KU establishes autism research center

KU has established a new bi-campus autism research center supported by a combination of public and private funding. The Kansas Center for Autism Research and Training, or K-CART, will be a multidisciplinary center that promotes research and training on the causes, nature and management of autism spectrum disorders. It will be the 13th center of KU's Life Span Institute.

The initiative was launched in February 2007, the initiative has drawn more than 40 faculty members from across KU, KU Medical Center and other KU research groups — all with research interests and clinical practice in autism spectrum disorders in cognitive neuroscience, psychiatry, behavioral, clinical and developmental psychology, special education, occupational and speech therapy; and other fields. Affiliated K-CART researchers have 28 recent and current grants related to autism spectrum disorders with annual funding of $9.3 million. Led by Debra Kamps, a KU senior researcher, and Matthew Reese, a researcher and child psychologist who directs KU’s autism clinics at the medical center, the initiative began to pick up funding momentum in September 2007 when it was selected as the project of the year by Kansas City Young Matrons, a philanthropic organization of more than 300 women.

Shannon Portillo, a member of the class of 2008, earned her doctorate and landed a tenure-track position at a major university, all at an age when most grad students area settling into life after a bachelor’s degree. Portillo’s road map began at home, with a stay-at-home father and a mother who earned a master’s degree in social welfare before becoming a parent and went on to earn a doctorate in education while her daughter was in high school. Portillo says she was lucky to have such a strong role model in her mother as well as a close relationship with her father, who never stopped encouraging her.

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A FINE DESIGN: The Prints of Roger Shimomura 1988–2005: A Catalog Raisonné, published by the Spencer Museum of Art and the University of Washington Press, has received several awards, including the Award of Excellence from the University and College Designer's Association design competition, an Award of Excellence from the American Institute of Graphic Arts, and graphic design, designed the book.

KANSAS RESEARCH AT THE FOREFRONT: KU partners with Kansas State University, Wichita State University and the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation in an organization known as Kansas NSF EPSCoR. The National Science Foundation formed the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research to promote scientific progress in states that have traditionally received small amounts of NSF research funding. The site, www.nsfepscor.ku.edu, features information on how KU researchers can get involved, promotes scientific collaboration among universities and offers information on how to apply for funding opportunities. Contact the program and awards won by projects associated with the program.

A GOOD TIME FOR CARDIAC ARREST: There’s no such thing as a good way for a person’s heart to stop, but new research shows that patients who enter a heart arrest on a weekday are less likely to die than those who are admitted on weekends. Richard Dubinsky, associate professor of neurology at the KU Medical Center, was quoted in a story in the Independent newspaper in Bangladesh on the topic. “A higher death rate among patients admitted during weekends may be due to lack of resources for treating cardiac arrest,” said Dubinsky, who is a fellow of the American Academy of Neurology.

EARLY INTERVENTION: Wayne Sailor, professor of special education, was quoted in a recent Associated Press article about the value of intervening in a child’s education early and thereby potentially avoiding costly special education courses. “RTI (response to intervention) is a runaway train — it’s an explosion right now in the field of education,” Sailor said.

CAMPUS CLOSEUP

Kathleen Ames-Oliver
Professional organizational effectiveness manager, HREO

Years at current job: 16
Job duties: I am responsible for managing and administering a comprehensive consultation, organizational development and training program for faculty and staff at KU. This includes administering the quarterly training calendar, designing, developing and delivering a wide array of programs and workshops, facilitating meetings and strategic planning events for university departments. Organizational development, team building and assessment, and professional coaching are also offered through the department and Organizational Effectiveness Unit.

You are involved in team building exercises. How do you help KU units develop more effective teams? I work with teams to assess their strengths in the five core areas that make up an effective team. Team members need to understand their unique purpose and contribution to the overall university mission. Through team building, we work with teams to establish clear and measurable goals they can achieve. We help them to achieve those goals with excellence and incorporate the strengths and talents of each team member. Team building is not a one-time event. It is an ongoing process.

What would you say is the most important thing for new managers to know? Continuous learning and development are essential. Very few of us are born leaders. Most of us have to work at it. There is no one right style of management. Build on your strengths and use them to cultivate your own unique management style. If possible, find a mentor who can help you navigate your new role and responsibilities. Attend workshops and seminars designed for new managers and become familiar with the policies and procedures managers need to know.

What sort of situations do you become involved in through your grief management and crisis intervention roles? When a tragedy occurs, there is often a special department experience the sudden loss of a colleague, they are often at a loss as to how to break the news to co-workers and handle the onslaught of emotions that surface in the work environment. I provide an outlet for co-workers to express their feelings of loss and grief and to develop a plan of support and assistance to the family of the deceased colleague.

A great deal of KU research is focused on team performance coaching. How do you tailor coaching sessions to fit the needs of the individual? Coaching sessions are designed to fit the needs of the individual. We provide therapy or grief counseling to individuals but will suggest counseling services for a co-worker who appears to be having a particularly difficult time.

What exactly is performance coaching, and how do you tailor your service to individuals who perform very different jobs?

KU MEDICAL CENTER: The Economic Development Corporation has provided the KU Medical Center with $3 million to renovate the Bishop Building. The newly renovated space will be used to support a life sciences incubator. “This will serve as a centerpiece for economically driven research,” Paul Terranova, vice chancellor for research at the KU Medical Center and the Kansas Bioscience Authority. “Over the long haul we will get more companies to Kansas in Kansas and the Kansas City region. That will have a very economic impact.”

EDWARDS CAMPUS: The Department of Design recently opened two graduate programs in interaction design and design management on the Edwards Campus. KU is the only school in the nation to offer both programs. The programs draw upon cutting edge technologies and the Kansas City design community.

The first, interaction design focuses on the study of how people relate to and use electronic items such as an iPhone screen, an ATM or grocery store scanner. Students conceive and research items that will develop into products, services and systems used by people and businesses. The master’s program is targeted to engineers, architects, interior designers, advertising executives and other professionals. The design management program focuses on customer-centered innovation regarding brands, businesses and systems. Students learn strategic, tactical and operational management methods to improve team performance and accomplish imaginative business goals.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE-WICHITA: Rick Kellerman, chair and professor of family and community medicine, said that the creation of the master’s program in organizational development and management is a response to the needs of the health care industry. The program will prepare students for leadership roles in health care organizations.

COACHING: Coaching is a focused partnership between a coach and a coachee that helps the coachee define and achieve results in a particular life arena. All coaching sessions are tailored to the needs of the individual being coached. The coach provides tools, resources and insights into behavior change that the coachee can use to achieve their performance goals.

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SNAPSHOTS

E-mail photos for snapshots to oread@ku.edu. Be sure to include names of individuals in the photo.
Three earn Steeplees awards

The Kansas Board of Regents recently approved two draft policy statements regarding weapons on campus and background checks for all employees. The changes must now be reviewed and take effect later this year. Neither will result in immediate changes at KU.

The board adopted the statements at its April 18 meeting. The first states the six state university campuses will be weapons-free. The second instructs the six state universities conduct criminal background checks on all newly hired employees.

The first will not require changes at KU, as the university has had a policy prohibiting weapons since 1999. State legislation allowing the concealed carry of firearms did not change the policy. Weapons, including all kinds of firearms, knives, explosives and pepper spray and mace, are prohibited.

Kudos

Michael H. Crawford, professor of anthropology, gave an invited keynote address titled “Molecular Perspectives on the Genetic Structure of Island Populations,” April 2 at the New College at Oxford University. The address was given at a plenary symposium, “Human Genetics and Variation,” to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Society for the Study of Human Biology.

Judith K. Major, professor of architecture and urban planning, was elected chair of the section of “Science and Changing Ideas in Landscape Architecture” at the annual Meeting of the Society of Architectural Historians in Cincinnati. She also has begun her term as president of the SAM Landscape Chapter, and this spring she published an article in Landscape Journal titled “Marina Griswold Van Rensselaer’s Landscape Gardening Manifesto in Garden and Forest.”

Crystal Lumpkins, assistant professor of journalism, has received a New Faculty General Research Fund grant of $8,000 to support a summer internship by the “Investigating the Roles of Spirituality and Religion in Health Messages Aimed to Increase Breast Cancer Screening Among American Women.” This will be preparation for a larger experience during the 2009-2010 academic year.

David D. Guth, associate professor and associate dean of the William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications, has been reaccredited by the Public Relations Society of America for a three-year term to 2011. Accreditation recognizes the individual’s knowledge, experience and professional judgment in the field.

Jimmy Gentry, professor of journalism, presented "Understanding the Income Statement: Thinking inside the Box" April 18 at the national Ag Marketing Conference in Kansas City.

Diana Carlín, professor of communication studies, was the keynote speaker April 11 at the launch conference for the Norwegian Partnership Program. Carlín gave a talk on “View from the West: Participation with U.S.” Institutions. Carlín also presented "The Bologna Process: The Impact on U.S. Higher Education" March 14 at Brooklyn College for the annual meeting of the Library Association of the City University of New York, which is state librarian for the 20 colleges in the city university system.

Susanne Shaw, professor of information, made a presentation April 11 to the Broadband Education Association in Las Vegas. Her topic was "Accreditation: The Final Frontier (courses, curricula and administration)." She was also recently at Connecticut State University in New Britain, Conn., at the main state faculty of arts and sciences about a proposed journalism program.
Ten graduates named Chancellor’s Student Award winners

Two alumni who have helped improve understanding of diverse cultures will receive the 2008 Distinguished Service Citation for their long and devoted service to the University of Kansas and the KU Alumni Association for humanitarian work. This year’s honorees are Emeritus Prof. Donald K. Alderson and Regent Roger Youmans, Princeton, N.J.

Since 1941, the award has been presented to individuals whose lives and careers benefit humanity. The citation winners will be honored during the spring University of Kansas Alumni Association banquet, Tuesday, May 16 in the Kansas Union ballroom.

In 1909, Alderson’s KU bachelor’s degree in economics launched his career in philosophy. As a teacher and author, he has highlighted American cultural lit-

ature. Currently the University of California—Los Angeles, he has written or edited nine books and has won a senior fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities. He was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a rare honor for a literary scholar.

In 1933, Alderson’s book, “To Wake the Nations: Race in the Making of American Literature,” won the James Russell Lowell Prize from the Modern Language Association as the best book published that year. His most recent work, “Strangers in the Land: Jewish, Jews, Post-Holocaust America,” won the Weinberg Judaic Studies Institute Book Award. He received the inaugural Mellon Foundation Distinguished Research Award in 2006. In 2004, the $1.5 million award over three years helps fund ongoing work related to the Holocaust’s role in American and other literatures. As a result, he is currently writing a book for Yale University Press titled “King’s Dream,” a study of Martin Luther King Jr.’s “I Have a Dream” speech.

Youmans completed his KU bachelor’s degree in 1965 before entering the KU School of Medicine, where he earned his degree in 1968 and completed his residency in surgery in 1970. Throughout his career, he has sought to heal racial differences and other inequities. As a Summerville Scholar and varsity tennis player, he joined the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity — the first intercollegiate greek fraternity for African-Americans. Later, as a first-year medical student, he traveled across the South with his fraternity brothers and experienced racism and discrimination firsthand.

In 1961, Youmans took a leave of absence from his KU residency and traveled to Africa, where he worked as the medical director of the Sono Bata Hospital in the Democratic Republic of Congo shortly after the nation gained its independence. After receiving a diploma in tropical medicine from the Princess Astrid School of Tropical Medicine in Belgium, he returned to Congo, working 10 years in bush hospitals. He also worked in Ghana and Nigeria as a visiting professor of surgery and as a consultant in South American nations.

In the United States, Youmans was a surgeon at California hospitals before he returned to the Midwest. He was named director and the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine and the Oral Roberts University School of Medicine, where he received awards for outstanding teaching each year from 1983 to 1997.


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The Office of Research and Graduate Studies honored 11 outstanding graduate teaching assistants with about $6,500 in awards for commitment April 23. KU students and representatives of departments and academic programs from throughout the university nominated graduate students for the awards. A selection committee chose winners based on their commitment to teaching and dedication to teaching, departmental and student committees with an interest in student welfare.

Once faculty members were recognized by Dean Joseph Steinmetz with College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Mentor Awards. Geraldo de Sousa, an assistant professor of linguistics, and John and John (Chris) Brown, geography and, and Nick Ingram, psychology, are Keri Sanburn, Bierce, Wichita doctoral student in English, and Joshua Long, Bastrop, Texas, doctoral student in history, received $1,250. Carlin Graduate Teaching Assistant in Washington, Carol, professor of communication studies, endowed the awards, which were first presented in 1990. Carlin, former dean of the graduate school and international programs, is completing an appointment as dean-in-residence and director of international outreach with the Council of Graduate Schools, D.C. She will return to KU in August.

Marianne “Natty” Mabachi, Nairobi, Kenya, doctoral student in English, and Andrea Marie, Papo Bousso, Saint-Louis, Missouri, a doctoral student in French, received $750 Distinguished Service Awards. Four students received $500 Outstanding Graduate Teaching Awards. Karen S. Prohie Blakeman, Kansas City, Kan., master’s student in communication; Evelyn Zlan Clark, Auburn, Ala., and Laramie, Wyo., doctoral student in communication; Salvatore Fucci, Westbrook, Conn., and Haddon Township, N.J., master’s student in history of art and Jennifer Kittlaus, Evangelton, Ill., doctoral student in philosophy.

For the first time this year, the Office of Research and Graduate Studies will present Exemplary Teaching Awards to three students with exemplary teaching awards. They are Hong “Frank” Cai, Yantai, China, doctoral student in engineering; Shelly Cline, Belleville doctor-

al student in history; and Adewale Olubani, Neubrandenburg, Germany, master’s student in Germanic languages and literature. He is currently studying German and Cline are GTAs for the Department of Germanic and western civili-

zation classes.

Students who have achieved acad-

emic excellence have selected to carry banners for KU’s 12 schools and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences during commencement next spring.

As banner carriers, the 13 students, in addition to four senior class officers carrying the Class of 2008 banners, will lead their fellow graduates in the traditional march down Mount Oread. Each student will receive $1,000 May 18 for KU’s 136th commencement.

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Faculty to receive distinguished teaching awards

Six faculty members will be recognized with distinguished teaching awards during commencement ceremonies May 18. Another award for outstanding teaching will be made on May 15.

The Chancellor’s Awards for Outstanding Classroom Teaching honor faculty from the KU Medical Center annually. This year’s recipients are Martha Underwood Barnard, clinical professor of pediatrics; Allie Jefferies, graduate in physical therapy; and Michael Moncure, associate professor of internal medicine.

Three faculty from the Lawrence campus have been chosen for distinguished teaching awards as well. Patricia Hawley, assistant professor of psychology, will receive the Silver Anniversary Award. The award, presented by the 25-year anniversary class, includes a $2,500 cash prize.

Elizabeth Asiedu, associate professor of economics, will receive the Byron Shute Award. The award, given to a faculty member who has excelled at teaching in economics and business, is named in honor of Byron Shute.

Anton Rosenhall, associate professor of history, will receive the Ned N. Fleming Trust Award. The award recognizes distinguished teaching, scholarship and service and carries a $5,000 cash prize. Angelique EagleWoman will receive the Crystal Eagle Award. The award recognizes assistant professor of law, jointly in indigenous nations studies and the School of Law. Indigenous nations studies students select a professor who has shown leadership and dedication toward helping community members or students within indigenous communities. The award will be presented to EagleWoman on Sunday, May 11, at the Center for Indigenous Nations Studies Crystal Eagle banquet in the Kansas Union. The event is invitation only.

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KU’s 136TH COMMENCEMENT

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Schedule of commencement events

May 15

6 to 9 p.m. Dinner for School of Medicine and School of Pharmacy graduates. Hyatt Regency Crown Center, 2345 McGee, Kansas City, Mo.

May 16

1 to 2 p.m. Recognition ceremony for bachelor’s degree candidates and baccalaureate candidates. Lied Center. Reception follows for graduates and their families and friends. Malot Room, Kansas Union.

4 to 6 p.m. School of Business recognition for bachelor’s degree candidates and baccalaureate candidates. Reception for faculty who have not yet received tenure. Lied Center.

4:30 p.m. Communication studies department undergraduate and graduate recognition ceremony. Woodruff Auditorium, Kansas Union.

May 17

8:30 a.m. William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications graduate recognition ceremony. Big 12 Room, Kansas Union.

10:30 a.m. School of Fine Arts convocation. Lied Center.

10:30 a.m. to noon. Luncheon for graduates of School of Allied Health, health policy and management, master of public health and graduate studies, and family and friends. "Under the tent" at Edwards Campus, 12600 Overland Rd., Overland Park.

11 a.m. School of Nursing recognition ceremony. Johnson County Community College gymnasium, 12345 College Blvd., Overland Park.

11 a.m. to noon. Phi Beta Kappa induction. Woodruff Auditorium, Kansas Union.

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. KU Visitor Center open at 1502 Iowa St.


12:30 to 2 p.m. Luncheon for School of Nursing graduates and families and friends. Edwards Campus.

1 p.m. Joint hooding ceremony for master’s of health administration, master of public health and master’s of science in clinical research. Battenfeld Auditorium, KU Medical Center.

1 to 3 p.m. Program and reception for graduating seniors who have completed the University Honors Program and for graduating University Scholars, Craftoner-Preyer Theatre, Murphy Hall.

3 p.m. to 4 p.m. School of Pharmacy senior recognition and honors reception. Murphy Preyer Theatre, Murphy Hall.

7 p.m. School of Medicine hooding and awards. Lied Center.

7 to 9 p.m. Division of Biological Sciences recognition of achievements and graduation ceremonies. Lied Center.

May 18

8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Memorial Drive closed to traffic. (Parking ban begins midnight Saturday.)

8 a.m. School of Engineering recognition and awards ceremony. Lied Center. Reception follow- ing at Oliver Hall.

9:30 to 9:40 a.m. Department of Applied Behavioral Science picture.

9:30 a.m. Department of Math graduation celebration. Branch and recognition ceremony. 252 Snow Hall.

9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Environmental Studies Program graduate recognition and honors reception. 252 Snow Hall.

9:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Speech-Language-Healing/Intercampus conferences for master’s and doctoral students. Disorders undergraduate and graduate recognition ceremony. 110 Budig Hall. Reception follows, Wescoe Hall patio.

9:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Department of Applied Behavioral Science graduation ceremony. Woodruff Auditorium. Receptions follows, Big 12 Room, Kansas Union.

10 to 11:15 a.m. School of Law hooding. Lied Hall. Tickets required. Reception follows, Green House.

11 a.m. to noon. College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recognition for students graduating with distinction and highest distinction. Craftoner-Preyer Theatre, Murphy Hall.

11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Class of 2008 commencement luncheon. Chancellor’s residence, 1532 Lilac Lane. Program begins at noon.

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. KU Visitor Center open at 1502 Iowa St.

11:30 a.m. School of Architecture and Urban Planning commencement luncheon and recognition ceremony. Tickets required. Ballroom, Kansas Union.

Noon to 1:15 p.m. School of Social Welfare hooding for master’s degree candidates. Lied Center.

2 p.m. Commencement participants assemble on Memorial Drive.

3:30 p.m. Commencement program begins.

May 19

10 a.m. to noon. Joint service commissioning ceremony. Kansas Union ballroom. Reception follows.

About 4,000 grad to make walk down the hill

More than 4,000 members of the University of Kansas Class of 2008 are expected to make the traditional walk down Mount Oread during KU’s 136th commencement May 18.

Graduates will assemble along Memorial Drive at 2:30 p.m. an hour before Commencement. They will make a 9 a.m. procession into Memorial Stadium at 2:30 p.m. Chancellor Robert L. Jackson will deliver remarks and confer degrees beginning at about 3:30 p.m. The consumption of alcohol will not be permitted within the stadium grounds, and public consumption is strictly prohibited.

The tradition of a commencement procession began in 1907 when graduating seniors walked from old Fraser Hall to the then-new Robinson Gymnasium.

If it rains the morning of commencement, an announcement will be made at 1 p.m. about arrangements for a postponed commencement. Announcements will be made through KU Info and local radio stations, including KANU 91.5-FM, KXJA 105.9-FM, KJHK 90.7-FM, KKDF 94.1-FM, KMBZ 980-AM, WSPN 800-AM and KUOW 1220-AM, as well as Sunflower Cable Channel 6.

If the weather begins to clear in early afternoon, the first attempt to hold a postponed commencement will be at 4:30 p.m. Graduates will assemble on Memorial Drive at 4 p.m. If the weather does not begin to clear in time for a 4:30 p.m. ceremony, a second attempt will be made at 6:30 p.m. Graduates will assemble on Memorial Drive at 4:45 p.m.

If it’s still raining, the ceremony will be postponed until May 19, when graduates will make a 9 a.m. procession.

The commencement ceremony will be shown live in Woodruff Auditorium on the fifth level of the Kansas Union. The broadcast is provided for people for whom the physical conditions in Memorial Stadium would be a barrier to their attendance. Commencement will also be broadcast on campus television station KUJH TV-14 (Channel 31 on Lawrence’s Sunflower Cable).

Reserved seating will also be available for people who need assistance or who require the use of a lift. The station will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 15 and 18. The KU Visitor Center, 1502 Iowa St., will be open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 17 and 18.

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KU will honor retiring faculty and unclassified staff members with a dinner at 6 p.m. May 29 in the Kansas Union ballroom.

Senior Vice Provost Kathleen McCluskey-Fawcett and Vice Provost for Scholarly Support Don Steeple will recognize the employees during the annual dinner.

Retirees and one guest will be guests of the chancellor. Cost for additional guests is $15. For reservations, check a payable to: University of Kansas Foundation of the Chancellor, 230 Strong Hall. Reservation deadline is May 22.

Employees, their departments and years of service are listed below:

C. Daniel Batson, psychology, 36; John Brandt, speech-language-hearing, 37; James Budde, Research and Training Center on Independent Living, 38; Timothy Carr, Kansas Geological Survey, 15; Jerry Chaffin, special education, Kansas University Church, mathematics, 40; Mary Cink, Student Health Services, 5, Business, 12; Ryan Cline, KU Libraries, 22; Thomas Cressey, 43; Pamela Cressey, Schiefelbusch Institute for Life Span Studies, 31; Bruce Cutter, Microscopy and Analytical Imaging Laboratory, 18; Robin Densmore, geology, 30; Robin Deuel, molecular biology, 35; Gail Deuel, molecular biology, 40; Tamara Dutton, law administration, 29; Erik Flood, molecular biology, 18; Margaret Freedman, Communications, 11; Bryant Freeman, African-American, African-American studies, French, 36; Mary Gillespie, Student Health Services, 29; Michael Greenfield, ecology and evolutionary biology, 43; Elizabeth Greger, University of Kansas, 36; William Guo, international student and scholar services, 1; Alphonso Hawkins, unclassified employee, 36; William Holmes, communications director, International Programs, 36.

GOVERNANCE MATTERS

TRANSITIONS: The end of the academic year is a time of transition for many on campus.

On May 1, the University and Faculty Senates held their annual town halls, attended by both outgoing and incoming members.

The meetings were both the final meetings of the 2007-08 senate and the first meetings of the 2008-09 senate. The principal business at these meetings was the final reports of the outgoing senate presidents and the election of new leadership for the coming year.

Outgoing governance leaders thanked outgoing members and all who served on committees and task forces, as they summarized the highlights of the work done during the academic year.

Several important amendments to either the University Senate or the Faculty Rules and Regulations (See the Governance Web site at www.ku.edu/unigov for a full list of approved and pending changes) were also noted.

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Potts, White awarded top international honors

Two members of KU’s Alpha Pi chapter of the Phi Beta Delta honor society for international scholars won top awards from the organization.

Joe Potts, director of International Student and Scholar Services, received the Edward Blankenship Outstanding Staff Award for leadership and support of the development of the chapter.

Glen White, professor of applied behavioral science and director of the Research Group on Rehabilitation and Independent Living, won the Phi Beta Delta Faculty Award for Excellence in International Education for his contributions to the field of international education.

They were recognized at the Phi Beta Delta annual conference April 18 in Columbus, Ohio. Each award carries a $750 cash prize.

Nablanchoff, prominent public service award

John Nablanchoff, president of the Kansas City Pension and administrative staff union, and his wife, Carol, have earned the Burton M. Watson Jr. Public Service Awards, presented by the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce. Each award recognizes individuals who serve in the public sector as role models for others.

The chamber presented the awards April 25.

Bentley selected for preservation society

Andy Bentley, collections manager at the Bio-Biodiversity Institute, has been elected a member-at-large of the Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections.

He will serve a three-year appointment to the council of the society and was selected by society members. As voting members of the council, members-at-large help chart the direction of the society, bring the voice of the membership to council and support council and membership functions.

Bentley’s term begins with the annual conference in May in Oklahoma City.

Meyer new KUMC senior associate dean for finance

The KU School of Medicine has named Kimberly Anne Meyer senior associate dean for finance.

The medical school filled the position following the retirement of Jim Schaller, who has become the chief executive officer of Kansas University Physicians Inc. Meyer recently was the director of planning expertise at H&R Block Inc. She also was an associate professor of mathematics at Chicago State University. Meyer received her doctorate in mathematics from the University of Wisconsin in 1996.

In her position, Meyer will be responsible for the fiscal planning and management of the KU School of Medicine’s administrative operations, budget, and financial reporting.

Jackson wins advanced credential in psychology

In Jackson, associate professor of clinical child psychology, recently won the advanced credential as board certified in child and adolescent psychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology. The board certification indicates that Jackson has achieved recognition of competence through written examination post-doctorate.

Jackson holds a 30 per cent appointment in psychology and 70 per cent appointment in applied behavioral science.

Colombo voted secretary of international society

John Colombo, interim director of the Life Span Institute and professor of psychology, has been elected secretary of the International Society on Infant Studies.

The society is a professional organization for researchers in child development, neuroscience, pediatrics, nursing and mental health.

Colombo’s research interests are in the developmental cognitive neuroscience of attention and learning in infancy and early childhood.

In 2002, he researched infant nutrition and cognitive development with Susan Brown. Colombo won a post-doctorate in psychology and nutrition, helped convince the two major infant formula makers to add nutritional compounds present in a mother’s milk to infant formulas.

IN MEMORY

Barbara L. Long, 80, died April 16. She worked for Continuing Education from 1979 to 1993. Survivors include two daughters and four grandchildren.

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Annie M. DePriest, 69, died April 21. DePriest was an internist and worked at the Department of Student Housing for 14 years. Survivors include her husband, a daughter, two brothers, a sister and four grandchildren.

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Christy Bradford, 64, died April 24. She came to KU in 1989 as an editor in the journalism school. She also was a mentor in the University’s McNair Scholars Program. Before coming to KU, Bradford worked as the managing editor of the Kansas City Star, where she helped the paper win a Pulitzer Prize in 1994 for heat reporting. She is survived by her husband, Ed Bartos; a brother; and a sister.

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Universal bus access to start in fall

All faculty, staff and students will be able to ride KU buses at no cost starting in the fall semester.

Student Senate approved universal bus access, which will allow anyone with a KUID to ride any route of KU on Wheels or the Park and Ride Express. Donna Hunter, director of Park and Ride Transit, said that riders can take any on-campus bus route without being required to present an ID.

Faculty and staff will be able to ride on campus routes without a fare as well.

Faculty, staff and students will be required to show a KUID when taking an off-campus route.

KU directory entry updates due June 13

University departments are being asked to update their entries in the administrative offices section, or “white pages,” of the 2008-09 KU directory by June 13.

Department representatives should review recent sections of the directory to make sure their department’s current information, including position titles and names, correct phone numbers, and email addresses are up-to-date.

Submit your news about new hires, promotions, events and awards to KU’s Oread by June 2. Oread is an employee publication published at the University of Kansas, Oread is an employee publication published at the University of Kansas, and distributed to employees.

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