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Clearwater students who earned degrees include: Jeremy Patrick Brady, son of Stan and Sharon Brady, Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Engineering; Mitchell Allan Papish, son of David and Laura Papish, Bachelor of Arts/English; Ashlee N. Widler, daughter of Todd Widler and Kim Widler, Bachelor of Arts/Speech-Language-Hearing.
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Goddard students who earned degrees include: Chelsea Lea Curley; Bachelor of Science in Education; Andrew Craig Herndon, son of Mark and Jolene Herndon, Bachelor of General Studies/Human Biology; Dana Erin Brown, daughter of Steve Brown, Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Science; Layla Habibi, daughter of Reza and Zeba Habibi, Bachelor of Science in Education; Linsey Marie Bahns, daughter of Kerry and Jackie Bahns, Bachelor of Arts/Human Biology; Lisa Kelly Eilers, daughter of Ronald and Linda Eilers, Bachelor of Science in; Valerie Michelle Preston, daughter of Diana Hoyt, Bachelor of Fine Arts; Lacey Julia-Ann Johnston, daughter of Holly Johnston, Bachelor of Arts/Environmental Studies; Dana Erin Brown, daughter of Kim Devlin, Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory; Amy Louise Bing, daughter of Dale and Peggy Bing, Bachelor of Arts/Spanish; Carissa Faith Pedigo; daughter of Tracy and Shelly Pedigo; Bachelor of Science; Carrie Beth Hillard, daughter of Gary and Jan Hillard, Master of Science/Journalism; Kasey Leigh Hagle, daughter of Merri Hagle, Bachelor of Arts/Applied Behavioral Science.
University of Kansas students from 20 disciplines completed the Global Awareness Program this spring. They were recognized in a ceremony May 10.

Among those recognized was Amy Louise Bing, daughter of Dale and Peggy Bing, of west Wichita. Bing is a senior at KU majoring in Spanish, and was a graduate of Goddard High School.

The 150 undergraduates received GAP certification on their transcripts to inform future employers that they have completed a course of study at KU that fosters international understanding. More than 80 students completed the program in the fall.

GAP recognizes students for studying abroad, taking courses with an international focus, including foreign languages, and being significantly involved in international co-curricular activities. All undergraduates are eligible to participate.

Launched by the Office of International Programs in fall 2004, GAP has recognized more than 400 students in the past three years. More than 1,300 students are now participating.

“GAP’s unique program of pairing academics with experience helped to widen my perspective and increase my understanding of the world around me,” said Michelle Goodrick, graduating senior in psychology. “This insight has served to further fuel my passion for helping humanity as I set off to serve in the Peace Corps. GAP offered an education that went beyond the classroom and insights that would stick with me long after commencement.”
Morning accident
A tractor trailer rests on its side amid torrential downpours and lightning early this morning after a rollover accident two miles north of the South Haven exit on the Kansas Turnpike. Emergency crews responded to the call shortly after 6:30 a.m. The 18-wheeler, along with a small black car, were the only vehicles involved in the accident. The accident blocked both northbound lanes, backing up traffic for miles. On scene this morning, officials with the Kansas Highway Patrol were unsure of a cause to the accident. Weather condition may have played a role. No one was injured in the mishap.

Teresa Lee photo
University of Kansas Fine Arts students earn scholarships at gallery show

LAWRENCE — During an annual spring exhibition and competition, the University of Kansas Department of Art recognized 53 students with approximately $225,300 in scholarships and awards. A faculty committee judged the nominated students’ art projects displayed on the third and fourth floors of KU’s Art and Design Building from April 29 to May 3. Of the honored students, 41 received about $190,950 in scholarships of varying amounts, and 25 students received about $34,350 in awards in varying amounts.

Area students awarded scholarships are listed below:

**Ellsworth**

Danielle Nichole Peters is the daughter of Rick and Terri Peters, a junior majoring in news and information. She was awarded BSJ Junior McGrath Fine Arts Scholarship, BFA Junior McGrath Fine Arts Scholarship, BSJ Junior Ray and Elizabeth Goetz Scholarship, and the BFA Junior Ray and Elizabeth Goetz Scholarship. She graduated from Ellsworth High School.

**Lucas**

George Raymond DeMoura, son of Lena Davis, majoring in art, BFA Junior Clyde Bonebrake Lockwood and Ward Lockwood Art Scholarship, from Lucas-Luray High School.
The 2007 API/Barton County Desk & Derrick Scholarship Banquet was held May 24 at the Club at StoneRidge. Desk & Derrick President Linda Lara presented the club scholarship award to Clay Ladish of Great Bend. He plans to attend the University of Kansas and major in Chemistry or Medicine.
Community Bulletin Board

LAWRENCE — New University of Kansas students and their parents from Ellis, Graham, Norton, Osborne, Phillips, Rooks, Russell, Smith and Trego counties will be welcomed into the KU family at the Jayhawk Generations Welcome Picnic at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in Hays.

The KU Alumni Association and its North chapter will greet the next generation of Jayhawks at the southeast parking lot shelter of Hays Medical Center, 2220 Canterbury.

Area alumni, new students, students interested in learning more about KU and parents are invited to attend and enjoy complimentary food and beverages. Each new Jayhawk will also receive a free T-shirt.

Chapter members coordinating the event are John Jeter of Hays, president; Thomas Baumann II of Norton, vice president; Ross Wichman of Hays, secretary; Gary Shorman of Hays, communications chair; Erin Hill of Norton, student recruitment; Daniel Krug of Russell, legislative chair; and Lyle Billips of Bogue, entertainment chair. Alumni association staff will arrive with the signature KU trailer full of grills, burgers and brats for the festivities.

Current KU students, alumni and university representatives will mix and mingle with students to answer questions and offer advice.

Alumni association representatives and guests planning to attend are Sarah Blaney, Kansas Honors Program coordinator; Mike Davis, senior vice president for alumni programs, Heath Peterson, director of Kansas programs; and Jamie Winkelman, alumni programs coordinator.

New KU students from this area and their previous schools include: Laura Augustinie, Kelsey Kindemitch, Stephanie Spinelli, Ellis High School; Dylan Briggs, Ashley, Hattesohl, and Charles Woods, Fort Hays State University; Adelai Basye, Cory Befort, Cathryn Curtis, Austin Hartman, Megan Hopp, Mitchell Kraemer, Ellen Kraus, Robert McDonald, Andrew Moore, Megan Razak, Kellie Roy, Michael Selby, William Smith, Edgar Whitesell, Lauren Young and Megan Younger, all of Hays High School; Elizabeth Miller, Hill City High School; Rebecca Vitztum, Kansas State University; Amber Henke, Lakeside High School, Downs; Annette Becker, Maggie Nielsen and Amie Richard, all of Norton High School; Mathew Shepard, and Sarah Gregory, both of Osborne High School; Brenna Long and Zachary Niemczyk-Ceman, both of Phillipsburg High School; Nicholas Augustine, Julie Carter, Alexa Heier, Mallory Mahoney and Kris Pascek, all of Russell High School; Zachary Westrup and Kyle Barta, both of Thomas Moreau High School; Anna Dee, Jared Oberly and Sara Quarles, all of Trego Community High School; Wekeeny; and Michelle Hansen and Kelsey Robben, both of Victoria High School.
Honored for educational experience

The USD 410 Board of Education recently paid tribute to staff members for their professional service, including Hillsboro Elementary principal Evan Yoder, left, and Hillsboro Middle School principal Greg Brown, right. These men, along with Joyce Loewen, not shown, were recognized for 25 years of educational experience in Kansas by the University of Kansas.
Adam Driggers receives award

Adam Driggers of Hillsboro was the recipient of the Hollander Family Foundation Award at the University of Kansas, Lawrence.

A faculty committee judged nominated students' art projects in May and awarded more than $200,000 in scholarships and awards.

Driggers is a senior majoring in art and the son of Darrell and Charlene Driggers of Hillsboro.
Award and scholarship winners were selected by a faculty committee that judged nominated art projects recently displayed in the Art and Design Building at the University of Kansas, Lawrence.

Area winners include:

- **Danielle Peters**, Ellsworth, McGrath Fine Arts scholarships, Ray and Elizabeth Goetz scholarship;
- **Travis Hagen**, Hesston, Ray and Elizabeth Goetz scholarship, Luella F. Stewart Art scholarship;
- **Adam Driggers**, Hillsboro, Hollander Family Foundation Award;
- **Anna Koehn**, McPherson, Pat J. Ellis Art scholarship, Wendy Talbot Memorial Art scholarship, Harley S. Nelson Family scholarship, Donald and Evelyn Louthian scholarship;
- **George DeMoura**, Lucas, Clyde Bonebrake Lockwood and Ward Lockwood Art scholarship.