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Brian Pate named to 2018 Leadership Kansas Class

WICHITA, KAN. – Brian Pate, chair of the KU School of Medicine-Wichita Department of Pediatrics, has been named as one of the 40 new members of the 2018 Leadership Kansas Class announced last month by the Kansas Chamber. Each year the program receives nearly 700 nominations, narrowing it to a diverse group of Kansas leaders from across the state.

“One of the best surprises about my current position is realizing how being part of this regional medical school campus and our pediatric healthcare system, which serves as a referral center for two-thirds of the state, puts me in closer touch with parts of Kansas I really did not know or understand when I was in Kansas City,” said Pate. “The experience has cultivated in me an even deeper affection and appreciation for Kansas, the state I’m proud to have grown up in. I feel deeply honored to be part of the 2018 Leadership Kansas Class and very excited to meet new people and learn even more about Kansas.”

Celebrating its 40th year in 2018, the program begins with an orientation session in late April and culminates with graduation in October. According to the Kansas Chamber release distributed this past month, during the six months, class members participate in multiple three-day educational training sessions in different communities, interacting with a variety of experts and public leaders. Discussion topics include business, education, agriculture, public policy, societal health, economic development, government and more.

In addition to his leadership responsibilities in the Department of Pediatrics, Pate also is an associate professor and practices at Wesley Children’s Hospital. Board certified in General Pediatrics, Pate graduated from the KU School of Medicine-Wichita and did his residency at Children’s Mercy Hospital, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine in Kansas City, Missouri.

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