A Day of Hope
Sunday, Dec. 1, is World AIDS Day. This special day has been set aside since 1988 to increase awareness about HIV and AIDS as well as improve education, decrease stigma, and raise money.

This year’s theme is “Shared Responsibility: Strengthening Results for an AIDS-Free Generation,” and we’re still working on “Getting to Zero” by 2015.


Wichita’s commemoration will be at First Metropolitan Community Church, 156 S. Kansas. Attendees will meet at 1:45 p.m. in the parking lot of the American Red Cross at Douglas & Hydraulic for the memorial walk to the church.

The program will begin at 2 p.m. and feature remarks by Dr. Donna Sweet. Musical guests Diversity will also perform and we’ll hear “Sharing My Life With HIV” from an HIV-positive guest speaker.

The 2013 Wichita AIDS quilt panel will be on display and you will be able to write in the names of those you wish to honor or remember.

After the program, stick around for the Chili Cookoff. Vote for your favorite chili with a monetary donation, large or small. All proceeds will be split between Sweet Emergency Fund and Positive Directions.

For more information or to find out how you can help, contact Teresa Romey at 293-3427 or tromey@kumc.edu.

Volunteer with us
We are signed up for our yearly volunteer time with Operation Holiday. We will be in the distribution center from noon to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20. If you are interested in signing up, send me an email at jeaton2@kumc.edu. You must have supervisor’s approval to participate.
Park holiday event
Jayhawk Santa wish lists for students at Park Elementary are now available. Pick yours up from the 2nd floor hallway above the main entrance.

Please buy only ONE item from the list. Bring the wrapped gift, with the original list attached, to public affairs.

Santa, Baby Jay, and public affairs will deliver the gifts to the students at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18. If you are interested in joining us, contact Jennifer Eaton at 293-3534 or jeaton2@kumc.edu.

“No MRSA: Protect Yourself From Infection”
Noon to 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2014
Roberts Amphitheater
Maha A. Assi, M.D.
Internal medicine and preventive medicine clinical associate professor, KU School of Medicine–Wichita, Infectious Disease Consultants, PA

Did you miss the Nov. 12 lecture about air pollution with Jack Brown?
FREE audio recordings and notes are available online within a week after each lecture.

Casual day
Join the next KU Pride casual day for the KU Cares campaign Wednesday, Dec. 18. With supervisor’s approval, you may wear jeans to work if you purchased a year pass or by purchasing a sticker for $2.50 in human resources. All proceeds benefit KU Cares organizations. For more information, contact Jennica King at 293-3535 or jking11@kumc.edu.

Be sure to plan for next year’s casual days as well. With a $30 donation to KU Cares, you will receive a free KU T-shirt and can wear jeans to work the third Wednesday of every month in 2014. Fill out the form and submit your donation by Friday, Dec. 6, to public affairs.

Community Connection
Are you a dog lover? Kansas K-9 ResQ is looking for volunteers to open their homes and hearts to become dog foster families. The dogs in the program are typically unclaimed strays from the Wichita Animal Shelter and you are able to select the dog of your choice. All veterinary and food expenses are paid by Kansas K-9 ResQ.

If you feel you might be interested in fostering a dog or want more information, please visit www.KSK9resq.org, call 295-6534, or email ADOPTADOG@KSK9RESQ.ORG.
KU Pride
There will be no KU Pride in the month of December. See you in January!

State Employee Health Plan open enrollment survey
In October, the State Employee Health Plan (SEHP) partnered with state agency human resources staff to conduct open enrollment meetings. During these meetings, a variety of SEHP-related topics were discussed and information distributed.

The SEHP would like your feedback about the open enrollment process and the quality of the information provided to members. We have developed a survey and would appreciate your participation. The survey contains 20 questions and takes approximately five minutes to complete. The survey is open for use now and will close at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6.

Here is the link to the survey:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/actives2014

In addition, a link will be placed on the SEHP website by the end of this week leading directly to the survey.

The feedback from this survey is very important to us as we plan for future open enrollment periods. We appreciate your help and thank you for your participation.

Career Opportunities

Faculty
Family & Community Medicine
- FM residency faculty
- Geriatrician (2 FTEs)
- Instructor
- Research faculty
- Residency pediatrician

Internal Medicine
- Ambulatory care/general internal medicine (3 FTEs)
- Gastroenterologist (2 FTEs)
- Hospitalist (4 FTEs)

Medical Sciences
- Assistant/associate professor of anatomy

Pediatrics
- Chair

PMPH
- Clinician investigator

Office of Research
- Senior scientist/director of Mid-Continent Center for Outcomes and Health Services Research

Staff
ASA
- Standardized Patient pool

Family & Community Medicine
- Senior research associate

Psychiatry
- PRN research nurses & techs

For more information, contact Stacey Hawkins, human resources, 293-1868, or shawkins6@kumc.edu. For a complete and up-to-date listing, click on JOB VACANCIES.
Anniversaries
Congrats to the following for your yearly anniversary of employment. We’re glad you’re here.

- Rhonda Breedlove
  Nov. 30
- Dana Prentice
  Nov. 30
- Connie Marsh, M.D.
  Dec. 2
- Tracie Collins, M.D., MPH
  Dec. 6
- Megan Pfingsten
  Dec. 10
- Christy Richards
  Dec. 10

Welcome to KUSM–W

Erica Blue
Receptionist/Scheduler
Cypress

KU faculty and staff appreciation event

9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 6
KU Wichita Bookstore

25 percent off one entire purchase of KU merchandise
Drawing for a $25 KU Bookstore gift card
Free water bottle gift with purchase of $25
Research in peripheral arterial disease presentation
Join Frontiers: The Heartland Institute for Clinical and Translational Research for the Clinical and Translational Research Seminars (CTRS).

The Flow of Research in Peripheral Arterial Disease: Reducing health disparities
Tracie Collins, M.D., MPH
Chair & professor, KUSM–W Department of Preventive Medicine & Public Health, Kansas Health Foundation Distinguished Professor in Public Health

Noon to 1 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 12
Roberts Center Conference Room

Lunch provided for first 15 attendees.

This session uses Adobe Connect. To listen to the presentation live online, follow the link and log in as a guest.

Pioneers Recruitment Registry
Frontiers: The Heartland Institute for Clinical and Translational Science is pleased to announce the launch of the Pioneers Recruitment Registry. This medical registry is designed for members of the community to volunteer to participate in clinical research studies. Created by leading medical institutions in our region, including the University of Kansas Medical Center, the Pioneers registry connects volunteers with active studies. Interested people will fill out a medical history form and then are contacted for studies for which they qualify.

Researchers who wish to list their study must have their research study approved by an institutional review board and a Pioneers registry oversight committee. When approved, the researcher will receive only the name and contact information of people who meet their study criteria.

To sign up to be a Pioneer or to view current studies, visit www.PioneersResearch.org.

For questions about listing your study, or about how to volunteer, contact Kieran Pemberton at kpemberton@kumc.edu or 913-945-7567.

One-University Open Access Fund
University of Kansas has renewed support for an author’s fund to encourage open access scholarship at KU’s Lawrence campus and the KU Medical Center.

The One-University Open Access Fund supports KU faculty and staff authors who make published research available through the more than 8,000 open access journals.

The second year of this pilot program will be supported by $25,000 in funding made available to KU faculty and graduate students at both the KU Lawrence and KU Medical Center campuses, including the School of Medicine–Wichita. Applications are being accepted now and will be considered as funding remains available. More information regarding criteria to apply for funding and to complete the request form can be found at the One-University website.

For questions about the One-University Fund, contact authorsfund@ku.edu.
**Wanted: research study participants**

The KU School of Medicine–Wichita is looking for persons with **Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD)** to participate in a study examining poor leg circulation.

The study will focus on those within the African-American community with low levels of activity and who experience pain and discomfort when walking.

Participants will be compensated. For more information, call 316-293-3567.
West Gallery
“I Wonder”
An exhibit by Susan Bartel
Watercolor paintings
Through Dec. 27

East Gallery
“An Exhibition of Four Paintings Inspired by the Writing of Thomas Wolfe”
An exhibit by Jim Butler
Egg tempera paintings
Opening reception from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 5

For more information about the William J. Reals Gallery of Art, contact Jennifer Eaton at 293-3534 or jeaton2@kumc.edu.
Grand Rounds
Join us for Psychiatry Grand Rounds Tuesday, Dec. 10. Ryan Schroeder, Psy.D., L.P., will present “Postoperative Cognitive Dysfunction: Dementia After Surgery?” Grand Rounds are held in the McNamara Center at Via Christi Hospital on Harry. Lunch is served at 11 a.m. and the speaker begins at 11:30 a.m. For more information, view the event flyer.

Wanted: Research study participants
KU School of Medicine–Wichita researchers are looking for adults (ages 18-65) who are suffering from treatment-resistant depression to participate in a research study offering a cutting-edge treatment. To participate, the current depressive episode must have lasted at least eight weeks, and the participant must have had an inadequate response to all approved antidepressants administered during the current episode.

The study will consist of 18-19 visits during a 16-week period. Each visit will last two to four hours. Participants will receive physical exams, lab assessments, study-related mental health assessments, and study medication at no cost. Participants will be compensated for their time.

If you are interested or would like additional information, call 293-1833 or visit our clinical trial and research project website.

KU School of Medicine–Wichita researchers are looking for volunteers (age 18-55) who are generally healthy and not suffering from any medical or psychiatric illness. Volunteers should not be experiencing any inflammation and, other than contraception, should not be taking any medications.

Those who qualify will have two visits that occur seven weeks apart. During each visit, volunteers will undergo a brief history, physical examination, and provide a urine sample (to test for inflammation). Each visit will last 20-30 minutes and participants will be compensated for their time and effort.

There is no risk if you participate other than the risks associated with undergoing a physical examination and providing a urine sample; participants are not required to take any experimental drugs or undergo any additional testing.

If you are interested or want more information please call Jessica Rudick at 316-293-3806.

New MSSC president
Dr. Donna Sweet, professor, has been named the 2014 president of the Medical Society of Sedgwick County. The transition will take place at the monthly MSSC membership meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 3.
Introducing the Class of 2015

Armand Heyns
Hometown: Johannesburg, South Africa (3 years); Roblin, Manitoba, Canada (3 years); Ashcroft, British Columbia, Canada (2 years); Rochester, N.Y. (4 years); Topeka, Kan. (13 years)
Family: Johannes (father); Zelda (mother); Naomi (sister)

When and how did you first get interested in medicine?
My parents are both physicians and their daily influence began to spark an interest in medicine. I think I made the decision to pursue it around 8th grade. I love the integration of science into all aspects of the art of medicine.

What field of medicine are you leaning toward?
I'm not sure yet. I have several I'm interested in including radiology, emergency medicine, surgery, internal medicine, anesthesia, ENT ... the list continues. Hopefully I'll discover what I want to do by the time I have to apply to residency.

Whom do you most admire, or who is your hero, and why?
I most admire my parents. Completely uprooting our family from South Africa and bringing us halfway around the world must have been really hard. But, through it all they showed us how to be strong in character and loving toward others.

What is one interesting fact or unusual trait about you?
I have citizenship in South Africa as well as Canada. I am also currently working on my American citizenship.

Andrew Ross
Hometown: Salina, Kan.
Family: Bob and Teri Ross, Salina (parents); Eric Ross, Manhattan (brother)

When and how did you first get interested in medicine?
In high school, during a medicine shadowing experience.

What field of medicine are you leaning toward?
Surgery

Whom do you most admire, or who is your hero, and why?
There are many people I admire, but one I have learned much from is John G. Paton. He was a 19th century Scottish Reformed Presbyterian missionary to the New Hebrides peoples of the South Pacific and was dedicated to the faithful proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ to these particularly difficult people. He is noted for a conversation he had before his missionary journey with an older man in his church who cautioned him that he might be eaten by the cannibalistic people. Paton replied, “Mr. Dickson, you are advanced in years now, and your own prospect is soon to be laid in the grave, there to be eaten by worms. I confess to you, that if I can but live and die serving and honoring the Lord Jesus, it will make no difference to me whether I am eaten by cannibals or by worms; and in the Great Day my resurrection body will arise as fair as yours in the likeness of our risen Redeemer.”

What is one interesting fact or unusual trait about you?
I was in the marching band at K-State.

Welcome to KUSM-W

Whitney Franklin
Standardized patient
Way to go!

Congratulations to Gretchen Dickson, M.D., MBA. Dr. Dickson received the 2014 Dr. Joe Meek Physician Leadership Award at the Nov. 20 Medical Society of Sedgwick County board meeting.

This new award was designed to honor Dr. Meek’s leadership and is given to support the professional development of a young practicing physician in Wichita-Sedgwick County.

Dr. Dickson is director of KUSM-W’s family medicine residency program at Wesley Medical Center.

Congratulations

Amanda Baxa, M.D., Via Christi resident, and husband, Tim, are the proud parents of Antonia Marie, born Nov. 22.

Message from the mailroom

During the busy holiday mail season, this is a reminder that personal mail or packages are not to be sent or received using the campus address. The KU School of Medicine–Wichita mailroom does not accept personal mail, and any incoming or outgoing items identified as “personal” will not be processed and/or returned to sender.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and we apologize for any inconvenience. If you have any questions please contact facilities management at 293-2625.
Nov. 19
The Wichita Eagle
Some salaries at public universities in Kansas exceed $250,000

Nov. 19
Wichita Business Journal
Physician shortage has many costs for Kansans

Nov. 18
KWCH Channel 12
Doctor Dilemma

Nov. 18
Fox 4 KC News
Doctor shortage looming: Medical school seeks funding to increase class sizes

Nov. 14
KMUW 89.1 Wichita Public Radio
Why Is There An Imbalance Between Primary Care Doctors And Specialists?

Nov. 8
The Wichita Eagle
KU med school plans family medicine symposium

Nov. 7
The Wichita Eagle
Retiring neurosurgeon to continue health mission in native Philippines

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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.

JTO Deadline
The next JTO deadline is noon Monday, Dec. 2. Please send items of interest to wicpa@kumc.edu.

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