Students receive scholarships

LAWRENCE — More than 5,400 students at the University of Kansas will receive about $26 million in privately funded scholarship support during the 2007-08 academic year. This is a 10.6 percent increase from the 2006-07 school year, in which KU students received $24.3 million in scholarship support.

Virtually all scholarships, awards and fellowships awarded by KU come from private contributions to KU Endowment.

Clifton-Clyde students receiving scholarships were:

• Karlie Brown, daughter of Kenton and Linda Brown, Clyde. She is a freshman majoring in art – basic studies. She received the Robert and Nancy Wahl Scholarship.

• Sherlynn Cailleux, daughter of Kerry and Gilda Cailleux, Clyde. She is a sophomore in pre-business. She received the Frank G. Crowell Scholarship.

• Jamie George, daughter of Michael and Barbara George, Clyde. Jamie is a sophomore in pre-education – elementary. She received a scholarship from the Dane G. Hansen Fund.
Pike Valley Elementary and Junior High appreciated the opportunity to have Alyssa George, 2007 Miss Kansas, in the building to hear her speak on bullying and to hear Miss Kansas’ exceptional piano performance.

Miss George is a Minneapolis graduate and currently attends the University of Kansas. She has been guest speaker to over 6,000 students and adults on the topics of Bullying and Harassment, leading her own school tour traveling to 20+ schools and organizations throughout the state of Kansas. She is the recipient of the 2005 Tara Dawn Holland Community Service Winner and the 2005 Chi Omega Outstanding New Member Award.

Miss Kansas’ goal is to encourage every school in the state of Kansas to have a bully free program, and for every school child in the state of Kansas to have received her message of the “power of a witness.” She cited the value of building awareness in community organizations about the issues surrounding bullying and harassment,

Miss Kansas taught students four things when confronted with a bully. 1) Be a broken record, 2) Agree with the bully, 3) Tell the bully “No,” 4) Use humor and walk away. She also impressed upon students that the witness to a bullying action is the most influential person in trying to stop bullying. She gave the students four choices on how to help the situation why they witness bullying: 1) Confront the bully, 2) Visit with the victim, 3) Intervene during the act, 4) Tell an adult. Research confirms that the most effective way to stop bullying is peer pressure, and that kids will most often respond to peer pressure over adult intervention.

This was a great opportunity for the students to hear from a “celebrity.” She was truly effective and remarkable. We look forward to seeing her again.
A new documentary that offers a portrait of Fred Phelps and his followers at Westboro Baptist Church — best known for protesting the funerals of fallen American soldiers — is far from flattering, the filmmaker admits.

But the most vocal members of the Phelps family nonetheless said they liked "Fall From Grace," said its creator, University of Kansas and Wichita Southeast High graduate K. Ryan Jones.

The documentary will premiere at 9 p.m. Tuesday on digital cable channel Showtime, and will be rerun several times.
KU students receive scholarships

Area students are among the more than 5,400 students at the University of Kansas who will receive about $26 million in privately funded scholarship support during the 2007-08 academic year.

This is a 10.6 percent increase from the 2006-07 school year, in which KU students received $24.3 million in scholarship support.

This year’s recipients represent 101 of the 105 counties in Kansas, 44 other states and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and 50 other countries.

So far, 7,603 scholarships have been awarded for the current academic year. Many students receive more than one scholarship. KU divides many scholarship awards between the fall and spring semesters, and there are some students who receive scholarship support for the summer term as well.

Virtually all scholarships, awards and fellowships awarded by KU come from private contributions to KU Endowment.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>Scholarships</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Axtell</td>
<td>Kalin Holthaus, Fred and Betty Stocks Memorial Scholarship</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Baileyville</td>
<td>Amy Rottinghaus, Charles W. Shipley Memorial, Juanita B. Strait Scholarship, Vee Flinn Scholarship, Laura Rottinghaus, Ida M. Stocking Fund, Helen Amick Brainerd Student Aid, Megan Sanders, J.A. Burzle Scholarship, Blue Rapids — Kimberly Duensing, Ruth E. Litchen Memorial Scholarship, Frankfort — Emily Boeckman, Jennie Maude Bryan Memorial, Logan Jones, Michael H. Breeding Memorial Scholarship, William J. and Dorothy L. Hula Scholarship, Sheila Miller, Goppert Scholarship, Centralia — Hailey Stallbaumer, Helen Amick Brainerd Student Aid, Hanover — Ashley Doebel, Farel R. Lobaugh Memorial Scholarship, Marysville — Alice Chan, Targeted Scholarships, Keith Roberts Family Scholarship, Summerfield — Ashley Hermann, Avis G. McPike Medical Scholarship, Vermillion — Gina Gerstner, Jennie Maude Bryan Memorial, Randal Gerstner, William J. and Dorothy Hula Scholarship, Waterville — Marjorie Coon, Janet Thompson Shirck Scholarship.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
KU awards $26 million in scholarship support for 2007–2008

LAWRENCE — More than 5,400 students at the University of Kansas will receive about $26 million in privately funded scholarship support during the 2007–08 academic year. This is a 10.6 percent increase from the 2006–07 school year, in which KU students received $24.3 million in scholarship support.

This year’s recipients represent 101 of the 105 counties in Kansas, 44 other states, and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and 50 other countries.

So far, 7,603 scholarships have been awarded for the current academic year. Many students receive more than one scholarship. KU divides many scholarship awards between the fall and spring semesters, and there are some students who receive scholarship support for the summer term as well.

Virtually all scholarships, awards and fellowships awarded by KU come from private contributions to KU Endowment.

“Donors understand that without financial support, some deserving students would not be able to attend KU,” said Dale Seuferling, president of KU Endowment. “KU students are benefiting from the financial support provided recently and many generations ago by loyal alumni and friends.”

Though KU Endowment raises support for scholarships and other student aid, KU determines the distribution of available support. The figure fluctuates each year based on several factors, such as the number of students who apply for and receive them, the investment performance of endowed scholarship funds and new gifts for scholarships.

Scholarship funds are managed by KU Endowment, the independent, nonprofit organization serving as the official fundraising and fund-management organization for KU. Founded in 1891, KU Endowment is the first foundation of its kind at a U.S. public university.

The following from Comanche County received scholarships:

Zachary Tyler Sherman, son of Lori and Matthew Sherman of Coldwater, is majoring in Pre-Medicine. Zach, a graduate of South Central High School and now a freshman at KU, received the Deforrest F. Piazzek Scholarship.

The following from Ashland High School in Clark County were awarded scholarships: Stacey Leigh Canton, daughter of Jay and Kim Canton, a junior in Human Biology, received the Ivan and Letitia Burket Education Fund.

Lindsey Marie Elmore, daughter of Steve and Sally Elmore, a sophomore majoring in Pre-Business. She received the Ivan and Letitia Burket Education Fund.

Michael James Gillaspie, son of James and Barbara Gillaspie, is a junior in Architectural Studies.

Adrianne Victoria Odermann, daughter of Barbara Odermann, is a freshman in Pre-Journalism.

Bruce Alan Romans, son of Julie and Lonnie Sarver, is a sophomore at KU. Gillaspie, Odermann, and Romans all received the Ivan and Letitia Burket Education Fund.
Four Rawlins County High School graduates have been honored with multiple scholarships for the 2007-2008 academic year at the University of Kansas.

Simone Cahoj, a pre-business freshman, earned two scholarships, the Dane G. Hansen Fund and Sam R. and Kathleen Holthus Willcoxon Scholarship. She is the daughter of Larry and Suzanne Cahoj of rural Atwood.

Cole Spresser, son of Coop and Donna Spresser of Atwood, was chosen for the Schiller F. and Dorothy G. Shore Medical Scholarships. Spresser is a medical student.

Alyssa Holste, a senior nursing student, received the Lora C. and Sam R. Woods scholarship. She is the daughter of Jerry and Barb Holste of Atwood.

More than 5,400 students at the University of Kansas will receive $26 million in privately funded scholarships.
Rhonda Meitl earns scholarships

Rhonda Marie Meitl is among more than 5,400 students at the University of Kansas that will receive about $26 million in privately funded scholarship support during the 2007-08 academic year.

Meitl is a junior at KU majoring in English. Her awards include the Kevin and JoAnn Nunnink Study Abroad Scholarship and Foreign Study Scholarships.

A La Crosse High School graduate, she is the daughter of Duane and Nancy Meitl of Rush Center.
KU awards $26 million in scholarship support to students

LAWRENCE — More than 5,400 students at the University of Kansas will receive about $26 million in privately funded scholarship support during the 2007-08 academic year. This is a 10.6 percent increase from the 2006-07 school year, in which KU students received $24.3 million in scholarship support.

This year’s recipients represent 101 of the 105 counties in Kansas, 44 other states and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and 50 other countries.

So far, 7,603 scholarships have been awarded for the current academic year. Many students receive more than one scholarship.

KU divides many scholarship awards between the fall and spring semesters, and there are some students who receive scholarship support for the summer term as well. Virtually all scholarships, awards and fellowships awarded by KU come from private contributions to KU Endowment.

Recipients from Anderson County are:

- Centerville
  Katherine Elaine Holloman - Hubert D. Jackson Scholarship; International Studies.
  Caitlin Clark Bubna - Nannie Beisly Scholarship, Nell D. Weaver Scholarship; Art Daughter of Steve and Susie Bubna.
  Sarah Jo Edgerton - Effie J. Jones Memorial Scholarship; Pre-Journalism; daughter of Allen and Connie Edgerton.
  Erin Jessie Kruse - Nell D. Weaver Scholarship; Pre-Architecture; daughter of Dave and Tammy Kruse.
  Ian Oak Osler - KUEA Scholarships External Selection; Pre-Business; son of Kenny Osler and Eileen Poss.
  Jeffrey A. Robinson - Harry and Georgie Trowbridge Scholarship; Medicine MD; son of Steve and Jerry Lou Robinson.
  Richard Z. Robinson - Francis W. Prosser Physics Scholarship, Marion, Louise and Rollin Sterling Wade Memorial, Noma V. Riley Scholarship, Paul and Virginia Bassett Miller Engineering Scholarship; Engineering Physics; son of Steve and Jerry Lou Robinson.
  William Christopher Sewell - Ann Weimer Hannah and Elaine Samuel Vallejos School in Education; Education - Curriculum & Instruction PHD.
  Kassidy Leann Spring - Hubert D. Jackson Scholarship, KUEA Scholarships External Selection; Pre-Law; daughter of Steve and Marcia Spring.
  Bei lei Wang - Adrian W. Wallace Fund; Mae Rublee Scholarship in Business; Richard L. and Jerilyn P. Sander Business Scholarship; Finance; daughter of Chris and Cui Hong Fink.
  Greeley
  Janell L. Katzer - William Erwin Henry Scholarship; Pharmacy; daughter of Eileen Katzer.
  Kincaid
  Emily Colby Adams - Plough Pharmacy Student Scholarship; Pharmacy; daughter of Tom and Sandra Adams.
  Gary Wayne Briggs - Hubert D. Jackson Scholarship; Undecided; son of Gary Briggs.
International coal company Peabody Energy didn’t happen to mention its investment in Venezuela when it ran a recent set of newspaper ads blasting the Sebelius administration’s rejection of two coal plants.

The company joined Hays-based Sunflower Electric and supporters in financing the recent ad campaign claiming the plants’ permit denial would benefit leaders of hostile foreign nations, including Venezuela.

Yet Peabody itself is part owner of a coal mine in the South American country, according to its web site. Another part owner of the mine is Hugo Chavez’s government.

The Peabody-backed ads included a photo of Chavez and leaders in Iran and Russia and asked “Why are these men smiling?” It went on to say the lack of coal-fired power would lead to Kansas importing natural gas from those foreign states.

Currently Kansas doesn’t rely on imports from those regions.

However, Venezuela and Chavez already benefit from Peabody and vice versa.

Give tourism a chance

House Minority Leader Dennis McKinney, D-Greensburg, says Kansas’ nearly dead-last national ranking in tourism funding must change.

Without more investment by the state, much of rural culture goes unnoticed by the rest of the country, he said in a recent interview.

McKinney cites Canadian, Texas, as a prime example of rural development based on tourism. The city’s marketing to “eco-tourists” who bring their pocketbooks and spend at local businesses as they enjoy local birdwatching, butterfly scouting, hunting and other outdoor activities.

“We have places in eastern Kansas that had major civil war battles. We should be helping to draw people into those sites,” McKinney said.

In western Kansas, ranch rodeos are popular local attractions that urban tourists would likely enjoy, he said.

“Why can’t we have people from Connecticut come to those? While you’re there you can take a trail ride at Larson’s Ranch (near Medicine Lodge) and spend some time at Turner Ranch to see the buffalo.”

Just being neighborly

Kansas school district officials shared their teacher recruitment secrets Friday at a Topeka summit on the growing struggle to fill vacancies.

During one panel discussion, Dodge City schools Human Resources Director Joni Clark noted that she searches nationwide. At times she splits costs with area districts, including long-time sports rival Garden City, by teaming up on some recruitment trips.

Clark’s comments prompted former state education commissioner Andy Tompkins, who is now Pittsburg State University dean of education, to quip, “Dodge City and Garden City cooperating? Good gracious, the world is changing!”

Thinking Kansas

A recent high-profile gridiron match-up featured more than highlights from the University of Kansas’ football team.

The state Department of Commerce also unveiled a new TV commercial promoting the Sunflower State during KU’s 38-26 loss to the University of Missouri at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo.

Commerce spokesman Caleb Asher said the new 60-second spot ran on television sets airing the game inside the state. The stadium’s scoreboard also showed the ad.

The commercial’s airing will launch a $250,000 holiday-season campaign that will run into January, Asher said. Bozell, an advertising agency with an office in Overland Park, produced 30- and 60-second commercials for the state.

The target audience of the promotion isn’t tourists but Kansans, Asher said, and is designed to remind citizens of the state’s positive attributes.

“The idea is to really showcase all of the great things we have in the state,” Asher said.

The Department of Commerce has made the commercial available for viewing at any time on the www.thinkkansas.com Web site.

Supporter yes, sipper no

House Speaker Melvin Neufeld, R-RIngalls, doesn’t drink a drop of liquor but he still found time for a recent tour of one of the state’s wineries.

The GOP leader sampled non-alcoholic elderberry juice from a south-central Kansas winery during a stop
The trip, billed as an effort to promote the state's fledgling wine industry, came after Gov. Kathleen Sebelius apologized for a joke she'd made about Kansas wine during a recent trip to Washington state.

Yet some of the Democratic governor's supporters said Neufeld's support for the wine industry appeared a relatively newfound position. They noted his vote against a 2006 bill allowing wineries to ship out of the state.

But Neufeld spokeswoman Sherrene Jones-Sontag said he was voting the views of his district by opposing a part of the bill that allowed more alcohol sales at the Kansas State Fair. She said Neufeld supports the growth of the state's wine industry. "If there's something legislatively that can be done, the speaker would like to take a look at that and see what can be done to help."

A University of Kansas law professor revisited concerns about how state Supreme Court justices are selected in Kansas this past week. Stephen J. Ware argued that citizens would be better served if the state required high court justices to be confirmed by the state Senate before taking the bench.

The Federalist Society, a conservative legal group, also commissioned a poll that showed public support among Kansans for such a change. Legislators have failed to amend the change into the Constitution the past two sessions.

Currently a nine-member nominating commission evaluates candidates for the court and selects three individuals for the governor to choose from. But Ware said that process gives too much power to attorneys, who are guaranteed five spots on the nominating panel.

However Linda S. Parks, a Wichita attorney and president of the Kansas Bar Association, said Ware's proposal would make the selection process even more political. "He wants the politicians to control it instead of the people and I think that's absolutely the kind of system that Kansans don't want."
Area students earn KU scholarships

LAWRENCE — More than 5,400 students at the University of Kansas will receive about $26 million in privately funded scholarship support during the 2007-08 academic year. This is a 10.6 percent increase from the 2006-07 school year, in which KU students received $24.3 million in scholarship support.

This year’s recipients represent 101 of the 105 counties in Kansas, 44 other states and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and 50 other countries.

So far, 7,603 scholarships have been awarded for the current academic year. Many students receive more than one scholarship. KU divides many scholarship awards between the fall and spring semesters, and there are some students who receive scholarship support for the summer term as well.

Virtually all scholarships, awards and fellowships awarded by KU come from private contributions to KU Endowment.

Scholarship funds are managed by KU Endowment, the independent, nonprofit organization serving as the official fundraising and fund-management organization for KU. Founded in 1891, KU Endowment is the first foundation of its kind at a U.S. public university.

Area students receiving scholarships are:

Chanute — Carrie Jean Catterson-Fitzmaurice, William A. and Monte L. Murphy Social Welfare Scholarship; Hilary C Harms, daughter of Mark Harms, Graduate School of Education Scholarships, Dr. Floyd G. Hudson Scholarship; Jill R. Lock, daughter of Clark and Lesly Lock, Watkins Hall Alumnae Scholarship; Janae Lynn Maher, Harry F. and Christine H. Lose Medical Scholarship; Ashley Dawn Marple, daughter of Fred Hummer, William A. and Monte L. Murphy Social Welfare Scholarship; Aaryn Alise McComb, daughter of Philip and Kristy McComb, KU Scholarships; Christopher Andrew Newman, son of Tony and Joan Newman, Kansas Society of CPAs Scholarship, KU Scholarships; George Dale Reichert, son of John Reichert, John W. Rader Scholarship; Ashley S. Robbins, Olive Ann Beech Scholarship for Primary Care in Kansas, Cramer Reed, MD Scholarship.

Humboldt — Bonnie Clare Croisant, daughter of John and Julie Croisant, Mary Alice Smith Memorial; Matthew Zachary Hudson, Nunemaker College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Scholarship; Peter William Meier, son of David and Sheryl Meier, Adda C. McPherson Memorial Scholarship; Kemmerly Weber, daughter of Nan and Alan Weber, Elizabeth M. Watkins Scholarship, KU Scholarships.

Erie — Audrey Renee Kennedy, daughter of Joseph Stich, William Erwin Henry Scholarship; Matthew Madison Reed, son of Doug and Laurie Reed, Plough Pharmacy Student Scholarship; Tracy Renee Spielbusch, daughter of Edward and Kimberly Spielbusch, Amy Hoffman Tietze Scholarship.


Altoona — Marie Widener, daughter of Sherry and Steven Widener, KU Scholarships.

Yates Center — Aleasha Rae Boice, daughter of Gary and Wynona Boice, NACDS Pharmacy Scholarship; Brent Daniel Porter, son of James and Tammy Porter, Lockwood Fund; Andrew Stark, son of Ronald and Judith Stark, Wayne Moody Scholarship Fund.