

JHAWK *forecast*

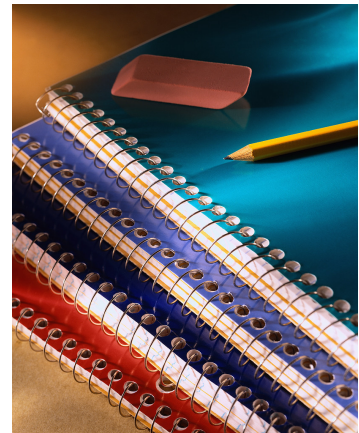
The Jayhawk Healthcare Administrators Working for Kansas student organization promotes leadership, marketability, relationships, and knowledge for students pursuing a career in health services administration through personal and professional development activities.

Welcome to the MHSA Program!

by Jennifer Daugherty

WELCOME! Whether you are new to the program or a returning student, I'm excited to welcome you on behalf of the Executive Board of JHAWK! Over the next few weeks you will learn much more about JHAWK, the vision and purpose of the group, and how we can help you navigate the MHSA program and be a helpful resource in building a network of peers and other professionals in the greater Kansas City area as well as across the nation!

JHAWK was formed one year ago as a way to bring together students, alumni, and area health care professionals for continuing education opportunities, professional and career development, and to facilitate the building of a strong network of resources. We accomplish this goal through dynamic guest speakers, valuable community service projects, useful career-building opportunities, and fun social events.



I would encourage you to begin considering JHAWK as an enhancement to the MHSA curriculum,

and a series of activities you do not want to miss! In addition, you can check out our web site at www.jayhawkhealth.com, as well as email us at jhawk@kumc.edu.

Remember, this is YOUR student organization and we exist to serve the your needs, so please share with us any questions, concerns, and suggestions for improvement you have!

I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Fondly,
Jennifer

About the JHAWK President:

Jennifer Daugherty earned her B.A. in Communication from the University of Kansas. She has five years of experience in health care and currently works as a manager in Solutions for the Child Health Corporation of America. Previously, she worked as a Business Manager in Maternal-Child Services at Stormont-Vail Regional Health Center. She anticipates graduating with her MHSA in May of 2008.

Introducing the 2007-08 JHAWK Board

Vice President T. Paul Rohrer

Paul grew up in Lake Quivira, Kan., and graduated from Rockhurst High School in 2000. He then went to Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, where he played football, was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, and majored in Marketing.

After graduating in 2004, Paul stayed in Des Moines to manage operations for company that owns several bars and nightclubs on the west side of town. In June of 2005, he moved back to Kansas City to work for a Red Bull distributor. Before leaving in April of 2007, he had started a new sales division and established the foundation for the next big growth area in new-age beverages.

Paul started the MHSA program as a full-time student in 2006. This summer he completed his internship with the Application Solutions Group (formerly Application Development) at Saint Luke's Health System.

Jessica, his lovely wife, and he were married this summer on May 26, traveled to St. Lucia for their honeymoon, and are now enjoying their house in Prairie Village, Kan. She is a mental health therapist at SAFEHOME in Johnson County working with victims of domestic violence.

Treasurer Ryan Schauer

Ryan's interest in pursuing an MHSA started developing when he began his Air Force career as an ICU medic. For the last eight years he has served in various active duty Air Force positions related to health care. His current assignment is to recruit health professionals for active duty service covering a four-state area.

Information Officer Dorothy Hughes

Dorothy, a part-time MHSA student, works as a government affairs and public policy manager in the Department of External Affairs at KU Medical Center. Before coming to KUMC, she spent three years as a health and social policy legislative assistant in the Washington, DC, office of Congressman Jerry Moran. She holds a B.A. in International Studies from American University.

Outreach Coordinator Susan Brown

Susan Brown serves as the Outreach Coordinator for the 2007 JHAWK board. In this role, she facilitates activities to promote the

student group in the community through service and fund raising events as well as enhancing relationships with local health-care organizations to strengthen support of the Health Service Administration students and alumni.

Susan is a part-time student and is in her second year of the program. She works as a project coordinator in the Marketing Department at the University of Kansas Hospital and has also served as support for KUH senior executives and authority board meetings.

She plans to pursue a position in strategic marketing and organizational improvement

when she has completed her degree. Susan grew up in Fort Scott, Kansas and has a bachelor's degree in Communication Studies from the University of Kansas. She currently resides in Overland Park.

Liaison Officer Jim Bloom

Jim Bloom worked last summer as a management trainee at the VA Eastern Kansas Health Care System in Topeka and Leavenworth. Before returning to graduate school in August 2006 to pursue a career in health services administration, Bloom worked more than 20 years in newspapers. He was editor and publisher of *The Hutchinson News* from 1997 to 2006 and *The Garden City Telegram* from 1987 to 1997.

He has a master's degree in business administration (1983) and a bachelor's degree in journalism (1980), both from the University of Kansas. He and his wife Susan have three children: Ashley, 21; Whitney 18; and Lindsey, 15.

Planning Officer Claire Lockwood will be featured in the August 31 edition of the newsletter.

STUDENT UPDATE:

Would you like to see a classmate profiled here?

Keep us up-to-date on the professional promotions and scholarly achievements of your fellow MHSA students, and we will be sure to feature their accomplishments.

Contact
the JHAWK Board at
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Summer Internship Provides Real-World Experience

by T. Paul Rohrer

Preceptor: Todd Hatton, MHSA, CPHIMS

Title: Corporate Director, Application Solutions Group

Location: Saint Luke's Health System, Information Services, Lee's Summit Technology Campus

Department: Application Solutions Group

My major project this summer was to aggregate all of the IT budget requests for the system. I prepared these requests for submission to prioritization committees who then decided which projects merited the devotion of IT budget monies.

This exposed me to the clinical and administrative needs and the organizations seeking IT solutions to satisfy those needs. The need appeared insatiable at the very least, as my preceptor was constantly bombarded via emails, meetings, and conference calls. I was able to attend many of these meetings

at departmental and leadership levels, also at various entities within the system.

Another project involved me working closely with the Chief Medical Information Officer to develop "e-forms" to allow for electronically filled physician orders. To summarize my experience, I must say that I received an incredible perspective on the macro and micro levels of providing information technology solutions in a health care setting. I met with vendors, nurses, physicians, executives, project managers, analysts, network engineers, and database administrators – just to name a few.

IT is not limited to a technological level; it is integrated into an organization's strategic plan to provide high-quality care. As a result, even if you aren't a "techie," you can find your niche on the strategic level.

Upcoming JHAWK Events

Tuesday, August 14
Happy Hour at Jaywalkers
39th and Rainbow, Kansas City, KS
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ORIENTATION!

Saturday, September 8
JHAWK at the K
Royals v. Yankees

Saturday, September 29
BBQ at Paul's House

More Information to Come!

Upcoming Speakers

Dates and Times To Be Announced

Gail Agrawal, JD, MPH

Dean and Professor, KU School of Law

Shelley Gebar, RN, MPH

Chief Operating Officer, KU Physicians Inc.

Chief of Staff to the Executive Vice Chancellor, KU Medical Center

Lee Norman, MD, MHS, MBA

Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, KU Hospital

QUICK FACTS: State Scorecard Trivia

1) How does Kansas rank in health system performance among the 50 U.S. States and the District of Columbia (one being the highest)? A. 32, B. 2, C. 42, D. 20

2) How does Kansas rank in providing 'healthy lives' for its citizens? A. 5, B. 27, C. 50, D. 8

3) True or False: Kansas ranks in the top quartile of states in which adult diabetics receive recommended preventive care.

Answers: 1. D, 2. B, 3. True, 4. True

Source: June 2007 State Scorecard Data, the Commonwealth Fund

Alumni Happy Hour Schedule for Fall 2007

September 6 @ Tanner's Bar & Grill
10146 West 119th Street, Overland Park, KS (119th & 69 Highway)
<http://www.tannersbarandgrill.com/locations.php>

October 4 @ Jaywalkers
39th & Rainbow, Kansas City, KS (across from KUMC)
<http://www.jaywalkersbar.com/>

November 1 @ Dave & Busters at Village West
1843 Village West Parkway, Kansas City, KS
<http://www.daveandbusters.com/Locations/Default.aspx?Loc=0049>

December 6 @ Gilhouly's
39th & Bell, Kansas City, MO
<http://search.cityguide.aol.com/kansascity/bars/gilhoulys/v-111826447>