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2008 HIGHLIGHTS
1. Wichita’s graduating doctors reach 1,553
The KU School of Medicine-Wichita has now graduated 1,553 doctors. Nationally, an average of about 29% of doctors practice in the same state where they graduated from medical school, while almost 50% of Wichita’s graduates are practicing in Kansas.

2. WCGME receives $2.5 million from state
In response to a request from the Wichita Center for Graduate Medical Education, the state gave an additional $2.5 million for fiscal year 2009.

3. KU School of Pharmacy expands to Wichita
With no pharmacists in six Kansas counties and just one in 30 counties, Kansas needs more pharmacists. The state legislature funded an expansion that included a Wichita branch with construction expected to start in the summer once funding is confirmed during the state legislative session.

4. Three of the nation’s top 20 family medicine residents are from Wichita’s program
The American Academy of Family Physicians/Bristol-Myers Squibb Award for Excellence in Graduate Medical Education goes to the nation’s top 20 family medicine residents. In 2008, three of the top 20 were from Wichita programs.

5. Wichita expands leadership team
With nationally known doctors already on board, the Wichita executive team welcomed one of the country’s leading health care economists, Douglas Bradham, DrPH, Preventive Medicine and Public Health chair and professor, as well as neonatologist Barry Bloom, MD, Pediatrics interim chair and professor.

6. Kansas Bioscience Authority funds research
To increase research on the Wichita campus and help meet graduate medical education accreditation requirements, the Kansas Bioscience Authority voted to give up to $6,127,000 in support over the next three years to the KU School of Medicine.

7. KU leads the nation in family medicine doctors
The KU School of Medicine continues to lead the nation in the number of graduating medical students choosing to go into family medicine, according to the American Academy of Family Physicians. KU retains the number one ranking in a three-year rolling average (2005-2007) with more than 21% of its graduating medical students choosing family medicine.

8. Gaines Endowed Professor invested
Thanks to a $1 million donation from Frank and Beverly Gaines, Thomas K. Schulz, MD, Internal Medicine assistant professor, was invested as Wichita’s Gaines endowed professor. As part of his duties, Dr. Schulz will enroll cancer patients in phase I clinical trials in Wichita.

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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% of your gift will benefit the area of your choice. Please call from medical or Shanna Bassett at (316) 293-2601 or send them an e-mail at KUEAwichita@kumc.edu.
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s a part of his third year of medical school, Andrew Barker (W09) (featured on the cover) completed an eight-week rotation in Vascular and Trauma Surgery, which he called an intense environment. “The learning curve in surgery is very steep and rewarding. There aren’t many places in medicine where there’s an immediate correlation between medical intervention and the positive benefit to the patient,” according to Andrew. “It’s such a straightforward approach to rectifying a disease process.”

Overall, Andrew described his clinical training in Wichita as “Awesome. I was absolutely blown away when I began my third year of medical school. I was given the opportunity to become a first assistant on a cesarean section. And with the close supervision of my attending physician, they let me do all the cutting. I would never have imagined being able to do this as a medical student.”

Following graduation and residency training, Andrew has little doubt on where he plans to practice medicine. “There’s no question that I will be coming back to Wichita. I don’t think there’s a better community for medical practice.”

“With rising health care costs and increasing numbers of uninsured, it’s important that we offer our students an education that focuses on preventive measures to health care and public health.”

Douglas D. Bradham, DrPH

Educating health care workers
“Graduate programs in public health focus on improving health on a population basis,” according to Melissa Armstrong, MAC, Master of Public Health assistant director. “We’re teaching our physicians, educators, and students to look at health with a population-based perspective rather than just one person or one disease at a time.”

The MPH program admits 15 students each year and has an enrollment of 30 to 40 students each semester, according to Melissa. With 42 credit hours to be completed, and five core areas of epidemiology, biostatistics, environmental health, public health administration, and the social behavior aspects of health, students are allowed up to seven years to obtain an MPH degree. “More than two-thirds of our students are getting their MPH degree to enhance a job or profession they’re already in,” Melissa explained. “We offer all the courses a student needs to graduate on the Wichita campus. And with so many of them living several hours away or working full-time jobs, 90% of the 42 credit hours can be completed online.”

Serving the community
The KU MPH degree program, according to Dr. Bradham, has partnered with several public health agencies across the state to form the Kansas Public Health WALD Center – “a virtual education center” that offers public health preparedness and continuing education opportunities for all health care workers in Kansas. “Our online capabilities extend our outreach efforts to rural areas of the state, which makes it convenient to receive public health information.”

Under the co-leadership of Suzanne Hawley, PhD, MPH site director, several WALD training programs, including the Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute, and the Kansas Core Public Health Program, operate through an academic-practice partnership. “These programs allow health professionals to develop a wide range of competencies, which make up a career ladder that can even contribute to a future MPH degree,” Dr. Hawley explained. “The WALD Center programs, as well as the department and the MPH program, are committed to developing the public health workforce in the midst of a local and national shortage. We’ve been fortunate to receive support and recognition for our collaborative efforts in training and education.”

Other department activities include clinical practice, public health, research collaboration, university service, and service to the community, state, and nation.

The KU Master of Public Health degree program ranked 2nd among public universities and 6th in graduate degree programs in community health in the nation.

U.S. News and World Report
In July 2009, it will be “mission accomplished” at the KU School of Medicine-Wichita when John Peterson, DO, Anesthesiology, completes his Critical Care Fellowship in Cincinnati, OH, and returns to Wichita to practice. He credits Wichita’s Anesthesiology program for making his decision to come back an easy one.

“I feel like Wichita does an amazing job of preparing anesthesiologists to practice in a clinical setting,” he stated. “They give you the tools and the knowledge you need to go out and establish a practice anywhere in the country and be a very competent physician.”

The success of the program, according to Dr. Peterson, is due to the efforts of Robert McKay, MD, Anesthesiology chair and professor, who places an emphasis on residents becoming competent clinicians.

The department strives for continuous improvement through the use of quality measures and respect for resident input, according to Dr. McKay, which has rewarded the program with an extremely strong applicant pool. The department was officially recognized when it was awarded a four-year review cycle with commendation by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. Enhancing student education During an orientation for her students, Zach Winter (W10) talked about the rewarding feeling of helping the underserved.

“In the primary care experience, you have to jump right in and learn as you go,” Zach explained. “There’s usually only one attending physician at the clinic, so we have the opportunity to make a lot of decisions on our own. It’s good to get the experience of thinking through how you manage a patient and to be here to help these patients who really need help.”

With a stethoscope around his neck, Saad Iqbal (W10) was at the clinic for the first time and looking forward to the independence, which he believes is important to his education.

“In the primary care experience, you have to jump right in and learn as you go, and that’s exactly what I did,” he recounted. “It was very challenging for them because it was a condition they had never witnessed. The attending physician encouraged the students to continue searching for the answer, which they finally discovered was shingles.”

The question of where to locate was answered when Guadalupe Clinic (940 S. St. Francis) expressed an interest. With a location determined, the students decided to offer services on Saturdays and opened for patients on January 22, 2005.

“Their idea was not a hard sell, according to Scott Moser, MD, Family and Community Medicine professor (pictured at right), who has served as the clinic’s faculty advisor since its doors opened four years ago.

“They brought the idea to me, and we began exploring all the possibilities to make the clinic a reality in our community,” Dr. Moser explained. “We had to first find a location, and then make sure we would have enough students to adequately staff the clinic.”

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“My mind this is a very important function that helps indigent patients obtain care without having to wait in the emergency room or get a bill they cannot afford to pay,” he stated. “In just four years, Wichita’s JayDoc clinic has seen more than 1,940 very appreciative patients.”

Jodie, a recent patient who wished to give only her first name, said she has no money or income so the clinic is especially important to her.

“People like me, the less fortunate, don’t get medical help,” she said. “I think the care we receive is awesome.” While she’s receiving care, Jodie tries to assist the students by participating in research.

Cervical cancer is currently the 10th leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States, according to the American Academy of Family Physicians. With early detection, the five-year survival rate associated with the disease is quite successful at 92%.

Early detection will be made available to women at the JayDoc Clinic thanks to a $20,000 Caring for Community grant from the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). The AAMC grant, co-authored by Kari Hamlin, MD, resident; Ashley Mathews (W09); and John May (W09), will create a new Colposcopy Clinic for uninsured women.

In researching the need for this service, most clinicians report that women who cannot afford the cheapest colposcopy options fail to ever receive the service, putting them at increased risk,” wrote Dr. Hamlin in the grant application. “The [KU] JayDoc Community Clinic] Colposcopy Clinic will operate one evening a month, and is estimated to serve up to 10 women per month.”

In addition to identifying patients requiring further treatment, the clinic will provide a broader educational experience for volunteer medical students as a result of the grant.

A fund is being established to help support the JayDoc Community Clinic. If you would like to help, please contact Lynn Loveland at (316) 293-2641.
How can three child psychiatrists serve a population the size of Wichita? The answer: It’s not easy, especially when the national recommendation is for at least 30 child psychiatrists in a city the size of Wichita.

In response to the shortage, the department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the KU School of Medicine-Wichita has initiated strategies to better manage patient care by streamlining their clinic intake procedures and increasing their outpatient services while preparing medical students and residents to better partner with psychiatric caregivers.

“Psychiatric illnesses affect about one-third of the population, and one-half of them start before the age of 14,” explained Russell Scheffer, MD, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences chair and professor. “At young ages, psychiatric problems can have huge developmental impact but are more treatable, or potentially curable.”

Streamlining clinic intake procedures

Before the arrival of Gina Heyen, LCFMT, KU Psychiatry Clinic intake coordinator, in May 2008, most intake phone calls were handled by psychiatrists and other caregivers who already had their hands full managing heavy caseloads. And often, a caller would speak to several people before receiving help.

“The important thing we had to do was help our doctors with scheduling and then match them with the appropriate patients,” Gina explained. “With a more managed approach, we’re able to let callers know in one phone call whether we can offer them an appointment. If we aren’t able to provide the services they need, we refer them to the appropriate agency.”

A number of the phone calls, Gina reported, are from parents seeking psychiatric medications for their children. To help answer those questions, she utilizes the help of a physician or one of the clinic’s Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners (ARNP).

Offering more robust outpatient care

Another shift involves moving more patients from inpatient treatment to what Dr. Scheffer describes as a more robust outpatient clinic.

“We’ve hired additional staff, including two new physicians who spend most of their time in the outpatient clinic. The goal is to provide more outpatient services to help clients better manage their lives and hopefully avoid hospitalization.”

Kurt Leis, MSN, ARNP, BC, and Kristin Jones, MSN, ARNP, BC, are credited by Dr. Scheffer with managing heavy caseloads, handling new patients, as well as easing the caseloads of the department clinicians. “In Kansas, ARNPs have a lot of independence. Our nurse practitioners have been phenomenal in helping to serve our patients.”

Expanding the reach of clinicians

Among the department’s long-term goals is a five-year plan to create a child psychiatry fellowship to lead the development of a team approach between psychiatrists and primary care doctors, which Dr. Scheffer believes will help stretch the reach of psychiatric clinicians.

“It’s going to take some time as well as private funding to make the fellowship happen. I’m confident the results will be far-reaching with an incredible impact to Kansans.”

Lowering health care costs

Educating more mental health care workers and getting the most out of the ones we have will result in better mental health care for Kansans and lower health care costs, according to Dr. Scheffer.

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Deciding on Psychiatry

“This is a very exciting time to be a psychiatrist, because advances in neuroscience are adding an extraordinary amount of new data to the field that will change the way we diagnose and treat mental illness,” according to Dr. Macaluso. The spark that ignited his desire to pursue a career in psychiatry came when he was an undergraduate at Rutgers University. “I had the opportunity to complete a basic-science research project in the area of addiction psychiatry, which was my initial exposure to the field. As a chemistry major, I developed a protocol to detect adulterated urine samples.”

Choosing Wichita

Calling Wichita home was a no-brainer because of the residency program. “I think we really have a world-class faculty in the department of psychiatry. Our faculty are involved in a breadth of scholarly activities, with Dr. Sheldon Preskorn and the Clinical Research Institute as just one example.”

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In 2010, Dr. Von Wald will add another credential to her name when she completes her Master’s in Public Health (MPH) degree from KU in Wichita.

“I got to deliver 30 babies; I ‘caught’ 10 on my own. The first time I did, it was one of the neatest experiences of my life – a little scary and a little gross, too.”

Clark chose to do his clinical training in Wichita because he liked the smaller class size, “and I liked the women in ASA. They get to know students well. I was very impressed.” He decided to become a doctor when he was 14. A younger sibling who had Down syndrome died, and a pediatrician became a mentor to Clark.

Dr. Meyer joins fight against child abuse in Kansas

In October 2008, Kerri Meyer, MD, Pediatrics clinical assistant professor, began her job as a child abuse specialist. She hopes to provide education and training to help curb abuse.

One of my goals is to teach students, residents, and community partners how to better recognize and ultimately prevent child abuse. That means being very observant and really listening to families. When the red flag goes off in your head that something is not right, trust your instincts and ask more questions.”

Children up to the age of 3 are most likely to experience abuse, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention along with the Federal Administration for Children and Families. Each year, about one in 50 U.S. infants is a victim of nonfatal child abuse or neglect. Dr. Meyer cited other disturbing facts:

• 900,000 children are victims every year.
• More than 4 children die daily from abuse and neglect.
• Children under 4 account for 79% of deaths from abuse.

“The social side of medicine and high-risk populations is of special interest to Dr. Meyer. “I like the connection between medicine, social work, and the legal system. There’s also a huge opportunity to advocate for children and make a difference in this community, which is really rewarding.”

Wichita has been fortunate to have other people who are interested in this field and have provided excellent clinical care for years, she said. “By my being hired, KU and Wesley are reemphasizing that they are committed to this population. The challenges are enormous. I’m excited to be part of the solution.”

Orthopaedic Surgery offers broader science education to enhance medical training

Wichita’s Orthopaedic Surgery residents are reporting a deeper understanding of why things are done thanks to a broader science education that includes cellular biology, biomechanics, biomaterials, and pathology in their first year at Via Christi Regional Medical Center.

“We’re not reinventing the wheel,” reported David McQueen, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery program director. “There are other large centers in the country that are doing exactly what we’re doing. Unfortunately, a lot of clinical programs like the one in Wichita have never had the opportunity to focus more attention on the basic sciences at the beginning of a resident’s training. We’re going to provide more of a basic foundational understanding of why our residents are doing what they do.”

Lisa Longhofer, MD, Orthopaedic resident (pictured above), who was in the first class to complete the basic science introduction in biomechanics, said the courses have helped a lot. “Introducing the biostatistics in our education helps us better understand some of the choices we make in providing the best health care options for our patients. It helps first-year residents make decisions based on statistical analysis, rather than because it’s the way we were told to do it.”

Since January 2008, Wichita’s Orthopaedic residents have studied immunology under the direction of Paul Wooley, PhD, research director, Orthopaedic Research Institute. “With immunology, we can do things to hasten healing, decrease the rejection phenomenon from implants, and maximize human response to medication,” Dr. McQueen explained. “The training offers tremendous teaching opportunities for our residents that will occur during the course of their five-year training. Rather than sitting through lectures, our residents will get to work in the areas, which will make it more understandable from a teaching perspective.”

Halfway through the basic science courses in his first year, Luke Armstrong, MD, Orthopaedic resident (pictured above), said the courses “help you understand the physics behind why we do what we do and why certain decisions are made.”

According to Dr. McQueen, the program better educates doctors for Kansas as well as better prepares residents to participate in research in support of the school’s mission to improve the health of Kansans.
The Standardized Patient Program uses actors as patients in simulation to advance our ability to diagnose an illness faster and more accurately. Emerging technology, according to Dr. McGuire, has had a significant impact on the education of residents.

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We’re looking for the student’s ability to connect with the patient, to obtain the reason for the visit and patient history, as well as perform the exam,” Dr. Brumfield stated.

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Cancers located in exam rooms record the sessions between students and “patients.” Interaction is observed via computer monitors by faculty members who evaluate the students and provide feedback.

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“We get so much more information from CT Scans,” he explained. “The resolution and imaging time has decreased because technology has greatly advanced our ability to diagnose an illness faster and more accurately.”

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Dr. Lin celebrates 25 years of teaching pathology

Wichita’s Joe Lin, MD, Pathology chair and professor, has provided introductory training to 3rd- and 4th-year medical students for more than 25 years. “During my practice as a surgeon, I came to rely on the expertise and experience of Dr. Lin,” said Interim Dean Fred Chang, MD. “I often sought his advice on complicated pathologic diagnosis because I trusted and valued his opinion.”

Amanda Valliant
4th-Year Medical Student (W09)

“You have to rely on your judgment and instinct. It can be kind of scary, but you have to commit to a diagnosis and treatment. It’s frustrating at times, but you learn a lot.”

Working two years ago in Ghana, Africa, Amanda participated in the treatment of HIV patients. Amanda, who grew up in Wichita and managed a local bar before committing to medicine, plans to do her residency in Wichita and eventually go into internal medicine with a focus on women’s care.

Dr. Lin has given nearly a thousand presentations in the form of grand rounds, case presentations, tumor boards, and didactic lectures.
Brenda Schew, MD, Internal Medicine assistant professor and KU Internal Medicine Clinic medical director, was presented with a $500 check by Mike Sumner, PhD, MPH, Preventive Medicine and Public Health assistant professor, received a $100,000 EPA research award for a project with the University of Rochester School of Medicine and public health partnerships dedicated to understanding and informing the community about toxic risks and pollutant effects on Wichita.

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Deans Message

The University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita is currently recruiting for various faculty positions, including a geriatrician, adolescent medicine specialist, general pediatrician, and more. As a premier community-based medical school, Wichita’s more than 100 full- and part-time faculty as well as 1,100+ volunteer faculty offer clinical training to third- and fourth-year medical students. For more information, please visit jobs.kumc.edu.

Happenings

The KU School of Medicine-Wichita team of 26 raised well over $1,000 and joined thousands of runners and walkers this past September for Wichita’s Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. Pictured above, left to right, are 3rd-year medical student Monroe Blair, JulieAnn Muth, Pam Rizza, and Linh Nguyen.

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Jayhawk Round Up celebrates KU successes

More than 700 KU fans celebrated the year’s many wins, including the NCAA Championship, Orange Bowl, and the school’s top ranking for graduating medical students choosing family medicine, at the 2008 Jayhawk Round Up, Nov. 8. The annual event raised more than $90,000 in scholarships for one Wichita medical student and four Wichita-area undergraduates attending KU in Lawrence. To view more photographs from the Jayhawk Round Up, visit http://wichita.kumc.edu/edtech/photos/08roundup/.