Stewart selected for Duke University TIP

Mason Stewart, Wamego, is among 400 academically-talented seventh-grade students selected for the Duke University Talent Identification Program to be hosted by the University of Kansas.

The event takes place at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, June 3, in the Lied Center. Marlesa Roney, vice-provost for student success, will preside, and Robert Sawyer, founding executive director of Duke TIP, will deliver the special address to the students and their families and guests.

Selection to Duke TIP is based on college entrance-exam scores that students take while still in middle school. The top five 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.
Two registered nurses from Kansas City recently returned from a Hadassah Nurses Council Mission to Israel. Marian Kaplan, continuing medical education coordinator/medical librarian at Overland Park Regional Medical Center, and Charyl Rubin, University of Kansas Medical Center case manager, went on the wind-and-weather eight-day trip to Israel along with 21 other nurses who are members of Hadassah.

This is the second time Kaplan, who revived the Greater Kansas City Hadassah Nurses Council and served as its president from 2002 to 2005, went on a Hadassah nurses mission. She had an "incredible experience" the first time, when the focus was Northern Israel.

This time they were starting in the south and focusing on environmental health and nursing," Kaplan said.

This was the first visit to Israel for Rubin, the incoming co-president of the Greater Kansas City Nurses Council.

"My children had been several times. When the national co-chairs of Nurses Councils came to Kansas City to talk about Nurses Councils last year, I just started to think how nice it would be if I could go," Rubin said.

The women flew to Eilat, where they learned about Dolphin Therapy in the Red Sea. They visited Hadassah-Jewish Judaea’s Kibbutz Ketura in the Arava to learn about environmental issues in the desert. They also heard about the medical qualities of the Dead Sea on a visit there.

In Jerusalem, they participated in programs at Hadassah University Medical Center Ein Karem and Hadassah University Hospital at Mount Scopus. At Hadassah College Jerusalem they learned how its program in environmental health answers the needs of environmental health issues in Israel. Their trip concluded with a meeting at Rivka Ziv Hospital in Safed, which treated the bulk of injuries that occurred last summer during the Second Lebanon War.

Visiting Hadassah hospitals showed Rubin the strong force Hadassah plays in the health care of Israel.

"It doesn’t matter which religion, race or nationality. That stirred up another form of pride in being part of Hadassah," Rubin said.

Rubin said she learned that the extensive research done by Hadassah hospitals and the degree programs being developed by the college benefit Israel in many ways. Now she is going to encourage "any woman in Hadassah and anyone who wants to see first hand what Hadassah does for the Jewish people and people all over to have this fantastic, life-changing experience."

Kaplan said she was emotionally moved to tears seeing the Chagall Windows at Hadassah Hospital Ein Karem for the first time and hearing their history. Another highlight of the trip for her was visiting the hospital in Safed, which is reorganizing in preparation for potential future attacks.

"You could see out the window the hills where katyushas fell. We also heard a Jewish National Fund forest ranger describe how the rockets had impacted the environment," Kaplan said.

One of the trip’s highlights for Rubin was just landing in Israel.

"Looking around, you see all the Hebrew. It was very emotional to me."

Rubin also enjoyed going to the Western Wall. "Looking at the archaeological digs around the Wall and all over and realizing Jewish people had been there centuries before. It gave me new pride in my Judaism."
Another Great Academic Year

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Princeton Review calls KU one of the nation’s best values and a “college with a conscience” for its ability to blend academics and community service.

The Fiske Guide to Colleges calls KU one of the nation’s best buys and “a great place to be.”

KU is 17th among large universities for the number of alumni who volunteer in the Peace Corps.

The KU School of Law is among the nation’s best in Princeton Law Review rankings.

The child health and human development division of the National Institutes of Health called KU’s Schiefelbusch Institute for Life Span Studies “a national treasure” for its contributions to research on mental retardation and developmental disabilities.

The 2007 edition of America’s Best Colleges from U.S. News & World Report magazine rates KU as one of the Top 50 public universities.

The Milken Institute places KU ninth in the world for driving new patents through the innovation pipeline.

The KU School of Pharmacy is third in the nation for research funding, according to the National Institutes of Health.

The National Science Foundation ranks KU 44th among public research universities in science and engineering research expenditures. KU has risen 11 places in the NSF rankings during the past 10 years.

DesignIntelligence ranks KU’s architecture program first in the Midwest and sixth among all undergraduate programs nationwide.

KU earned a spot on President Bush’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.
Robert Hemenway, chancellor; Barbara Atkinson, executive vice provost, KU Medical Center; Richard Lariviere, provost and executive vice chancellor.
Hannah Love, Dodge City, was elected KU student body president for 2007-08.

Raymond M. “Studie” Red Corn, a member of the Osage Nation, was one of 80 national Udall scholars for 2007-08.

Kyle Hesed, Pawnee Rock, and Stephanie Ann Hill, Shawnee, won national Barry M. Goldwater Scholarships, the premier undergraduate awards in science, engineering, and mathematics.

Jon Dennis, Hutchinson senior, founded KU Peacebuilders, a student group dedicated to forming a more just society.

Four KU professors — Elizabeth A. Schultz, professor emeritus of English; Patrick Suzeau, associate professor of dance; Bill Tuttle, professor of American studies; and Burdett Loomis, professor of political science — won Fulbright awards for international study.

Elizabeth Asiedu, professor of economics, was one of 10 professors recognized as emerging scholars by Diverse magazine.

KU debate coach Scott Harris was named National Coach of the Year. The debate team qualified for the National Debate Tournament for 40th straight year, the second longest streak in the nation.

Two students and two recent KU graduates — Joel Abrahamson, Grand Forks, N.D.; Kristi N. Bond, Lawrence master’s student; Allison S. Doores, Lawrence doctoral student; and Miles Alexander Garrett, from Newton, Wichita, and Harrisburg, Pa. — won National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships.

Six KU students — Clarisa April Diaz and Laura S. Good, Lawrence; Emily Christine Crook, Leawood; Lisa Crewe, Topeka; Michael Andrew Dietrich, Cristal City, Mo.; and Anne Elizabeth Kraemer, Cincinnati — won Fulbright awards for study abroad. Jessica Eileen Plummer, Wichita, won a German exchange grant.

Daniel O’Brien, Junction City junior in fine arts, was selected as lead trumpet for the Grammy-winning Maria Schneider Orchestra.

Three theatre design students — Robbie Jones, Garden City; Kelly Vogel, Tonganoxie; and Timothy Boeshaar, Mission Hills — were chosen to represent the U.S. in the Prague Quadrennial international exhibition.

Paola Jasmin Ponce, Ulysses, and Jill Susanne Sowers, Goodland, sixth-year pharmacy students, placed in the top 10 in the national clinical skills competition of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

Four business students — Rachel Leigh Fowler, Pratt; Sarah Kenyon, Manhattan; Christopher Richard Shimaneck, Leoti; and Antoaneta Gueorguieva Maneva, Sofia, Bulgaria — placed in the top 10 in the Deloitte Tax Competition.

A team of three undergraduate students — Rachel Debes, Hays junior; Brian Moehring, Olathe senior; and Nick Tobaben, Topeka junior — placed first in the Kansas Collegiate Mathematics Competition.

K. Ryan Jones, Wichita senior, produced “Fall from Grace,” a documentary selected for screening at the South by Southwest Film Conference and Festival in Austin, Texas.

A team of three social welfare graduates — Kaela Byers, Lawrence; Lisa Crook, Leawood; Lisseth Sojourner, Overland Park, and Christopher Veeh, Colby — won a national prize for state policy advocacy sponsored by Virginia Commonwealth University.

R.D. Andrew Stark, Yates Center, and Aaron Sticker, Topeka, won Japan Student Services Organization Scholarships to study in Japan for a year.

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Thomas Taylor, distinguished professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, was nominated by President Bush to the National Science Board.

For the second year, 20 architecture students in Studio 804 won Architecture magazine’s Home of the Year award for a house they designed and built.
Grace L. Ward, Erie, bachelor’s degree candidate in health information management, hoisted the School of Allied Health banner at the University of Kansas 2007 commencement ceremony on Sunday. Banner carriers first became a part of KU commencement activities in spring 1908, according to the late Robert Taft, a KU chemistry professor from 1922 to 1955 and author of “Across the Years on Mount Oread,” published in 1941. Ward is the daughter of Mark and Tina Ward.
Jeffrey Little, University of Kansas fifth-year student in pharmacy at the University of Kansas has received the $1,000 Jeremy A. Matchett Excellence in Pharmacy Award.

The award is presented to a student who embraces Dr. Matchett's ideals — of showing an admirable level of passion and enthusiasm for pharmacy, strong commitment and involvement in the service to the profession.

Little is the son of Linnea Glenmaye of Wichita.
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Students to receive medallions

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Independence students in the TIP will be Joshua Belt, Colin Kulsa, Hannah Morrow and Skylar Stacy.

Other area students to be recognized include Laura Erbe of Altoona, Judah Walker of Cherryvale, Jordan Mecom and Kaedy Turner, both of Coffeyville, Joel Hucke of Mound Valley and Kyle Thompson of Neodesha.

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The program is in its 27th year and this is the ninth year KU has hosted the Kansas state recognition program.
More than 4,000 candidates for degrees graduate in May 20 ceremony

More than 4,280 candidates for degrees at the University of Kansas have been announced by the KU registrar.

KU's Class of 2007 numbers more than 6,400, including 2,125 who completed degree work in summer and fall 2006. More than 4,000 members of the Class of 2007 were expected to participate in the university's 135th commencement procession at Memorial Stadium.

Chapman students graduating include:

- Brandi Leigh Dixson, daughter of Glenda Dixson; Speech-Language-Hearing BA; Senior Bachelor of Arts/Speech-Language-Hearing.
- Amber Jo Graby, daughter of Shirley Riedy; Physical Therapy DPT; Graduate Doctor of Physical Therapy.
- Elizabeth Louisa Hamel, daughter of Greg and Julie Hamel; Psychology BA DECL; Senior Bachelor of Arts/Psychology & Bachelor of Arts/Spanish.
- Hillary Renae Stroda, daughter of Bob Stroda and Terry Miller; Business Administration BSB; Senior Bachelor of Science in Business/Business Administration & Bachelor of Arts in Business/Finance.
- David Paul Wiese, son of Merv and Kay Wiese, History BA; Senior Bachelor of Arts/History & Bachelor of Arts/Political Science.
College tuition likely to increase

Regents to consider new round of hikes at June meeting

By CHRIS GREEN
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TOPEKA — The cost of an education at state universities could significantly increase again next school year.

With that in mind, Kansas University on Thursday unveiled a plan to the state Board of Regents to make college costs more predictable for students and their families.

KU officials proposed hiking tuition charges by about 16 percent for all incoming freshmen next year in return for freezing their rate for four years.

The board will vote on the plan and all universities' tuition increases at a June meeting. Proposed hikes for Kansas residents at other institutions ranged from a 5.1 percent jump in tuition and fees at Fort Hays State to 9.5 percent at Emporia State.

At KU, a mandatory "four-year tuition compact" with each incoming group of freshmen would prevent year-to-year tuition spikes for that class of students, Provost Richard Lariviere said.

During the past 30 years, the university's tuition has increased by an average of 9 percent a year but has seen some yearly jumps as high as 25 percent.

KU officials also want to set out a four-year schedule for fees and allow all students to fix their on-campus housing costs for two years.

But the tuition compact would only be for new freshmen this fall. Returning and transfer students would see a 6 percent increase in tuition next year and would be subject to future increases approved by the Board of Regents.

Resident incoming freshmen would pay a single tuition rate of $213 a credit hour for four years, while nonresidents would pay $560.

Those figures are averages of the rates students would pay if the university increased tuition by 6 percent every year for four years.

Each subsequent year's freshmen would be required to enter into the four-year compact with the university, which could be based on different tuition rates.

However, students lose their compact rate once they've completed four years.

Rates more than doubled

Tuition and fees for in-state residents attending KU and Kansas State University have more than doubled since 2002 as the percentage of state support has waned. Still, state officials argue their institutions remain a bargain compared with others schools around the country.

Hannah Love, KU student body president, said she supported the compact proposal because it could help hold down large year-to-year increases students have been facing.

Board of Regents Vice Chairwoman Christine Downey-Schmidt of Inman said she didn't know if the state's other institutions would develop similar programs.
Giessel receives gold cord at commencement

LAWRENCE — The University Honors Program at the University of Kansas commended more than 150 graduating students at a ceremony from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at the Crafton-Preyer Theatre in Murphy Hall.

The ceremony recognizes KU seniors who have completed the University Honors Program and the University Scholars Program, a mentorship program students participate in during their sophomore years. During the ceremony, students will receive gold cords to wear during commencement activities.

Students participating in the honors ceremony include those who graduated in summer and fall 2006 and those who graduated in spring 2007. The university’s formal commencement took place at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 20, in Memorial Stadium. Nearly 4,000 students were expected to attend.

University Honors Program students must complete a freshman tutorial and a combination of honors courses and out-of-classroom experiences such as study abroad, internships, community service or undergraduate research to graduate from the program. Students must also maintain a minimum 3.25 grade-point average.

Included in the ceremony is Larned’s Kate Elizabeth Giessel, daughter of Tom and Sheryl Giessel, Linguistics BA, Senior, University Honors Program Cord. Kate attended Larned High School.
Lawrence, Kansas - One hundred twenty-eight Kansas high schools proved their journalism talents at the Kansas Scholastic Press Association State Contest May 5. The contest took place at the University of Kansas with a total of 1,200 entries.

Satanta High School placed two students in the 1A - 2A classification: Becky Haddican, Cutline Writing 2nd place, Feature Writing honorable mention and Jessica Shogren Editing honorable mention.