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More than 40,000 people witnessed the Wichita medical school’s “JayDoc Goes to Woodstock” parade float in the 2009 Wichita River Festival Sundown Parade. Staff, faculty, residents, guitar-strumming students, and even JayDoc promoted the school while celebrating the ‘60s. Photo by Mike Shepherd.

Our Mission
We educate students, residents, and physicians through patient care, service, research, and scholarly activities to improve the health of Kansans in partnership with Kansas communities.

Core Values
• Excellence in Education
• Social Responsibility and Community Orientation
• Excellence in Leadership
• Responsible Stewardship
• Continuous Quality Improvement

Cover Story
Chang Named 2009 Honorary Medical Alumnus
Interim Dean Fred Chang, MD, KU School of Medicine-Wichita, was selected from a number of nominees to receive the 2009 KU Medical Center Honorary Medical Alumnus Award, the highest honor the KUMC Alumni Association presents to individuals for their outstanding contributions to the profession, the health of all people, and KU. He will receive the award at the 2009 KUMC Gala on Saturday, Oct. 17, in Kansas City. More information on the KUMC Alumni Weekend and Gala, visit kumc.edu/alumni or call 913-588-5255.

How You Can Help
There are many ways you can help support our efforts to educate doctors for Kansas:

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Online Giving - kuendowment.org/givenow

We welcome the opportunity to visit with you about how you might help. And we assure you that 100 percent of your gift will benefit the area of your choice. Please call Shanna Bassett at (316) 293-2601 or send her an e-mail at KUEAwichita@kumc.edu.

Wichita’s rich tradition continues
Since Wichita doctors first started talking about opening a medical school in the middle of Kansas, the focus has always been on training exceptional doctors to care for Kansans. And for most of the school’s 36 years, I’ve been proud to be part of that mission — from a professor of surgery to an associate dean – twice – and most recently interim dean.

Educating Doctors for Kansas
Over the years, the messages from our students and residents have been consistent. Wichita offers:
• tremendous hands-on opportunities
• a low ratio of teachers to students
• and a warm, welcoming atmosphere.

I’m happy to report that our success preparing students for residency continues as many are on their way to some very competitive specialties, while an especially high number of our graduates are going into much-needed primary care specialties, and about half of all graduates will be staying in Wichita.

At the same time, 72 residents are graduating from the 14 residency programs offered by the Wichita Center for Graduate Medical Education. And in keeping with tradition, more than half will be practicing in Kansas.

Saying Goodbye
While I’ve been interim dean, I’ve appreciated the support of the Wichita community and the school’s staff and faculty. As we move forward under Dr. Wilson’s leadership, I ask that you join me in showing him the same support.

I’m leaving you in good hands, knowing that we’re delivering on our promise to educate doctors for Kansas and improve the health of Kansans.

Once again, it has been my honor to serve the KU School of Medicine-Wichita.

Fred Chang, MD
Some events in life are so significant we remember every detail. For a physician, Match Day is certainly one of those days.

For several months, 4th-year medical students nationwide rank programs, and programs rank students through an interview and application process in pursuit of a residency match. Every year on the third Thursday of March, students participate in this rite of passage to learn where they’ll spend several years training in their specialty.

Wichita’s students were very competitive with many matching to rather exclusive residencies throughout the United States:

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The envelope please!

Match Day reveals future for resident physicians

Paige Clark, MD, matched to 1 of 2 Family Medicine/Preventive Medicine residency positions.
Neil Kumar, MD, matched to 1 of 15 Vascular Surgery residency positions.
Ashley Robertson, MD, matched to 1 of 19 Medicine-Emergency Medicine residency positions.
Lindsay Abbott, MD, matched to 1 of 87 Plastic Surgery residency positions.

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### “Medical school places a person in a position to be part of a vast array of experiences. One of my most memorable was during my OB rotation. I was given an opportunity to be the first assist on a Caesarean section with Dr. Brown. He supervised while allowing me to guide the procedure and complete a large part of the surgery on my own. While it was both nerve-racking and exhilarating, it was also the first time I felt respected as a peer, giving me confidence that I chose the right path for my life. During this experience, I learned more about the practice of medicine than a hundred books could teach.”

### MEET HARVEY

Cardiac trauma simulator enhances medical education in Wichita

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“My most memorable experience in Wichita was helping to deliver a baby – actually 17! This is not particularly unusual for a 3rd-year medical student in Wichita, but it was very valuable to me because I learned that I love taking care of pregnant women. It is what I want to do for the rest of my life!”

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INTERNATIONAL STUDY
deepest desire to become a doctor

During an international leadership conference in high school, Ashley Robertson, MD, (W09) was introduced to South Africa. “My roommate was from there, and her stories were so compelling I wanted to experience it for myself when I got the opportunity,” Dr. Robertson explained.

In her fourth year of medical school, she spent a four-week rotation in Johannesburg, South Africa, treating patients in the Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital, the world’s largest facility, located in the township of Soweto, with 3,200 beds.

In Soweto, Dr. Robertson discovered that the HIV infection rate was as high as 20 percent of the total population of South Africa.

“I found it amazing that the government was in denial of a link between HIV and AIDS. In fact, some of the men actually believed if they had sex with a virgin it would cure them of AIDS.”

Efforts to educate the public and open communication include the “Consent is sexy” banner (pictured above) that hangs on the campus of the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa. According to Dr. Robertson, the lack of education about HIV/AIDS extends beyond the general public.

“A high-ranking government official was allegedly dating a woman who was HIV positive. However, he believed he wouldn’t become infected because he showered after having sex.”

An alarming 70 percent of patients consult with traditional African healers as their first choice of health care. Because the healers are licensed, Dr. Robertson thinks the healers could help more people if they had more contact with physicians.

Overall, she said studying abroad was a great experience, and everyone should have the opportunity.

“It provides a deeper understanding of why you practice medicine as well as establishes a more meaningful appreciation of what you have here. I believe studying in a Third World country can be shocking, but getting out of the states to experience what other people are like in different cultures will help you to have more compassion for patients and make you a better doctor.”

Robert Ullom, MD
Southern India, Tamil Nadu

Objectives: Study the health delivery system in India and how it affects the prevention of disease

Challenges: “Much as India has been described as a slumbering giant poised to awaken in regard to its economic development, the same can be said for its health care system.”

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Jodi Palmer, MD
Vellore, Tamil Nadu, India

Objectives: Study the epidemiology of HIV/TB co-infection in India, treatment options, and public education for prevention and treatment

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Jeffrey Robinson  
Warren, KS  
Piano Performance, University of Kansas School of Fine Arts

Why did you get into medicine?  
I’ve always enjoyed mathematics and, therefore, like solving problems. As an undergraduate, I took an elective course in chemistry – my first real exposure to serious scientific concepts using medical examples. I was amazed at how basic science could explain various functions of the human body and how this area of problem solving translated to giving people healthy lives. 

What field do you plan to pursue?  
I am fortunate to have great mentors in pulmonary and critical care medicine, as well as in general pediatrics. I can see myself practicing in either of those settings. Though I have not previously had exposure to many of the other areas of medicine, I’m looking forward to third-year patient experience and an opportunity to learn from and work with physicians in different settings.

Why did you choose Wichita?  
To be quite honest, I was initially tempted to come to Wichita because of the people I had met at the med school. Many students who have trained in Wichita consistently praise the hands-on learning approach, high expectations, and camaraderie of the program.

Delane Olsen  
Mulvane, KS  
Nursing, Wichita State University

Why did you go into medicine?  
I went into medicine because I love science and think there is no better way to spend a career than to use it helping people and making a better community. I’ve worked in a hospital all of my adult life, and medical school was a natural progression for my career.

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I’m not sure what I would like to do for a medical specialty, but I know I want something where I’m able to encourage people to make healthy choices and help communities be healthier.

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I’ve always enjoyed mathematics and, therefore, like solving problems. As an undergraduate, I took an elective course in chemistry – my first real exposure to serious scientific concepts using medical examples. I was amazed at how basic science could explain various functions of the human body and how this area of problem solving translated to giving people healthy lives. 

What field do you plan to pursue?  
I am fortunate to have great mentors in pulmonary and critical care medicine, as well as in general pediatrics. I can see myself practicing in either of those settings. Though I have not previously had exposure to many of the other areas of medicine, I’m looking forward to third-year patient experience and an opportunity to learn from and work with physicians in different settings.

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Nursing, Wichita State University

Why did you go into medicine?  
I went into medicine because I love science and think there is no better way to spend a career than to use it helping people and making a better community. I’ve worked in a hospital all of my adult life, and medical school was a natural progression for my career.

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Congratulations to the following KU School of Medicine-Wichita faculty promoted effective July 1:

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- Sanford Fitzig, MD, Surgery, Clinical Associate Professor
- Scott S. Johnson, MD, Anesthesiology, Clinical Associate Professor
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A Hispanic mother was struggling to get medical care for her 3-year-old son but couldn't communicate with health professionals. The hypothetical case was the assigned challenge for a team of Wichita students as they began their presentation at the national CLARION competition April 4 at the University of Minnesota.

CLARION is a student-led, faculty-advised effort that encourages interprofessional education and cooperation among students in various health professions. Wichita's team competed for the first time against seven other health care teams.

For 30 minutes, Sapna Shah (W10) and her colleagues — Paige Clark, MD, (W09); WSU graduate nursing student Kathy Winslow; and WSU Speech and Language doctoral student Daquirie Crumrine — presented their analysis of the case with detailed recommendations for system changes.

Watching from the audience was the rest of Wichita's team: Neil Kumar, MD, (W09); Christina Coniner, WSU speech and language student; and Ellen Frick, WSU physician assistant student. Wichita advisors present were David Downs and Lyn Goldberg, WSU Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders; Jenn Koontz, KU School of Medicine-Wichita Sports Medicine Fellow; and Paul Uhlig, MD, associate professor, KU School of Medicine-Wichita Preventive Medicine and Public Health.

To resolve the case, team suggestions ranged from developing a hospital-wide accountability initiative to implementing a new electronic medical records system. "Our presentation was praised time and time again for being so polished and professional, especially considering that we were the only rookies at the competition this year," Dr. Kumar said.

At the evening's banquet, the judges awarded first place to the University of Missouri, second to Dartmouth University, and third to the University of Minnesota. "It was an overall good experience because of what I learned during the process, the people with whom I worked, and what we learned from each other," Sapna said.

Dr. Uhlig said he was grateful to everyone who helped and to Wichita State University, the KU School of Medicine-Wichita and its Deans Club, as well as the Medical Society of Sedgwick County for financial support. "We learned a lot, made many new friends, and established Wichita as an important new force on the CLARION scene," he said. "It will be exciting to return next year."

A new addition to the forum this year was the Cramer Reed Award open to Health of the Public Medical Students. Members of the 1st place team received $50 each for their Pandemic Influenza Survey: Dr. D. Olivier Alipui, (W09) Pam Zwick (W09) Holly Allen, (W09) Eric Chau, (W09) My Luu (W09)

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The KU School of Medicine-Wichita Web site at wichita.kumc.edu has a fresh new look designed to:
• highlight Wichita's students, residents, faculty, and staff
• promote the school's efforts to educate doctors for Kansas
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The latest issue of the Kansas Journal of Medicine featuring works from faculty and residents from Wichita as well as Kansas City and including topics such as autoimmune disease, diabetes, and breast cancer, is a click away at wichita.kumc.edu/kjom. Manuscript submissions are encouraged. For more information, contact K. James Kallai at (316) 293-2650 or kcallai@kumc.edu.

Russell Scheffer, MD, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences chair and professor, was appointed by the Kansas Health Policy Authority to serve as a Mental Health Prescription Drug Advisory committee member.

Paul Callaway, MD, program director of the Wesley Family Medicine residency program and clinical professor, was appointed by the Kansas Health Policy Authority to serve as an associate professor in Family and Community Medicine at the KU School of Medicine-Wichita. He has been awarded the Nikitas J. Zervas Outstanding Program Director Award by the American Academy of Family Physicians and the Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors. The award goes to a family medicine director who has demonstrated leadership and advancement of the specialty, service as a mentor to residents and medical students, and service to the community as well as to the organizations.

Congratulations to Donna Sweet, MD, Internal Medicine, chair and professor, and to 14 students from the KU School of Medicine-Wichita. They were among the 2009 members inducted into the KU School of Medicine chapter of the Gold Humanism Honor Society. April 17, in Kansas City. The Gold Humanism Honor Society, sponsored by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation, recognizes faculty and 3-year medical students who have shown outstanding humanitarian and professional behavior as well as the highest standards of compassion and sensitivity in their interactions with patients, faculty, student peers, and institutional administration.

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