

## From the Dean

Our school has launched the KU Center for Community Access, Rehabilitation Research, Education and Service (KU CARES). This will position us to apply for larger center grant funding, significantly increase our research activities, and allow us to contribute to the improvement of the health and well-being of individuals living with disability in Kansas and beyond. Read more in the [article from KU Medical Center News](#). In addition, the online health care magazine HealthLeaders interviewed **Jacob Sosnoff, Ph.D.**, **Debra Sullivan, Ph.D., RD**, **Hannes Devos, Ph.D., PT**, and I for [its recent article about KU CARES](#).

Occupational therapy faculty member **E (Alice) Zhang, Ph.D., BCBA-D**, was invited to present on her research at the Autism Across the Life Span Conference 2023 held March 24 at the KU Edwards Campus in Overland Park. Her work is titled "Healthcare Transition for Autistic Adolescents and Young Adults: Rural and Urban Comparison," and incoming occupational therapy student **Alyssa Witzgall** presented with her. Other members of the research project include current audiology student **Ezra Kaiser** and **Eve-Lynn Nelson, Ph.D., LP**, of the KU School of Medicine. Great job. [See photo](#).

**Kate DeJarnette, M.S., CCC-SLP**, and **Krysta Green, Au.D., CCC-A**, faculty from the Intercampus Program in Communicative Disorders, led a group of KU students from our programs in audiology and speech-language pathology on a trip to the Caribbean nation Turks and Caicos this spring. They visited public schools and conducted screenings and provided evaluations for children. They also worked with a local speech-language pathologist to identify areas in need while obtaining valuable experience and learning a great deal from the residents. Nice work. [See photos](#).

Office of the Dean staff members **Christi Jones** and **Tiffany Pollard** received certification in project management and meeting/event planning, respectively, from the International Association of Administrative Professionals. Both were also selected to receive scholarships from the association to attend their annual summit next month in Orlando, Florida. Additionally, Tiffany was appointed director of its Kansas City Metro branch. Congratulations.

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