KANSAS UNIVERSITY: The Kress Foundation Department of Art History at the University of Kansas recently gave awards to students for excellence during the 2006-07 academic year.

Genevieve Boyle, Salina, senior, history of art, received the Amsden Award.
KANSAS UNIVERSITY: Vu Anh Hoang, Salina, and Emily Yoder, Inman, received awards from the University of Kansas School of Allied Health.

Hoang received a June Hull Sherrid Scholarship, which rewards scholastic achievement in clinical laboratory science.

Yoder earned the Faculty Award for Outstanding Health Information Management for academic achievement by a senior.
KANSAS UNIVERSITY:
Katie Bandy, Lindsborg, received the Contoski Creative Writing Award for Poetry from the University of Kansas English department.
Lauren Marshall, Salina, is participating in the University of Kansas production of "Starting Here, Starting Now." The romantic musical revue will run through July 22 at Edwards Campus in Overland Park.

Marshall received a bachelor's degree in theater and voice. She is the daughter of Dr. Eric and Barbara Marshall.
Repair projects await OK
Board of Regents signs off on plan; now a legislative panel has to approve project

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TOPEKA — Millions of dollars in building repairs at state universities could be just one step away from proceeding.

The state Board of Regents signed off on a plan last week that would spend $134.4 million over five years on deferred maintenance projects at the state’s six four-year institutions and University of Kansas Medical Center.

Before work can begin, however, an interim legislative committee must review and approve the projects later this month, Board of Regents spokesman Kip Peterson said.

Lawmakers approved a funding plan earlier this year that provides $90 million in new state general funds to help ease a $600 million backlog at state universities. Universities will also keep an additional $44.4 million from interest on tuition dollars to pay for repairs. However, before the money can be spent, legislators required that the Joint Committee on State Building Construction give a green light to the upgrades.

That panel’s chairman, Rep. Joe Humerickhouse, R-Osage City, said he hoped lawmakers could complete their review when the 10-member committee meets July 18-19.

“My goal is to try to have those proposals taken care of during those meetings,” Humerickhouse said.

In addition to providing the $90 million for state universities, lawmakers also gave community and technical colleges, as well as Washburn University, access to $100 million in state-issued loans. However, only university projects are subject to review by the joint building committee.

Humerickhouse said his panel would be reviewing only projects being funded in fiscal year 2008, which began Sunday. However, it also will also study and make a recommendation on how the Legislature should exercise oversight of deferred maintenance spending.

“I do see the committee’s role as scrutinizing these projects, but most of the members of the (committee) are very aware of most of them,” Humerickhouse said.

Last week, the Board of Regents gave the go-ahead for $38.3 million of repair projects set to begin in 2008, as part of the overall $134.4 million plan.
The four-year tuition compact the University of Kansas has developed is a good idea. It does offer a sense of stability for incoming freshmen and their families. And it should encourage students to graduate within the traditional four years, which has not been so traditional in recent years.

But it does not make up for a shameful, tuition-insensitive atmosphere that has driven up the cost of university attendance in Kansas so dramatically in this short decade.

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projects and publicity.

University of Kansas Slavic language students Michelle Tran, daughter of Chinh and Lan Tran of Derby, and Kathryn Zickuhr, daughter of Thomas and Brenda Zickuhr, have received Joseph L. Conrad Memorial Awards for academic excellence and outstanding service.
University of Kansas School of Fine Arts students earning scholarships include Travis Hagen, son of Gregory and Susan Hagen of Hesston, Ray and Elizabeth Goetz Scholarship, Luella F. Stewart Art Scholarship; Jordan Briceland, son of Thomas Briceland of Maize, Pat J. Ellis Art Scholarship, Ada Bechtel Heuser Scholarship; and Andrew Shirk, son of Verne and Janet Shirk of Wichita, Hollander Family Foundation Award.
University of Kansas students Dustin Stephenson-Reynolds, son of Fred Stephenson and Laurie Reynolds, both of Wichita, and Zachariah Smith, son of Jeff and Lisa Smith of Dumfries, Va., formerly of Derby, have been named 2007 David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholars by the National Security Program.
Supreme Court chief justice to visit KU

Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts plans to spend two days at the University of Kansas in 2008, meeting with law and business students and delivering a speech, the university announced Friday.

Roberts is scheduled to give the Vickers Memorial Lecture on April 30 at the Lied Center. Tickets to the lecture are free but won't be available until next year.