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Sarah Jane Russell, executive director of the GaDuGi Safe Center, said Mackey had worked as volunteer advocate for the non-profit organization, which helps victims of sexual assault. She was still on the list of advocates but was on hiatus during law school, Russell said.

Being an advocate “takes a heart, and it takes being honey on steel, and she had that,” Russell said.

Beth Cateforis, supervising attorney for the university’s Paul E. Wilson Defender Project, where Mackey was enrolled for the summer, said Mackey was vibrant and had a great sense of humor.

“She was a pleasure,” Cateforis said. “I always looked forward to walking into class and seeing her smile and hearing what she had to say or hearing her big laugh.”

In her work with the defender project, Mackey represented federal prisoners in appellate and post-conviction litigation in state and federal courts.

Mackey also was a singer and actress, receiving honors as an undergraduate for her theater performances.
KU student dies in shooting

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School of Education honors over 790 Kansas teachers

The School of Education at the University of Kansas has honored 797 teachers from 173 school districts statewide with certificates recognizing 25 years or more of service to education in Kansas.

Local educators honored included: Judith Ann Bache of Pittsburg, Northeast elementary and junior high teacher honored for 25 years; Kenneth Cleland of Arma, Northeast High School honored for 34 years; Susan Polhlopek of Arma, Northeast Junior High, was honored for 25 years; Randy Rivers, former Northeast Superintendent was honored for 25 years; Debra Vanderpool of Frontenac, Northeast Elementary was honored for 25 years; Dorren Brown of Girard, Girard Elementary, honored for 25 years; Glenna Crespino of Girard, Girard Elementary, was honored for 25 years; Steven Taylor of Girard, Girard High School, honored for 25 years; Richard Wiens of Girard, Girard Elementary, was honored for 25 years; Diane Deplue of Frontenac, Frank Layden Elementary, was honored for 25 years; Sandra Godsey of Pittsburg, Pittsburg USD 250 elementary schools, honored for 25 years; Pamala Kolath of Pittsburg, Pittsburg USD 250 elementary schools, honored for 25 years; Patty LeFever of Pittsburg, Pittsburg Community Middle School, honored for 25 years; Gregory Lopez of Pittsburg, Pittsburg Community Middle School, honored for 25 years; Lori Mendicki of Frontenac, Pittsburg Community Middle School, honored for 25 years; Sigrid Rynerson of Minneola, Pittsburg USD 250 elementary schools, honored for 25 years; Jack Weaver of Cherryvale, Pittsburg Community Middle School, honored for 25 years; SEK Interlocal Lorna Belew of Pittsburg, SEK Interlocal, honored for 25 years; Vicki Couch of Girard, Pittsburg SEK Interlocal Lorna Belew of Pittsburg, SEK Interlocal, honored for 25 years; and Barbara Hucke of Parsons, SEK Interlocal Lorna Belew of Pittsburg, SEK Interlocal, honored for 25 years.
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Students are listed by hometown and/or high school in the following format: first name, last name, school or college, level (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior).

**Sabetha/Sabetha High School:**
Gavin Angell, Fine Arts, Junior; Krista Lierz Liberal Arts, Junior.

**Wetmore/Wetmore HS:**
Ella Fund-Reznicek of Goff Liberal Arts, Junior; Jareb Stallbaum, Liberal Arts, Sophomore; Anthony Henry, Business, Senior.

**Seneca/Nemaha Valley HS:**
Jamie Bergman, Social Welfare, Senior; Tara Bergman, Business, Senior; Jennifer Calderwood, Liberal Arts, Senior; Julie Eisenbarth, Liberal Arts, Senior; Amy Gress, Education, Senior; Erin Kohake, Liberal Arts, Junior; Andrew Olberding, Liberal Arts, Sophomore; Mark Olberding, Pharmacy Professional, Prof 1; Katie Schmelzle, Liberal Arts, Junior; Julie Sudbeck, Nursing, Senior; Bradley Todd, Liberal Arts. **Baileyville:**
Amy Rottinghaus, Fine Arts, Senior. **Centralia:** Rachel Feldkamp, Allied Health, Senior.

**Hiawatha/Hiawatha HS:**
Brianna Barnes of Powhattan, Pharmacy Professional, Senior; Blake Barrett, Liberal Arts, Senior; Katie Rockey, Liberal Arts, Senior; Bradley Becker of Robinson, Liberal Arts, Junior; Robert Jackson of Robinson, Liberal Arts, Sophomore. **Horton/Horton HS:**
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New University of Kansas students and their parents from Nemaha, Brown, Atchison, Doniphan and Jackson counties will be welcomed into the KU family at the Jayhawk Generations Welcome Picnic at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, in Atchison.

The KU Alumni Association and its Northeast chapter will greet the next generation of Jayhawks at the home of Butch and Mary Ball, 1711 Country Club Road.

Area alumni, new students, students interested in learning more about KU and parents are invited to attend and enjoy complimentary food and beverages. Each new Jayhawk will receive a free T-shirt.

The alumni association invited incoming students whose enrollment deposits were received by the Office of Admissions and Scholarships by May 1.

Invited area guests include Christian Busch and Marisa Ross of Sabetha; James Reynolds of Fairview; Melissa Altenhofen, Lauren Bowman, Kylee Carlson, Dylan Engelken, Brynne Haverkamp, Chelsea Linden, Ethan Rethman, Jacob Taylor and Susan Todd of Seneca; Erin Logan and Nicholas Sanner of Hiawatha; and Kyle Strathman of Baileyville.

Chad Ball of Atchison, chapter steering committee member, and alumni association members Stefani Gerson, coordinator of student programs, Jen Alderdice, assistant vice president of student programs, and Lindsey Lawrence, student intern, are coordinating the event.

Alumni association staff will arrive with the signature KU trailer full of grills, burgers and brats for the festivities. Current KU students, alumni and university representatives will mix and mingle with students to answer questions and offer advice. For more information or to make reservations, call the KU Alumni Association at 800-584-2957, visit www.kualumni.org, or e-mail kualumni@kualumni.org.