For pulling down a nearly 30 percent return on their 2006 stock portfolio, business students at the University of Kansas earned first place in the Redefining Investment Strategy Education portfolio competition, outperforming teams from more than 40 universities across the United States.

The KU students won in the "Hybrid" category of the competition in April at the University of Dayton in Ohio. The Hybrid category is defined as portfolios that include short securities and/or invest in derivative securities, such as options. KU's Applied Portfolio Management class placed first in the Hybrid category two years ago, as well.

The first-place achievement honors the work of more than 70 students from the spring 2006 and fall 2006 Applied Portfolio Management classes taught by Catherine Shenoy, assistant professor of business and director of Applied Portfolio Management.

William Craig McKim, a master's student in business, participated in the competition. McKim has a bachelor's degree from Kansas State University.

The KU team was also selected as one of 12 elite teams to present their portfolios to a national panel of senior investment professionals.
According to a recent press release, six Rose Hill High School graduates will receive degrees from the University of Kansas this spring.

Kyle Foraker, a 2003 RHHS graduate and son of Kent and Kristy Foraker will receive his bachelor of science in computer science. Shanna Reynolds, a 1999 RHHS grad and daughter of Shane and Gwen Reynolds will receive her bachelor of social work. Andrew Ricke, son of David and Sheila Ricke and a 2003 RHHS graduate will receive his bachelor of general studies in political science and a bachelor of general studies in sociology. Matthew Ubben a 2003 RHHS graduate and son of Joyce Ubben has earned a bachelor of science in atmospheric science.
Community honors high school scholars

Almost $50,000 presented in scholarships at annual USD No. 441 academic banquet

Sabetha High School twelfth grade students recognized at the USD 441 Academic Banquet May 7 for being named to the Academic Honor List, Governor’s Scholar, University of Kansas Honor Scholars, Principal’s Leadership Award, Topeka Capital-Journal Academic All-State Nominee, Kansas Scholars Program, President’s Education Award and receiving scholarships are FRONT ROW (L-R) Christina Klein, Jodi Grimm, Mackenzie Goodman, Katlin Agee, Katie Koch, Abby Bauerle, Nicole Schilling, Kaylin Hoppe and Emily Surdez; ROW TWO (L-R) Brady Strahm, Austin Keim, Kelli Leuthold, Akaylah Hanzlicek, Lanette Lambotte, Jackie Stapleton, Kyle Edelman, Hope Winkler and Maria Eisenbise; ROW THREE (L-R) Trent Snyder, Michael Newth, Kyle Kellenberger, Rachel DeMint, Anna Ukele, Matthew Hall, Kevin Morayec and Cassie Nguyen; ROW FOUR (L-R) Nathaniel Wittwer, Dylan Grote, Andrew Stover, Drew Strader, Eric Boltz, Chris Bauerle and Danielle Winkler.
Wetmore High School 12th grade students recognized at the USD 441 Academic Banquet May 7 for being named to the Academic Honor List, Governor’s Scholar, University of Kansas Honor Scholars, Principal’s Leadership Award, Topeka Capital-Journal Academic All-State Nominee, Kansas Scholars Program, President’s Education Award and receiving scholarships are FRONT ROW (L-R) Lina Becker, Jevon Davis and Travis Glenn; BACK ROW (L-R) Jayme Lackey, Benjamin LaMee, Amy Niehues and Jareb Stallbaumer.
University of Kansas announces spring graduation candidates

The KU registrar has announced the names of more than 4,280 candidates for degrees at the University of Kansas this spring, representing 97 Kansas counties, 44 other states and the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and 52 countries.

Sabetha candidates include Callie Strahm, Bachelor of General Studies, Human Development, and Bachelor of General Studies, Psychology; Paul Dundee, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology; Brandon Lukert, Doctor of Pharmacy; Taylor Simpson, Bachelor of General Studies, Communication Studies; Tyler Simpson, Bachelor of Music, Voice; Kimberly Clements, Master of Occupational Therapy.

KU’s Class of 2007 numbers more than 6,400, including 2,125 who completed degree work in summer and fall 2006.

Because KU conducts only one formal commencement ceremony each year, many of these candidates for degrees will return Sunday, May 20, for the university’s 135th commencement procession into Memorial Stadium. More than 4,000 members of the Class of 2007 are expected to participate.

Faculty and candidates for degrees will assemble about 2 p.m. along Memorial Drive for the procession, which begins at 2:30 p.m.

The program begins about 3:30 p.m. In case of inclement weather, participants should call KU Info, 785-864-3506, or listen to local radio and television stations to learn the exact time of the commencement ceremony.

Commencement information and an up-to-date schedule of events are available online at www.commencement.ku.edu.
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Area graduates include - Sarah Marie Olson, daughter of Larry and Jane Burdiek, Centralia, Social Work, Master of Social Work, graduate of Centralia High School; Corning - Renee Lynne Stallbaumer, daughter of Roy and Connie Winkler, Bachelor of Science in Education, graduate of Nemaha Valley High School.
LAURENCE — The names of more than 50 University of Kansas School of Pharmacy undergraduate students were inadvertently omitted from the all-university honor roll for fall 2006.

The omission was due to an oversight in the dean's office. The university regrets any confusion caused students and their parents.

The honor roll included Bryan Lewis Schuessler, son of Jim and Judy Schuessler, Neodesha, who is a senior in the School of Pharmacy.
Area students to take part in Duke TIP ceremony at KU

LAWRENCE — The University of Kansas will host a state recognition program for about 400 academically talented seventh grade students selected for the Duke University Talent Identification Program.

The event takes place Sunday, June 3, at the Lied Center on the KU campus. Selection to Duke TIP is based on college entrance-exam scores that students take while still in middle school. The top 5 percent are chosen for the program. Students participate by taking either the SAT or ACT national achievement tests. Working with host academic institutions such as KU, Duke TIP sponsors 33 state ceremonies in its 16-state talent search region.

Each Duke TIP student receives a medallion. The state recognition ceremonies honor seventh graders who have earned scores above the average scores of college-bound high school seniors. About 900 students qualified in the Kansas region. About 400 are expected to attend the ceremony.

Among the honorees is Judah Walker of Cherryvale, and Hannah Morrow, Colin Kulsa, Joshua Belt and Skylar Stacy, all of Independence.
Snapp chosen for Senior Leadership Award

Lawrence — Newton High School graduate Lourdes Snapp was named as one of the recipients of a 2007 Senior Leadership Award by the School of Education at The University of Kansas.

She will be recognized at the 2007 convocation on Saturday.

The award is being presented for leadership to her department, university and community.

Snapp will graduate with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education.

She is the daughter of Donald Snapp and the late Elsie Snapp of Newton.
Many area students are among the 4,280 candidates for degrees at the University of Kansas commencement Sunday.

Area students are listed as follows.

- Travis Wallace, Lebo, B.S., education
- Jessica Moore, Pomona, Bachelor of General Studies
- Jessica White, Allen, Bachelor of Fine Arts/Design
- Sarah Briggs, Reading, B.A., history
- Curt Jones, Reading, B.A., economics
- Ryan Patrick, Burlingame, B.S., microbiology
- Heather Sleichter, Carbondale, M.S., nursing
- Dennis Knoernschild, Lyndon, B.S., biology
- Henry Kritikos, Lyndon, B.A., psychology
- William Kritikos, Lyndon, M.S., computer engineering
- Casey Spencer, Melvern, Master of Social Work
- William Donigan, Osage City, Master of Public Health
- Jarod Jackson, Osage City, PhD, pharmacy
- Maggie Apodaca, Overbrook, B.S., nursing
- Carlene Morris, Overbrook, M.S., education
- Lindsey Sand, Overbrook, B.S., education
- Kylie Smith, Overbrook, B.S., journalism
- Brandy Wilson, Overbrook, Bachelor of General Studies
- Suzette Runyon, B.S., education
- Merrill Arnold, Vassar, M.S., chemical engineering
- Richard Bauck, Vassar, B.S., computer science
- Mark Harries, Vassar, B.A., music.