Greetings.
I’m happy to introduce the new, redesigned PharmaKan.
As you will see, we’ve expanded it a bit in an effort to include more news about the school, our faculty, our students, and you, our alumni.
You told us you wanted to hear more about what’s happening in and around the KU School of Pharmacy, and we’re excited to take on that challenge.
In exchange, we would like to hear more about what’s happening in your lives. If you have news that you would like to share with your fellow alumni, let us know.
The upcoming Alumni Notes section will be your place to announce your new job, awards and professional achievements of any kind. We’d also like to hear about your personal achievements such as marriages and new children or grandchildren.
Alumni will also be included in our monthly news and feature stories, so if you have ideas, send us a note at pharmakan@ku.edu.
Thank you, and Rock Chalk Jayhawk!

AGE OF DISCOVERY

Ellen Burke 4P, demonstrates how to give a shot at the South Middle School Science Expo in Lawrence. Burke and four of her classmates spent a Saturday afternoon speaking with local students about the science behind the study of pharmacy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

New Student Orientation
August 17

SOP Open House
August 19

Professionalism Convocation
August 29 (Lawrence)
August 30 (Wichita)

Welcome Back Picnic
September 4 (Lawrence)
September 6 (Wichita)

SOP Tailgate Party
October 27

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KU CANCER CENTER EARN NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE DESIGNATION

KU SCHOOL OF PHARMACY PLAYED KEY ROLE IN DECADE-LONG ENDEAVOR

The KU Cancer Center has earned the designation as a National Cancer Institute (NCI) cancer center. The NCI recommended the KU Cancer Center for the designation at a June 25 meeting in Bethesda, Md., endorsing a nearly decade-long effort that has brought top cancer researchers, access to advanced care and millions of dollars in cancer research funding to the region and inspired profound advances in the care of cancer patients.

“The National Cancer Institute has recognized our scientific excellence, and the designation validates what we already knew — that research conducted at The University of Kansas Cancer Center is already helping to eliminate the burden of cancer,” said Roy A. Jensen, M.D., director of The University of Kansas Cancer Center. “We are extremely proud of what this designation means — and it’s a dream that could not have become a reality without the commitment and enthusiasm shown by thousands of our closest friends.”

As a result of the designation, Jensen said, patients will have access to clinical trials that are available only to NCI-designated cancer centers. The KU Cancer Center will be able to apply for federal research grants available only to NCI-designated cancer centers, with the potential for bringing millions in additional funding to the area.

Jensen noted NCI designation grant funding will translate into new business and opportunities for growth in the region’s biotechnology industry. Since 2006, university leaders estimate the NCI effort has created 1,123 jobs and contributed $453 million to the region’s economy.

PHARMACY RESEARCH BRINGS NATIONAL ATTENTION & FUNDS TO UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

The announcement that the KU Cancer Center earned the elite designation of National Cancer Institute was met with enthusiasm at the School of Pharmacy, not only because of what it means to the university and the state, but also because of the key role the school has played in the decade-long endeavor.

Building on the success of those who came before them, KU School of Pharmacy researchers continue to be among the nation’s leaders in research projects funded by the National Institutes of Health. The school is regularly near the top of NIH funding rankings, and 2011 was the 11th consecutive year that the school ranked in the top five. Although the funded projects are wide in scope, cancer research has played a large role over the years. University Distinguished Professor Val Stella has helped develop seven of the 19 cancer drugs formulated through the National Cancer Institute. The elite designation as a National Cancer Institute will provide School of Pharmacy researchers even greater opportunity to work in collaboration with fellow researchers at the KU Medical Center and the Kansas Cancer Center.

“This is an important milestone for the University of Kansas and for the KU School of Pharmacy,” School of Pharmacy Dean Ken Audus said. “The distinction of earning NCI status is a result of true collaboration among the entire KU community. We are extremely proud of the role our school has played in that.”

KU SCHOOL OF PHARMACY NIH FUNDING

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The KU School of Pharmacy and the University of Kansas Hospital presented the Harold N. Godwin Leadership Legacy Award to Jeanne Rucker Ezell on Dec. 6, at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists in New Orleans. Ezell is a KU graduate and director of pharmacy at Blount Memorial Hospital in Maryville, Tenn.

The Harold N. Godwin Leadership Legacy Award recognizes outstanding leadership and contributions to the pharmacy profession by alumni and friends of the KU residency training programs. It is presented annually during the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Midyear Clinical Meeting.

Brian J. Barnes is the new associate dean for academic affairs at the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy. Barnes will replace Ron Ragan, who earlier this year accepted a dean’s position at a new school of pharmacy in High Point, N.C. Barnes earned his doctor of pharmacy degree from KU and joined the school of pharmacy faculty in 2002. He was promoted to associate professor with tenure in 2009. He holds two faculty appointments, one with the Department of Pharmacy Practice and one within KU’s School of Medicine. With support from the Medical Center’s Cardiovascular Research Institute, Barnes led an interdisciplinary, collaborative research group for the Mid-America Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery service at the University of Kansas Hospital. He completed residency training in pharmacy practice and critical care at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St Louis. He has also completed a National Institutes of Health K30 program offered by the KU School of Medicine Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health. He is currently a senior administrative fellow at KU. Barnes will oversee the school’s academic curriculum and direct its assessment programs. He will work closely with KU School of Pharmacy Dean Ken Audus to ensure that the school’s curriculum and outcomes remain among the nation’s most highly ranked.

“As a former student and faculty member, Brian has an appreciation of the importance of balancing clinical and basic sciences in the curriculum,” Audus said. “I’m confident he will do a great job of further developing the school’s assessment plan and providing the feedback we need to appropriately and continually update the Pharm.D. curriculum.”

In addition to his administrative responsibilities, Barnes will continue to teach and conduct research within the school. He looks forward to the challenge of the added responsibilities.

“KU has positively influenced my career in many ways, including a solid basic science and clinical education, as well as opportunities for instruction and mentorship in teaching and research methods. I’m excited to be able to give back to the university by serving as an associate dean,” Barnes said.

Ragan’s departure presented the opportunity for the school to reorganize some activities and responsibilities, including title changes for three key staff members. Associate Dean of Administration Gene Hotchkiss was named senior associate dean. Clinical Assistant Professor Joe Heidrick was named assistant dean of experiential learning, and Director of Finance and Human Resources Cheryl Holcomb was named assistant dean.
GOVERNOR PRAISES SCHOOL FOR SAVING TAX DOLLARS

University releases $4.5 million back to state after expansion finishes under budget

Gov. Sam Brownback lauded KU officials in August as the university released $4.5 million in bonding authority back to the state after the School of Pharmacy expansion project finished close to 10 percent under budget. The governor thanked the School of Pharmacy for its fiscal responsibility during the planning and construction of the new Lawrence facilities and the expansion to Wichita.

“We appreciate the School of Pharmacy sending their funds here. That’s deeply appreciated,” Brownback said. “This is excellent.”

Senate President Steve Morris, R-Hugoton, noted that, for legislators, this was a rare occurrence don’t see that type of activity often, the return of state funds. “This doesn’t happen very often,” he said. The council granted a request from the Kansas Development Finance Authority to reallocate the bond proceeds to the Statehouse restoration project. Money saved on the School of Pharmacy project will reduce the next round of bond funds needed for the restoration project and result in a significant economic savings to the state of Kansas and to taxpayers.

KU School of Pharmacy Dean Ken Audus speaks with Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback after the university returned $4.5 million to the state.

KU SCHOOL OF PHARMACY NO. 2 IN NIH FUNDING

For the second time in three years, the KU School of Pharmacy is ranked No. 2 in the nation in National Institutes of Health funding. The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy reported that KU received more than $22 million in NIH research funding in fiscal year 2011.

This marks the 11th consecutive year the school has been ranked in the top five. KU is the only Big 12 institution in the top 10 this year. “The fact that we remain among the top five programs year after year is a great testament to the quality of faculty researchers we have at the KU School of Pharmacy,” said Dean Ken Audus. “They are doing important, world-changing research and bringing millions of dollars of outside funding into Kansas every year.” Additionally, the School of Pharmacy ranks No. 1 nationally in the value of awards per funded faculty members. The school’s 20 NIH-funded faculty members bring in nearly $1 million each. Additional funding is awarded to researchers who collaborate with colleagues from other schools. “The fact that our researchers receive the most funding on a per capita basis tells me that we are second to none when it comes to the quality of our faculty and the quality of the research they perform,” Audus said.

KU Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little said the NIH rankings affirm the KU School of Pharmacy’s status as a national leader. “These rankings reflect the fact that our faculty are aggressive and competitive in securing outside funding for research,” Gray-Little said. “More important, it demonstrates their commitment to making discoveries that improve our health and our overall quality of life.”

The KU School of Pharmacy is ranked 20th in the nation among public schools of pharmacy according to US News & World Reports.
Twenty two high school students spent a week this summer at the KU School of Pharmacy, where they learned more about the school’s programs and about the pharmacy profession. Coordinated by Senior Associate Dean Gene Hotchkiss, this was the school’s 16th High School Summer Camp. In addition to learning about career opportunities in the pharmacy profession and the pharmacy education curriculum at KU, camp participants learned how to conduct blood glucose, cholesterol and hypertension screening procedures; prescription compounding techniques; and the prescription dispensing process. They also spent one day touring area hospitals, retail and specialty pharmacies as well as pharmacy research facilities at KU.
Students from KU’s student chapter of the National Community Pharmacists Association spent portions of their winter and spring breaks traveling across Kansas to visit independent pharmacies and their owners. The annual trips are sponsored by KU–NCPA, a professional pharmacy student organization that promotes independent pharmacy as a career option. Each of the students is interested in a career in independent, community pharmacy. Group co-adviser and Senior Associate Dean Gene Hotchkiss coordinates the annual trips. He said the visitation program, or road trips as the students call them, help build relationships between pharmacy students and pharmacy owners in Kansas. The hope is that those connections will eventually lead to transitions of ownership and a continuation of vital pharmacy care services to the people of Kansas. “Independent community pharmacies are critical health care resources for rural communities,” Hotchkiss said.
SENIOR AWARDS & PHARM.D. HOODING CEREMONY

Members of the KU School of Pharmacy Class of 2012 watch as the senior awards are presented at the annual Senior Recognition and Pharm. D. Hooding Program on Saturday, May 12 at the Crafton-Preyer Theatre in KU’s Murphy Hall.

Associate Dean Ron Ragan congratulates graduate Amanda Hoffman after the ceremonial hooding. Right, Dean Ken Audus presents a hood to Charles and Nancy Rees, parents of Sara Schebler. Sara passed away during her 6P year. The school also presented the family with a posthumous Doctor of Pharmacy degree.

Graduate Meghan Kolich was chosen to represent the class of 103 graduates by delivering the keynote address.
Commencing with the fall 2012 semester, I will begin my 26th year with the KU School of Pharmacy. This career pathway was unexpected, unplanned for, but most definitely the highlight and passion of my career in the profession of pharmacy.

I graduated from the KU School of Pharmacy in 1969. I was a first-year student (3P) in the same year that Howard Mossberg began his 25-year tenure as dean of the school. Little did I suspect or imagine that in August of 1986, I would be working for Howard at the School of Pharmacy.

I hope to make this column a regular PharmaKan feature and provide comments in each issue with respect to our presence in Lawrence, Wichita and at KU Medical Center with news and information about student, faculty, and program activities and events of interest to our alumni and friends throughout Kansas and anywhere Pharmacy Jayhawks have found a place to roost.

I have observed close-up and fortunately had the opportunity to be a participant in many of the changes made in the School of Pharmacy over the past 25 years.

Viewing our magnificent new west campus building at 2010 Becker Drive, which opened in August, 2010, is similar to one’s first experience in viewing the Grand Canyon. Pictures do not do this building justice. You have to personally visit this awesome facility to appreciate the tremendous asset this building and its technologies are to our students, program, the University of Kansas and the state.

If you have not yet visited our new facility in Lawrence, I encourage you to add this to your ‘bucket list’ for the next year. We are open to the public 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.- Fri. Due to the technology features of our building it must remained locked during evenings and weekends except for special events and pre-arranged tours.

Of course, you will also want to include on your list a visit to our new KU School of Pharmacy – Wichita Campus located at 1010 N. Kansas, which accepted 20 students in the fall 2011 and is also an impressive addition to our infrastructure.

A fantastic feature of our new building in Lawrence is the Pharmacy Museum (‘The History of Pharmacy Lives Here; The Future of Pharmacy Begins Here’) which includes interactive videos, video information presentations, a functional soda fountain used for special events and exhibits documenting the history of pharmacy education at KU and the profession of pharmacy in Kansas and the nation. In addition to the learning technologies and student-focused amenities of our new building, we have the Mortar and Pestle Café with a soda fountain, which is open to the public. Drop by for a malt, root beer float or sundae, and enjoy our facility.

The KU School of Pharmacy Annual Alumni Reunion Weekend and pre-game Tailgate Buffet will be in the School of Pharmacy building, 2010 Becker Drive on Sat., Oct. 27 for the KU Homecoming Football Game versus the Texas Longhorns. You will find details on our website at www.pharm.ku.edu in a few weeks. That weekend would be a great time to visit the KU School of Pharmacy. We hope to see you then.

Go Jayhawks – Rock Chalk!

Gene

SCHOOL NEWS

AWARD-WINNING FACILITY

JE Dunn Construction won an Award of Excellence from the Associated General Contractors (ACG) of Kansas for their work on the KU School of Pharmacy building in Lawrence. Judges cited significant construction features, innovative construction techniques and outstanding examples of workmanship. The award was presented Jan. 20 at the ACG state convention in Wichita.

A 25-YEAR PERSPECTIVE

GENE HOTCHKISS
SENIOR ASSOCIATE DEAN

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Larry Davidow, clinical assistant professor and director of the School of Pharmacy’s integrated laboratory class, teaches a group of area residents about prescription drugs at the KU Continuing Education building in Lawrence. Davidow’s class, “Prescription Drugs: Effects, Costs and Ethical Issues” was part of Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

DAVID OCHOA
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

My fellow Jayhawks,
As you have read through the new PharmaKan (which is great isn’t it?), I’m sure you have figured out by now that we have some pretty phenomenal faculty and students. I get the opportunity to see them in action every day and their accomplishments and ambitions never cease to amaze me.
To say it has been a big couple of years for our program would be like saying Kansas is better than Missouri. Both are obvious statements. We have increased the size of our incoming classes 60 percent over the past two years, and moved from 18,000 square feet in Malott to over 120,000 in our new facilities in Lawrence and Wichita. This significant growth is attributed to Dean Audus and his staff, as well as the many alumni who championed this effort to their legislators.
So now that we have shiny new facilities, we’re set to go right? Actually anyone who has ever upgraded their home and increased the size of their family knows that moving in is only the first step. Because of the generosity of the state, we are fortunate that we can focus our fundraising efforts on the people inside the building rather than building itself. This includes raising money for scholarships, professorships, and fellowships, all which are tied directly to the overall strength of our program. These efforts will be critical as we strive to continue our tradition of being one of the best schools of pharmacy in the country and we need your help.
I have met many of you in my travels, and I look forward to visiting with those I have not. I am honored to serve as an ambassador of the pharmacy program and thank you to all of our supporters who have made the school the recipient of your generosity. If you ever have any questions about giving back or KU Endowment, please feel free to contact me anytime.
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Jeff Aubé, medicinal chemistry, has been appointed University Distinguished Professor, effective with the start of the Fall 2012 semester. Aubé is one of three professors to earn this distinction this year. Joining him are Ann Cudd, philosophy, and Maryemma Graham, English.

“This title is a very significant honor, and I am pleased to recognize three of our finest faculty members through this award,” Vitter said. “Appointment as a University Distinguished Professor is a reflection of many valued accomplishments and contributions to KU, which range from excellence in the classroom to ground-breaking research.”

“The pool of nominations was evidence of the great number of talented and accomplished faculty we have at KU,” Vitter said. “Professors Aubé, Cudd and Graham stood out with their great contributions to their disciplines and their major contributions in teaching and scholarship. I want to congratulate each for this well-deserved recognition.”

Aubé joined the KU School of Pharmacy in 1986, when he was recruited to the Department of Medicinal Chemistry as an assistant professor. Brought up in Connecticut and Florida, Aubé received a Bachelor of Science from the University of Miami and a doctorate in organic chemistry at Duke University in 1984, and prior to coming to KU he was a National Institutes of Health postdoctoral fellow at Yale University. Aubé has held a number of positions at KU, including service as interim director of the KU Center for Teaching Excellence, interim department chairperson (from 2003 to 2005) and director of Atlantis, a trans-Atlantic dual-degree program involving universities in the United States, Germany and Ireland. Aubé currently directs two large NIH-funded initiatives in the general field of chemical biology and drug discovery, both of which enable KU researchers to participate in national networks devoted to biomedical research.

Donna Coffman, clinical assistant professor, received the Alpha Rho Chapter’s 2012 Award for Teaching Excellence. Pictured with Coffman from left to right, Professor Rick Dobrovsky, students Jeremy Snyder, Brittany Potter, Chris Carter, Olivia Unruh, Jareb Stallbaumer, and Tabitha Snyder.

**Jeff Aubé earned a $20.2 million NIH research grant, the second largest grant ever awarded in Kansas.**

**AUBÉ WINS PRESTIGIOUS COPE SCHOLAR AWARD**

University Distinguished Professor Jeff Aubé won the prestigious 2012 Arthur C. Cope Scholar Award. The award, presented by the American Chemical Society, recognizes excellence in organic chemistry. Only 10 scholars are named each year, and the honor can be earned only once in a researcher’s lifetime. Medicinal Chemistry Chair Barbara Timmermann said the honor brings distinction to the entire KU community. “Jeff Aubé has brought prestige to our department and university by receiving a top award from the ACS,” she said. “This award is given in recognition of excellence in organic chemistry to the best of the best.”
**SCOTT DEFINES SHAPE OF CANCER ENZYME**

Emily Scott, associate professor of medicinal chemistry, has provided the first experimental evidence regarding the shape of cytochrome P450 17A1 – or CYP17A1 – an enzyme that makes hormones that promote the growth of prostate and breast cancer. By defining the shape of this enzyme, Scott’s research will enable the design of more effective drugs to stop undesirable hormone production in cancer patients.

“To inhibit an enzyme, a drug needs to bind to it,” Scott said. “But without knowing the shape of an enzyme, designing a drug to bind to it is like designing a key without knowing the shape of the lock. By revealing the shape, our research will enable the design of better ‘keys,’ or in this case, better drugs.”

Scott’s findings – coauthored by then-graduate student Natasha DeVore – appear in the Feb. 2 edition of Nature, the world’s most highly cited interdisciplinary science journal.

**STELLA EARNS HIGHEST HONOR FROM AAPS**

Val Stella, university distinguished professor of pharmaceutical chemistry, has received the Distinguished Pharmaceutical Scientist Award from the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS). The scientific award is the highest honor presented by AAPS and is bestowed no more than every two years and only when a worthy candidate is identified.

According to the AAPS, the Distinguished Pharmaceutical Chemistry Award recognizes the accomplishments of an individual deemed outstanding because of the impact of his or her work in the pharmaceutical sciences and technologies. The work must have significantly advanced the frontier of the field and must be demonstrated by a continued effort that involves the testing and establishment of basic concepts, according to the AAPS. These concepts must have important scientific significance and have stimulated research investigations by others.

**PRISINZANO EARNs ROBERTSON AWARD**

For his pioneering work on treatments for drug abuse and addiction, Thomas Prisinzano, professor of medicinal chemistry, has earned one of the top accolades bestowed upon medicinal chemists. Prisinzano has received the 2012 David W. Robertson Memorial Award from the Division of Medicinal Chemistry and the American Chemical Society.

The award, sponsored by the Pfizer Endowment Fund, is given annually to “scientists under the age of 40 who have made seminal contributions to the discovery of novel therapeutic agents or who have made substantial contributions and discoveries in medicinal chemistry.”

The society will recognize Prisinzano for his work associated with the medicinal chemistry of drug abuse. He has contributed widely to the understanding of the hallucinogenic natural mint plant Salvia divinorum and its major active component, salvinorin A.
Students from the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy teamed up with the United Way of the Plains to deliver free flu vaccines to those in need on Saturday, Oct. 15 at the Guadalupe Clinic in Wichita. This was the third year that KU’s Academy of Student Pharmacists and the United Way of the Plains have offered the Operation Immunization clinic. The event, in collaboration with the Guadalupe Clinic and the KU School of Medicine-Wichita JayDoc Community Clinic, is aimed at people who are unemployed, uninsured or unable to pay.

Over the past four years, KU pharmacy students have raised funds to provide more than 2,500 flu shots to area residents in need.
STUDENT NEWS

STUDENT VIDEO WINS NATIONAL HONORS

The KU School of Pharmacy student chapter of the American Pharmacists Association – Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) took home the top prize in a national video competition hosted by the APhA.

The video is part of a “Share Your Story” contest. The top 10 videos were showcased on March 12 at the group’s annual meeting in New Orleans and the student produced video by the KU School of Pharmacy was announced as the overall winner.

View the video at the KU School of Pharmacy website: pharm.ku.edu/page/news/student/2011/12/08/apha_asp_one.asp_video

WORLD AIDS DAY

The KU School of Pharmacy chapter of APhA-ASP donned red shirts and created a human ribbon to show their support for World AIDS Day on Dec. 1.

A group of KU Pharm.D. students joined area pharmacists for KPhA Legislative Day in Topeka on Jan. 31. KPhA Executive Director Mike Larkin said the annual event allows pharmacists and students the opportunity to meet with legislators and executive branch leaders. “As KPhA members know, when it comes to the legislative process, the strength of any group’s influence lies in its numbers.” Pictured at left, students pose for a photograph with Kansas State Senate President Steve Morris.

Tommy Lupton was second runner-up in the 2011 patient counseling competition at the Annual American Pharmacists Association meeting in Seattle. Tommy, a 3P at the time, competed against 120 other students.
STUDENT NEWS

KOSKO, 4P, ELECTED TO REGIONAL APHA-ASP POSITION

Wesley Kosko, 4P, was elected Region 6 Midyear Regional Meeting Coordinator for APhA-ASP. In his new role, Kosko will be responsible for assisting APhA staff in planning, promoting and executing the 2012 APhA-ASP Mid-year Regional Meeting. Serving as the MRMC is an opportunity for student pharmacists, like Kosko, to enhance their event-planning skills as they coordinate the Friday evening social, MRM Expo and a regional educational session. Kosko also attended the APhA-ASP Regional Officer Meeting in January in Washington, DC.

CAREER CONVERSATIONS

Pharmacy students gathered at the Holiday Inn Holidome in Lawrence in January for the annual Pharmacy Career Fair. Approximately 100 May, 2012 Pharm.D. candidates attended the event to learn more about post-graduate career and residency positions. Pictured right, 6P students Jacob Hadley and Katie Blackbourn are interviewed by potential employers. Below, Chad Ullom of Walgreens and Pat Parker of Lawrence Memorial Hospital talk with students about career opportunities within their organizations.

Before they graduate, KU School of Pharmacy students work at least 1,760 hours in a professional pharmacy or hospital setting.
Juan Toledo, ‘04, received the 2010-2011 Outstanding Teaching Award from the Office of Experiential Education in the University of California, San Diego School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. A clinical pharmacist on the progressive care unit at the UCSD Medical Center, Toledo serves as a preceptor to fourth-year pharmacy students. In addition to his daily mentoring duties, Toledo put together mock pharmacy resident interviews for students interested in pursuing a residency program.

ALUMNI NOTES - COMING SOON

We know that our alumni are doing great things, and we want to hear about them. The new Alumni Notes section of the PharmaKan is the place to share your good news and to let your fellow alumna know what's happening in your life, both professionally and personally. If you win an award or are recognized by your community, we want to hear about it. If you get a new job, get married, or have a new child or grandchild, we want to hear about it. We want this section to be a place where you share your news. Please send all announcements to Jackie Hosey, communication coordinator, at pharmakan@ku.edu. In addition to your news, please include your name, including your maiden name of applicable, and your year of graduation.

To the right, you will see two examples of how the alumni notes will look. If you would like to include a photograph, please attach a jpeg file to your email.

At least one KU School of Pharmacy alumnus is practicing pharmacy in 95 of the state’s 105 counties.

DEAN’S CLUB MEMBERS CATCH UP AND RECONNECT AT ANNUAL DINNER

Dean Ken Audus hosted the annual Dean’s Club dinner on April 27 at the School of Pharmacy. More than 100 members attended the event where they enjoyed an evening of dinner, drinks and catching up with friends old and new. The KU School of Pharmacy Deans Club recognizes supporters who donate at least $1,000 in a given year.

David Schoech ‘82, was named Preceptor of the Year by the National Community Pharmacists Association.

Jody Bosch Sellers, ‘81, was one of the 2011 Mildred Clodfelter “Millie” Alumni Award at the Hilltop Honors program Sept. 2 on the KU campus in Lawrence.
ALUMNI NEWS

SOP ALUMNI RETURN TO MENTOR STUDENTS
STUDENTS SEEK CAREER ADVICE FROM SOP GRADUATES AT CAMPUS CONVENTION

Far left: Kansas Senator Vicki Schmidt talks to students about her path from pharmacy student to state legislator. Left: Amber Lucas leads one of the day’s break-out sessions, where students learned more about specific fields of pharmacy.

From left: Katie Brown, Mike Bellesine, Brian Caldwell, Amber Haag, and Doug Funk participate in a panel discussion on MTM. The Pharmacy Professionalism and Advocacy Conference was organized by student members of the APhA-ASP. About 125 pharmacy and pre-pharmacy students from KU and surrounding universities attended the Feb. 4 event. Below: Students ended the day with a professionalism fashion show where they demonstrated the dos and don’ts of dressing for a job interview.

The KU SOP has more than 4,000 living alumni, and about 63 percent of them live and work in Kansas.
IN MEMORIAM

The University of Kansas School of Pharmacy would like to acknowledge the passing of our friends.

Fred W. Alexander
Kansas City, MO, KU School of Pharmacy Class of 1950, passed away on Feb. 24, 2012

Allen Asher
Phoenix, AZ, KU School of Pharmacy Class of 1956, passed away on March 2, 2012

Edward Barlow
Tallahassee, AL, KU School of Pharmacy Class of 1949, passed away on Jan. 10, 2011

Bruce Bricker
Highland Village, TX, KU School of Pharmacy Class of 1983, passed away on July 3, 2011

Arthur A. Clevenger
Yakima, WA, KU School of Pharmacy Class of 1950, passed away on Nov. 10, 2011

Charles Crook
Madison, TN, KU School of Pharmacy Class of 1955, passed away on Dec. 19, 2010

Virginia Kaspar Dolezal
Lawrence, KS, KU School of Pharmacy Class of 1940, passed away on Dec. 21, 2011

Bernard E. Domann
Fort Collins, CO, KU School of Pharmacy Class of 1959, passed away on Feb. 5, 2012

Cline H. Dragoo Jr.
Lawrence, KS, KU School of Pharmacy Class of 1940, passed away on Dec. 21, 2011

Elton Evans
El Dorado Springs, MO, KU School of Pharmacy Class of 1957, passed away on Aug. 7, 2011

Thomas Fox
Detroit, MI, KU School of Pharmacy Class of 1952, passed away on Nov. 20, 2011

Ronald Gaugh
Maryville, MO, KU School of Pharmacy Class of 1955, passed away on April 25, 2012

Arthur W. Green
Bakersfield, CA, KU School of Pharmacy Class of 1950, passed away on Sept. 17, 2010

Bob Henre
Great Bend, KS, KU School of Pharmacy Class of 1952, passed away on Dec. 30, 2011

Mary Knauer McBeth
Topeka, KS, KU School of Pharmacy Class of 1952, passed away on May 28, 2012

Col. Robert O. Iott
Yakima, WA, KU School of Pharmacy Class of 1960, passed away on Oct. 20, 2011

Michael Johnson
Burlington, KS, KU School of Pharmacy Class of 1977, passed away on Dec. 29, 2011

Ralph W. McClung
Longmont, CO, KU School of Pharmacy Class of 1951, passed away on Dec. 2, 2011

Doug Perine
Rossville, KS, KU School of Pharmacy Class of 1973, passed away on Sept. 15, 2011

Charles Powell
Bonner Springs, KS, KU School of Pharmacy Class of 1951, passed away on June 24, 2011

Sara Schebler
Kansas City, MO, KU School of Pharmacy Class of 2012, passed away on Aug. 29, 2011

Judy Shinogle
Baltimore, MD, KU School of Pharmacy Class of 1988, passed away on May 20, 2012

Allen A. Sebaugh
Woodland Hills, CA, KU School of Pharmacy Class of 1943, passed away on March 14, 2011

Charles “Chuck” Tice
Hiawatha, KS, KU School of Pharmacy Class of 1947, passed away on Sept. 16, 2011

Harlan D. Unruh
Chico, CA, KU School of Pharmacy Class of 1953, passed away on July 11, 2011

Jay Wiens
McPherson, KS, KU School of Pharmacy Class of 1971, passed away on Feb. 21, 2012.