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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.

Congratulations Graduates !!!

Plans after graduation and words of wisdom for next year's graduating class:



After graduation I am going to Puerto Vallarta, MEX for a week with my wife, Jessica. We will be celebrating the end of graduate education in our relationship (she received her Master's from Drake University in 2006) and our two year wedding anniversary. I will continue working at Saint Luke's Health System as an IS Analyst in the Application Solutions department. I am responsible for implementing and managing projects involving the following applications: enterprise scheduling system, surgical documentation and resource management, electronic ICU and laboratory. I will also continue to be involved in HIMSS and ACHE and look forward to adding further professional credentials to the MHSA on my business cards (e.g. CPHIMS, FACHE, FHIMSS). My yard has also been severely neglected this spring with the lack of free time, so I plan on working on my green thumb in addition to lots of tennis, fishing and golf this summer.

Famous last words:

Get involved with your peers and resist the urge just to get through the program. This is a great step in building your professional network and health care is a pretty small world, especially if you remain local. Also, remember the Pareto principle as it applies to grad school – 80% of your results come from 20% of your efforts. I almost killed myself going for the 4.0 my first year while working (it took me some time to let go and accept that a 90% got me the same "A" as a 100% would). Just remember what your priorities are and work smarter to have the most effective results based on your time spent.—**Paul Rohrer**



I am heading to the Navy after graduation. KU was fun, but I'm ready to go! My first duty station will be in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, where I will be assigned to the 2nd Medical Battalion. This medical unit deploys with the U.S. Marine Combat Logistical Group, whose mission is to provide logistical support for our fighting Marines. I have been in the Navy for 21 years that include both reserve active duty time, but this will be the first time with the Marines. For a Health Care Administrator Officer in the Navy, there is a variety of great opportunities. These include fields like, Education and Training Management, Financial Management, Fleet Marine Force, General Health Care Administration, Health Care Facilities Planning, Information Management, Human Resource Management, Medical Logistics Management, Patient Administration and Operations Research. As you can see, I will not be bored! It has been a great opportunity for me to attend KU, and it will be a great honor to serve my country again!

I asked a Navy Officer from Camp Jeune about the major attractions in Jacksonville, NC, which is the nearest town to the base. He said, "They have two Wall-Marts and it is a good fishing place! However, the Navy has taken me places like Hawaii, Florida, DC, Maryland, Europe, Middle East and Kansas! As the Navy slogan says, "It is not job, it is an adventure!" I am ready to go! Thanks faculty for your wisdom and friends for the good time!

—**Joseph Edourd**

Continuing Words from Our Seniors



1. What are your plans after graduation? Where are you going to work? Full-time or part-time? Are you doing a fellowship? If so, how long? Where at?

- I plan to remain in the division of Quality Improvement at Truman Medical Center as a full-time employee. I will begin the planning process for my wedding sometime in 2010 here in Kansas City.

2. Any last words for the in-coming class and the second yr. class for next year?

-To my current colleagues, thanks for the wonderful memories!

-To the second year class, best of luck!

—Neha Sharma

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As I am the recipient of a 2-year administrative fellowship with Seattle Children's Hospital, I will be relocating within a month after graduation. Having taught preschool prior to starting the MHSA program, I am thrilled to be able to bring together my two passions of children and healthcare.

I very much look forward to both the professional and personal growth the move is going to provide me in the next 2 years.

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I think the most important piece of advice I can offer is: leverage the ability you have to network with peers and professors. While I learned a tremendous amount from the professors, I was equally benefited by the knowledge and experiences my peers had to share. As the years have progressed, and the relationships have strengthened, it has amazed me how greatly my expectations have been exceeded. Without these relationships, I would not have been provided some of the opportunities that have gotten me to where I am today and where I plan to be in the future.

—Alison Starks

I plan to stay in the Kansas City area, continuing employment at HealthPoint Physicians, PA managing the contracting and accounts receivable of the physician practice. I began employment with this type of work in August 2008. I now work doing contract work and will continue this practice.

Good luck to next year's graduating class. I know you all will do well in your future endeavors.



—Danielle Forbis



I currently work for KUMC as a Credentialed Trainer and Proctor for the new provider notes portion of O2 - EMR. I will complete that in May. Then I will be working an internship with the Kansas City VA from June to September (at least). My goal is to either land a full time position at the VA, KUMC, or any other system within the Kansas City area.

- a. If you don't have any clinical or health care experience, do as many projects with face time or work jobs at the school to build experience. That has been a factor in my ability to find employment (I transitioned from high tech to health care).
- b. Be sure to contribute to team projects, it makes everyone's life easier.
- c. If you work full time, you need to prioritize and manage your work/school efficiently as possible because it is a lot of work (including some site visits and other things that come up during work hours).
- d. You can park anywhere on campus after 4 pm without fear of a ticket.—**Michelle Horne**



- I will be doing an Administrative Fellowship at the Kansas City VA Medical Center. It is a full-time fellowship that starts in June 2009 and will last one year.—**Kevin Arnhold**
- I currently work as the Campus Administrator at Marillac Center in Overland Park, KS. I will continue to do this full time until I find something more interesting. I am considering applying to medical school next year to pursue my lifelong dream of becoming a physician.
- To the on-coming and second year students I would like to say that relationships and interactions are very important when you start your new careers. I thought that book knowledge would give me an edge in this industry but I quickly found out that the hardest part of this field is developing and maintaining relationships. I can't stress the importance of class group projects enough. I've had my fair share of let downs as well as uneven work-loads in the program but this WILL happen in any "real-world" situation and you can't go running to your boss that it isn't fair. Ultimately it is how you handle those situations that will determine whether you succeed or fail. —**Kevin Choe**
- I am joining the Overland Park law firm of Holbrook & Osborn where I will be practicing health law (contracts, compliance, etc for healthcare providers) and some medical malpractice defense. I will be taking the Missouri Bar Exam the last week of July, so most of my summer will be spent studying. As for words of advice, I'd just say good luck. Take things one step at a time and you can make it through . —**Stacy Harper**
- I recieved an offer for a fellowship with the Texas Health Resources system, based out of Arlington, Texas. I will report to the CEO, Oscan L. Amparan, at Harris Methodist Hosptial Fort Worth, and Douglas Hawthorne, System CEO. I plan to move to Texas immediatly following my wedding and begin working full time June 1st, 2009.

Last Words for the graduating class: Thanks for everything - we made it.—**Melissa Wolken**

- I will continue working full time as the compliance coordinator for Saint Luke's Medical Group after graduation, and in the fall will start law school part-time at UMKC.
— My advice to incoming students and to continuing students in the program is to work closely with classmates and instructors in the program and to produce the highest quality work you're capable of on every assignment. We have very talented students and professors in the program, and it's important to show them all what you're capable of.—**Richelle Beckman**

Graduation Day



Key Note Speaker: Dr. Roderick Bremby, Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment



Accompanied with Dr. Bremby are Amber Messmer and Kelly Harris



Upcoming Events

August

June—Summer Planning (Date TBA)

August—New Student Orientation; Classes Begin
(Dates TBA)

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!

-June: Summer Planning

- August 20th: First Day of Classes

May Birthdays

Josh Gall 5/1

Linda Nagel 5/5

Neha Sharma 5/12