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Department of Occupational Therapy Education faculty member **Lisa Mische Lawson, Ph.D.**, received the Distinguished Fellow Award from the American Therapeutic Recreation Association. This honor is the [highest recognition award](#) given by the association and recognizes exceptional accomplishments within the field of recreational therapy. She accepted the award during the organization's annual conference held September 9-12, 2023, in St. Louis, Missouri. [Watch video from award presentation](#). Congratulations.

A paper by Department of Hearing and Speech faculty member **Mindy Bridges, Ph.D.**, [was published](#) in the journal Language, Speech, and Hearing Services in Schools. Titled "Adapting Curricula for Children With Language Comprehension Deficits," her work was also part of a special forum held in October 2023 titled "Implementation Science in School-based Settings." Great job.

School of Health Professions associate dean for research, **Jacob Sosnoff, Ph.D.**, was featured on a recent episode of the podcast 4D: Deep Dive into Degenerative Diseases from the Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy. [In the episode](#), he discusses frailty in patients with multiple sclerosis and research in this area. Nicely done.

Four students from the School of Health Professions were selected as 2023-2024 ambassadors for the KU Medical Center Office for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. In this role, **Zoila Crocker, Sodiq Fakorede, Ghina Fares, Jane Ibude** and **Mustapha Mangdow** will be sharing the office's programming and strategic initiatives across our campuses and receive a scholarship award for their one-year term of service and leadership. Congratulations.

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