KU’s Dole Institute announces 2007 public service scholarship recipients

LAWRENCE — The Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas recently announced 128 new Sen. Robert J. Dole public service scholars for the 2007-08 academic year.

The new scholars were formally announced during a June luncheon meeting at the Dole Institute. Local recipients are Jessie Furnish, a graduate of Paola High School, and Ellen Verhaeghe, a graduate of Prairie View High School.

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. Recipients receive 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.
KU announces spring 2007 Honor Roll

LAWRENCE -- More than 4,690 undergraduate students at the University of Kansas earned honor roll distinction for the spring 2007 semester.

These students, from the Lawrence campus and the schools of allied health and nursing at the KU Medical Center in Kansas City, Kan., represent 45 states and 38 countries.

The honor roll comprises undergraduates who met requirements in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and in the schools of allied health, architecture and urban planning, business, education, engineering, fine arts, journalism, nursing and social welfare.

INMAN

Alexander John Thiessen, son of John and Jan Thiessen, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, fr., Inman High School.

Emily Nicole Yoder, daughter of Eileen Sanchez, Allied Health Undergraduate, sr., Inman High School.

LINDSBORG

Katie Lynn Bandy, daughter of Dale Swenson, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, sr., Smoky Valley High School.

Matthew Peterson Nyquist, son of Robert and Jamie Nyquist, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, sr., Smoky Valley High School.

Amber Nicole Pihl, daughter of Ronald and Susan Pihl, Pharmacy Professional Prof, Smoky Valley High School.

MCPHERSON

Susan E. Birket, daughter of Sam and Mary Birket, Pharmacy Professional Prof, McPherson High School.


Emily JoyAnn Copeland, daughter of Bill and Sheri Copeland, Fine Arts, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, jr., McPherson High School.

Jamie D. Crist, son of Jeff and Dani Crist, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, jr., McPherson High School.

Molly Jo Flood, daughter of Jim and Gina Flood, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, fr., McPherson High School.

Julia Michaela Johanna Groeblacher, daughter of Michaela Groeblacher, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, so., McPherson High School.


Jill E. Koehler, daughter of Roger and Joyce Koehler, Liberal Arts, Undergraduate, McPherson High School.

Kelli Amber Lauderdale, daughter of Gail Lauderdale, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, McPherson High School.

Jacob Kyle Linn, son of Jerry and Karen Linn Education Undergraduate, sr., McPherson High School.

Jamie Rene Meador, daughter of Carol Johnson, Nursing Undergraduate, sr., McPherson High School.

Daniel Joseph Parker, son of Craig Parker, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, jr., McPherson High School.

Jessica Lynette Raddatz, daughter of Tammy Raddatz, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, so., McPherson High School.

Carlie Elizabeth Reber, daughter of Brett and Kathryn Reber, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, so., McPherson High School.

Meredith Jayne Seibel, daughter of Bradley and Judith Seibel, Business Undergraduate, sr., McPherson High School.


Tucker Jay Swanson, son of Serena Davidson, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, so., McPherson High School.

Alison Thanh Vo, daughter of Muoi Ly and Tim Vo, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, jr., McPherson High School.

Amelia Grace Yowell-Mayes, daughter of Mike and Tricia Yowell, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, sr., GED, State of Kansas.
Benefit shines bright for Brice

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Despite the rainy weather about 400 people pulled together Sunday during the Brice and Ed Sowers benefit at the Atchison VFW.

Carrie Sowers, a relative, and Orville Calhoon, Lawrence, served as co-organizers for the lawn tractor pull, luncheon and auction event.

“The rain didn’t dampen the spirit,” Mrs. Sowers said, adding when it rained, event-goers moved inside and the auction began.

“It was wonderful to be a part of it,” Mrs. Sowers continued. “It was just awesome.”

Event proceeds of about $3,500 are earmarked to offset living expenses for Mr. Sowers and 14-year-old Brice during the teenager’s medical care and treatment concerning a benign brain tumor.

Brice’s tumor is located near his thyroid gland.

Mr. Calhoon regularly manages the stock lawn tractor pulls. He said some lawn tractor-pullers in the crowd gathered from as far away as the Arkansas and Missouri state line. He estimated 300 hamburgers were served in addition to an unknown amount of hot dogs at free-will donation for the father and son.

“I think it made Brice’s day,” Mr. Calhoon said.

Brice said last week he looked forward to interaction with the people who are supportive of him during his ongoing ordeal.

“Once you talk to Brice you are not a stranger any more,” Mr. Calhoon said.

Before Brice’s tumor was diagnosed about four years ago, Mr. Sowers, a single dad, and Brice were regular competition lawn tractor-pullers.

The participants hook up a weighted sled behind the garden tractors and they’re rated for how far they can pull the sled.

During the benefit about 160 pullers hooked up for $5.

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to net $800, Mr. Calhoon estimated. Larry Baldwin, of Kidder, Mo. provided the sled and an entourage followed, Mr. Calhoon said. One woman from up there crocheted an American flag afghan and another built a special “Puller of the Year” trophy Brice earned during the event.

Mr. Calhoon’s wife, Charlene Calhoon, compiled a scrapbook for Mr. Sowers and Brice. It featured their participation throughout the years.

“There was a lot of good people who had a good heart,” Mr. Calhoon said. “It was just a lot of fun.”

The Atchison County Sheriff’s Office employees, the Salvation Army area churches and numerous businesses in Lawrence and the University of Kansas Athletic Department additionally offered goods or assistance for the benefit.

“I thought it was great,” Mr. Calhoon said.
Two Sabetha High School graduates are among this year's 128 Dole scholars. Maria Eisenbise and Matthew Hall each received a $1,000 scholarship, renewable for three years, and commit to completing 100 hours of civic activities annually. Eisenbise plans to attend Kansas State University. Hall plans to attend Washburn University and major in physical education.

Scholarship candidates also must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale. 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.

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Local graduates named to KU Honor Roll

Among more than 4,600 honored for spring semester

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Criteria vary among the university’s schools. Some honor the top 10 percent of students enrolled, some establish a minimum grade-point average and others use the minimum GPA for each year students are in school. Students must complete a minimum number of credit hours to be considered for the honor roll.

Local students listed, including hometown, parents and high school are:

**Hiawatha**

Senior Blake Georgepaul Barrett, son of Gene and Kathryn Barrett, Hiawatha High School.

Senior Taylor Collins Lenon, son of Dennis and Sandy Lenon, Hiawatha High School.

Senior Megan Ann Persinger, daughter of Bill and Kathy Persinger, Hiawatha High School.

Senior Brice Nathaniel Sanner, son of Tim and Vicky Sanner, Horton High School.

Senior Jordan Isaac Sanner, son of Tim and Vicky Sanner, Horton High School.

Senior Charles Robert Stinson, son of Robert and Bernadette Stinson, Hiawatha High School.

Sophomore Elizabeth Marie Weingart, daughter of John and Nancy Weingart, Hiawatha High School.

**Horton**

Sophomore Matthew Wayne Dunlap, son of Teresa and Gregory Sanderson, Horton High School.

Sophomore Nathaniel R Mayhew, son of David Schuetz, Horton High School.

Senior Charles Robert Stinson, son of Robert and Bernadette Stinson, Hiawatha High School.

Senior Whitney Nicole Ryan, daughter of James and Lois Ryan, Horton High School.

Senior Robinson Clarence Wayne Hall, son of Sheila Erdley, Hiawatha High School.

**Denton**

Sophomore Leigh Ann Massey, daughter of Mary Ann and Melvin Massey, Doniphan West High School.

**Highland**

Senior Kristan Sue Olson, daughter of Wayne and Marla Olson, Highland High School.

Senior Angela Kay Stewart.

**Sabetha**

Freshman Nicole Marie Brown, daughter of Eva and Edward Ebner, Sabetha High School.

Sophomore Krista Lee Lierz, daughter of Gary and Brenda Lierz, Sabetha High School.

Brandon Lee Lukert, Pharmacy Professional Prof 1, Sabetha High School.

Senior Tyler Marcus Simpson, Honor Roll, Sabetha High School.
Schnee’s first family practice opens mid-Aug.

By ALI HOLCOMB
Recorder Staff

When Dr. Lee Schnee was eight years old, he knew that he wanted to be a pediatrician and to help people. Although he doesn’t work solely with children, his plans have only changed slightly over the years, and Schnee will begin his first family practice at the Holton Community Hospital in mid-August.

Schnee, 29, grew up in Topeka and earned his bachelor’s degree in human biology and chemistry from the University of Kansas. In 2004, he earned his M.D. from the University of Kansas College of Medicine in Kansas City.

For the past three years, he has been doing his residency at a family practice at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Peoria, Ill. He finished his residency in June.

Schnee said being a doctor was something that he has wanted to do for “years and years” since he was eight years old.

“I’ve always wanted to help people,” he said. “But I also enjoy the science and the human aspects to medicine.”

He and his family moved to Holton in July, and he will begin his practice at Holton Community Hospital on Aug. 13. He said that his family decided to move to Holton for various reasons.

“I really wanted to practice in a rural setting where there was community support for the hospital,” he said. “Both of my wife’s and my parents live in Topeka, so it’ll be nice to live near family.”

He said the main things he’s looking forward to the most about practicing in Holton are meeting people and taking part in the community.

“With a family practice, I want to get to know everyone that I treat and get involved in their lives,” he said.

Fresh out of his residency where he was training under other doctors, Schnee is excited for the opportunity to run things on his own and to be able to make medical decisions without having to double check with other doctors.

“I hope to bring a renewed energy to the hospital,” he said. “I’m a recent graduate with fresh ideas and want to share that with them.”

He and his wife, Emily, have two children, Lydia, 4, and Abigail, 1.
Starting in August, the new home for the **Kansas City Design Center** will be the new workplace for seven students from Kansas State University's College of Architecture, Planning and Design.

Riley Anderson, Leavenworth, majoring in landscape architecture, is one of the seven students who will be participating.

The center is moving into the ground floor of the Wyandotte parking garage, 1020 Baltimore Ave., in the heart of downtown Kansas City, Mo. During the coming year, the K-State students, along with their counterparts from the University of Kansas, will take advantage of the center's urban setting to broaden their skills and present their work and ideas to area residents.
Prehistoric pearly whites

And just imagine how big the rest of the creature must have been...

Luke Thompson
Contributing Writer

Trenton Horn and Les Spence were fishing at Mill Creek in Washington County a few weeks ago when they literally stumbled onto a piece of history: a fossil estimated to be at least 10,000 years old.

"We were walking along the sandbar and (Les) tripped over it," said Horn, a Manhattan native who's teaching agriculture at Linn High School.

"He about fell in the creek."

When the two men looked down, they saw what turned out to be a tiny tooth of an American mastodon, a relative of the wooly mammoth named for its unique cone-shaped teeth. Horn said that although he's no expert on the subject, he knew enough to recognize the fossil as an abnormally large tooth.

"Our first reaction was there's nothing in Kansas that would have a tooth like that," he said. "Secondly, there's nothing in North America that would have a tooth like that."

When the two friends got back to a computer, they began looking up fossils of extinct animals, such as dinosaurs. Horn said it didn't take them long to recognize the tooth was used for eating trees and other plants, leading them to search for mammoths. A brief search brought up a picture that they thought proved what they'd found.

Just to be sure, Horn e-mailed photos to an archaeologist at Kansas State University, as well as a paleontologist at the University of Kansas'
Museum of Natural History. Both confirmed the tooth as belonging to the ancient mammal, a member of the order Proboscidea, like mammoths. Mastodons stood from 8 to 10 feet tall weighed from 4 to 6 tons as adults, and were named for their unique teeth. Horn said the KU paleontologist told him they're rarely found in central Kansas, since it's more of a grassland area and mastodons generally fed on trees and shrubs.

Spence and Horn went back to the fossil site the following day and scoured the area, hoping to find more bones. But they came up empty, which Horn said isn't surprising, because the heads typically break apart from the teeth and float downstream.

Horn said he and Spence never entertained the idea of selling the tooth, even though it could have brought in a couple-hundred dollars for each of them. Instead, they're planning to give it to a local museum, with the top candidate being the Washington County Historical Museum in Washington, although it may make a brief stay as an exhibit in area elementary schools. Wherever it winds up, Horn said the fossil will remain a great story and memory to him and Spence for the remainder of their lives.

In the past few days, it's gotten plenty of attention on exhibit in stores around Linn, which has a population of less than 1,000.

"In our tiny little town, it's been a big deal," Horn said.
Class looks at drug abuse's effect on children

University of Kansas Area Health Education Center-Northwest, co-sponsored by PACT, will present a continuing education program, “Drugs of abuse and their impact on children,” presented by Dr. Jennifer Lowry, from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 7 in Hays.

This program is approved for three hours of continuing education credit and is designed for ARNPs, RNs, LPNs, social workers, teachers, parent educators, EMS and counselors.

For more information or to register for this program, please contact the Northwest Kansas Area Health Education Center at (785) 628-6319 or e-mail mstouffer@kumc.edu.
Seven from county on KU spring honor roll

More than 4,690 undergraduate students at the University of Kansas, including seven from Graham County, earned honor roll distinction for the spring 2007 semester. These students, from the Lawrence campus and the schools of Allied Health and Nursing at the KU Medical Center in Kansas City, represent 99 of 105 Kansas counties, 44 other states and the District of Columbia and 37 other countries.

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Graham County students recognized by KU included Carter Lee Atkins, junior in Business, and Casey Ryan Atkins, senior in Business, son of Sam and Melissa Atkins of Hill City; Lynette Diane Belleau, sophomore in Liberal Arts, daughter of Wayne and Laurie Belleau of Hill City; Zachary Leon Fischer, senior in Liberal Arts, son of Vera Fischer of Hill City; Kyle Alan Robinson, senior in Architecture, son of Richard and Deborah Robinson of Hill City; Amanda Ann Knoll, senior in Education and Liberal Arts, the daughter of Thomas and Erica Knoll of Morland; and Sara Eve Robison, senior in Liberal Arts, the daughter of Dannis and Christie Robison of St. Peter.

Other KU students from area counties who were named to the spring honor roll include:

GOVE COUNTY - Michael Lee Breeden, son of Paul and Cathy Breeden; Alexandra Jay Machen, daughter of Sue and Mike Machen; Benjamin Schirmer Machen, son of Mike and Sue Machen; Adrienne Simone Ringer, daughter of Roger and Carrie Ringer; and Tina Marie Sarber, daughter of Rex and Ronda Kaiser, all of Quinter.

NORTON COUNTY - Seth Jesse Lofgreen, son of Jon and Elaine Lofgreen, Norton.

PHILLIPS COUNTY - Jaime L. Goddard, daughter of Jerry and Ruth Goddard of Logan; Anthony Paul Niemczyk-Ceman, son of Christopher and Joanne Ceman; Bradley J. Rachow, son of Kurtis and Kathryn Rachow; Stacy Lynn Rachow, daughter of Kurtis and Kathryn Rachow; Alexa Anne Riffel, daughter of Rick and Kim Riffel; Isaac Oren Riffel, son of Rick and Kim Riffel; and Amanda Christine Taylor, daughter of Tony and Jennifer Taylor, all of Phillipsburg.

ROOKS COUNTY - Danielle Nicole Berland, daughter of Tim and Thelma Berland, Damar; Jessica Marie Casey, daughter of Jerry and Karen Casey, Plainville; and Allison Jade Baughman, daughter of Dave and Lorraine Baughman; Brian James Berkley, son of James and Vicki Berkley; Cassie R. Waddell, daughter of Patrick and Linda Waddell, all of Stockton.

SHERIDAN COUNTY - Loren Michael Cressler, son of Herbert and Marita Cressler; Bradley John Eland, son of Ken and Peggy Eland; Bowe Isaac NeuenSchwander, son of Karl and Marie NeuenSchwander; Cody Mark Poell, son of Mark and Carol Poell; and Carey Winn Scott, son of Becky Gilliland and Mike Scott, all of Hoxie.
TREGO COUNTY - Kristin Leigh Abbot, daughter of Rick and Georgia Abbott; Denise R. Augustine, daughter of Darrell and Bernita Augustine; Wendy Marie Fossum, daughter of Robert and Lynelle Fossum; Nathan John Locke, son of Marlin and Deb Locke; and Tami Elizabeth Ziegler, daughter of Glenn and Cindy Ziegler, all of WaKeeney.