

## From the Dean

Please join me in congratulating the 2024 University of Kansas Medical Center Alumni Award recipients. **Lauren Ptomey, Ph.D.**, was selected for Early Career Achievement in Health Professions Alumna. **Lynn Bott, M.S.**, is the Honorary Health Professions Alumnus, and **Katie Brown, Ed.D.**, is our Distinguished Health Professions Alumna. These are the highest honors the KU Medical Center Alumni Association bestows upon graduates and those who have made outstanding contributions to health care. I look forward to recognizing them during Alumni Reunion Weekend next fall. You can [send congrats to the honorees](#) online.

Department of Occupational Therapy Education faculty member **Lisa Mische Lawson, Ph.D.**, presented "Developing Research Capacity at a Kyrgyz International University: Exploring Best Practice" at the Fulbright Association Conference held October 19-22, 2023, in Denver, Colorado. In addition, she joined other World Leisure Organization group leaders in an article on the future of leisure in the [September issue](#) of Uncover magazine, a publication of Breda University of Applied Sciences in the Netherlands (page 78). Nice job.

**Megan Huggins, OTD**, clinical instructor in occupational therapy, presented at the fall conference of the Missouri Occupational Therapy Association. The presentation, "Client-Centered Care for Children and Youth," focused on the importance of client-centered care as a trauma-informed practice for all pediatric populations and strategies to incorporate client-centered care into evaluation, goal-writing, treatment, and discharge planning. Well done.

Rehabilitation science doctoral student **Samuel Durairaj** presented at the Midwest Commercial Vehicle Safety Summit Conference held November 29-30, 2023, in Kansas City. It was titled "Visuo-Cognitive Testing and Simulator Performance Among Commercial and Non-Commercial Drivers," and as his mentor I'm proud of his work.

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