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The Midwest Association of Allied Health Deans of Academic Health Centers selected current physical therapy student **Courtney Goetz** to receive its Legacy Scholarship. Open to students in entry-level programs in health care, the award recognizes a student with demonstrated leadership and involvement in service and interprofessional activities who shows the qualities necessary to establish a legacy of excellence in service, teaching and/or research. Congratulations.

Department of Respiratory Care and Diagnostic Science staff member **Nicole Holifield** was selected to be a World Ambassador from the Office of International Programs at KU Medical Center. This will allow her to join a faculty-led trip to Ghana as a staff leader for an interprofessional group of students and health care providers. Their international educational experience in the west African country will take place May 22-June 12, 2024. Congratulations.

The School of Health Professions was well represented at the 2023 Education Summit of the American Occupational Therapy Association held November 10-11, 2023, in Denver, Colorado. Occupational therapy faculty member **Renee Rains, OTD**, presented a poster on using the flipped classroom model and Microsoft Teams in transnational education in Haiti." Current doctoral student **Nida' Al Worikat** presented a poster on the flipped classroom model while fellow therapeutic science student **Wafaa Alduraiddi** presented one poster on clinical competence among graduate students and another about goal attainment scaling among students in their field. In addition, KU alumna **Kristen Rooker, OTD**, presented on using simulation and structured clinical examinations in education. Nice job. [See photos.](#)

Department of Dietetics and Nutrition faculty member **Matthew Taylor, Ph.D.**, participated in the Research and Discovery Grand Rounds event hosted by the Frontiers Clinical and Translational Science Institute on December 28, 2023. He spoke about the collaborative translational research his team has been doing with the KU Alzheimer's Disease Research Center. Well done. [Watch the session.](#)

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