New Community Outreach Partnership

KU ENT is developing an exciting partnership with Avenue of Life Community Outreach in Kansas City, KS. We hope that this ongoing relationship will provide opportunities for our employees to experience personal growth, strengthen our department's tie to the community, and address some of the needs of our neighbors.

Avenue of Life works to equip and empower low-income individuals and families to be self-sustained and independent. Their goal is to facilitate the journey from hand-outs (emergency relief) in crisis, to hand-ups (individual betterment) for those ready to rise above their circumstances, to hand-offs (community development) to indigenous leaders of a transformed community.

Each month, the department will provide a volunteer opportunity, and each quarter we will be collecting items needed in the community. To find out about future KU ENT volunteer opportunities, contact tquaethe@kumc.edu. You can learn more about Avenue of Life at their website, avenueoflife.org.

How to Help

- **Volunteer** at an upcoming event
- **Read** more about Avenue of Life at avenueoflife.org
- **Donate** your gently used furniture, clothing, and other items
- **Participate** in the mattress recycling program
- **Consider** a monetary donation to help fund one of Avenue of Life's programs
KU ENT Graduation Day

On Friday, June 21, KU ENT celebrated four graduating residents and three fellows. Top Left: Alexander Chiu, MD, department Chair, and Shannon Kraft, MD, Residency Director, congratulate graduating residents Andrew Holcomb, MD, Tran Locke, MD, Matthew Shew, MD, and Sreeya Yalamanchali, MD; Top Right: Department faculty enjoy the evening celebration at Brass on Baltimore in downtown Kansas City, MO; Middle Left: Dr. Andrés Bur received the Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award. Bottom Left: Alexander Chiu, MD, Eric Norris, Linda Norris, department alumni Vance Jermstrom, MD, and Jeffrey Bumpous, MD. Dr. Bumpous was the CW Norris Honored Lecturer, named for former department chairman Charles Norris, wife of Linda Norris and father of Eric Norris.

2019 Department Awards

Resident Award for Basic Science Research
Matthew Shew, MD

Debra Park, PhD, Award for Resident Clinical Research
Sinehan Bayrak, MD

Pinsker Award for Excellence in Otology
Helena Wichova, MD

In-Service Book Awards
Christopher Boyd, MD, John Flynn, MD, Andrew Holcomb, MD and Heather Schopper, MD

Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award
Andrés Bur, MD

Resident Excellence in Teaching Award
Andrew Holcomb, MD

Excellence in Medical Student Teaching Award
Sinehan Bayrak, MD

Jacquelyne Holdcraft, MD, Award for Clinical Excellence
Sinehan Bayrak, MD

Devaiah Award for Excellence in Scientific Contribution
Matthew Shew, MD
New ENT Residents

Moriyike Akinosun, MD
University of Illinois College of Medicine

Jason Lee, MD
Medical College of Georgia at Augusta

Maheer Masood, MD
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine

Mollie Perryman, MD
University of Kansas School of Medicine
Community Clean-Up

On Saturday, April 13, KU ENT faculty and staff joined hundreds of other volunteers for the annual Rosedale Neighborhood clean-up. Rosedale is the area of Kansas City, KS, in which the health system is located. Volunteers did landscaping, picked up trash, and participated in trail maintenance.

Head and Neck Cancer Screenings

KU Faculty and Staff provided free head and neck cancer screenings to the community on April 18. Throughout the day, 26 people were screened.

Below: Colleen Schmittgens, PA-C, performs a head and neck cancer screening. Right, from top to bottom: Joel Waxman, MD poses with some of the debris he collected during the Rosedale clean-up; D. David Beahm, MD, participates in trail clean-up in Rosedale; Sufi Thomas, PhD, and Kevin Sykes, PhD, MPH, worked together at the Rosedale community event.
Recent Promotions

D. David Beahm, MD, was promoted to Associate Professor on the clinical scholar track, effective July 1. Dr. Beahm has a joint appointment with the Department of Neurosurgery, and has a particular interest in the treatment of the anterior skull base.

Shannon Kraft, MD, was promoted to Associate Professor on the clinical scholar track, effective July 1. Dr. Kraft also serves as the Residency Program Director for the department.

Sufi Thomas, PhD, was awarded Tenure at the current rank of Associate Professor, effective July 1. Dr. Thomas specializes in head and neck cancer translational research.

Recent Grants

Dr. Jennifer Villwock, MD (PI), was awarded the American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy Foundation Research Grant for AROMA: Longitudinal Olfactory Monitoring in Allergic Rhinitis – Objective Date for Disease Surveillance and Clinical Decision Support

Resident Awards

Andrew Holcomb, MD, was awarded 1st prize for Prediction of Occult Nodal Metastasis in Early Oral Cavity Squamous Cell Carcinoma at the Midwest Head and Neck Consortium.

Stephen McHale, MD, was awarded 3rd prize – Incidence & Significance of Medical Malpractice in Head & Neck Surgery – at the Midwest Head and Neck Consortium.

Matt Shew, MD, was awarded the ANS Resident Research Travel Award for Utility of Perilymph MicroRNA Sampling for Identification of Active Gene Expression Pathways in Otosclerosis.

Helena Wichova, MD, received an ANS Trainee Award for Neurotrophin Signaling in Various Degrees of Hearing Loss Using MicroRNA Perilymph Profiling
Upcoming Events

ENT Grand Rounds

A monthly event showcasing new techniques and therapies, recent research findings, and exploration of clinical and scientific issues, ENT Grand Rounds is held in the Sudler Conference Room at the main KUMC campus. Dinner is provided, and continuing education credits are available. For more information about upcoming sessions, contact tquaethem@kumc.edu.

July 15, 2019

Robert Zitch III, MD
University of Missouri

Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy:
An alternative to elective neck treatment for early oral cavity SCCA

August 19, 2019

Andrés Bur, MD and Devin Koestler, PhD
University of Kansas Medical Center

Machine learning in otolaryngology:
promises and pitfalls

September 23, 2019

Jessica Kalender-Rich, MD
University of Kansas Medical Center

Assessing frailty and improving post-operative care in elderly surgical patients

Winter Meeting 2020

Alumni are invited to join in this weekend of learning, leadership, and laughter at this 25th annual event at Copper Mountain, CO, January 10-12, 2020. CME credits are available. Contact Dana Reinert at dreinert2@kumc.edu for more information.