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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.

ACHE Congress 2009

By: Becky Miller

After months of planning, through the hard work of Danielle Forbis, 14 members of the University of Kansas Medical Center’s Health Policy and Management program were represented at this year’s American College of Healthcare Executive’s (ACHE) congress in Chicago, IL. It was a whirlwind trip that brought numerous learning opportunities and networking opportunities to the attendees. JHAWK sponsor, Dr. M. Grasso, attended the congress and advised the students with key tips on which sessions were most beneficial and the schematics of the conference.

Nightly events were planned for KUMC attendees along with one event that included KUMC alumni. Each event gave us a cultural experience of Chicago.

One session gave superior instructional information regarding LEAN and Six-Sigma. This session proved to be beneficial for application into the workforce. This topic discussed the differences between LEAN and Six-Sigma. Some of the other sessions, I attended, included a great speech between two mentors from the Texas area regarding characteristics of administrative personnel in the healthcare setting. They spoke of the importance of integrity when taking on an administrative role in the healthcare field. I look forward to next year’s conference and the opportunities and knowledge that I will gain from my attendance.



Professor Spotlight

Meet a Professor

**Mike Fox,
Sc.D., Professor**



Dr. Fox received an Sc.D., with a major in health policy and management, from the School of Hygiene and Public Health at The Johns Hopkins University. He has graduate degrees in Studies in Behavioral Disabilities and Biostatistics and Clinical Epidemiology from the University of Wisconsin and Medical College of Wisconsin also. He worked in a variety of administrative, research, and teaching positions prior to joining the University of Kansas in 1995.

Dr. Fox's teaching and research interests are in the areas of public health, disability and health policy. He teaches courses

on Health Policy, Medicare and Medicaid, Clinical and Administrative Data Analysis, and Outcomes Evaluation in the MHA Program and has taught Public Health Administration in the Master of Public Health Program through a joint appointment in the Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health. He is currently the Associate Director for Health Policy at the Research and Training Center on Independent Living at the University of Kansas-Lawrence. Recent research has been as the P.I. on a Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation funded study of paralysis surveillance, Co-P.I. on the CDC funded Nobody Left Behind project which investigates disaster management that affect persons with physical disabilities, and P.I. on two CDC grants that work with the Kansas Office of Injury and Disability Prevention on reducing secondary conditions among persons with disabilities in Kansas. Dr. Fox's publications appear in Health Affairs, Health Services Research, the Journal of Ambulatory Care Management, the American Journal of Public Health, the Journal of Poverty, the Journal of Disability Studies, Medical Care, the Journal of Health and Social Policy, the Journal of Family and Community Health, Kansas Journal of Law and Public Policy, Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved, the Journal of Disability and Health, Kansas Policy Review, and the Journal of Rehabilitation, among others. He is a co-founder and past president of the Kansas Health Consumer Coalition (KHCC).



Graduation Information



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.

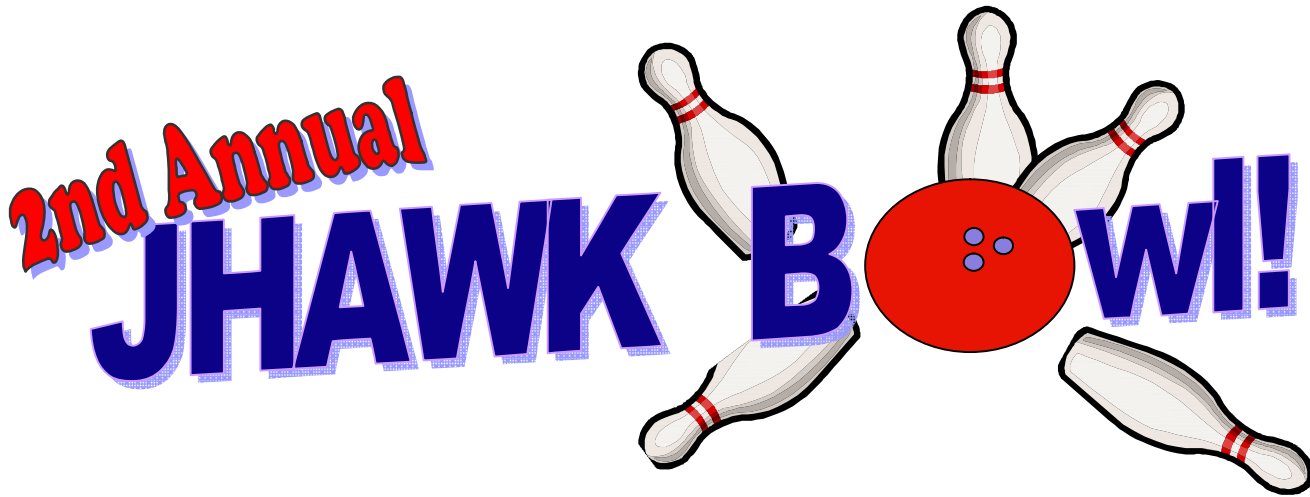
Graduates also will be invited to attend a cocktail reception during graduation week. This reception, which is also a joint function with the MPH students, is a chance for HP&M faculty and staff to recognize and thank our graduates for their work while in the program. Details for this function have not 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.



Bowling Tournament

Saturday May 2, 2008
3-5 pm @ Ward Parkway Lanes

\$100 per team
Last Day to Register is April 30th

2 Games and Shoe Rental included!

Ward Parkway Lanes:
1523 W 89th Street
Kansas City, MO

Jayhawk Healthcare Administrators Working for Kansas

All Proceeds Benefit:

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Thank you Dr. Grasso

By Danielle Forbis

Thank you, Dr. Grasso!

We do not want to let ACHE Congress pass without making a point to thank you for your dedication and support. It meant a lot to us as students to have faculty representation with us at a professional development event like ACHE. Thank you for your unwavering support for us as a unified student body and as individuals. We are grateful for your dedication to the program and all that it represents in our desire to impact healthcare. As students, we greatly appreciate your guidance, wisdom, and the faith that you have in us as change leaders for the future of healthcare.

With Gratitude,

ACHE 2009 Student Attendees



Pictured left to right: Neha Sharma, Ali Starks, Kevin Arnhold, Danielle Forbis, Lafe Bauer, T. Paul Rohrer, Noelle King-Whitlow, Becky Miller, Angela Tallant, Dr. M. Grasso, Erica McMenamain, Laura Jones

"Dr. Grasso - Thank you for being such a great support and putting the alumni event together! You are an incredible advocate for us and I really appreciate everything you do...bringing the Jayhawk stickers for our name-tags was pretty awesome too! Thanks!" – Paul Rohrer

"I don't think that there are words for how grateful I am for all the ways you've shown your support & confidence in me. I wouldn't be making the professional strides I am if it weren't for your actions & words of encouragement! Thank you." – Ali Starks

"Dr. Grasso – Thank you for being there for all of us in Chicago. Your presence is a sign of your commitment and dedication to the students in the HP&M program. Thank you for being so supportive." – Becky Miller

"Dr. Grasso – You have been a wonderful mentor and strong advocate for our educational and career goals. I cannot thank you enough for your encouragement and the impact you have made on me as student and as a young professional who still has a lot to learn! I greatly appreciate your willingness to be an active supporter of our efforts as students. Thank you!" – Danielle Forbis

New JHAWK Officers

Incoming JHAWK officers for year 2009-2010

President: Kelly Harris

I graduated from the University of Kansas in December 2007 with a degree in Health, Sport, and Exercise Science. I became interested in the administrative aspect of health care delivery through a physical therapy internship required as a part of my undergraduate degree. In considering my options for graduate school and my new found interest, I decided to obtain my graduate degree in administration rather than in physical therapy.



I have a wide-range of hobbies and interests, which include: cooking, music, health, college football and basketball, reading, shopping, spending time with my family and friends, and (of course) school.

My major goal for the next few year is to obtain an administrative fellowship somewhere in the Midwest region. I have yet to determine the administrative area in which I am most interested. However, I am hoping that my internship will help me in my decision.

Liaison Officer: Amber Messmer

I am looking forward to serving as JHAWK's Liaison Officer for the upcoming school year.



I came to KUMC after graduating in May from the University of Missouri at Kansas City. I am currently a full-time student along with working part-time for my family's plant service company and at the University's Cancer Research Center as a lab assistant in one of the drug development labs. I am working on becoming certified in Laboratory Animal Handling and am excited to become more involved in the surgical procedures that are performed. This summer I will be an intern at the Kansas City Veteran's Hospital and I am planning on participating in the Health and Social Policy Study Abroad Program in Sweden.



Treasurer: Megan Cline

I am originally from Kansas City and lived here most of my life. I attended undergrad at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas and received a B.S. in Mathematics. I then received my M.S. in Biomedical Sciences with a certificate in Clinical Research from Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science in North Chicago, Illinois. After completing my degree I moved back home and worked at Children's Mercy in the Medical Research Department. Now I am a full-time student in the MHSA program.

Information Officer: Becky Miller

I am married with one child. I graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln, NE in May 2008. I am in the joint Master's degree at KUMC for health service administration and nursing (organizational leadership track). I graduated with my RN in Dec. 2001 and have experience in the GI field and in critical care. I presently work at NDNQI (National Database of Nurse Quality Indicators) as a part-time graduate research assistant.



I enjoy playing golf, tennis, and basketball (with my son). At this point in my education, I hope to lobby for nurses after graduation. I have a strong passion for the nursing field and hope I can make a difference in the political realm.

Planning Officer: Vishal Patel

Vishal is currently completing his first year in the MHSA program. He has worked as a Risk Management Analyst in disability claims at Liberty Mutual since May 2006. In this position, he efficiently manages and makes liability determinations of disability cases for various accounts using contractual provisions, procedures and federal legal guidelines in risk management. After graduation, he plans to work his way into a management role within his company. In his free time, he enjoys not thinking about work, spending time with family and friends and watching/playing sports.



Vice President: Noelle King-Whitlow



I am Noelle King Whitlow, currently a full-time student enrolled in the dual Master of Science in Nursing and Health Service Administration. I received my BSN from the University of Kansas. I have been a registered nurse for 14 years working in various roles. I am a loving wife and mother of three active boys. I enjoy volunteer work within my community, reading, and am a sports fan.



Outreach Officer: Tanner Forster

Classified

Jobs

The Guidance Center Accounting/Information Systems Intern Job Description

This position would be a 10-12 week internship running from May to August and paying \$12 per hour. Candidates would be graduate students who have completed 1 year of the Health Policy and Management Program at The University of Kansas. The purpose would be to expose the intern to as many departments and processes as possible, while utilizing their graduate-level skill to perform time intensive tasks that other full time staff does not have time to address. The intern would report daily to our main office at 500 Limit Street in Leavenworth, KS, about 35-40 minutes from the KU Med Center. There is a possibility of working remotely a day a week.

Reporting – Intern will work with department managers to determine reports that are currently being used and clean up menus with reports after documenting findings. Assist with design of dashboard reports to determine real-time Center performance.

Accounting – Would be in charge of asset management for the summer. This would include labeling all significant assets, and entering them into the Fixed Asset Database.

Assist with mapping accounts between ADP and Avatar to the Accounting System.

EMR Upgrade – Assist with documentation, training, and process revision for EMR changes taking place over the summer. Assist with training and

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rollout of documentation system for summer youth programs.

Microsoft SharePoint Implementation – Intern will research features and functionality of Microsoft SharePoint and assist with implementation of web 2.0 user groups and possibly online form completion.

Health Policy- Intern would attend statewide and other meetings with Clinical Director, IS Director, Finance Director, and Executive Director when possible.

Shadowing – The intern will spend time in Billing, Front Desk, and Clinical areas if possible to observe and learn how each department operates.

Other Projects – Assist with other projects when applicable.

If interested, please contact Erik Nyberg to apply. 913-758-9427 or enyberg@theguidance-ctr.org

Engagements/ Announcements

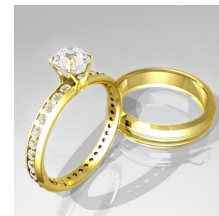
Nicole Ladesich, HP&M Student, May '09, and fiancé, Drew, are expecting a baby girl April 12th, 2009. She is named after Nicole's mother in law (Kailee Virginia Conrad), whom they lost to cancer-July 2008.

Also Nicole and Drew are engaged as of December 2008.

Congratulations Nicole and Drew!

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

Marriages



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

For Sale



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

Gossip



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Upcoming Events

April

April 13th—Guest Lecturer JHAWK Lecture Interviewing Techniques from Dawn Murphy of St. Luke’s Health System’s Human Resources, 7:15 PM, Orr Major 1014

April 25th - Dr. Grasso's BBQ

On hold for now - Wine Tasting Event (more information to come, please make sure to stay tuned)



May

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



May 7th—Last Day of Classes

May 16th– Graduation

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!

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April Birthdays

Erica McMenamin	4/2
Andrew Warnes	4/3