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JHAWK

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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.

The March Madness for Future Executives

By Laura Jones

American College of Healthcare Executives Congress in Chicago is almost here. What does this mean? People are gearing up for a special time in Chicago. Why so special? Well, I've been going to ACHE since I was an undergrad at Creighton. Every time I had gone, the conference seemed to get better and my relationship with healthcare executives across the country has expanded. The experience that is gained at this conference is worth a million and the relationships you build with others interested in healthcare are priceless.

Some of the best advice I took away from executives at the conference was during the annual 8K walk/run. Last year I ran with a CEO from out west, who gave me advice on my future pathway. He told me the direction that I should take and told me what the best executives out there were doing to become leaders. It was the take of experience that I hope everyone that is going gets to experience. Another great experience at ACHE was getting to know my classmates better. Going to ACHE with a lot of my classmates was great because after the trip, we came back better friends. It was a defi-

nite bonding experience for me. It is important to gain relationships with other health administrators, but I believe that it is even more important to gain a relationship with your classmates. After we graduate and all become administrators at different healthcare organizations, we are going to have a built relationship through the people we know.

For those attending ACHE for the first time, you will find it is filled with many opportunities and seminars to attend. The seminars that you will attend are going to be geared towards helping you learn new innovated processes that you can take back to your organization. The seminars are not only geared to give you new innovative processes, but to help you step into a leadership role as you apply these processes to your healthcare organization. If you are not attending ACHE this year, try to find someone who is to fill you in on a topic that you are interested in. Chances are they are going to provide you with a lot of details and may even have a packet from that seminar.

What else is there to do in Chicago when there is downtime? Well, Chicago is filled with stores and plenty of other things to do. Michigan Avenue is a popular street for those who love shopping and don't forget about some of the really great restaurants surrounding the area. One of my favorite restaurants in Chicago is the ESPN Sports Center restaurant. Chances are if you are looking for me, I will be there watching the basketball games!

For all going to ACHE, I hope you have a wonderful time. I hope that you take away innovative processes that are going to help you build your organization and self. I hope that you get the chance to talk one on one with a CEO that helps you with the direction to your pathway into health administration. Lastly, I hope that you have fun and build relationships that you are going to take away with you. For all those going, I will see you there, ready to experience one of the greatest experiences to a young administrator eager to learn.

See you in Chicago!

Professor Spotlight

Meet a Professor

**Mary Zimmerman, Ph.D., Professor
PhD Program Director**



Dr. Zimmerman received a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Minnesota and has done post-doctoral work in epidemiology under an NIH Research Fellowship. She was on the faculty of the School of Medicine at the University of Minnesota – Duluth prior to coming to the University of Kansas in 1982. In addition to her appointment at the Department of Health Policy and Management, she also holds an appointment as Professor in the Department of Sociology.

Dr. Zimmerman teaches Research Inquiry to Support Evidence-Based Practice (HP&M 819), Health and Social Behavior (HP&M 858), Women and Health Care (HP&M 877), and Comparative Health Care Systems (HP&M 879) in the MHA Program. She also teaches a course in Scandinavia in some summer terms, taking U.S. students abroad to learn more about health care systems in another part of the world. Her current research is in the areas of long-term care, social inequality and adverse birth outcomes, and local spending for health care. Her recent publications appear in the *International Journal of Health Services*, *Journal of Ambulatory Care*, *the Journal of Poverty*, and the *Journal of Health Administration Education*. She has contributed numerous chapters to books.

Dr. Zimmerman has been active in professional service, regionally and nationally. She also serves on many doctoral committees across the University. She was a Fulbright Scholar in 1990 and a 2000-2001 recipient of a W.T. Kemper Fellowship for Teaching Excellence at the University of Kansas.

JHAWK Lecture Series: Kansas City Hospital Market Presentation

By Kelly Ann Harris

Bob Bonney, MBA, MHA, JD, FACHE and Senior Vice President of Saint Luke's Health System spoke on February 23 to a large group of HPM students regarding the hospital market in the greater Kansas City metropolitan area. The students in attendance found this information particularly helpful and important since many will be graduating in May or looking to secure an internship in the area this summer.

Considering the tough economic climate, Mr. Bonney provided students with insight into what they might encounter as well as where to look when job hunting in the area in the near future. Like most industries right now, Mr. Bonney indicated there are some hospitals in the area that are in a better financial situation than others. He pointed out different health plans in the area experiencing growth in membership as well as those who have seen a decline. Mr. Bonney also talked about the uniqueness of the hospital market in town due to the metro area being split between the two states, each having different requirements in constructing new healthcare facilities.

A big thank you to Mr. Bonney for coming and sharing this information with us!



ACHE Alumni Gathering

KU Alumni Gathering

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CHICAGO!

Please email Dr. Grasso at mgrasso@kumc.edu
if you think you might join us!

Location: Kincade's in Lincoln Park

950 West Armitage Avenue

Chicago, Illinois 60614

Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Time: 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

\$25 Per Person includes:

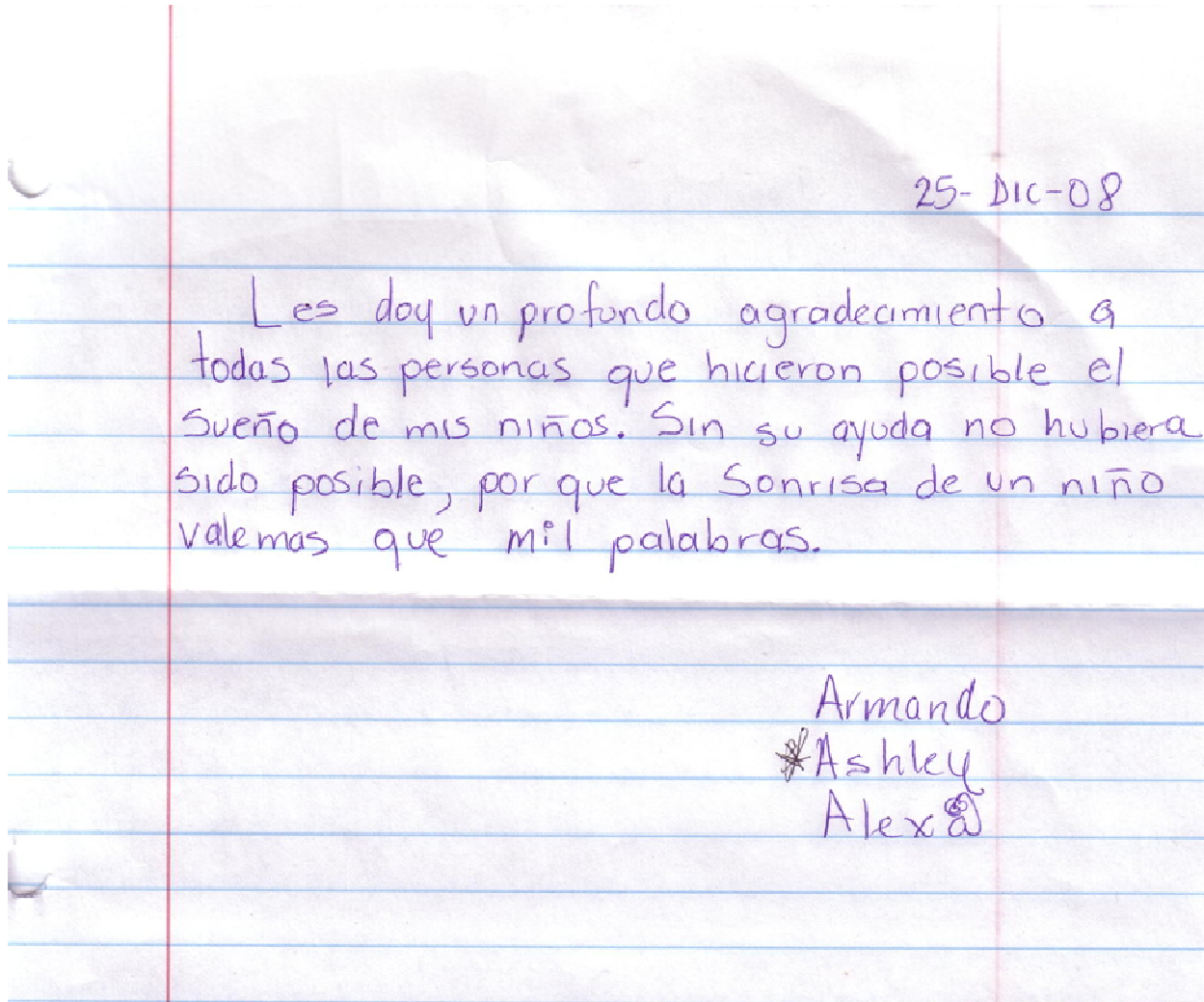
****collected at time of the event****

- ▶ Draft beer, wine, soda, well drinks, domestic bottles ◀
- ▶ Cheese pizza, chips & salsa, chicken wings, veggies ◀

◆ www.kincadesbar.com ◆ 773.348.0010 ◆

A Thank You to JHAWK

By Erica Kloehn



Thank you JHAWK!



Back in December, JHAWK adopted and filled Christmas wish lists for 7 area children. One of the families has expressed their gratitude with this thank you note. Loosely translated, the note reads: "I give a deep appreciation to all those who made possible the dream of my children. Without their help it would not have been possible, that a child's smile is worth a thousand words."

Thanks to everyone who has taken part in JHAWK's outreach activities this past year. I hope that by being able to see the impact we have made on just one family will spur even more JHAWK participation in community activities in the future.

Graduation Information

Questions about Graduation



Commencement Eligibility

All degree candidates for spring or summer 2009 and persons who received degrees in summer or fall 2008 are eligible to participate.

Apply for Graduation

Students must apply online to graduate by signing into the Enroll & Pay system, click on "Student Center," choose "Apply For Graduation" from the drop-down menu list under the Academics section or click on "Graduation" in the upper left hand corner menu and choose "KU Apply for Graduation." HP&M students had until **March 1st** to apply for graduation.

Caps, Gowns and Hoods

All participants dress for Commencement according to traditions stemming from the world's oldest universities. The regalia worn by graduates and faculty members signify the various degrees, disciplines, and institutions of the members of the academic procession, and are an outward sign of membership in the university community. The regalia also signifies the responsibility of the new graduates to uphold certain universal ideals — freedom of inquiry, tolerance of alternative views, the pursuit of truth, and the free exchange of knowledge. These rights and responsibilities are conferred upon the graduates by the chancellor of the university during the Commencement ceremony.

Master's degree recipients purchase souvenir regalia that do not need to be returned. Master's candidates purchase a master's gown, hood, cap, and tassel (black). Hoods must be rented and returned.

Tassel Colors

Doctoral and master's candidates have black tassels. Souvenir KU tassels are also available for purchase. Those are blue and red.

For more information, visit www.kubookstores.com.

Regalia Purchases

Purchase rates: Master's cap, gown, and tassel, \$30; master's hood, \$20. Prices do not include tax.

Regalia Rentals

Place rental orders for master's and rental orders for doctoral and faculty regalia at the medical center bookstore between **Jan. 26 and March 20**. No orders guaranteed after March 20. Bachelor's regalia will be available for purchase in the bookstore starting Jan. 26. A \$15 late fee will be charged for rental orders received after the due date. For information, call (800) 262-7509. Payment is due at time of ordering.

Receiving Rental Regalia

Rental regalia may be picked up in the Medical Center bookstore from **May 12-16**.

Returning Rental Regalia

Graduates and faculty should return regalia to the medical center bookstore. Returns will be accepted without penalty through **May 22**.

Hoodings

The hooding ceremony, which is held jointly with the MPH students, is scheduled for **1 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2009, in Battenfeld Auditorium** in the Student Center Building on the KUMC campus. The ceremony lasts about an hour, and there is a reception for family and friends immediately afterward.

Graduates also will be invited to attend a cocktail reception during graduation week. This reception, which is also a joint function with the MPH students, is a chance for HP&M faculty and staff to recognize and thank our graduates for their work while in the program. Details for this function have not yet been finalized, though it's most likely that the event will be held on either **Thu., 5/14/09 or Fri., 5/15/09**, location yet to be determined, around 3 p.m.

The Department doesn't formally plan activities for the Commencement on the Lawrence campus on Sun., 5/17/09, though students are welcome to organize and gather on their own. It's quite a unique experience, probably unlike any college graduation you've witnessed or participated in.

Diplomas

Medical center undergraduate and graduate diplomas (and certificates where applicable) will be available in the Medical Center Student Records office (3014 Student Center) after June 22. Students who want their diplomas mailed must complete the Diploma Delivery Request function within Enroll and Pay. MD diplomas will be handed out during the School of Medicine hooding ceremony. Diplomas will not be provided for students with financial and/or other obligations to the university. Contact the registrar's office at kumcregistrar@kumc.edu or call (913) 588-7055 for more information.

Classified

Jobs

Senior IT Operation Manager University of Kansas Medical Center

Position Summary

Construct all applications systems and project management efforts to provide integrity, security/confidentiality, and availability of database as well as promoting standardization of IS systems, practices & policies for the Center of Outcomes Research & Education.

Qualifications

BS degree in computer science or a field related to the primary area of responsibility, and a minimum of four years of relevant Information Technology experience. A minimum of 2 years of Health Information Systems technical implementation or database support, experience in working with SQL Server, Access databases, extensive MS Excel development skills, and skills of SPSS data analysis and management.

Assistant Director, Protocol and Development and Publications Office University of Kansas Medical Center

Position Summary

This position serves as Assistant Director by directing the day to day operations of the Protocol Development and Publications Office (PDPO) of the Clinical Trials Shared Resource (CTSR) and the University of Kansas Cancer Center in the development of high quality protocols, grant applications and publication materials in a time sensitive manner. This position is responsible for the continued enhancement of the Protocol Development and Publications Office, its services and products in accordance with the KUCC strategic plan. As required, this position will also participate in project-related work. This position will supervise and manage functional service and collaborative projects ensuring the strong relationship management with investigators and other research staff as well as ensuring quality deliverables related to the PDPO and the CTSR. This position is responsible for ensuring that all work is completed in accordance with the KUCC strategic plan, SOPs, policies, practices and state and federal guidelines.

Qualifications

Bachelor's degree in a scientific or healthcare related field and a minimum of 3 years of management level clinical research experience and five or more years of relevant healthcare

related training. Prefer Masters Degree in a scientific discipline, with at least 7 years of research project management experience in an academic setting, pharmaceutical company environment or in a regulatory agency, and at least five years management experience. Experience writing and assembling complex research protocols and proposals. Demonstrated leadership and administrative skills to properly manage project operations. Must have excellent organizational, managerial and communication skills (oral and written).

If you would like to apply to these positions, please visit: <https://jobs.kumc.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/frameSet/FrameSet.jsp?time=1236919272701>.

Announcements



Joshua Gall, HP&M student, and girlfriend Ashley Huppe will be having a baby boy April 28th, 2009. Congratulations to you both and we wish you the best.

Congratulations to the New JHAWK 2009-2010 Board:

President—Kelly Harris
Vice President—Noelle King-Whitlow
Treasurer Officer—Megan Cline
Information Officer—Rebecca Miller
Liaison Officer—Amber Messmer
Planning Officer—Vishal Patel
Outreach Officer—Tanner Forster

Congrats and Good Luck to you all!

Engagements/ Marriages

If you would like to post something , please contact jhawk@kumc.edu.

For Sale

\$930 / 2br - Apartment (bills too!)

We have a wonderful apartment and hate to leave!

135 & 75th St (Georgetown Apartments)
2 Large Bedrooms
2 Full Bathrooms
Wash/Dryer Hookups
Fenced In Yard (great for pets - it makes it easy to "let the dog out")
Free Storage Unit

Access to:
Outdoor pool
Indoor pool
Gym
Play room
Buisness room
Pool room
Sauna.

All bills included :) \$930 <http://www.wmproperties.com/properties/residential/georgetown/photos.phtml>

Interested? Please call Jerry Reichardt at 785.229.9903.

If you would like to post something , please contact jhawk@kumc.edu.

Gossip

If you would like to post something , please contact jhawk@kumc.edu.

Upcoming Events

March

March 1st - Sign up for graduation

March 16th-20th - Spring Break

March 20th—Turn in your hotel receipts to Deborah Lewis for those attending ACHE for a reimbursement

March 20th—Last day to get your graduation regalia

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

April

April 13th - JHAWK Lecture Interviewing Techniques from Dawn Murphy of St. Luke's Health System's Human Resources

April 25th - Dr. Grasso's BBQ (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!

May

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

May 16th - Graduation 1:00pm, Battenfield Auditorium



May 22nd—Return all graduation regalia

Birthdays

No Birthdays

SO SORRY!

