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# JHAWK

## *forecast*

*Introducing...*

# JHAWK

*Jayhawk Healthcare Administrators*

*Working for Kansas*

Last spring, the Health Policy and Management department was notified that the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) would no longer allow affiliations with student chapters. As a result, our students were presented with an opportunity to create an organization that met the professional needs of our unique student body while refocusing its activities within our local community.

Thus, it is with great pride, that we introduce Jayhawk Healthcare Administrators Working for Kansas (JHAWK) student organization. The mission of JHAWK is to promote leadership, community involvement, marketability, relationships, and knowledge for students pursuing a career in health services administration through personal and professional development activities.

Ultimately, it is our objective to improve post-graduate career opportunities of our students, improve the Health Policy and Management program's local and national reputation, and improve the communication between students and alumni. Equally important is our desire to volunteer our time and talent to help those in need throughout the greater Kansas City region.

Although no longer an official ACHE student chapter, JHAWK is committed to maintaining its relationship with ACHE and similar national and local professional organizations. We believe that the interaction between our student body and the professional community is a mutually beneficial relationship that must be greatly emphasized.

To this end, we have already established a relationship with the Kansas ACHE Chapter and have a representative on the Regent Advisory Council. JHAWK expects to play a critical role as the greater Kansas City region develops an active professional ACHE community.

We encourage you to review our Mission and Objectives attached to this newsletter and to contact us at [info@jayhawkhealth.com](mailto:info@jayhawkhealth.com) with any suggestions or ideas that help us to create a stronger student organization and Health Policy and Management program.

Sincerely,  
The JHAWK Executive Board  
[www.jayhawkhealth.com](http://www.jayhawkhealth.com)



## Graduation Ceremony Sends Off Spring

The Spring graduating class of 2006 received their MSHA degrees during a joint hooding ceremony with MPH graduates in Battenfeld Auditorium at the University of Kansas Medical Center on May 20th. These fourteen graduates add to the over 400 current alumni of our nationally ranked program who are increasingly in positions of stature and responsibility in Kansas, throughout the nation and beyond.

Dr. Barbara Atkinson, Vice Chancellor of the medical center and Dean of the School of Medicine in KC welcomed graduates and guests. Dr. Ed Dismuke, Dean of the KU School of Medicine in Wichita, spoke on the importance of our professions in meeting society's needs in our challenging times. Our commencement speaker was Dr. Janice Ellis, president of the Kansas City Partnership for Children.

The awards banquet was celebrated the preceding evening at Lidia's Restaurant in Kansas City. This year's winners selected by the faculty were:

Bret Hammig Outstanding Graduate Student Award(s)

John Araujo and Patricia Lankford

Professional Development Award  
Cara (Cramer) Greve

Health Care Executive of the Future Award  
Christopher Lipp

Students presented awards to:

Student of the Year  
Christopher Lipp

Faculty of the Year  
Jerry Rutherford

In addition, this year for the first time the students were asked to select a Kansas Health Foundation Excellence in Teaching Award, which came with a \$1,500 prize. The winner was John Leifer.

## BREAKING NEWS: Jane's Moving On...



Jane Faubion, longtime Director of Student Services for the Health Policy & Management Department, has accepted a position with the Kansas Association for Medically Underserved (KAMU). She will serve as their Director of Community Development.

Please feel free to contact Jane at [jfaubion@kumc.edu](mailto:jfaubion@kumc.edu) to wish her well on her new endeavor!!

## HIM/ MSHA Joint Program Continues to Thrive

The joint Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management/Master of Health Services Administration Program was implemented in the 2005-2006 school year, and the first class completed the MSHA degree requirements over the summer session. After completing their HIM degrees last May, they entered the MSHA program in the fall of 2005 and took a substantial course load throughout the year.

The HIM program is a diverse undergraduate degree in healthcare, combining business, science and information technology through the coursework and practical experiences for the students. The similarity of the classes results in an easy transition for the HIM students entering the program.

The inaugural class was small, with only three students, but the program is growing and the MSHA program will welcome nine students from the HIM program for the upcoming school year. The new students in the joint program will take MSHA classes while simultaneously com-

pleting the last year of the HIM program.

BSHIM/MSHA graduate Diana Hoss '06 said, "The HIM students beginning the MSHA program will be well prepared for the topics and classes in the program. The MSHA is a natural progression of the HIM program and I found they blended together easily."

Graduate Jennifer Farris '06 agreed, saying, "The emphasis and dedication from the HIM staff to keep courses and topics current and applicable in their program made the transition to the MSHA program very easy. We already had a strong background in legal aspects of healthcare, information systems, healthcare and human resource management principles, quality controls and reimbursement, which was advantageous in the MSHA program."

*Congratulations to the HIM / MSHA Graduates!!*



Michael Bleich  
PhD, RN, CNAA, BC

## New Leadership for HP&M Program

*Interim Program Chair, Dr. Michael Bleich leads the Health Policy and Management program into the future.*

Described as ‘passionate, effective, and eternally optimistic’, Dr. Michael Bleich has a vision for the Health Policy & Management program. He envisions a program that leverages innovative and forward-thinking strategies to improve the curriculum, mentorship opportunities, and professional experiences that are necessary to successfully prepare students for the dynamic healthcare environment that awaits them.

Such leadership is nothing new to Dr. Bleich.

Among his accomplishments has been the creation of innovative and entrepreneurial academic–service partnerships. He has an unwavering commitment to developing effective clinical systems and practice models that promote patient-centered care, advanced nursing roles, and learning organizations that engage in systematic evaluation of service and academic programs – making explicit the value of patient care services in complex and dynamic health systems.

In addition to serving as the interim HP & M

Chair, Dr. Bleich serves as the Associate Dean for Clinical and Community Affairs at the University of Kansas School of Nursing and as Executive Director of KU HealthPartners, the faculty practice plan for the KU School of Nursing and the KU School of Allied Health. The KU HealthPartners model extends traditional direct care services to the expanses of consultation and project management, organizational development and partnerships with the business community.

*“Progressive and scholarly leaders will be needed to forge new relationships and solve the wicked problems that face our citizens and health care organizations. We aim to do just that.”*  
Michael Bleich

Before joining the KU School of Nursing, Bleich held various positions in patient services administration and nursing and health services administration

at other hospitals and educational institutions. He continues to serve on many national, international, and local committees and organizations.

This semester, Dr. Bleich will apply his skills and experiences, as well as creative style, while co-teaching Management with Drs. Mary Kinnaman and Sara Hart.

## ALUMNI UPDATES:

**-Andy Draper '94**, former director of provider and national health strategies at Cerner Corp., has been named senior vice president of business development and strategy at Houston-based Bluegate Corp., a healthcare IT outsourcing and consulting firm. He can be contacted at [adraper@bluegate.com](mailto:adraper@bluegate.com).

**-Christopher Stipe '97**, former CEO of Clara Barton Hospital, has been named CEO of East Texas Medical Center Quitman Hospital. ETMC is a twelve hospital system.

**-Ashwin Pamudurthy '04** has been promoted to be an administrator in the Department of Medicine at the North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System.

Would you like to share any news on recent alumni developments? Contact us at [info@jayhawkhealth.com](mailto:info@jayhawkhealth.com)

## Volunteer Opportunities Sought by JHAWK Student Organization



An essential pillar upon which JHAWK is built, as well as the HP&M program, is the duty to improve the lives of our surrounding communities. It is critical to use the skills and abilities of the student population to provide assistance to organizations through the greater Kansas City area.

Subsequently, the JHAWK student organization is actively seeking opportunities in Kansas City in which our students may provide assistance. Examples of volunteer activities include assistance with a blood drive, outreach program or health education event.

Please contact us at [info@jayhawkhealth.com](mailto:info@jayhawkhealth.com) if you know of such opportunities or would like additional information on the current activities of our students.

# Why Join JHAWK?

*Membership in JHAWK will provide a sea of opportunities*

The JHAWK student organization is committed to providing professional development opportunities for our students. These opportunities may come in a variety of ways including:

- Guest speakers representing the leadership in KC healthcare
- Social networking events
- Healthcare site visits
- Conference attendance (e.g. KHA Conference, ACHE Congress)
- Business card creation
- Resume building
- Access to a comprehensive fellowship directory
- Community volunteering
- Newsletter production
- Mock interviews and much more

The JHAWK membership dues are critical to the ability of our new organization to effectively plan for such activities and ensure the maximum benefit for the student body.

Please contact us at [info@jayhawkhealth.com](mailto:info@jayhawkhealth.com) if you have any questions or would like to share ideas for activities that would create a stronger JHAWK student organization.

**JHAWK membership dues, \$30, should be submitted by August 31st, 2006. Cash or checks should be given to Ryan Jarmer, Treasurer, or another JHAWK Executive Board member. Please make checks payable to the "JHAWK Student Organization".**

**Donations to JHAWK from faculty, alumni, and friends of the program are greatly appreciated and will be put to effective use! Please send any donations to the following address:**

**JHAWK Student Organization  
5014 Student Center  
Mail Stop 3044  
3901 Rainbow Boulevard**

## QUICK FACTS: CMS Health Care Trivia

1) How much did the U.S. spent on healthcare in 2004?

2) By 2015, U.S. healthcare spending is expected to grow to reach what value?

3) True or False: Spending *growth* on personal health care spending is projected to fall in 2007?

4) True or False: The elderly share of the population is expected to move from 12.5% to 21.3% by 2049.

[www.cms.hhs.gov](http://www.cms.hhs.gov)

**Answers:** 1. \$1.9 trillion 2. \$4 trillion, 3. True (7.0%) 4. True

## News and Announcements

### Spindler to Provide Guest Lecture



Thomas Spindler  
FACHE

Dr. Ellen Averett and the HP&M 810—Health Care Systems class will host Thomas Spindler, FACHE, on September 6, 2006 at 4 p.m.

Mr. Spindler is the area senior vice president of VHA Mid-America, the Overland Park, Kansas-based VHA office responsible for coordinating the delivery of national VHA programs and developing strategies, programs and services to meet the local needs of more than 185 VHA hospitals in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and most of Illinois.

All students are invited to attend his lecture.

### KUPI, Inc. Position Announcement

KUPI, Inc. is searching for a candidate for a Senior Administrator position within their Internal Medicine department. Information on this position can be found at [http://www.kuphysicians.com/kupi\\_jobs.aspx](http://www.kuphysicians.com/kupi_jobs.aspx)

Kansas University Physicians Inc. is the largest multi-specialty physicians medical practice group in the Kansas City area. Similar to almost any other physicians' office, KUPI has a wide range of key support staff positions; i.e. nursing, clerical, supervisors, etc. who are critical in supporting our affiliated physicians in their care and medical services they provide to their patients.

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## *Jayhawk Healthcare Administrators Working for Kansas*

### *Mission and Objectives*

*The mission of the JHAWK student organization is to promote leadership, community involvement, marketability, relationships and knowledge for students pursuing a career in health services administration through personal and professional development activities.*

#### **We strive to achieve this by:**

- Continually strengthening our interaction and collaboration with local health care organizations and professionals
- Offering opportunities and events which assist the development of the leadership and practical skills of our student body
- Using the talents of our student body to the greater Kansas City community in an effort to improve the health outcomes for all individuals
- Fostering a mutually beneficial relationship with the Schools of Allied Health, Nursing, Medical School, and other Graduate Studies at the Medical Center campus
- Maintaining an atmosphere of acceptance for all members of the student body, especially new students within the program
- Establishing a strong and consistent communication channel with our alumni group

#### **By performing these activities, we will:**

- Improve the ability of the Health Policy and Management program to recruit potential future students of the highest quality
- Assist the development of post-graduate career opportunities, such as fellowships, for the members of our student body
- Improve the ability of our student body to obtain internships and post-graduate fellowship; and further their health administration careers
- Improve the national reputation, and ranking, of the Health Policy and Management program

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