Hayrettin Okut, Ph.D., research associate professor, Preventive Medicine & Public Health, received the Excellence in Public Health Teaching Award.

Each year, Master of Public Health and Master of Science in Clinical Research students nominate and vote for the faculty member they feel is an excellent mentor, encourages critical thinking, inspires independent learning and demonstrates a willingness to provide extra help.

Congratulations, Dr. Okut!
We want your stories!
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. Drop us an email and tell us what’s happening. We’ll share the good news.

The LinkedIn page for KU School of Medicine-Wichita has transitioned from a company page to a higher education page, making it easier for our alumni to add our school to their LinkedIn profiles. Whether you’re one of our alumni, students, residents, faculty members or staff members, we invite you to connect with us on LinkedIn. Show your pride and update your profile to reflect your affiliation with KU School of Medicine-Wichita!

We support you
Public Affairs offers a variety of items to support your 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.

Visit our website to check out photos of available items and fill out an event support request form to reserve what you need. New designs of retractable banners and flag banners are available!

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.

Research recruitment services
If you’re involved in a study that is recruiting subjects and would like to have our support in creating recruitment materials, submit a request using our online form. You can request flyers, ads, Jayhawk Talk Online listings, broadcast emails, and more. Once we draft the copy, we’ll send it back to you for IRB approval.

Town Hall canceled
Dr. Simari’s Town Hall scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, has been canceled. More information about future Town Halls will be available later.

Dean’s Update
Join Dean Minns for an update on KU School of Medicine-Wichita.

Tuesday, July 9
2-3 p.m.
Roberts Amphitheater
Aflac
KU School of Medicine-Wichita is offering guaranteed-issue Aflac Group Disability, Group Critical Illness and Group Accident during open enrollment through June 15. See flyer for details.

To Enroll: www.aflac.com/KUMC
Username: last five digits of Employee ID
Password: KUMC2019

Contact Terry Burnett at 316-788-2212 or terry_burnett@us.aflac.com to schedule an individual appointment.

Did you know?
KUSM-W offers up to 1.5 hours of paid leave every four months for blood donation? The employee does not have to exhaust any accrued vacation leave, sick leave or compensatory time before being eligible to receive donor leave. Donor leave will not be counted against a faculty or staff member’s FMLA entitlement, nor does it count as time worked for FLSA purposes for non-exempt staff. Leave must be approved in advance from a supervisor.

Accelerated payroll dates
The upcoming time entry deadlines are accelerated and must be submitted by 5 p.m. June 14 and June 28.

Questions? Email Payroll at payroll-university@kumc.edu.

SEHP newsletter
Keep up with the State Employee Health Plan with the monthly newsletter.
Walk at Lunch at Botanica
Health ICT has partnered with Botanica to offer a Walk at Lunch joint-use agreement to registered worksites, which allows employees to walk through Botanica's beautiful gardens for only $1 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday. This Walk at Lunch opportunity is available now through Nov. 15. KU School of Medicine-Wichita has registered as a worksite, so this opportunity is open to the campus community, including MPA employees. Simply pay at the front desk and mention that you are there for the Walk at Lunch program and that you are with KU (showing your KU ID badge is ideal but not required). Entry costs are the responsibility of each individual. Additionally, the Garden Cafe at Botanica is offering a 10% discount on menu items to worksite participants during those times. Check out the different walking path maps here!

Career opportunities
Visit https://jobs.kumc.edu to view current job openings for all KUMC campuses. To view a list of INTERNAL ONLY job openings, current employees may log in with their KU network ID/password, select Search Jobs, then select Search Internal Jobs.

National CPR Week
The American Heart Association is committed to creating a nation of lifesavers! Most Americans feel helpless to act during a cardiac emergency because they don't know CPR. But you CAN help! If you see a teen or adult suddenly collapse, call 9-1-1 and push hard and fast in the center of the chest.

Please watch this short, 90-second video to learn how to save a life. See some favorite celebrities promote Hands-Only CPR in these other fun videos.

The life you save is most likely to be that of a friend or loved one.
May 20
South China Morning Post
The facts about smoking: Health risks, how many die, e-cigarettes and what it takes to quit

May 23
The Sunflower
Meet Wichita State’s presidential search committee

Dr. Rhonda Lewis

May 24
Wichita Business Journal
New medical school leaders say they’re here to innovate and cooperate

Dr. Rick Kellerman  Dr. Samuel Ofel-Dodoo

May 28
MSSC News
Wichita physicians experience high burnout rates

For all the latest news stories and press releases about KUSM-W, visit our news page.
Introducing the Class of 2021

Max Hesse
Hometown: Wichita
Family: Karl, father; Pam, mother; Cole, brother; Jean, sister

When and how did you first get interested in medicine?
My junior year of high school, following anatomy and psychology courses.

What field of medicine are you leaning toward?
Family medicine

Whom do you most admire, or who is your hero, and why?
My hero is my father, who has served as an amazing role model and supporter for me.

What is one interesting fact or unusual trait about you?
I’m crazy about cats. I have one; his name is Tigger and he’s one of my best buddies.

Jennifer Mettling
Hometown: I grew up in Ulysses, Kansas
Family: Wendy, mom; Mark, dad; Kristen, sister; Austin, husband; Julie, mother-in-law; Gregg, father-in-law; five sisters-in-law

When and how did you first get interested in medicine?
My mom was my high school science teacher (I got her for three classes!) and I credit her with sparking my interest in and love of science. It took a few more steps to solidify medicine as my career, but I’m confident that my 15-year-old self in my mom’s biology classroom was the beginning.

What field of medicine are you leaning toward?
Family medicine, somewhere rural. Hopefully with OB as well.

Whom do you most admire, or who is your hero, and why?
In the area of medicine, I’ve been most influenced by Dr. Stacy Dashiel, a family physician practicing in Sterling, Kansas. She has mentored me in different capacities for the last four years, and that in and of itself takes immense patience. I admire the way she has molded her practice to serve her patients well, but also her family well. Dr. Dashiel challenges me to remember that just because something has always been done a certain way doesn’t mean it’s been the best way. I see her as a path maker. She makes each of her patients (and students) feel valuable.

What is one interesting fact or unusual trait about you?
I eat (use utensils) with my left hand, but do everything else right-handed. My mom is right-handed and my dad is left-handed, so I think my genes just got confused.
Upcoming faculty development events

Medical Education Retreat
Wednesday, June 5
11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Mt. Oread Room, lunch provided
Email jgalliart@kumc.edu to RSVP

11:30 a.m. Lunch is available
Noon LCME Kick-off Celebration (featuring guest speaker Veronica Catanese, M.D., from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education)
1 p.m. KU School of Medicine Medical Education Update (featuring speakers Robert Simari, M.D.; Giulia Bonaminio, Ph.D.; and Chad Slawson, Ph.D.)
1:30 p.m. Bohan Teaching Award Presentation by Robert Simari, M.D.
2 p.m. “Getting to the bottom of it: How to uncover the intent of an LCME Element” by Veronica Catanese, M.D.

Teaching for Excellence Project Presentations
Tuesday, June 18
8-9:30 a.m.
Meadowlark Room
No RSVP needed

Faculty who participate in our Teaching for Excellence Series are asked to complete educational projects through which they create or revise curriculum for medical students or residents. The projects demonstrate how learning objectives should align with teaching and assessment strategies. Our 2019 Teaching for Excellence Program Participants will be presenting their educational projects on Tuesday, June 18. Please join us to learn more about this faculty development series and to celebrate the good work of these program participants!

Welcome to KUSM-W

Melinda Kellogg
Research assistant
Pediatric Grand Rounds are from noon-1 p.m. at Wesley Medical Center, Cessna Conference Room.

Bugs & Drugs: An Update in STI Diagnosis and Treatment
Wednesday, June 5
Kelly A. Curran, M.D., M.A., assistant professor
University of Oklahoma Children’s Hospital

If you have any questions, contact Cindy Roth at croth@kumc.edu or 962-2253.

Kudos!

Kari Harris, M.D., associate professor, was named to Wichita Business Journal’s 2019 Career Women class. Congratulations, Dr. Harris!

Turn a Page. Touch a Mind.® collecting children’s books
We are collecting new and gently used children’s books for the Turn a Page. Touch a Mind.® reading program. Books for children of all ages are needed. If you have books to donate, drop off in Public Affairs or at the KU Wichita Pediatrics Clinic at Carriage Parkway.

Before donating books, review these guidelines. If you have any questions, contact Hannah Kersting at hannah.kersting@wesleymc.com.
Wanted: Research study participants

Many research opportunities are available. To make a referral into a clinical trial for teen pregnancy, adolescent/adult depression, personality disorder or Alzheimer’s, call 316-293-1833 or email clinicaltrialunit@kumc.edu.

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

KU Wichita Center for Clinical Research 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 18 weeks. There is an extension study available for these participants. If the medication is helping the participant’s depression, the medication will be provided for an additional 24 weeks. Study participants will be compensated for their time and travel. For more information, call 316-293-1833.

KU Wichita Center for Clinical Research 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 an 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 Center for Clinical Research is conducting a research study for a teen pregnancy home-based approach to breastfeeding, nutrition, exercise, self-care education, nutritional assessments and emotional support.

You may be eligible for this study if you are age 15-19, pregnant with your first child, at 27-31 weeks gestation, have a low-risk pregnancy, are English speaking and intend to keep the newborn. You will be surveyed about your pregnancy and infant’s care from the time of enrollment to three months postpartum. Some participants may be supplied with an iPad to receive education about breastfeeding, nutrition, exercise and caring for self and baby. If you are interested in this study, contact Lisa Chrisman at 316-293-1833 or lchrisman2@kumc.edu.

KU Wichita Center for Clinical Research is looking for adults (ages 18-75) who are currently experiencing a moderate to severe episode of depression. This study is evaluating an investigational oral medication to see if it reduces symptoms of moderate-to-severe depression. The study lasts up to 56 weeks and may include more than one treatment cycle. This medication is thought to target the brain in a new way and is being studied as a two-week treatment to understand its effects on depressive symptoms. If you are interested or want more information, please call 316-293-1833 or email lchrisman2@kumc.edu.
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.

Kudos!
Moneeshindra Mittal, M.D., volunteer clinical assistant professor, was named one of the 40 Under 40 by Wichita Business Journal for 2019. Congratulations, Dr. Mittal!

Welcome to KUSM-W
Danielle Villalobos, M.D.
Instructor
Culture Hour
Culture Hour is sponsored by the Office of International Programs. Meetings are noon-1 p.m. and broadcast via iTV to the Mt. Oread Room. Topics are sent out the morning of each meeting. View the schedule.

This normally biweekly event is a casual forum for students, faculty and staff to share insights, questions and concerns about culture. Bring your lunch and join in! For questions, please contact Alexa Smith at asmith5@kumc.edu.

West Gallery
Photography
Joey Henry
June 28-Aug. 31

Join us for a Final Friday opening reception from 5-7 p.m. Friday, June 28, in the West Atrium. Complimentary wine and hors d’oeuvres will be served.

East Gallery
New exhibit coming soon!

For more information about the William J. Reals Galleries of Art, or if you or someone you know is interested in scheduling an exhibit, contact Jennifer Eaton at 293-3534 or jeaton2@kumc.edu.
Emergency supply go-bag
If you had less than 30 minutes to evacuate your home, what would you take with you? Unfortunately, recent rains and floods have made this a real-life experience for many. Having a go-bag ready will assist you in taking important items with you that are often overlooked in a disaster. A go-bag should be part of your home emergency kit, but kept in an easily accessible, easy-to-carry container such as a backpack, tote or plastic tub.

Here are items to consider placing in a go-bag:
• Battery-powered radio and extra batteries
• Flashlight with extra batteries
• Extra cell phone charger
• Lightweight blankets
• Emergency contact information
• Copies of insurance policies
• List of medications, dosage and doctor’s contact information
• Toiletry items such as cleansing/baby wipes, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, comb or brush, toilet paper and other personal hygiene items
• First-aid kit
• Whistle
• Change of clothing
• Work gloves
• Nonperishable snacks
• Books, cards, magazines to pass the time

If you have children, you may want to consider a go-bag for each child containing:
• Small toys
• Comfort items such as a blanket, doll or stuffed animal
• Games
• Baby items such as formula, food, diapers and wipes

For pets:
• Pet collar with ID and rabies vaccination tags
• Pet leash, harness, muzzle
• Pet microchip information
• Crate

It is also advisable to have cash stored in your go-bag in case of power outages affecting card readers and ATM machines. It is recommended to have between $100 and $150, as some grocery stores and gas stations may not have working card readers for an extended amount of time.

Emergencies and disasters can happen anywhere, at any time. Planning ahead can make them easier to handle.

For more information, contact Safety & Emergency Management at 293-3409 or email at somwemergencysafety@kumc.edu.
United Way wants you!
Do you like organizing events? Got a knack for fundraising? Consider serving as leader for KU School of Medicine-Wichita’s United Way campaign this year! It’s a great way to give back to Wichita and build camaraderie within our own KUSM-W community, all while supporting an important cause. If you’re interested or have any questions, contact Lillian Dickerson at ldickerson@kumc.edu.

Welcome to KUSM-W
Jennifer Worford
Locum Tenens coordinator

Welcome to KUSM-W
Fatima Rahman
Research assistant
Employment anniversaries
Congratulations on your employment anniversary. We’re glad you’re here!

Rossana Nogueda-Jaimes
June 11

Angela Henderson
June 13

Cindy Daugherty
June 17

Welcome to KUSM-W

Karson Quinn
Research associate

John Smith
Senior educational director of Surgical Skills Lab
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.

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, June 10. Send items of interest to wicpa@kumc.edu.

Social media
Like us on Facebook.
Follow us on Instagram.
Follow us on Twitter.
Follow us on LinkedIn.

Ask the Dean
Is there something you’d like to know from Dean Minns?
Submit your questions or comments and he’ll reply via email or in Jayhawk Talk Online.

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