The University of Kansas Area Health Education Center-Northwest will present a continuing education program entitled, "Spanish Today for Medical and Emergency Health Professionals" on February 19 in Hays. Visiting faculty for this program will be Vendla Ulrich.

This program is approved for 7 hours of continuing education credit and 6 hours continuing medical education and is designed for Physician, PA, ARNP, RN, LPN, emergency and Allied Health professionals.

For more information or to register for this program, please contact the Northwest Kansas Area Health Education Center, 217 E. 32nd, Hays, KS 67601; (785) 628-6319 or mstouffer@kumc.edu.
Five from area earn semester honors at KU

LAWRENCE — Three Herington and two Hope residents, who are attending the University of Kansas, have been named to the Fall, 2007, semester honor roll at the school.

They include: Brian Blackwell, Sean Darby and Taylor Erickson, all of Herington, and Levi Brehm and Adam Gantenbein, both of Hope.

Blackwell, who is a member of the Jayhawks’ football team, also was named to the KU Athletic Director’s Honor Roll for the same grading period.
KU to honor 7 high school seniors from Linn County

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Students from six Kansas high schools will be honored Wednesday, Feb. 20, by the University of Kansas Alumni Association and KU Endowment.

A total of 53 seniors from high schools in Linn and Miami counties will be recognized for their academic achievements and named Kansas Honor Scholars at a 6:30 p.m. dinner program at Prairie View High School in LaCygne.

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.

During the ceremony, each student will receive an American Heritage Dictionary in hardback and CD versions, presented by Heath Peterson, director of Kansas programs for the KU Alumni Association.

Steven Hedden, dean of the School of Fine Arts, will speak to the students, parents and guests.

Honored students will be guests of the alumni association and KU Endowment; parents and area alumni are welcome to attend at a cost of $9 each.

Community volunteers collect reservations, coordinate details and serve as local contacts for the event. Bob Nicholson of Paola will be the site coordinator and county coordinator for Miami County. Kenneth and Mary Asher of Mound City will be the county coordinators for Linn County.

The Linn County students who will be honored at the Feb. 20 program are listed by school:

Jayhawk-Linn High School
Lynda Beth, Brock Bruner, Brogan Hoover, Stephanie Mayhugh, Taylor McGown and Haley Squire

Pleasanton High School
Erika Lowe, Alex Richmond and Jordyn Saulsberry

Prairie View High School
Kirsty Maris, Ty Burgoon, Elaine Wagner, Amanda Hatfield, Jesse West, DeAnna Gainer and Simeon White
Gov. Kathleen Sebelius spoke at Kansas State University this morning to endorse Democratic presidential candidate Barak Obama and urge students to caucus and vote.

Students holding Obama '08 signs stood behind the governor as she spoke to a nearly filled Student Union courtyard.

The governor, whom one student coined the "queen of Kansas," said she backs Obama because she feels he can bring people together from all political parties and make necessary changes.

"Frankly, I want the next president to be someone to reach across party lines," Sebelius said.

Sebelius said Obama is a forward-looking leader who will be "the new face for the future."

Sebelius said proof of Obama's abilities to join parties for change is the support he is receiving from well-known Republicans, such as Maria Shriver and Susan Eisenhower.

"This election won't be easy," Sebelius said.

Sebelius said bad weather Tuesday might challenge students' abilities to come to a caucus, but she added, "if the weather is too bad, you can spend the night here and caucus tomorrow."

For those — students and otherwise — who may not be involved or educated about the candidates, the governor said to check out candidates' Web sites and watch the debates.

"This is not a time to check out and tune out," Sebelius said. "The next four years are critical."

Sebelius planned to attend comedian Will Ferrell's show tonight at K-State and has an agenda for him.

"I want to get Will Ferrell to endorse Barak Obama," Sebelius said. "He is traveling. Maybe I can get him to say a few words in support of Obama."

Sebelius plans to travel to the University of Kansas as well as Washburn University to rally students to caucus and vote for Obama.
Clint0n supporter predicts Obama win

Associated Press

TOPEKA — The co-chairman of Hillary Rodham Clinton's presidential campaign in Kansas predicted Monday that she wouldn't win its Democratic caucuses because of the resources put into the state by rival candidate Barack Obama.

Dan Lykins, a Topeka attorney and state Democratic Party treasurer, made his comments after Gov. Kathleen Sebelius campaigned for Obama at gatherings on three college campuses.

Sebelius endorsed Obama last week and appeared in a television ad in the Wichita market.

Kansas Democrats plan to caucus Tuesday at 50 sites. At stake will be 32 of the state's 41 delegates to the Democratic National Convention this summer in Denver.

"This is truly, tomorrow night, going to be a David-and-Goliath event, and Senator Clinton is the David," he said. "We know that we are going to be dramatically outnumbered on people — there's no doubt about it."

Obama's campaign in Kansas wouldn't offer any predictions, saying only that they're working on getting as many supporters as possible to the caucuses. They also acknowledged his campaign put more resources into trying to capture Kansas delegates.

"All those things are indications of Obama's commitment to a 50-state strategy and to reaching out to voters in red states as well as blue states," said Dan Watkins, a Lawrence attorney who is Obama's senior Kansas adviser. "Even Kansas' 1 percent counts, just like Idaho's 1 percent counts and North Dakota's half-percent counts."

Caucus sites open at 6 p.m. and participants will have an hour to get into line to have their eligibility checked. Party officials are expecting large crowds but acknowledged that winter weather could hurt turnout.

About 1,300 people participated in caucuses in 2004, but they weren't held until mid-March, when the Democratic race had been decided. Chairman Larry Gates said the party expects at least 10,000 people to participate this year.

"Assuming that the weather is as good as we can expect in February, I think we'll have a huge turnout," Gates said. "Both campaigns are very, very active."

Obama opened a Kansas campaign headquarters in October in Lawrence, and last month, the Illinois senator opened offices in Topeka and Wichita. As of Monday, he had 20 campaign staffers in Kansas.

Clinton dedicated three staff members to Kansas and opened offices in Kansas City, Topeka and Wichita last month.

Her campaign set up a national "town hall" meeting Monday night, linking at least one site in each Super Tuesday state with her by teleconference. One site was in Wichita.

The New York senator raised almost $132,000 in 2007 from Kansas, according to Federal Election Commission reports, but the total for Obama was more than $141,000.

"It's obvious the Obama people started their campaign in Kansas earlier than the Clinton people. They have more paid staff," Lykins said. "They have put out a lot of expensive campaign literature all over the state. We have not done that."

Sebelius also has been a visible part of Obama's campaign, appearing at a rally with the candidate last week in El Dorado, then in the television ad. On Monday, she was featured at Obama events at Kansas State University in Manhattan, the University of Kansas in Lawrence and Washburn University in Topeka.

Wisconsin Gov. Jim Doyle, whose state has a Feb. 19 primary, joined Sebelius at Washburn and the University of Kansas.
AREA PHARMACY STUDENTS ON TOUR

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 the semester break. Clint Alan Freeman of Osawatomie, a fourth-year pharmacy student, and Emily Colby Adams of Kincaid, a fifth-year pharmacy student, were among those on the Jan. 9-11 road trip. Pharmacy students were made aware of the career opportunities within Kansas in independent pharmacies.
Army, KU announce program for soldiers

FORT LEAVENWORTH (AP) — Army officials on Wednesday unveiled a new education program aimed at enhancing the lives of soldiers disabled by combat injuries. Army Secretary Pete Geren introduced eight current and former soldiers who will enroll in graduate programs at the University of Kansas in the fall.

The soldiers then owe the Army three years of service — either on active duty or as civilian employees — for every year they spend in school. To qualify, the soldiers must be at least 30 percent disabled by their war wounds.

Geren said public support for wounded veterans has grown since disclosures last year of substandard care at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

“You had some soldiers that had not received the care that they needed. When that became known to the Army, it was like an electric shock to the system,” Geren said. “The Army has stepped up. Soldiers do take care of soldiers. And when the soldiers learned that some people had dropped the ball and not taken care of soldiers, the whole system responded.

“We’re trying to pay a debt to the soldiers who have given so much to this country.”

First Lt. Jason Gladney, a retired armor officer, joined the Army after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and was wounded in Iraq in March 2006. He earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and started a master’s degree program years ago. He’s now living in California and will attend the University of Kansas to finish his education.

Gladeny said whether students can stay in uniform or have to be civilians, it is rewarding to know that they can continue to serve and “be part of the team.”

“I think it’s an incredible opportunity,” Gladney said.

University of Kansas Chancellor Robert Hemenway said he approached Geren and Defense Secretary Robert Gates, the former president of Texas A&M University, whom Hemenway knew because both schools are in the Big 12 conference.

“The welcome mat is out at KU,” Hemenway said. “The Army, the nation will benefit.”
LAWRENCE — Seymour M. Hersh, an internationally acclaimed journalist, will be honored at The University of Kansas as the 2008 recipient of the William Allen White Foundation’s national citation. The ceremony is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Friday at Woodruff Auditorium in the Kansas Union. It is free and open to the public.

Hersh first wrote for the New Yorker in 1971 and has been a regular contributor to the magazine since 1993. His journalism and publishing awards include the Pulitzer Prize, five George Polk Awards, two National Magazine Awards and more than a dozen other prizes for investigative reporting.

In 2004, Hersh exposed the Abu Ghraib prison scandal in a series of pieces in the New Yorker.
Wounded Warrior program launched

FORT LEAVENWORTH

— Army Secretary Pete Geren joined University of Kansas chancellor Robert Hemenway on Wednesday to welcome eight Iraq war veterans into a pilot project of the Wounded Warrior Education Initiative Program.

The program allows injured soldiers to apply for admission to KU. Upon completion of their
Area students receive KU academic honors

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

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.

The following area students earned honor roll distinction at KU.

Ashley Leonard, Belvue, senior in nursing.

Timothy Flattery, Onaga, sophomore in fine arts.

Mark Stockham, St. George, senior in liberal arts.

From Wamego: Christy Artzer, senior in fine arts; Anna Bailey, sophomore in fine arts; Tyra Blew, senior in liberal arts; Megan Brooks, senior in pharmacy; Reed Peterson, senior in journalism; Brandon Tackett, senior in liberal arts; Paul Tackett, freshman in engineering; Chance York, senior in liberal arts.