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KU School of Medicine Celebrates 100 Years

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – The University of Kansas School of Medicine celebrates its centennial April 22 with a nationally renowned guest speaker, followed by a campus-wide celebration. An exhibit highlighting the history of the school in the Clendening Library on the medical center campus commemorates this historic milestone.

The Centennial Symposium features Harvey Fineberg, MD, PhD, president of the Institute of Medicine and former Dean of the Harvard School of Public Health, who will speak on “American Health Care System for the 21st Century” at 9:30 am in the School of Nursing Auditorium. Following the symposium, students, faculty, the JayDoc mascot and friends of the medical school will celebrate the school’s 100th birthday in the atrium of the School of Nursing from 10:30 am until noon.

An exhibit, “Centennial: The One Hundred Year History of the University of Kansas School of Medicine, 1905-2005” is part of the centennial activities. Panels depict milestones in the school’s history, plus artifacts owned, used or invented by Kansas physicians.

A special website to commemorate the centennial has been created: www.kum.edu/centennial. Stories recount the difficult and modest beginnings of Kansas’ only medical school.

“It seemed only fitting that we take the opportunity of our centennial celebration to reflect on how far the KU School of Medicine has traveled since those early years,” said Barbara Atkinson, MD, executive vice chancellor of the KU Medical Center and executive dean of the School of Medicine. “The school owes a debt of gratitude to those courageous medical pioneers who endowed us with a legacy of leadership that continues to guide and inspire us today.”

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Since 1905, the KU School of Medicine has graduated 9,300 physicians and has earned an international reputation in biomedical research. More than 500 full and part-time faculty provide an innovative curriculum that combines intensive instruction in the basic sciences with hands-on, patient-based clinical training.

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