 total HealthQuest credits and get the premium incentive of $480 for 2018.

Plan C members have until Thursday, Nov. 9, to complete activities for HSA/HRA contributions. After Nov. 9, all activities will only count as credits. This means credits need to be posted in the HealthQuest portal by Nov. 9.

December 2017 exams need to be reported to SOK by Jan. 31, 2018, for credits in the 2017 program year.

Complete your health assessment and earn your total credits. For questions contact KDHE.healthquest@ks.gov.

The October issue of the HealthQuest newsletter is now available.

Flu shot clinics

Flu season can start as early as October. The flu shot takes approximately two weeks to become effective. It is important to get your shot early to ensure protection before flu season actually occurs. All active employees, spouses, and dependents over 18 years of age who are covered under Plans A or C of the State Employee Health Plan (SEHP) are eligible for a flu shot at no cost. Remember to take your CVS Caremark card to the appointment.

For more information regarding Flu Shots check out the KDHE page.
Professional development opportunity
HR invites all campus members to attend a virtual workshop, "Your Influential Personality Type: How to Be More Persuasive," from noon-2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, in Roberts Amphitheater.

Have you ever wondered why some people seem to "click" with your ideas, while others just don’t seem to "get it"? Have you ever been confused by how someone falls in love with an idea that you think is terrible? If you answered yes to either (or both) of these scenarios, then you do not want to miss this virtual workshop. In this program, you will learn more about the four influential personality types and key phrases you’ll want to start using to improve your influential powers.

This workshop is offered as a virtual event by the College and University Professional Association for Human Resources (CUPA-HR). For more information or to receive the calendar invite, please contact Crystal Nevins at cnevins@kumc.edu.

Career opportunities

**Faculty**

**Family & Community Medicine**
- Faculty scholar
- Residency faculty
- Sports medicine fellowship faculty/family medicine residency faculty

**Internal Medicine**
- General internist
- General internist/HIV specialist

**OB-GYN**
- Assistant residency program director (2 positions available)

**Pediatrics**
- Adolescent medicine
- General pediatrician
- Newborn pediatric hospitalist
- Pediatric hospitalist

**Psychiatry**
- Child and adolescent psychiatrist
- Department chair

**Staff**

**ASA**
- Learning specialist (part-time)
- Standardized Patient pool

**Psychiatry**
- PRN clinical research nurse

**Public Affairs**
- Digital communications coordinator

For more information, contact Leona Johnson, human resources, 293-1803, or ljohnson7@kumc.edu. For a complete and up-to-date listing, click on JOB VACANCIES.
Employment anniversaries
Congratulations on your employment anniversary. We’re glad you’re here.

Keith Hillis
Oct. 13

Angela Doesken
Oct. 18

Anne Walling
Oct. 18

Way to go!
Cecilia Luna, director of human resources, was named to this year’s class of top human resources professionals by the Wichita Business Journal. Congratulations, Cecilia!

Gina Berg, Ph.D., research assistant professor, was this year’s recipient of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation’s Wichita’s Finest award. Dr. Berg spent nine weeks campaigning and raised $23,000. This makes her the highest earning candidate in the three years the event has been held. Congrats, Gina!
Join Judy Johnston, M.S., RD/LD, research instructor, at the Intersections of Faith and Health Conference Oct. 18 and 19 at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina. Judy helps plan this event in connection with “Healthy Congregations,” her project through United Methodist Health Ministry Fund.

Judy will teach the Health Ministry team training, speak at a breakout session, and appear on the final panel. For more information, view the program.
Grant awards for resident travel
The KUSM-W Office of Research will provide funds for resident travel to present research at a professional conference. Up to $2,500 may be requested.

Funds are also available for open access and publication fees. Up to $1,500 may be requested.

These funds are provided by grants to WCGME from the Kansas Biosciences Authority. View the travel grant application.

Poster printing
Need a poster printed? Send it as a PowerPoint slide (preferred) or Adobe PDF to kuposters@kumc.edu with size requirements and date needed. Please note: poster should be sized to specifications before it is sent; we will not resize or trim posters.

Posters should be sent for review to public affairs at wicpa@kumc.edu before printing to ensure that branding guidelines are met.

Please have PowerPoint/PDF files to us at least 48 hours in advance.

Grant award for resident pilot research
This award will provide funding to residents and their mentor faculty for resident research projects. Award amount is up to $5,000 for one year. See the RFP for more details.

There is additional funding for resident travel and open access and publication fees.

Save the date
26th annual Research Forum
Thursday, April 26, 2018

QI Conference
KUSM-W Quality Improvement & Patient Safety Conference
Thursday, Nov. 2
11:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
(Lunch included for those preregistered)
KUSM-W Roberts Amphitheater
1010 N. Kansas, Wichita, Kansas

This conference is designed for faculty and residents engaged in quality improvement and patient safety initiatives.

Registration deadline is Thursday, Oct. 26
For more information: cfrank@kumc.edu
**Recent publications**


These and other recent publications can be found on our [website](#).

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**West Gallery**

Nicole Taylor  
Oct. 27-Dec. 29

Nicole is an art teacher at the Haysville Middle School. There will be a Final Friday opening reception from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, in the West Atrium. Join us for wine and light hors d’oeuvres.

For more information about the William J. Reals Galleries of Art, contact Jennifer Eaton at 293-3534 or jeaton2@kumc.edu.

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**Everything you ever wanted to know about room reservations**

Join Facilities Management from 3-4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, in Roberts Amphitheater for an overview on the EMS scheduling system.

Information will include updates/changes to set-ups in conference rooms, housekeeping needs for events, suggestions and tips on information to include with appointments, and scheduling. There will also be a general question/answer session.

Contact Facilities with questions or for more information at 293-2625 or wicfac@kumc.edu.
Working with deaf and hard-of-hearing people

“This past spring/summer, my colleagues and I had the challenging, but rewarding opportunity to provide prenatal care to a deaf patient. I was the initial provider that assumed her care at her first OB visit. During that appointment, we were fortunate enough to have a video interpreter. The video had several glitches, however, which was frustrating for both the patient and me. I spent the majority of my time speaking very loudly to the interpreter on the video screen as the volume was not working appropriately. At her follow up visits, we tried to have a live interpreter scheduled due to the difficulty with the video at her initial visit. Unfortunately, sign language interpreters are in high demand, and we were unable to have one present at each, frequent OB visit. When one was unavailable, we often found ourselves using a cell phone to text back and forth to ensure all of the patients’ questions and concerns were addressed. Overall, the experience of caring for a hearing-impaired patient was of tremendous value and one that I will not forget. It took teamwork from the nursing staff, physicians, social worker, and the patient to provide the best care possible for an expecting mother and her unborn child.”

—Dr. Claire Markham, KUSM-W OB-GYN resident

Don’t forget to register for the interactive program, “Working with Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing People – Would You Know What to Do?” sponsored by the KU School of Medicine-Wichita Diversity & Inclusion Steering Group.

Monday, Oct. 16
11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
Sunflower Room

More than 90 percent of deaf children are born to hearing parents and approximately 37.5 million adult Americans report some trouble hearing. Whether you see patients, work with students, or are interacting with co-workers and the general public, would YOU know what to do?

This program is designed to educate and raise awareness about this important and often missed issue. Uncover myths and misconceptions, discover what it’s like to be “Alone in a Hearing World,” and even learn some basic sign language.

This program is taught by Kathy Stewart, assistant director of the Office of Disability Services at Wichita State University.

Lunch will be provided to those who register by Oct. 11 (that’s today!). Please note any dietary requirements.

General reservations will be taken until Friday, Oct. 13.

For questions, contact Crystal Nevins at cnevins@kumc.edu.
Wanted: Research study participants
Many research opportunities are available. To make a referral into a clinical trial for early Alzheimer’s disease, depression, or schizophrenia, call 316-293-1833 or email clinicaltrialunit@kumc.edu.

More information and a study interest form can be found on our website.

KU Wichita Clinical Trial Unit needs participants with a diagnosis of depression for a research study. Volunteers may be eligible to participate if they are at least 18 years old and have treatment resistant depression.

Participants who may qualify should have experienced depression symptoms, be taking one antidepressant medication, and able to provide written consent to participate in the study.

Study participants will be compensated for time and travel. For information call 316-293-1833.

KU Wichita Clinical Trial Unit is conducting a research study for children and adolescents with major depression disorder (MDD). Volunteers may be eligible to participate if they are 7-17 years of age and have been diagnosed with major depressive disorder.

Participants and their parent/caregiver will attend 13 appointments over 16 weeks. Study participants will be compensated for their time and travel. For more information call 316-293-1833.

KU Wichita Clinical Trial Unit needs participants with a diagnosis of mild dementia due to Alzheimer’s disease. Volunteers may be eligible to participate if they are 60-85 years of age, diagnosed with mild dementia, and have a permanent caregiver (such as a spouse) who stays under the same roof at least three nights a week.

Study participants will be compensated for their time and travel. For more information call 316-293-1833.

Grand Rounds are held in the McNamara Center at Via Christi Hospital on Harry, 3600 E. Harry. Lunch is served at 11 a.m. and the speaker is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 24
“Review of Psychosocial Treatments for Mood Disorders in Children and Adolescents”
Jarrod Leffler, Ph.D.
Director, Pediatric Transition Program, Department of Psychiatry and Psychology, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota

Learn more about Grand Rounds.
Annual fire drill
The KUSM-W annual fire evacuation drill will be conducted the morning of Friday, Oct. 20. In preparation, make sure you know your two closest means of egress, locations of fire extinguishers and fire alarm pull stations, as well as where your assembly point is located. When you hear and/or see the fire alarm is activated, immediately vacate the building.

During fire emergencies, follow RACE and PASS:

R-Remove persons in immediate danger
A-Activate the alarm by pulling down the handle on the nearest fire alarm pull box. Call 911.
C-Confine fire by closing doors and windows
E-Evacuate using nearest means of egress and do NOT use elevators

Note: Only attempt to extinguish small fires and only if it does not jeopardize your own safety. NEVER attempt to extinguish a fire if it is between you and your exit! Follow PASS:

P-Pull safety pin
A-Aim at the base of the fire
S-Squeeze handle
S-Sweep side to side at the base of the fire

Each department has assigned floor monitors available to assist with the evacuation and run the building clearance status checklist at the fire assembly points. Floor monitors wear a bright orange vest. It is critical to report to your floor monitor. Floor monitors will report the building clearance status to security or EMS (upon arrival on-scene).

Review the KUSM-W fire prevention and response plan. If you would like more information or have questions, feel free to contact Emergency and Safety Management at 293-3409 or somwemergencysafety@kumc.edu.

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Calling all Kansas shutterbugs

It's the perfect time for Kansas shutterbugs to show the beauty of the state captured through their lenses.

Submissions for the 12th annual Rural Kansas Photography Contest will be accepted through Oct. 22. The contest is open to Kansas residents and individuals who work in Kansas ages 18 and older.

Complete contest rules, prizes and a link to the online entry form for submissions are available at www.ruralhealth.kumc.edu. Categories are:

- **Main Street Kansas** — Show us your favorite quiet or bustling Main Street from a unique perspective.
- **Kansas Landscapes** — Wow us with a beautiful Kansas landscape of any season.
- **Health Care Heroes** — Focus on a health care hero in your community. Grab your camera and shoot a portrait or casual shot and provide a few sentences on why this health care hero has earned his/her cape (individual or group). This category will also be shared through RHES’ social media channels, and we will tag the organization in the post.
- **Health Care Events** — Let us in on the activity going on in your organization.
- **Friday Night Lights & Weekend Highlights** — Give us a glimpse into the perks of what life as a Kansan is like during the down times.
- **Wildlife and Critters** — Fuzzy, furry, creepy or crawly, we love seeing them all.
- **Annual Winter Holiday Video Card** — Have your winter scenes showcased in the RHES annual winter holiday video card, which is emailed to more than 1,000 individuals throughout Kansas and posted on our social media sites.

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Welcome to KUSM-W

Serina Padilla, M.D.
Clinical instructor

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P.I.G. event

The Pediatrics Department will host a Pediatric Interest Group event for medical students and their families. Join in the fun at Applejack Pumpkin Patch at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22.

RSVP to Tara Shirley at tara.shirley@wesleymc.com by Wednesday, Oct. 18.
It’s a boy!

Christopher McCracken, associate dean for administration, and his wife welcomed their son, Stewart Dean, at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4. Everyone is doing well.

A note about holiday cards
Please use the following guidelines if your department will be sending out holiday cards:

- Cards must be purchased with private funds (state funds cannot be used)
- If Public Affairs will be creating the cards, the invoice must be paid with private funds (state funds cannot be used)
- Postage to mail the cards must be purchased with private funds (state funds cannot be used)
- Cards cannot be mailed using the KUSM-W bulk mail permit (which is paid with state funds)
- Cards should be taken to the post office and not processed through the mailroom

Welcome to KUSM-W

Kimberly Babiash, M.D.
Clinical assistant professor

Dean Flaten, M.D.
Clinical assistant professor

Milton Landers, D.O.
Clinical professor
KU Today
KU Today is the official publication from the Office of Public Affairs at the University of Kansas in Lawrence. Read the current edition.

Advances
Advances contains news from the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City. Read the current edition.

Classifieds
If you have a classified ad you’d like listed in JTO, review the guidelines and submit the online form.

JTO deadline
The deadline for the next issue of JTO is noon Monday, Oct. 16. Send items of interest to wicpa@kumc.edu.

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