



Belinda Vail, MD

Recipient of the 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award ~ "The Jayhawk"

"Dr. Vail inspires me. She pushes me. She supports me. And she does all this intentionally. I will model my mentorship styles from hers."

Laurel Witt, MD, MPhil ~ Assistant Professor, Department of Family Medicine

"Throughout my career Dr. Vail has been a steady and constant influence in all areas of my professional responsibilities. From clinical to administrative matters she is the person I can always turn to for guidance, advice, and when needed, and collegial push/prod to do what I know needs to be done."

Mark Meyer, MD ~ Alice M. Patterson MD and Harold L. Patterson MD Professor, Department of Family Medicine, Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Associate Dean Office of Diversity & Inclusion

"one of her philosophies as a supervisor and Chair is hire and retain driven, hardworking providers who are passionate about patient care, research, and education and do whatever she can to support them and assist in addressing any barriers that get in his/her way."

Jennifer Woodward, MD, MPH ~ Assistant Professor, Department of Family Medicine

"As the only permanent female chair, she has served as a mentor and role model not only for me, but for all women aspiring for leadership in academic medicine."

Carrie Wieneke, MD, FACOG, FACS ~ Associate Professor & Interim Chair, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

"Dr. Vail continues to pay it forward by being a sponsor in addition to being a mentor."

Grace Shih, MD ~ Professor & Director of Obstetric Anesthesia, Department of Anesthesiology

"Dr. Vail served as a role model for the type of educator that I wanted to eventually become."

Michael Kennedy, MD, FAAFP ~ Professor & Associate Dean for Rural Health Education, Department of Family Medicine

"Her long-standing service, trailblazing efforts in advancing the careers of fellow women faculty, and flexibility in providing leadership through various roles over the years make her unique and have expanded her impact."

Allen Greiner Jr., MD ~ Professor and Vice Chair, Department of Family Medicine

Jeffrey Burns, MD

Recipient of the 2018 Excellence in Mentoring Award

"My appreciation and recognition of his abilities runs deep, and there is no doubt he is a remarkable mentor."

Russell Swerdlow, MD ~ Professor, Department of Neurology

"He promotes the importance of hard work and dedication, but also the value of being able to recognize and acknowledge your limits, and to slow down when needed to avoid burning out."

Jill Morris, PhD ~ Assistant Professor, Department of Neurology



"When my vision and goals have been small and limiting, he has encouraged me to think bigger and to shoot for the top ranks."

Amber Watts, PhD ~ Assistant Professor, University of Kansas, Lawrence

"I have future goals of following in his footsteps once again, returning to my hometown and working as a cognitive neurologist and clinical researcher..."

Ryan Townley, MD ~ Mayo Clinic

"His thoughtful mentorship, belief in my ability, advocacy, and patience has played an important role in my development as a scientist, and faculty member."

Eric Vidoni, PhD ~ Research Assistant Professor, Department of Neurology

"Jeff has been one of the most understanding, professional, and kind individuals I have ever encountered."

Robyn Honea, DPhil ~ Research Assistant Professor, Department of Neurology

"Although he has achieved tremendously during his research career, he remains 'humble' and 'approachable'" - two essential qualities for an effective mentor."

Aditi Gupta, MD ~ Associate Professor, Department of Neurology

"Dr. Burns has been extraordinarily successful in nurturing talented individuals with a seed of interest in the neurosciences by helping them develop their own individual interests into highly successful careers."

Gary Gronseth, MD ~ Professor & Interim Chair, Department of Neurology



Kim Templeton, MD

Recipient of the 2018 Achievement Award for Mentoring Residents

"We all know that with Dr. Templeton as our program director and strongest advocate, our best interests will always remain at the forefront of decisions in our department."

Brandon Barnds, MD ~ Resident, Department of Orthopedic Surgery

"she has encouraged me to take the high road, do the right thing, work hard and persevere."

Jonathan Burkes, MD ~ Resident, Department of Orthopedic Surgery

"In my mind, a mentor is one who leads by example, by word, and by intent, and Dr. Templeton personifies all of those things to any who are fortunate enough to train with her."

Jessica Brozek, MD ~ Resident, Department of Orthopedic Surgery

"She has been a stalwart in instilling ethical behavior in our residency program. She has also been a champion for communication with patients that is appropriate and always compassionate...Dr. Templeton has been an excellent mentor and roll model for numerous women who are beginning their medical careers. This includes medical students, residents as well as young faculty. Her efforts in this area have gone beyond just orthopedic surgery."

**Bruce Toby, MD ~ Professor and Chair,
Department of Orthopedic Surgery**



Ryan Schroeder, PsyD

Recipient of the 2018 Achievement Award for Mentoring Post-Docs

"A strong mentor gives their own time and energies to provide guidance and inspiration to their mentees, even when it comes at the sacrifice of their own productivity, and always with a high level of passion and enthusiasm. I know these things to be true because I had the pleasure of having Dr. Schroeder as my mentor."

**Phillip Martin, PhD ~ Assistant Professor,
Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences – Wichita**

"I strongly believe that Dr. Schroeder's mentorship helped launch my research career. He allowed me to co-review manuscripts with him, which also helped me become a better consumer of research."

Kathryn Wyman-Chick, PsyD ~ HealthPartners Neuroscience Center, Neuropsychology, Saint Paul, Minnesota

"Dr. Schroeder is preparing the next generation of providers to operate in the top tier of clinical practice."

**Daniel Olsen, PsyD ~ Neuropsychology Fellow,
Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences - Wichita**

"Dr. Schroeder's comprehensive approach to case conceptualization, strong clinical skills, and reliance on empirical evidence to inform clinical services have been paramount in my professional growth."

**Anneliese Boettcher, PhD ~ Neuropsychology Fellow,
Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences - Wichita**

Congratulations 2018 Mentoring Awards Winners