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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.

Department Updates

By Dr. Glen Cox

I hope the new year finds all of you well and fully recovered from the holiday season. Welcome back to all of our returning Masters students and a special welcome to our first group of PhD candidates. While the new year will bring a number of challenges for the University and the State, our program is sound and the faculty and I look forward to the start of the Spring semester.

There are a number of events that will be taking place in the next few months. On January 23, the departmental faculty will conduct a Saturday retreat. Among the items on the agenda is a review of our experiences with the revised curriculum and consideration of any necessary changes or further revisions. We will also be discussing faculty recruitments in support of both the Masters and the Doctoral programs.

In late February, members of our department will be participating in the first formal gathering of representatives of the

departments in the School of Medicine that are working to develop the Institute of Community and Public Health. This event will take place in Emporia and will bring together faculty of the Departments of Preventive Medicine and Public Health in Wichita and Kansas City, the Department of Biostatistics, and the Department of Health Policy and Management. The purpose of this retreat is to build linkages among the faculty and the departments in support of our common educational and research interests.

Of course, the Spring semester would not be complete without commencement. Please mark your calendars for the joint hooding ceremony with the Master of Public Health program graduates, which will be held on Saturday, May 16th, 2009, at 1 p.m. in Battenfeld Auditorium here on the KUMC campus. More details about commencement and related activities will be shared in the coming weeks as they are finalized.

As many of you already know, Adam Keener has accepted the position of Director of Student Affairs Administration in the KU School of Nursing. While Adam will supervise a staff that performs many of the duties that he has performed for us in HP&M, his new position will bring a number of additional responsibilities including reorganizing staff workflow to support electronic application processing; creating, updating and evaluating of new student orientation programs; overseeing the admissions and student progression through the various SON degree programs; and advising the SON student governance organization. While I am sorry that Adam is leaving us, the department's loss is the university's gain. I am pleased that he has found a position of greater responsibility within the university that will allow him to continue to grow and develop. Please join me in congratulating him on his new responsibilities and thanking him for his capable service to the department during the time he has been with us.

Professor Spotlight

Meet a Professor

Robert S. Bonney,
MBA, JD, FACHE, Assistant Professor



Mr. Bonney is currently a senior vice president for the Saint Luke's Health System in Kansas City, Missouri. He has over 30 years of health care experience including major operations responsibilities for large hospitals, health systems as well as a managed care company.

Mr. Bonney holds masters' degrees in both business administration and health services management from the University of Missouri – Columbia and a law degree, *summa cum laude*, from the Michigan State College of Law.

He is a prolific author and has held faculty positions at several universities. In addition, he is a sought after speaker and has taught professional development courses for the American College of Healthcare Executives, the Healthcare Financial Management Association and the Medical Group Management Association. Topics for these programs include: Negotiation; Managed Care Contracting; Product Line Management; Consumer-Directed Health Care and Pay for Performance.

Mr. Bonney is board certified in healthcare management and a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

JHAWK Holiday Party

By Kelly Ann Harris

Charlie Hooper's Bar & Grill played host to this year's JHAWK Holiday Party held on December 13th, 2008. JHAWK members, Health Policy and Management faculty and staff, as well as family members and friends were all in attendance to help celebrate the holiday season and the ending of the fall semester. Those not in attendance missed out on an abundance of delicious appetizers and infectious holiday cheer. Many noted how much fun it was to socialize with other classmates as well as faculty and program staff members outside of our Orr-Major classrooms.

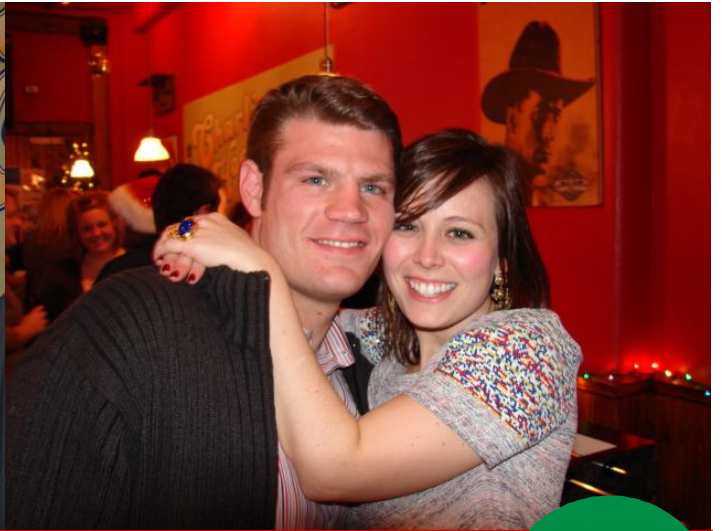
JHAWK events are a great way to become involved within the Health Policy and Management program at the University of Kansas Medical Center. We hope all who were present at the Holiday Party will continue being involved with JHAWK and JHAWK sponsored events during the upcoming semester. If you have not become involved in JHAWK, we encourage you participate; be on the lookout for more JHAWK events this spring!



JHAWK



JHAWK Holiday Party Cont.



JHAWK HOLIDAY BASH 2008



ACHE Chicago Check List



Mark your Calendars!

ACHE Congress Meeting

Wednesday, January 21st

7:00 PM, Orr-Major 1023

If you have any interest in attending ACHE Congress 2009, please join us for a planning meeting on Wednesday night!

Agenda:

- Answer questions about becoming an ACHE Student Associate
- Offer pointers for making Congress registration go smoothly
- Discuss the Auxiliary Funding the HPM Program received and how it will be divided to help our students cover the costs of ACHE
- Announce the KU Alumni & Student Gathering in Chicago
- Most importantly... *Discuss room arrangements!*

*** * * Interested in attending ACHE, but can't make the meeting? * * ***

Email Danielle Forbis at dforbis@kumc.edu *no later than January 30th* and let her know to put your name on the list for future updates!

You **MUST** email Danielle if you wish to receive a portion of the Auxiliary Funding to help with expenses!

ACHE Chicago Check List Cont.

ACHE Congress 2009 Checklist!

Suggested Deadlines:

To-Do Items:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | January 19 th | Join ACHE as a Student Associate member
http://www.ache.org/APPS/StuMem.cfm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | January 20 th | Preview the ACHE Congress sessions on the website or download the Congress Brochure. Make out a tentative schedule of the sessions you are interested in attending.
http://www.ache.org/congress/
<i>Links: "View Events" or "Download Brochure"</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | January 21 st | Go to the ACHE Congress Meeting
7:00 pm in Orr-Major Room 1023 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | January 22 nd | Go online and register for ACHE Congress 2009.
http://www.ache.org/congress/
<i>Links: "Register Online"</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | January 30 th | Reserve Lodging & Secure Auxiliary Funds
<i>Contact Danielle at dforbis@kumc.edu for information on the block of rooms our group has reserved in Chicago. Auxiliary Funds will be divided evenly among all attendees. Therefore, even if you are NOT staying at the same hotel, you MUST contact Danielle to ensure you receive funding.</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | February 6 th | Reserve Airfare
<i>Due to proximity and convenience, flying into Chicago-Midway airport is recommended over Chicago-O'Hare.</i> |

Extras to Consider:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Business cards | It is a great idea to have business cards with all of your contact information them to hand out when you make networking connections at Congress. Don't have business cards? Don't currently work in health care? No problem! You can have KU logo student business cards printed through the University Career Center. Place your order at https://www.nationsprint.com/clients/ku/ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Professional Portfolio | Consider bringing a nice professional folder, portfolio, or binder for taking down important notes and contact information during the sessions. |

Congratulations and a Warm Welcome to our First PhD Cohort:



Norbert Belz

Educational background:

MHSA, University of Kansas Medical Center
BS, Health Information Management, St. Louis University

Current position:

Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Health Information Management, KUMC, and Training Supervisor for Health Administration, Center for Child Health and Development, KUMC

Felipe Pereira

Educational background:

MHS (Health Policy), Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University
BA, Sociology, Brandeis University

Current position:

Health Insurance Specialist, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Kansas City

Kevin Sykes

Educational background:

MPH, University of Kansas Medical Center
BS, Biology, Trevecca Nazarene University (Nashville)

Current position:

Director of Clinical Research, Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, KUMC

This pioneering group of students began study in the doctoral program in Health Policy and Management at KUMC in January 2009. We wish them well in their studies.

If you are interested in applying for admission to the doctoral program for the Fall 2009 semester, contact Mary Zimmerman (mzimmerman@kumc.edu; 913.588.2688). The application deadline is February 14, 2009.

The InTern Files

A True Jayhawk Experience

By Joshua Gall



Preceptor: Scott Glasrud, CFO

Organization: University of Kansas Hospital, Westwood Campus

I am currently working at the University of Kansas Hospital in the finance department at Westwood while doing my internship. I took a different approach for my internship because I chose to do my internship during the school year versus the summer when most students do theirs. I think one of the main reasons that I made that choice was because last summer I really did not know where I really wanted to do my internship. I was also pondering the idea of writing a practicum instead of doing the internship, but ultimately decided I wanted to get the experience that the internship offered.

Having a background in finance, I worked with Dr. Mike Grasso in finding an internship that would work best for me. Mike contacted Scott Glasrud to discuss if KU had anything to offer in terms of an internship since they do not have any formal programs set up. I interviewed with Scott and we discussed an internship that would offer me the

needed tools and background in healthcare finance that would allow me to be prepared for the healthcare environment for when I graduate.

The timing worked out perfectly since it was the end of the fiscal year for KU Hospital when I started. I was able to see the audit process and I helped with the new budget for the hospital and all of its subsidiaries. I was exposed to all the variables and information that the hospital has to include when putting together the next years budget and forecasting for the future years.



Another great aspect of my internship was being able to work one-on-one with the upper management and directors, seeing what they do and some of the obstacles that they face when making sure the hospital runs smoothly. I attended many meetings with different directors covering many various areas for healthcare finance. A great example was the TRAC meeting that tracks different patients costs and if the hospital will be reimbursed. This allows for managing uncompensated care and to see if a patient qualifies for any cover-

age. I also attended charge meetings which related to all the new technology and software the hospital is using and ways to make it work better. This was important because this exposed me to how IT is becoming a bigger part of running the hospital.

My project for the internship was to help and develop an Access to Care Policy for the hospital. This project was by far the most time consuming for me because I had to meet with many different departments to determine what practices were currently in place and determine a hospital wide policy that would work across all of the departments. I then gave a presentation to Scott and some other executives about what I found and guiding principles for where the hospital may want to go. Overall the policy work was beneficial because it allowed me to see how relationships help in changing practices and to make sure that all areas are covered when looking to make a change. It was also very beneficial to have taken my policy class with Dr. Fox at the same time.

Ultimately, I have enjoyed my internship experience at KU Hospital. I wanted to have more of an organizational wide learning experience that dove more into operations, but I believe that my financial background will give me great opportunities in the future. Finances are always going to be an important part of healthcare so anyone who wants to increase their understanding in this area should consider this internship at KU Hospital.

Upcoming Events

January

January 15th—Classes Begin

January 19th—JHAWK Board Meeting in Dykes Library 1028 at 6:00 PM

January 22nd— HIMSS HOA—7:30-9:00 AM – CIO Roundtable. Polsinelli Law Firm – 700 W. 47th St, Kansas City, MO 64112 – Phone 816-753-1000. Members Free, Non-members \$30

End of January - Wine Tasting Event (TBA Shortly)



February

February 23rd - JHAWK Lecture on the KC Hospital Market (more information to come)

Please make sure to check out www.jayhawkhealth.com for updates and more information on these events!

Alumni:

Don't forget to check out the HP&M website from time to time. You can even update your own information through this website:

<http://www.kumc.edu/hpm/alumni.html>

Mark It!

Mark Your Calendars!

March

Beginning March - Phil Buttell and Dr. Lanspa , Quality and Strategic planning in healthcare lecture (more information to come)

March 16th-20th - Spring Break

March 23rd - 26th - ACHE Congress in Chicago (more information to come)

April

April 13th - JHAWK Lecture Interviewing Techniques (more information to come)

April 25th - Dr. Grasso's BBQ (more information to come)

May

May 2nd - JHAWK Bowling Event (more information to come)

May 17th - Graduation (more information to come)

January Birthdays

Deepanjali Dummi 1/10

Lafe Bauer 1/27

Alison Starks 1/28

Noelle King-Whitlow 1/31