KU’S DOLE INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Lawrence: The Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas recently announced 728 new Sen. Robert J. Dole Public Service Scholars for the 2007-08 academic year.

The recipients, all 2007 Kansas high schools graduates, represent the largest class of Dole scholars since the program began in 2005. Funded by NASA, the scholarships are distributed among the state’s four congressional districts to ensure the broadest statewide participation.

“This year, the Dole Institute received a second Federal grant, and we are able to offer nearly three times the number of scholarships as in each of the previous two years,” said Bill Lacy, institute director.

The scholarship program began with a Federal grant that funded 40 scholarships each in 2005 and in 2006. With the addition of the 128 scholarships awarded this year, the total number of Dole scholars comes to 208.

The new scholars will enroll this fall at one of the six Kansas Board of Regents universities or Washburn University in Topeka. Regents universities are KU, Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University and Wichita State University.

Aligned with the primary mission of the Dole Institute, the scholarship program encourages young Kansans to get involved in politics, government and community service.

“Dole scholars represent the best among Kansas high school graduates,” said Barbara Ballard, director of the scholarship program and associate director of the Dole Institute. “Dole scholars are required to engage in 100 hours of civic activities annually. We hope that their experiences will influence them throughout their lives to become involved citizens.”

Recipients received a $1,000 scholarship, renewable for three years, and commit to completing 100 hours of civic activities annually. Kansas high school seniors who have volunteered in community and public service in their communities and who have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale are eligible.

The Dole Public Service Scholarship is administered by Scholarship Management Services, a department of Scholarship America, a national nonprofit educational support and student aid service organization that seeks to involve and assist the private sector in expanding educational opportunities and encouraging educational achievement. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, gender, disability or national origin.
New Physician Starts August 1

Cayle L. Goertzen, MD, a family practice specialist, will start seeing patients at the Belleville Medical Clinic in the NCK Medical Arts Center on August 1.

Goertzen joins the three existing family practitioners in Republic County: Andy Walker MD and Nolan Beavers MD on the upper level of the clinic building; and Robert Holt MD, of the Republic County Family Practice, located on the lower level of the clinic. All Republic County physicians care for patients of all ages in both the clinic and hospital settings, as well as perform surgery and obstetrics.

Goertzen is no stranger to Republic County, having provided weekend coverage in the Republic County Hospital emergency room for the past year. He completed the three-year Via Christi Family Medicine Residency Program in Wichita in June. He is a graduate of the University of Kansas School of Medicine. Dr. Goertzen also holds a BS in medical technology from the University of Kansas School of Allied Health, Kansas City; and a BA in biology from Tabor College, Hillsboro. He worked as a medical technologist in the laboratory at Hillsboro Community Medical Center for several years before deciding to go to medical school and become a doctor.

Dr. Goertzen has been a volunteer in the National Youth Sports Program, and served as a volunteer emergency medical technician in Marion County.

He and his wife, Nikki, an occupational therapist, have two daughters, Anneliese and Rosalie. Dr. Goertzen is a native of Southwest Kansas, and Mrs. Goertzen grew up in South Central Nebraska.

The Belleville Medical Clinic is now making appointments for Dr. Goertzen, by calling 785-527-2217.

“We have enjoyed getting to know Dr. Goertzen and his family during the recruitment process, and are confident that patients in our service area will find him as personable and professional as we have,” says Ed Splichal, chairman of the NCK Health Care Foundation. “It’s really a credit to our communities and the medical professionals working here that we’re able to attract such high quality family practice physicians with a commitment to rural medicine.”

All physicians in Republic County work in private practice. The NCK Health Care Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit volunteer organization, funded entirely by donations, that helps recruit physicians to Republic County.

“The medical community in Republic County has a high reputation for making a wide range of care available to people living in North Central Kansas and South Central Nebraska,” Splichal adds. “With... these services, patients would have to drive long distances to receive medical care—or go without needed care. Our donors recognize how important health care is.”

The last 20 years have made it possible to maintain these services locally.”
KU Announces 155
Spring Honor Roll

Local students named to the Spring 2007 Honor Roll include Sally Strnad, daughter of Billy Joe and Sharon Strnad, Fine Arts Undergraduate from Belleville High School; Lesley Latham, daughter of Jesse S. and Joni Latham, Liberal Arts Undergraduate from Belleville High School; and Clint Frye, son of Donna and Jay Frye, Engineering Undergraduate from Belleville High School.
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about $200 per day and up. KU's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute provides short, informal classes examining different areas of culture, art and the humanities. Though the program is intended for people 50 and older, Peters said people as young as 14 enrolled in the classes. "It's really a general-interest, general population outreach," he said.

Costs range from $25 for one class to $150 for an annual membership with unlimited classes. KU faculty and other experts teach the classes, most of which are located at the KU continuing education office, 1515 St. Andrews Dr. Some classes are in Topeka and Overland Park.

Other Lawrence organizations offering continuing education include the Lawrence Workforce Center, 2540 Iowa St., and Goodwill, 2200 W. 31st St. Both organizations offer job search and employment skills training.
Continuing education sites throughout the area

Lawrence
- Lawrence Public Schools Adult Learning Center: 2017 Louisiana St., Lawrence High School annex building, (785) 832-5960.

Johnson County:
- Pittsburg State University – Kansas City, 12345 W. 95th St., Lenexa, (913) 529-4487, www.pittstate.edu/hzmet/.

Leavenworth County:
- Kansas City Kansas Community College, (913) 651-2111, www.kckcc.cc.ks.us/

Wyandotte County:
- Keeler Women’s Center, 608 N. 18th St. Rm 706, Donnelly College, (913) 621-8749, www.mountosb.org/kwc/
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Leavenworth County

Wyandotte County
Thankful Program

To the Editor:

Audio-Reader Network, the radio reading service for the blind and visually impaired in Kansas and Missouri, would like the citizens of Shawnee to know how grateful we are to The Shawnee Dispatch for donating a newspaper subscription to be read on air to people who are no longer able to read for themselves.

Every afternoon, Monday through Friday 2-4 p.m., Audio-Reader broadcasts a program of regional newspapers of Eastern Kansas. We read from the Bonner Springs Chieftain, The Shawnee Dispatch, The Wyandotte West and a wide variety of other area papers.

We read the local news to people who suffer from macular degeneration, vision complications due to stroke or diabetes and other eye ailments. The donation of the paper means that we can serve even more people, free of charge, so that even though they have sight issues, they are still in touch with their community. Mill levy increases, cards of thanks, anniversaries, obituaries, letters to the editor and other local news you can’t get any other way is read via closed circuit radio or on the internet.

We wanted to express the gratitude of our staff, volunteers and thousands of listeners to The Shawnee Dispatch and give people who may not be aware of our services the opportunity to learn about them. We would also like to extend our gratitude to KCUR 89.3 for carrying our broadcast signal to the visually impaired of Kansas and Western Missouri. You can visit our website at http://reader.ku.edu or you can call toll free at 1-800-722-8898.

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Late fee waived by University of Kansas for disaster affected counties

LAWRENCE — To assist students from 10 Kansas counties hit by natural disasters this spring and summer, the University of Kansas announced today it will offer those students the option to defer tuition and fee payments normally due in August.

Under the offer, the university will waive late payment penalties and work out individual deferred payment plans, said Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Richard Lariviere.

“When your family home or business has been flooded out, you have more immediate concerns than a tuition due date. We hope this will give those students under hardship some time and flexibility to focus on recovery and getting their lives back to normal,” Lariviere said.

KU students will begin receiving bills for fall semester tuition and fees late next week, with the first payment due Aug. 15. Ordinarily, an initial $100 penalty is assessed after that deadline and additional penalties are applied each month the bill is overdue.

To qualify for the waiver and payment extension, affected students can complete an online form at www.bursar.ku.edu/forms/disaster_deferment.aspx. For more information, students may contact the University Bursar’s office at (785) 864-3322 or e-mail bursar@ku.edu by Aug. 15. Affected students who need additional assistance with emergency or unanticipated financial issues may also contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at (785) 864-4700.

The policy presently applies to residents in five flooded Kansas counties (Elk, Miami, Montgomery, Neosho and Wilson) and residents in five storm-damaged counties (Edwards, Kiowa, Osage, Pratt and Stafford) who were declared eligible for individual federal assistance. This includes Greensburg, which was hit by a devastating tornado in May, and Coffeyville, which was inundated by flood waters late last month and a large oil spill on July 1. More counties may still be added to that list because of the June floods, according to the state adjutant general’s office.
College News

KU names graduates

More than 4,000 candidates were candidates for degrees to graduate in the University of Kansas commencement ceremony. Derby students included: Jodi Lynn Buchanan, daughter of Bruce and Jere Buchanan, bachelor of general studies; Albert Thomas Chmielewski, son of Jake and Charlene, bachelor of arts in Biology; Adam Russel Cloud, son of Fern and Gayle Cloud, bachelor of general studies/political science; Patricia D. Crawley, daughter of Dennis and Shirley Collins, doctor of medicine.

Nicole Tasha Gordon Barker, juris doctor; Heather Leigh Jesse Hayes, daughter of Angie Hayes, bachelor of science in education; Ryan Alan Lester, son of Joyce Lester, bachelor of science in environmental studies; Michael Shea McCabe, son of William and Jana McCabe, bachelor of general studies/history; Kathryn Leigh Morrison, daughter of Ken and Carolyn Morrison, bachelor of general studies/history of art.

John Gabriel Nichols, son of John Nichols, bachelor of fine arts/theatre design; Corrine Michele Petrik, juris doctor; Kirbe Elizabeth Riedel, daughter of James and Valor Riedel, bachelor of general studies/communication studies; Tanner Jeffrey Rinke, son of Tracy Henseler, bachelor of science in mechanical engineering; Cindra Dale Roots, daughter of Ronald and Chari Roots, master of occupational therapy; Riley Dean Rothe, son of Ronald Rothe, bachelor of science in business/finance; Ashlea Gayle Schwarz, daughter of Billy Landes, juris doctor.

Morgan Rae Smizer, daughter of David and Carla Smizer and Steve Pitcher, bachelor of science in nursing; Michelle Thi Tran, daughter of Chinh and Lan Tran, bachelor of arts/Slavic languages and literatures.

Antholz receives Pet Trust Award

Derby student Jennifer Antholz was awarded the Pet Trust Award during the annual honor banquet of Kansas State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. Scholarships and awards were presented to members of the outgoing senior class who have achieved excellence in academics, leadership and specialty areas of study.

Sommerfeld awarded music scholarship

Gertrude M. Sommerfeld is the recipient of a Faculty Scholarship and a Music Performance Scholarship from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn. Sommerfeld, a May 2007 graduate of Derby High School, is the daughter of Allen and Mary Sommerfeld. Her high school activities include Scholar's Bowl, National Honor Society, marching band, jazz band, orchestra, symphonic band, Wichita Youth Symphony, state band, state orchestra and district band.