Hope endowment announces 2008 scholarship winners

The Hope Community/Education Endowment Association Inc. announces its 2008 scholarship winners.

Lawrence Riedy was born in Hope, graduated from Hope High School in 1939 and lived all of his life near Hope except for the three years during World War II when he was stationed in India.

He was a farmer/stockman but spent much time on community activities. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion and the Hope Lions Club, and actively participated in events sponsored by these groups.

He also served on the Hope High School Board, Hope Township Board, First National Bank Board, and St. Phillips Parish Council. Lawrence and his wife, Marguerite, were the parents of five children who all graduated from Hope High School and went on to obtain various college degrees.

Kristin Lorson is the winner of a $500 Lawrence Riedy scholarship. Kristin is planning on attending either Brown Mackie or Bethany College and getting a degree in business management. Kristin was active in volleyball, basketball, FCCLA and FBLA during high school. Kristin is the daughter of Dave and Nancy Lorson of Hope.

Taylor Sly is also a winner of a $500 Lawrence Riedy scholarship. Taylor is planning on attending Cloud County Community College and majoring in secondary education. Taylor was active in volleyball, basketball, track, FFA, FBLA, and STUCO during high school. Taylor is the daughter of Kent Sly of Hope and Sandra Kinkelaar of Assaria.

The winner of the $3,500 A.W. Funk Scholarship is Haley Sill. This scholarship is presented to a Hope High School senior planning to attend Kansas State University and is renewable each year. A.W. Funk was a long time businessman in the Hope community. This scholarship is funded by Don Funk in memory of his father. Haley is the daughter of John and Lisa Sill of Hope.

The Pool Scholarships are given in memory of Zen Zachariah “Z.Z.” Pool Sr. and Frances Helm Pool. Zen was a Missouri Pacific depot agent based in Hope and Frances was a registered nurse. Both were greatly interested in the town and worked hard to make Hope a good place to live.

The scholarship was given by Zen Zachariah “Easy” Pool Jr. and Donna Jean Long Pool in honor of their parents. Easy was born in Council Grove but moved with his parents and brother, Bob, in 1929. A sister, Ramona Pool Garacke, and a brother, Max, were both born in Hope. Easy attended Hope schools and Donna joined his class in high school. Both graduated in 1946 and were married in 1948. Among other business interests, the couple ran Mile Hi Ceramic, the largest ceramic business in Denver, selling ceramic supplies and clay all over the U.S. and internationally. Both are now deceased.

Jennifer Wilson is the winner of a $500 Pool Scholarship. Jennifer plans on attending Cloud County Community College and majoring in agriculture. While at Hope High School, Jennifer was active as a manager in volleyball and basketball, choir, FFA and FCA. She is also active in church activities and 4-H. She is the daughter of Rodney and Dawn Wilson of rural Hope.

Kyle Lorson is the winner of a $500 Pool Scholarship. Kyle is currently attending Bethany College and majoring in management. Kyle is the son of Dave and Nancy Lorson of Hope.

Adam Gantenbein is the winner of a $500 Pool Scholarship. Adam is currently attending the University of Kansas and majoring in Health and Physical Education. Adam is the son of Kenny and Rita Gantenbein of Hope.

Amanda Bethe Huddleston is the winner of a $1,000 Keitch Scholarship. Amanda is attending Washburn University majoring in health information technology. Amanda is the daughter of Alan and Diane Bethe of Hope.

Haley Sill is the winner of a $1,000 Keitch Scholarship. Haley plans to attend Kansas State University majoring in business management. Haley was active in National Honor Society, Stuco, FBLA, FCLA, volleyball and basketball. Haley is the daughter of John and Lisa Sill of Hope.

Samantha Coup is the winner of a $1,000 Keith Scholarship. Samantha plans to attend Kansas State University majoring in human ecology in the marketing side of the apparel and textiles department. Samantha was active in National Honor Society, FBLA, FCCLA, volleyball, basketball and track. Samantha is the daughter of Ross and Debbie Coup of Hope.
Jeffery Strempel is the winner of a $1,000 Keitch Scholarship. Jeffery plans to attend Fort Hays State University majoring in secondary science education. Jeffery was active in FCA, FBLA and Stuco. Jeffery is the son of Joseph and Michelle Strempel of Hope.

The Hope Community/Education Endowment Association awarded two $300 scholarships raised by a variety of donations.

Sean Swanson is a winner of a $300 scholarship. Sean was active in choir, yearbook and Scholar's Bowl. Sean is planning on attending the University of Texas in Arlington and major in computer sciences. Sean is the son of Cole and Deborah Goembel of I4on.

Brandy Propst is a winner of a $300 scholarship. Brandy was active in cheerleading, volleyball FCCLA, FBLA and FCA. Brandy is planning on attending Kansas State University and major in fashion marketing. Brandy is the daughter of Michael and Silke Propst of Hope.

Laura Cowan is the winner of a $500 Banner Scholarship. Laura is attending Newman University working on her master's degree in social work. Laura is the daughter of Nancy Cowan of Hope.

Andrew Dillon is the winner of a $1,000 Banner Scholarship. Andrew is planning on attending Kansas State University majoring in agriculture. Andrew is the son of Doug and Esther Dillon of Hope.

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The Hope Community/Education Endowment Association, Inc. is pleased to announce the winners of community grants. These grants are made possible from money donated by Jack and Laura Keith. Recipients are:

- The Hope Ball Association will receive $5,000 for ball field improvements.
- The Hope Lion's Club will receive $1,500 for tables for community projects.
- The Hope Historical Association will receive $6,000 for a building project.
- The Hope Community Project Committee will receive $2,000 for Hope Fall Heritage Festival.
- The Hope Schools will receive $1,500 for bleachers in the old gymnasium.
New family practice doctor coming to Geary County Hospital

Geary Community Hospital in Junction City announces the signing of Shalaunda K. Gray, M.D., family medicine, who will join the hospital’s rural health clinic on July 15.

Dr. Gray will take over Dr. Gary Petry’s family practice and Dr. Petry will begin working full-time in the hospital’s emergency department August 1. They will work together in the clinic from July 15-31.

Dr. Gray, her husband Jon Gray, and their children have been commuting from their home in Olathe to church in Junction City every week for three years. Jon is an associate minister at the Second Missionary Baptist Church in Junction City where his father, Dr. Leonard F. Gray, is pastor. They believe it’s the right time to move to Junction City, as the commute is “getting old.”

Dr. Gray has been a family medicine physician at Providence Care Midtown Clinic in Kansas City, Kan. since 2005. From 2004-2005, she worked for Associates in Family Medicine in the same community. She completed a family medicine residency from the University of Kansas School of Medicine in 2004 and was elected chief resident in her final year.

Prior to residency, she graduated in 2001 from the University of Kansas School of Medicine with a medical doctor degree and from Friends University in Wichita in 1996 with a B.S. in chemistry. She completed additional graduate studies at the University of Kansas in Lawrence from 1996-1997.

Gray is board certified by the American Board of Family Medicine. She is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, the Kansas Medical Society, and the National Medical Society. Her curriculum vitae is full of numerous awards and honors.
LAWRENCE — A number of Dickinson County students were among the more than 4,450 candidates receiving degrees this spring from the University of Kansas.

KU's Class of 2008 numbered more than 7,000, including 2,555 who completed degree work in summer and fall 2007.

Area graduates include:

**Chapman:** Lauren B. Markward, daughter of Debbie Major, communication studies, MA Graduate Master of Arts/Communication Studies.

**Solomon:** Jay A. Montgomery, son of Kent and LaVeda Montgomery. Medicine, MD Prof 1 Doctor of Medicine. He is a graduate of Solomon High School;

**Evan Michael Riordan,** son of Dennis and Monika Riordan, PharmacyPD Prof 1 Doctor of Pharmacy. He is a graduate of Solomon High School;

**Brandy Suzanne Taylor,** daughter of Eldon Taylor, PsychologyBGS DECL Senior Applied Behavioral Science Minor and Bachelor of General Studies/Psychology. She is a graduate of Solomon High School.
KU Mortar Board selects members

Forty-eight University of Kansas students were recently initiated into Mortar Board, a senior honor society. The initiation ceremonies were April 13 at the Kansas Union, followed by a reception at the chancellor’s residence for students and alumni members and their families and invited guests.

Mortar Board members are selected based on ability and achievement in scholarship, leadership and service. Students must have at least a 3.0 grade point average and hold senior status during some or all of the academic year. What became KU’s Mortar Board chapter was founded in 1912 as the Torch senior women’s honor society. In 1924, it affiliated with the national Mortar Board women’s honor society. Mortar Board opened membership to men in 1975. This year, 85 students applied for membership at KU.

A new member is Sasha Roe, daughter of Keith and Bethany Roe, a junior majoring in pre-journalism and a graduate of Mankato High School.
During its annual spring exhibition and competition, the University of Kansas Department of Art honored students with $255,370 in scholarships and awards.

A KU faculty committee of Cima Katz (chair), Jerry Lubensky, Alison Luoma and Yoonmi Nam judged the nominated students' art projects. They were displayed May 4-6 on the third and fourth floors of the Art and Design Building.

Forty art students, including four incoming freshmen, received $222,240 in scholarships of varying amounts, and 10 students received $33,130 in awards of varying amounts.

Jordan R Briceland, Maize, son of Thomas and Jody Briceland received the Hollander Family Foundation Award; the Hollander Family Foundation and Luella F. Stewart Art Scholarship. Jordan is a senior at KU, working towards a Bachelor of Fine Arts.

Funds for most of the awards and scholarships are managed by KU Endowment, the independent, nonprofit organization serving as the official fundraising and fund-management organization for KU. Founded in 1891, KU Endowment is the first foundation of its kind at a U.S. public university.
Senate Republicans deliver on promises

From the office of Sen. Derek Schmidt

TOPEKA – Senate Republicans delivered on their promises during the 2008 session of the legislature.

In January, the 30 members of the Senate Republican caucus set out eleven priorities for the annual legislative session. When the session concluded late last month, all eleven priorities had been met in the Senate. These eleven priorities were among several other accomplishments of the 2008 legislative session.

“Promises made, promises kept,” said Senate Majority Leader Derek Schmidt, R-Independence. “In a difficult budget year, we did what we said we would do.”

“The Senate Republicans passed the most comprehensive energy package this state has seen in years,” said Senate President Steve Morris, R-Hugoton. “The policies of net metering, energy efficiency standards for state buildings, renewable resources requirements and a host of other things would have served Kansas well for decades to come. Unfortunately, in a short sighted move, the Governor vetoed this policy. Republicans will continue to educate Kansans on effective energy policy.”

Most of the Senate Republican priorities became law. A few were approved by the Senate but did not pass the House of Representatives.

“The Senate Leadership recognized the oncoming budget crisis,” said Senate Vice President John Vratil, R-Leawood. “In an effort to address that situation, we proposed a zero balance increase through the Senate budget process. Through hard work and compromise, our appropriations people were able to reduce proposed spending by over $40 million.”

“In recent years, the Republican led Legislature has been proactive in creating programs that focus on growing the rural Kansas economy,” said Senate Assistant Majority Leader Karin Brownlee, R-Olathe. “Enhancing these efforts is the creation this session of the Commission on Rural Policy which will serve as a think tank focusing on leadership development, youth retention, entrepreneurship and wealth generation and retention.”

Senate Majority Whip Jean Schodor, R-Wichita, said: “Education continues to be a top priority for Senate Republicans and again this year we fulfilled our promise to fund the fifth straight year of the school finance plan for the children of Kansas.”

The specific promises made by Senate Republicans last January and their outcomes are below.

- Fiscal responsibility: Senate Republicans promised to make fulfillment of prior-year commitments the priority over new spending and to improve government efficiency. Outcome: The enacted budget fulfills prior years’ spending commitments and increases state spending growth by only about 5 percent. Senate Republicans also proposed Senate Bill 316, which overhauls the Kansas Government Organization and Accountability Law to improve oversight of state government programs; it became law.
- Energy policy: Senate Republicans promised to work toward a comprehensive energy policy for Kansas. Outcome: Senate Republicans proposed Senate Bill 386, which is a powerful new incentive for nuclear power expansion, and it became law.

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Senate Republicans also approved legislation to authorize new coal-fired power generation, to incent solar generation, to improve energy conservation, but all were vetoed by the governor.

- Education: Senate Republicans promised to create a two-year rolling school finance commitment. Outcome: Senate Republicans proposed Senate Bill 531, which adds a fifth straight year of school-funding increases to keep up with inflation, and it became law.
- Health care: Senate Republicans promised to consider the Health Policy Authority recommendations and to put forward ideas of their own. Outcome: Senate Republicans proposed expanding children’s health insurance coverage and expanding the KU School of Pharmacy. Senate Republicans also led the effort to overhaul the Board of Healing Arts and supported efforts to extend COBRA coverage for Kansans who lose their jobs and to expand support for health savings accounts. All those proposals became law.
- Rural development: Senate Republicans proposed creation of a Commission on Rural Policy. Outcome: Senate Republicans proposed Senate Bill 453, which creates the commission, and it became law.
- Housing: Senate Republicans proposed a long-term state commitment to help boost housing construction in rural communities. Outcome: Senate Republicans led the effort to pass Senate Bill 417, which creates a new housing-development program, and also supported Senate Bill 387, which establishes a new housing low-interest loan program. Both became law.
- Public debt: Senate Republicans pledged to continue support for establishing an overall debt-management policy for Kansas. Outcome: Senate Republicans proposed Senate Bill 193 to create a debt policy, and it passed the Senate in 2007 but did not pass the House of Representatives.
- Public safety: Senate Republicans proposed to provide in-prison drug treatment for non-violent felons and to mandate prison for repeat felons. Outcome: Senate Republicans proposed Senate Bill 409, which would accomplish both goals and would establish a “Three Strikes” law for repeat felons, and it passed the Senate. The final, compromise version that became law provides for drug treatment for addicts in prison and also provides mandatory prison, not probation, for felons convicted of theft four or more times.
- Immigration: Senate Republicans promised to consider proposals to help stem illegal immigration. Outcome: The Senate passed Senate Bill 458, which would crack down on human traffickers who bring illegal immigrants to Kansas, on illegal immigrants who commit crimes in Kansas, and on businesses who hire illegal immigrants. The Senate and House did not reach agreement on a final compromise bill.
- Veterans: Senate Republicans promised to improve benefits for Kansas veterans. Outcome: Senate Republicans proposed Senate Bill 533, and the final version that became law allows Kansas military personnel to defer property taxes while deployed, provides free hunting and fishing licenses to disabled veterans, establishes a veterans’ ombudsman, and provides more funding for various veterans services and military-support programs.
- Transportation: Senate Republicans promised to begin developing a third consecutive long-term transportation plan for Kansas. Outcome: Senate Republicans proposed Senate Bill 670, which would have set up a long-term planning committee, but it was not approved by the House of Representatives.
Kansas Board of Regents Approves State University Tuition Rates for 2008-09

The Kansas Board of Regents established the standard resident tuition rates for the six state universities for the upcoming 2008-2009 academic year. The newly-established tuition rates range from a 4.9% increase at Emporia State University to a 6.0% increase at the University of Kansas. The board also approved the University of Kansas' rate for the "Four-Year Tuition Compact," the rate that applies for first-time, full-time students who begin as freshman in Fall 2008. This rate, which will be locked-in for those students over a four-year period, was increased by 7.6%.

"The Board recognizes the heavy financial burden hardworking students and their families bear as students pursue higher education. Tuition enhancements are necessary if our institutions are to maintain the high quality of education that Kansans deserve and demand," said Donna Shank, the newly-elected Chair of the Board. "The Board continues to struggle with balancing declining state support per student, the need to maintain exceptional learning opportunities, and the financial pressures of institutions, students, and families. A state university education in Kansas remains a great buy. Tuition rates at our state's universities continue to provide Kansans with an exceptional educational value."

A recent survey conducted by the Kansas Board of Regents compared the tuition and fee rates of Kansas' six state universities to similar institutions in neighboring states for the recently concluded 2007-2008 academic year. The results of the survey demonstrate that tuition rates in Kansas are lower than the rates in neighboring states. Kansans who attended Kansas State University, the University of Kansas, or Wichita State University, the state's three research institutions, pay $822 or 14% less than residents in neighboring states to attend similar institutions each year. Kansans who attend Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, or Pittsburg State University, the state's three regional institutions, pay $773 or 20% less than residents in neighboring states to attend similar institutions each year.
# Kansas Public Higher Education Comparison

2007-2008 Academic Year (Fall '07 & Spring '08 Semesters)

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Bioscience incubator generates interest from Douglas County

Economic development leaders Tuesday evening unveiled an $8 million plan to build a life sciences incubator facility on Kansas University’s West Campus to attract promising high-tech start-up companies.

City and county commissioners at a joint study session said they were interested in committing a total of $1.5 million to the project during the next 10 years.

The goal of the proposed facility planned for a West Campus location right across the street from the university’s new Multidisciplinary Research Building — is to allow start-up companies using KU research to locate in Lawrence.

“I certainly see promising technology developed at KU get exported outside this county, outside this state, and somebody else gets to capitalize on its success,” said Matt McClorey, president of the Lawrence Regional Technology Center. “Does this guarantee that we will capitalize off every research opportunity at KU? No, but it does give us the opportunity to tell these researchers that you can do this locally.”

The proposed deal would require the city and county to each provide the incubator with $75,000 per year for 10 years. Kansas University would provide the land for the incubator and $1.5 million in cash during a three- to four-year period. The Lawrence-Douglas County Bioscience Authority would provide $500,000. Economic development leaders are optimistic that the remaining $4 million would be provided by the Kansas Bioscience Authority.

The incubator would be a 20,000-square-foot building that would provide both office space and lab space for start-up companies that are in the drug development field and other life-science arenas.

The building — which could be expanded to 40,000 square feet — would be owned by the local bioscience authority, and day-to-day management would be contracted to McClorey’s Lawrence Regional Technology Center. That nonprofit organization provides business consulting and management services for start-up technology companies.

McClorey said the goal is to have the incubator facility operating by the spring of 2010. Within five years, the incubator is estimated to be self-sustaining through rents paid by tenants.

Elected leaders generally were positive about the concept, and agreed to put it on their commissions’ agendas for formal action within the next 30 to 45 days.

Several commissioners said that they believed the project would allow the city to really target businesses that can benefit from being close to KU.

“It does seem like it is worth looking at,” said City Commissioner Rob Chestnut. “I wonder if our lack of economic development has been because we’re not leveraging our resources at KU.”
KU Journalism School Announces Scholarship Winners

The William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of Kansas has announced recipients of annual awards and scholarships totaling about $300,000.

Dean Ann Brill announced the 130 award and scholarship recipients, including 11 incoming freshmen, during a ceremony this spring in the Kansas Union.

Students from 30 Kansas counties, 12 other states and four other countries earned awards and scholarships in writing, editing, reporting, broadcasting, strategic communication and media management.

The awards presented totaled more than $11,000. They were:

Kimberly M. Wetphall, a junior, received the John Lee Casady Scholarship in Journalism.

Incoming freshman Erica N. Keefer was selected for the Byron E. & Eulalia T. Guise Scholarship. Both women graduated from Andover Central High School.