KU To Honor Crawford County Seniors

Students from six Kansas High schools will be honored Monday, Feb. 4, 2008, by the University of Kansas Alumni Association and KU Endowment. A total of 42 seniors from high schools in Crawford County will be recognized for their academic achievement and named Kansas Honor Scholars at 6:30 p.m. dinner program at the Crimson and Gold Room in the Jack Overman Student Center at Pittsburg State University, 1401 S. Broadway.

The Kansas Honors Program began in 1971 and has honored more than 100,000 students. Scholars rank in the top 10 percent of their high school senior classes and are selected regardless of curricula, majors, occupational plans or higher-education goals. Honorees' names are listed at www.news.ku.edu/2008/january/18/khappittsburg.shtml.

During the ceremony, each student will receive an American Heritage Dictionary in hardback and CD versions, presented by Jennifer Alderdice, assistant vice president of student programs for the KU Alumni Association.

Kenneth Audus, dean of the School of Pharmacy, will speak to the students and their parents.

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New attorney general in Kansas

Six challenges for Stephen Six

**Restoring the integrity of the office:** Six is Kansas' third attorney general in a little over a year. He'll have to establish his own presence quickly and help move the office past the scandal that brought down Paul Morrison.

**Abortion:** Morrison cleared Planned Parenthood's Overland Park clinic of any wrongdoing but filed charges against Wichita abortion provider George Tiller. Now, Six will inherit the Tiller prosecution and face scrutiny from anti-abortion groups who believe Morrison failed to truly investigate Planned Parenthood.

**Politics:** As a political novice, Six will face a steep learning curve. Democrats hope Six can mount a successful election campaign. Republicans like their chances of unseating him in 2010.

**Funeral picketing and gambling:** Lawmakers asked the office to challenge two new laws to ensure they meet court scrutiny. One authorizes casinos and slot machines; the other bans funeral protests. A lot is riding on these cases, which is bound to put pressure on Six.

**A new role:** While Six had a successful career as a plaintiff's attorney and later presided over criminal cases as a judge, he's never been a prosecutor. While his office has seasoned prosecutors, Six will have to get accustomed to being the state's top law enforcement officer.

**High-profile crimes:** The office's caseload includes prosecuting the man accused of stalking, raping and killing 19-year-old Jodi Sanderholm of Arkansas City.

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**STEPHEN N. SIX**

- **Age:** 42
- **Hometown:** Lawrence
- **Family:** Wife, Betsy, is an instructor at the University of Kansas Law School. Four children.
- **Career:**
  - Douglas County District Court judge, appointed 2005.
  - Partner, Shamberg Johnson and Bergman in Kansas City; joined the firm in 1994.
- **Education:**
  - Law degree from University of Kansas, 1993, graduating second in his class.
  - Undergraduate degree from Carleton College in Northfield, Minn., 1988.
More than 4,540 undergraduate students at the University of Kansas earned honor roll distinction for the fall 2007 semester. These students, from KU’s Lawrence campus and the schools of allied health and nursing in Kansas City, Kan., represent 96 of 105 Kansas counties, 43 other states and the District of Columbia and 39 other countries.

The honor roll comprises undergraduates who meet requirements in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and in the allied health; architecture and urban design; business; education; engineering; fine arts; journalism; nursing; and social welfare schools.

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. Students must complete a minimum number of credit hours to be considered for the honor roll.

Congratulations to the Jayhawks below:

Carol Michelle Journey, daughter of Phillip and Suyapa Journey. Business Undergraduate Senior 2007 Fall Honor Roll.

John Mark Kane, son of Pamela Turkie. Liberal Arts Undergraduate Sophomore 2007 Fall Honor Roll.

Rebecca Deanne Milburn, daughter of Vicki and Anthony Milburn. Liberal Arts Undergraduate Sophomore 2007 Fall Honor Roll.

Jenna Marie Schuelke, daughter of John and Cynthia Schuelke. Liberal Arts Undergraduate Junior 2007 Fall Honor Roll.
Eleven members of the student chapter of the National Community Pharmacists Association at the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy visited 16 independent pharmacies in central and southwest Kansas during their semester break.

KU Pharmacy Dean Ken Audus and Associate Dean Gene Hotchkiss accompanied the KU-NCPA members on the Jan. 9-11 road trip as part of a KU initiative to enhance student awareness of the career opportunities within Kansas in independent pharmacy.

The KU-NCPA Student Chapter is a professional pharmacy student organization that promotes independent pharmacies as a career pathway option for pharmacy students at KU. Established in 1998, KU’s chapter has been honored as the national Chapter of the Year by the NCPA parent organization at their annual meeting four times in the past 10 years and was first runner-up in 2007.

Hotchkiss noted that KU’s chapter is an innovative organization that has implemented and participated in several professional development programs and community service projects. One such initiative is to organize road trips each academic year to conduct on-site visits with progressive independent pharmacy practitioners throughout the state.

“Our objective is to establish a relationship and network between pharmacy students who have an interest in a career as an independent pharmacy entrepreneur and/or staff pharmacist, and independent pharmacists in Kansas,” Audus said.

KU-NCPA students have participated in more than 100 visits to independent pharmacies from Hiawatha to Hugoton, Atwood to Baxter Springs and destinations in between.

Hotchkiss and Dennis Grauer, assistant professor in pharmacy practice, are the NCPA student chapter co-advisers.

The students and their deans visited pharmacies and pharmacists in:

- Anthony: Irwin-Potter Drug, Joe Brummer
- Cimarron: Clark Pharmacy, Jim Coast and Mike Coast
- Coldwater: Main Street Pharmacy, Tony and Lisa Gales
- Ellsworth: F&M Drug, Barbara Kennedy; and Seitz Drug, Terry Kepka;
- Garden City: Plaza Pharmacy, Robin Schenk
- Hugoton: Bloodhart Drug, Bret Horyna, Kingman Drug, Merlin McFarland, Kingman
- Kinsley Pharmacy, Brad Eustace
- LaCrosse: Barrows Drug, Richard Barrows
- Lakin: J&J Pharmacy, Jennifer Nemecek
- Meade: Bachman Pharmacy, Angela Bachman
- Medicine Lodge: Hibbard Drug, John Hagood
- Ness City: G&L Drug, Greg and Lisa Flax
- Scott City Pharmacy, Jon Brunswig
- Ulysses: Grant County Drug, Jeff Menzie.
The KU-NCPA students participating the recent road trip are upper-level students in KU’s Doctor of Pharmacy of PharmD program, a six-year professional degree similar to a law or medical degree. They are listed here with their hometown, parent names, high schools and previous degrees.
KU ANNOUNCES STUDENTS NAMED TO FALL 2007 HONOR ROLL

Jamie Lynn George, daughter of Michael and Barbara George, Clyde, Junior; and Jesse T. Lundquist, Clyde, senior, are among the undergraduate students at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, who earned honor roll distinction for the Fall 2007 semester.
KU Announces Fall 2007 Honor Roll

More than 4,540 undergraduate students at the University of Kansas earned honor roll distinction for the fall 2007 semester. Local students honored include:

Kendra Ann Brown, daughter of Rebecca and Robert Brown, sophomore in Fine Arts;

Jade Elise Holloway, daughter of Rick and Kim Holloway, senior in Liberal Arts;

Cole Angus Mutz, son of Ursula Bachofer, freshman in Liberal Arts;

Sally J Strnad, daughter of Billy Joe and Sharon Strnad, sophomore in Fine Arts;

Amanda Corinne Hurley, daughter of Allen and Barb Hurley, Pharmacy Professional Professor;

Lesley Jean Latham, daughter of Jesse S. and Joni Latham, sophomore in Liberal Arts;

Clint Duncan Frye, son of Donna and Jay Frye, sophomore in Engineering.
Thousands of campuses focus nation on global warming solutions

The University of Kansas will participate in Focus The Nation, a teach-in model on global warming solutions beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, at the Dole Institute.

"Today's college students are truly the greatest generation," said Lewis & Clark professor of economics Dr. Ehan Goodstein, author and project director for Focus The Nation. "No other generation has ever had to face this kind of civilizational challenge. And we as educators would be failing if we did not prepare them with the tools to meet this challenge."

Focus The Nation has created a teach-in model centered on the three most essential pillars for today's youth to embrace solutions to global warming: education, civic engagement and leadership. KU Hillel and KU Center for Sustainability have partnered to present this event.

"KU Hillel got involved with Focus the Nation as one component of Hillel International's broader sustainability campaign, in which campuses are encouraged to promote environmental sustainability within Hillel as well as across campus," said Matt Lehrman, program director at KU Hillel.

Known on campus for its green efforts, Hillel recently received a sustainability award from the university.

The event will include a range of global warming curricula presented by faculty and guest speakers, before culminating with a round-table discussion between students and elected leaders on solutions to the crisis. KU will be inviting local, regional and national civic leaders, including Lt. Gov. Mark Parkinson, State Sen. Marci Francisco, State Reps. Barbara Ballard, Paul Davis, Tom Holland and Tom Sloan.

"This event is a tremendous opportunity for the KU and Lawrence communities to discuss climate change and potential solutions with our elected officials. We are in a time where critical decisions need to be made regarding climate change, so beginning a dialogue and enabling the community to interact with lawmakers at this event will be a great step forward," said Jeff Severin, director of the KU Center for Sustainability.

For more information on KU and its participation in Focus The Nation, visit www.focusthenation.org, or call Jeff Severin, (785) 864-5804, or Matt Lehrman, (785) 749-5397.
LAWRENCE — The Dole Institute of Politics at The University of Kansas will mark Black History Month with two programs featuring leading black scholars.

Randal Jelks will present the 2008 Langston Hughes Lecture, “Rediscovering the Life of a Black Religious Intellectual: Benjamin Elijah Mays in the Making of the American Civil Rights Movement.” The program will begin at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 19 at the institute.

Medical sociologist Troy Duster will present “What Does DNA Tell Us About Race?” The program, which examines the biological and social realities of race in America, will begin at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 21. A book signing will follow.
What a tremendous irony it would be if the Kansas Board of Regents decides to take such a hard line on university tuition increases that Kansas University students who were given the special "guaranteed tuition" deal actually end up paying more for their education.

It's great news that the regents are concerned enough to at least offer some tough talk on repeated tuition increases.

Regent Gary Sherrer pointed out that tuition increases at state universities had exceeded both the consumer price index and the higher education price index in the last five years.

And, during that time, he noted, the per-capita income of those paying tuition had been largely unchanged.

This is not news to Kansas families who are stretching their budgets to cover university tuition.

Despite the squeeze tuition is putting on Kansas families, university leaders continue to defend the increases.

Kansas State University President Jon Wefald responded to the regents' concerns this week by saying, "You can either pay for access to mediocrity or you can pay for access to excellence. We're choosing excellence."

That's fine, but rising tuition puts that choice out of reach for many Kansas students. Many are having to bypass that university "excellence" and make less costly choices such as attending a community college or a vocational-technical school.

Since more than doubling tuition for Kansas residents several years ago, KU officials have continued to sell the idea that KU still is "a bargain" compared to universities in other states.

If tuition continues to rise and a student completes a degree in four years, the guaranteed tuition plan might actually result in a savings.

If, however, regents put a cap on tuition increases, as they seemed to be suggesting this week they would do, students locked into a four-year payment plan that assumed ongoing increases might actually end up the losers...
It's certainly time to ask those questions and to take some action to get state university tuition increases under control.
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Students from Augusta on the list: Kristin Nicole Abbey, Kameron Michael Kontour, Caelei Marie Martin, Tiffany Anne Relph, Patricia Jennine Simons, Logan Marie Taylor.

From Douglass: Kasie Danielle Knoll.