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Area students recently were named to the 2007 fall honor roll at the University of Kansas, Lawrence.

Hillsboro: Emily Arnold, daughter of Don and Gayla Ratzlaff, Hillsboro, junior, engineering.

Marion: Shawn Johnson, senior, nursing. Kari Tajchman, daughter of Charles and Kay Tajchman, Marion, sophomore, liberal arts. Brandon Watson, son of David and Beth Watson, Marion, junior, liberal arts.

Peabody: Morgan Brickley, daughter of Shayla Clark, senior, business.
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Christa Nicole Frazier, daughter of Linda and John Frazier of Altamont, majoring in Pharmacy, a junior is on the 2007 Fall Honor Roll. She is a graduate of Labette County High School.

Jodi Elizabeth Heins of Edna, majoring in Allied Health is a senior included on the 2007 Fall Honor Roll.

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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.

Area students are:

- **Bucyrus:** Colin Patrick Davidson, engineering sophomore; Devin Cole Dougan, engineering junior; Kristin Gail Driskell, liberal arts senior; Matthew Hunter Schons, liberal arts sophomore; and Patrick Charles Crawford Stephens, education senior 2007.

- **Louisburg:** Brittany Carol Barney, liberal arts freshman; Richelle Dawn Beckman, allied health senior; Jessica Lynn Bergman, liberal arts senior; Francesca Amelia Chambers, liberal arts and journalism sophomore;
  - Kelsey Loree Dennis, liberal arts sophomore; Jennifer Dawnita Donner, education senior; Laura Nicole Gjerde, education senior; Michael Drew Hutchison, liberal arts sophomore; Tammy Renee Rita, social welfare senior;
  - Cara Patricia Roberts, liberal arts senior; Emily Suzanne Thompson, pharmacy professional prof 1; Caitlin Delores Wagner, liberal arts sophomore; and Rachael Dalene Windholz, liberal arts sophomore.

- **Fontana:** Christina Renee Graham, pharmacy professional prof 1.

- **La Cygne:** Katie Nicole Hobson, liberal arts junior; and David E Voorhees, business senior.

- **Lan:** Brandon Lee Walker, pharmacy professional prof 1.

- **Oswatamic:** Joseph Thomas Nagle, liberal arts freshman.

- **Paola:** Ali Khaleel Agha, liberal arts senior; Sarah L Byrne; business senior; Dennis Michael Chanay II, liberal arts senior; Timothy Paul Day, liberal arts junior; Tamara Leigh Guenther, pharmacy professional prof 1.

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GETTING TO KNOW CHINA

If you want to get ahead, learn Mandarin.” This quotation from Time magazine in 2006 was strong advice, if not a warning. The emergence of China as a dominant world economic power makes learning the Chinese language and the nuances of the culture a new ingredient in the ever-demanding global economy.

Indeed, effective communication and knowledge of societal customs are critical as the United States competes with other nations around the world for the hand of China as a trading partner.

Unfortunately, America has largely neglected China’s difficult language and its myriad dialects, in part because it did not seem necessary. And perhaps because China, a communist state, was viewed more as a threat to our capitalistic system than an economic ally.

China may not be a free-market society, but it is a manufacturing and industrial giant that has markedly changed the way it is perceived on the international stage.

Now, to cope with the new China, American educators are scrambling to broaden their Chinese-related programs. Leading the way in this area is the Confucius Institute at the University of Kansas Edwards Campus in Overland Park.

The institute, which opened nearly two years ago, is reaching an increasingly larger audience, but is still in the early stages of its educational mission.

A survey by the Kansas Committee for International Education in the Schools in 2006 found that access to Chinese language training in Kansas schools and universities was dismal.

In the 2005-06 school year, regular instruction in Mandarin Chinese was limited to four universities, Kansas, Kansas State, Emporia State and Washburn. Johnson County Community College was the only two-year school that offered Chinese classes.

The Shawnee Mission and Olathe school districts were the only ones in Kansas with Chinese training, with 24 students enrolled.

“The Center for International Studies at Shawnee Mission South High School in Overland Park has the state’s only certified K-12 Chinese teacher,” the report said.

An update of the study, in October of last year, showed rather rapid progress. By then eight post-secondary institutions offered Chinese classes.

“At the high school level,” the report said, “the growth of Chinese language programs has been even more striking. One year later (from spring 2006), Chinese was being offered in 11 districts, with two certified teachers, and 65 enrolled students.”

A more recent reading, in the institute’s annual report, showed the programs had expanded to 21 school districts and 10 certified teachers.

The Confucius Institute has played a part in that expansion.

“None of us anticipated the reaction (to the institute’s programs),” said Bill Tsutsui, institute executive director, in discussing the high level of interest that he has experienced since the doors opened in May 2006.

Through video-conferencing, a visiting scholar from China – one of four at the institute – teaches K-12 students. The technology enables the instructor to engage in exchanges with the students as though they were in a classroom.
The multi-faceted institute program offers community noncredit courses in Mandarin Chinese. Nearly 250 people were enrolled in a class, among them prospective tourists, adoptive parents, business people and high school students. The institute provides training for corporations and has partnerships with businesses in the Kansas City region and the state of Kansas. A specially designed program for Black & Veatch, a consulting/engineering firm here with two offices in China and 200 Chinese professionals on the staff there, focuses on language and culture, negotiation style, generational differences, Chinese business etiquette and gift-giving. The institute, the fifth chartered in the United States, is a joint venture with the Chinese government, Tsutsui said. The budget of approximately $500,000 is shared equally between the Chinese and KU. KU was selected for the institute through the efforts of Chancellor Robert Hemenway, according to Vice Chancellor Robert Clark of the Edwards Campus. It is a significant addition to the university’s wide-ranging Asian studies program that dates to the post-World War II era. “This is a flattened world,” said Clark in explaining the importance of the institute to Johnson County and the region. It is crucial that Americans conducting business with and in China understand the way they approach problems might be different in the Chinese culture, Clark observed.

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The Kansas Bar Foundation presented University of Kansas law student Michael T. Crabb, Overland Park, with the inaugural Case, Moses; Zimmerman & Wilson, P.A. scholarship along with a check for $1,000 at a special ceremony held at bar headquarters in Topeka.

The scholarship will be awarded each year to a second-year student attending the University of Kansas School of Law, Washburn University School of Law, or Creighton University School of Law.

Criteria of the award include academic achievement, participation in community activities and the intent to practice law in Kansas.
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Listed from this area was Heather N. Ardery, senior undergraduate business major, daughter of Bob and Janet Ardery of Anthony.
Erin M Ekholm, daughter of Diana Ekholm of Windom, Liberal Arts Undergraduate Senior at University of Kansas earned honor roll distinction or the fall 2007 semester. Erin is a graduate of Little River High School.
Timothy Flattery, a Fine Arts Undergraduate Sophomore, has been named among honor students for the fall semester at Kansas University. He is a 2006 graduate of Onaga High School, and is the son of Chris and Vicki Flattery of rural Onaga.

Other area students named on the honor roll are: Rae Ann E. Anderson, Liberal Arts, of Circleville; Emily Claire Seifert, Fine Arts, of Delia; Tyler Henry Williams, Pharmacy Professional, of Soldier; Randal Joseph Gerstner, Business, of Vermillion.
Students on K.U.'s 2007 fall honor roll list include the following locals: Kris Wittenborn, allied health; Danielle Totten, pharmacy professional and Amber Wanklyn, pharmacy professional. Each student graduated from Oxford High School.