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KU School of Medicine-Wichita names new Development Director

WICHITA, KS – Heather Clay has been named Development Director at the KU School of Medicine–Wichita.

Clay will work as a representative of KU Endowment in seeking funds for the KU School of Medicine–Wichita. Clay, a Kansas native, has nearly 15 years of development experience in higher education and health services.

The Dean of the KU School of Medicine–Wichita, H. David Wilson, MD, has plans to grow the Wichita program into a full, four-year medical school. Currently, there are only third- and fourth-year KU medical students on the Wichita campus. Construction has begun on the campus to make room for the KU School of Pharmacy–Wichita, which will begin admitting students in the fall of 2011, as well.

“I’m honored to be part of a team that will help connect the resources to make that kind of growth happen,” Clay said.

The University of Kansas School of Medicine–Wichita is nationally recognized as a pioneer in community-oriented medical education. Since the first class graduated in 1975, more than 1,600 physicians have earned medical degrees. About half eventually established practices in the state, fulfilling the school’s promise of “Educating Doctors for Kansas.”

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