Erica Pierce to graduate from KU

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Erica Pierce, daughter of William and Janet Pierce, Clyde, will receive her Doctor of Pharmacy degree.

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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.
University of Kansas students hard at work on race car

LAWRENCE (AP) — Part celebration and part debut, the unveiling of the Jayhawk Motorsports team’s newest car — its lightest ever — brought a large crowd to watch as team members picked up awards and celebrated their many hours of work.

Typical of college students, the finishing touches weren’t applied to the car until Thursday afternoon, said team leader Tanner Rinke.

“There are certain times everyone gets the feeling we have to get the job done,” said Rinke, a University of Kansas senior from Derby. “Typically it will be May before it’s done and running.”

This year’s car weighs about 440 pounds. New this year is a redesigned chassis, or car body, which sits lower to the ground and is somewhat smaller than previous team race cars.

“There are guys who have been doing this for years,” Rinke said. “I think this is the best team we’ve had, though I’m biased.”

Another big change is carbon fiber wheels that will likely be used on this year’s car. If the team does use the wheels, which were designed by a team member who had an internship with a company that specializes in carbon fiber construction, the car will be even lighter.

Rinke said that every 40 pounds lighter the car gets takes about five-hundredths of a second off the race time.
KU Graduates

Those from the area graduating from Kansas University on May 20th include: Shelley Cline, History MA, Belleville; Abby Gottschalk, Finance SB, Belleville; Jamie Kramer, Business Administration, Belleville; Anton Tebow, History BGS, Hays; Janell Carigren, Nursing SN, Scandia; Bernadette Kuhn, Environmental Studies BA, Meston.
KU's Wheat State Tour to make stop in Barnes

LAWRENCE — Nearly 50 University of Kansas faculty and staff members will visit sites in Topeka, Wamego, Barnes, Marysville and Concordia on Monday, May 21, the first day of the 2007 Wheat State Whirlwind Tour.

This year marks the 10th year for the tour, which introduces participants to the history, landscape, economy and culture of Kansas. Sponsored by Chancellor Robert Hemenway, the tour will kick off with a visit to the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site in Topeka. The site, located at Monroe School, commemorates the landmark Supreme Court case that led to the desegregation of American public schools.

From Topeka the tour bus will travel to Wamego in Pottawatomie County, where participants will see the historic Columbian Theatre and Oz Museum.

By noon, the bus will roll into Washington County, where the group will have lunch at Our Daily Bread Shop in Barnes.

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The next stop will be in Marysville in Marshall County, where the group will tour Landoll Corporation, 1196 Pony Express Highway. Don Landoll, president, chairman and founder of the company, will talk about the award-winning firm’s design, production and global marketing of machinery used in transportation and agriculture. The group will then move on to Pony Express Home Station No. 1.

In Belleville, Marlesia Roney, vice provost for Student Success and Concordia native, and Sue Sutton, dean of humanities at Cloud County Community College and Concordia resident, will board the bus to talk about sites in Concordia and share the area’s history. The tour will visit Camp Concordia, a World War II prisoner of war camp for German soldiers, and the National Orphan Train Museum.

Later that evening, tour participants will have dinner with KU alumni at Concordia’s historic Brown Grand Theatre, 310 W. Sixth St. Karen Kelly, deputy director of the KU Cancer Center and a tour participant, will speak about the KU Cancer Center and health care in rural Kansas.

On Tuesday, May 22, the tour will continue westward with stops in Lucas, Falco, Nicodemus and Colby.
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The following are from Jefferson County:

Grantville—Daniel Kaelson Shirley, Doctor of Medicine.

McLouth—Laura Michele Combs, Master of Science in Education; Robert John Kabus, Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering; Lauren Elizabeth Kirby, Bachelor of Arts/Humanities; Justin Charles Smith, Bachelor of Music Education.

Meriden—Michelle Renee Goodrick, Bachelor of Arts/Psychology; Erin Brianne Wolfram, Master of Science in Counseling Psychology.

Nortonville—Katherine Louise Blair, Bachelor of Science in Journalism and Theatre minor.

Oskaloosa—Lindsay Ann Baker, Bachelor of Arts/Human Biology; Tiffany Ann Cook, Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Science; Derek J. Hanson, Juris Doctor, Master of Urban Planning; Stephanie Ann Scurto, Master of Arts/English.

Ozawkie—Stacia Ilene Pfau, Master of Science in Education; Melinda Leigh Stewart, Bachelor of Fine Arts.

Perry—Alexander K. Harmon, Bachelor of General Studies/Geography; Kate E. Harper, Bachelor of General Studies, Anthropology and Bachelor of General Studies/Psychology; Erin Leigh Nix, Bachelor of General Studies/Religious Studies.

Valley Falls—Jennifer Gayle Brevitz, Bachelor of General Studies/Geography; Benjamin Robert Davidson, Bachelor of Science in Education.

Winchester—Judee S. Herring, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Melynda M. Swoyer, Bachelor of Science in Nursing.
VFHS J-students compete at KU

Valley Falls High School journalism students competed in a state contest at the University of Kansas May 5.

Instructor Suzanne Wedemeier reports that Morgan Ratliff received 1st place in newspaper design.

Others participating were Emily Sperry, feature writing; Tiffany Ferguson, feature photography; Samantha Hosler, newspaper design; and Chelsea Correll, newspaper sports writing.
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 at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, June 3, at the Lied Center. Marlesa Roney, vice provost for Student Success, will preside. Robert N. 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 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.

The program is in its 27th year, and this is the ninth year KU has hosted the Kansas state recognition program. Duke TIP is a nonprofit educational organization that identifies and helps cultivate the talents of academically gifted youth. Since 1980, more than 1 million students have taken part in the program that is supported by student fees and donations from individuals, corporations and foundations.

Local students of Conway Springs Middle School are Stephanie L. Andra, daughter of Judy and Briar Andra; Brooke D. Worley, daughter of Denise and Rick Worley.
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Among the candidates for graduation is Vicki Ann Gerstner, Master of Social Work Social WorkMSW. She is the daughter of Rosalie and the late Joe Gerstner, Ness City.
Syracuse High School held their Awards Ceremony at 2 P.M. Thursday, May 10, 2007 in McCoy Auditorium. The senior class students accumulated over $175,000 in scholarships money.

Scholarships received:
- Katelyn Allenbaugh; GCCC Deans Scholarship-$700.00
- Cole Bennett; GCCC Rodeo Scholarship-$2500.00 per year for 2 years, Eveleigh Scholarship-$700.00, Keith Scott Memorial Scholarship-$1000.00, Willing Workers Scholarship-$300.00.
- Danielle Bennett; GCCC Deans Scholarship-$700.00, DCCC Academic Scholarship-$3250.00, P.C. Catherine Frazee Scholarship-$1000.00, Kulander Scholarship-$1000.00, Pioneer Telephone Scholarship-$1000.00, Eveleigh Scholarship-$700.00.
- Kimberlee Bonnette; GCCC Deans Scholarship-$700.00, DCCC Academic Scholarship-$2500.00 for 2 years, Herndon Memorial Scholarship-$10,000.00.
- Jaclynn DeVries; GCCC Presidents Scholarship-$1000.00, KSU Activities Scholarship-$1000.00, Herndon Memorial Scholarship-$10,000.00, Kulander Scholarship-$1000.00, Eveleigh Scholarship-$500.00.
- Tyler Dinkel; Emporia State Academic Scholarship-$500.00, GCCC Presidents Scholarship-$1000.00, KSU Leadership Scholarship-$1000.00, KSU Achievement Scholarship-$1500.00, Eveleigh Scholarship-$700.00, Cactus Feeders Scholarship, Willing Workers Scholarship-$300.00.
- Samantha Dupree; GCCC Cheerleading Scholarship-$5250.00 a year, for two years.
- Realynn Guerrero; GCCC Deans Scholarship-$700.00, Coolidge Alumni Scholarship-$500.00, Eveleigh Scholarship-$700.00, Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship-$400.00.
- Shari Haynes; FHSU Award of Excellence Scholarship in Art-$500.00, GCCC Art Scholarship-$2500.00 per year for two years, Eveleigh Scholarship-$700.00.
- Brin Largent; DCCC Book Scholarship-$1000.00 for 2 years, Montgomery Scholarship-$1000.00, Eveleigh Scholarship-$700.00.
- Katie Lewis; GCCC Presidents Scholarship-$1000.00, Kulander Scholarship-$1000.00, Ron Taylor Memorial Scholarship-$1000.00, Eveleigh Scholarship-$700.00.
- Jacklynn Robert; GCCC Kulander Scholarship-$1000.00 a year, for two years.
- Bryan Moser; KU Honors Student Award, GCCC Presidents Scholarship-$1000.00, Principals Leadership Award, FHSU Bronze Academic Scholarship-$700.00, FHSU Copper Academic Award-$500.00, KSU Leadership Scholarship-$1500.00, Dairy Days Scholarship-$10,000.00, Herndon Memorial Scholarship-$10,000.00, Eveleigh Scholarship-$500.00, 4-H Scholarship-$250.00, Willing Workers Scholarship-$300.00.

Other Awards:
In addition to scholarship winners, other awards were presented to students in HS Volleyball by Mrs. Nickels, HS Cheerleaders/Speech/Drama by Ms. Hillman, Math/Science/NIHS Award by Mr. Brown, Yearbook/Art by Mrs. Levens, HS Vocal Music & HS Boys & Girls Golf by Mr. McAllister filling for Mr. Mathias who was at a golf meet, HS Girls Basketball by Mr. Akers, HS Boys Basketball by Mr. Peeper, Scholarships/HS Cross Country & Track by Mr. Ewy, HS Football by Mr. Pollart, HS Baseball by Mr. Doze, HS Softball by Ms. Haslett, HS Student Council and Citizenships Award by Mr. McAllister.
High School Awards Ceremony
Kansas University Graduates

Deborah Lee Fitzgerrel, daughter of Bill Fitzgerrel, received a Bachelors Degree of General Studies/English.

Justin Scott Reed, son of Skip and Susan Reed received a Juris Doctor Degree from the Kansas University Law School. He plans to practice in Denver.

Matthew Younger, son of Frank Younger received a Bachelors Degree of Arts/English at Garden City Alternative Center in Garden City through Kansas University.