WASHINGTON, DC - At a hearing of the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, U.S. Senator Pat Roberts today introduced Ft. Scott native Jill Sommers and conveyed his strong support on her nomination to be a Commissioner of the Commodities and Futures Trading Commission (CFTC).

Senator Roberts said, “Jill is a native Kansan and is a graduate of the University of Kansas. I understand her parents John and Joyce Maycumber of Ft. Scott, Kansas are with her today. Ft. Scott has a rich history and is truly a gem in Kansas. Jill is well qualified for this position. Having served on the staff of Senator Bob Dole, while also working in several positions in the futures industry, she has the background and understanding necessary to address the difficult issues she will face as CFTC Commissioner.

“More important, being from Kansas she understands agriculture and the significant role the CFTC plays in regulating our agriculture markets.

“I am convinced she is more than up to the task, and I am proud to support her nomination as a fellow Kansan.”

Senator Roberts is a senior member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry and is a member of the Senate Committee on Finance.
At a spring awards ceremony, 69 University of Kansas students were recognized for outstanding work during the academic year along with faculty who were honored for outstanding teaching.

Katie Lynn Bandy, daughter of Dale Swenson, Lindsborg, a senior majoring in English, received the Contoski Creative Writing Award for Poetry in a fourth-place tie. She is a graduate of Smoky Valley High School, Lindsborg.
Angela Suzanne (Hiebert) Armenta, daughter of Russ and Marcia Hiebert, rural McPherson, graduated at the top of her law class from the University of Kansas School of Law May 20, 2007, in Lawrence. As a special honor for being at the top of her class, Angie led her fellow classmates to graduation ceremonies carrying the Law School banner.

Angie is a 1997 graduate of Smoky Valley High School, and a 2001 graduate of Kansas State University where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering. She later decided to attend law school, and graduated from KU with her law degree in May.

She is currently busy taking bar-prep classes and studying for the bar exam which she will take in late July. She will be practicing corporate law and will begin her employment with Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP in Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 4.

Angie was raised in Marquette and resides in Olathe, Kan., with her husband, Paul, and nearly 1-year-old daughter, Gabi.

Congratulations, Angie, on your achievements.
KU spring honor roll is announced 261-155

Area students are among the more than 4,690 undergraduate students at the University of Kansas who earned honor roll distinction for the spring semester.

The students are from the Lawrence campus and the schools of allied health and nursing at the KU Medical Center in Kansas City, Kan. 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.

Honor roll criteria vary among the university’s academic units. Some schools honor the top 10 percent of students enrolled, some establish a minimum grade-point average and others raise the minimum GPA for each year students are in school.

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Area students:

Axtell — Amy Mathewson, Russell Ronnebaum.

Baileyville — Amy Rottinghaus.

Centralia High School — Tai Po.

Bremen — Joni Bruna.

Home City — Bryan Wassenberg.

Marysville — Jacob Lutjemeier, Andrew Regan, Janell Runnebaum, Patti Lee Yager.

Vermillion — Randal Gerstner.
KU announces Spring Honor Roll

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Students from Ness County who have earned a place on the Honor Roll include Tasha Braun, daughter of Loreta Braun of Bazine; Calvin Gabel, son of Alex C. and Wanda Gabel of Ness City; Julie King, daughter of Russell and Kristol King of Ness City, and Brett Stoecklein, son of Ron and Karen Stoecklein of Ness City.

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Local students listed are Randal Joseph Gerstner, son of Daniel and Jeanie Gerstner, Vermillion, Business Undergraduate, senior, 2007 Spring Honor Roll, Frankfort High School.

Tai Po, Hong Kong, Hong Kong Chi Hiu Yim, daughter of Chun and Si-Kuk Yip Yim, Fine Arts Undergraduate, Senior, 2007 Spring Honor Roll Centralia High School.
The University of Kansas recently announced the names of students listed on the spring honor roll. The list includes: Seth Jesse Lofgreen, son of Jon and Elaine Lofgreen, Norton. He is studying to be a pharmacist; and Jaime L. Goddard, daughter of Jerry and Ruth Goddard, Logan. She is a journalism and liberal arts student.
Sally Strnad, daughter of Billy and Sharon Strnad and Lesley Latham, daughter of Jesse and Joni Latham were among those on the honor roll at Kansas University.
St. Francis students Tyler Voorhies, Liberal Arts junior, and Dallas Walz, Liberal Arts senior, have been named to the Spring 2007 honor roll at Kansas University.

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The Kress Foundation Department of Art History at the University of Kansas recently gave awards to 59 students for excellence during the 2006-07 academic year.

Tristan Noelle, son of Elaine Noelle, Greenleaf, received the BGS Senior Amsden Award. Tristan is a senior majoring in Theatre and Film. He is a graduate of Linn High School.