



*The Medical Student Assembly*

AND THE

*University of Kansas School of Medicine*

PRESENT

*A Grand  
Affair*

January 14, 2023

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Kansas City Convention Center

**THE GRAND BALLROOM**

# Order of Events

## DOCTOR'S NOTES

### OPENING REMARKS

Ethan Kallenberger and Karishma Shah  
*Co-Presidents, Medical Student Assembly*

### REMARKS

Akinlolu Ojo, MD, PhD, MBA  
*Executive Dean, School of Medicine*

### PRESENTATION of AWARDS

**Student Voice Committee**

**Student Voice Class Awards**

**Excellence in Residency Award**

**Ad Astra Award**

**Sunflower Award**

**Rainbow Award Finalists**

### PRESENTATION of the RAINBOW AWARD

David Becker, MD  
*2022 Rainbow Award Winner*

### CLOSING REMARKS

Nick Ernst and Sricharan Yadali  
*Social Chairs, Medical Student Assembly*

# Menu

## SALAD

*Spinach, Fraise, Arugula Salad with Candied Pecans,  
Fresh Strawberries, Goat Cheese, Watermelon Radish*

*Citrus Vinaigrette Dressing*

*Rolls with Butter*

## ENTRÉE

*Coca Cola Braised Short Rib and Pan Seared*

*Covina White Fish with Citrus Butter*

*Saffron Parmesan Cheese Risotto Style Rice*

*Sauteed Asparagus*

*Vegetarian:*

*Roasted Ratatouille in Puff Pastry with Skillet Potatoes*

## DESSERTS

*Dark Chocolate Cake, Honeycomb Toffee, Salted Caramel  
Coconut Mousse Tart, Black Sesame Brittle, Pineapple Chutney*

Dear Colleagues and Guests,

Welcome to the 2023 Medical Student Assembly's program, **A Grand Affair**, which shines a spotlight on the best of teaching and mentoring at the University of Kansas School of Medicine. Every year, we set aside this night to celebrate our medical students' commitment to and passion for their chosen profession, and we deeply appreciate that our students devote this evening to honoring our faculty as outstanding mentors in the science and art of medicine.

Although medical school is challenging and rigorous, the KU School of Medicine supports and promotes a learning environment that is both collegial and collaborative thereby enabling our students to forge lasting relationships with colleagues, teachers, and mentors. As tonight's program demonstrates, we are dedicated to ensuring that our school continues to be an excellent environment fostering students' mastery of crucial skills for lifelong learning, and their ultimate transition from learners to outstanding professionals and engaged citizens.

This is an exciting time of continued growth and transformational changes in our medical school. We are in the midst of the fifth year of the ACE curriculum which has been incrementally improved with each iteration. As the Education Council undergoes a rigorous full curriculum review, I am confident we will continue to build upon the active learning approach to education which has been foundational to ACE while developing new innovations in teaching and learning.

On behalf of the KU School of Medicine, it is my honor to express our gratitude to each of the faculty, staff, residents, fellows, and learners whose thoughtful engagement contributes to an environment where all may thrive. Your service and dedication to patients, learners, and the future health of Kansas ensures we continue to operate an exceptional medical education program.

Congratulations to the faculty members, residents and volunteer preceptors honored tonight, and thank you for your support of the University of Kansas School of Medicine.

Sincerely,



Akinlolu O. Ojo, MD, PhD, MBA  
Executive Dean  
University of Kansas School of Medicine

Good Evening,

On behalf of the University of Kansas Medical Student Assembly, it is our pleasure to welcome you to the 25th annual **A Grand Affair**. This evening has great significance to many of us in attendance tonight. It is truly a special occasion in which students across all three campuses come together with faculty, residents, administration, and volunteer physicians to celebrate outstanding medical education.

Annually, **A Grand Affair** is a highly anticipated evening to gather and recognize excellence in both the basic and clinical sciences with the Student Voice Awards. Additionally, we will announce the 2023 recipient of The Rainbow Award. This honor is bestowed upon a physician whose exemplary work, professionalism, and dedication to the field of medicine are nothing short of inspirational. We will also announce this year's recipient of the Excellence in Residency Award, given to a current resident who has selflessly invested in student training and exemplifies the qualities that students value most in a physician. Furthermore, the Sunflower Faculty Award, and the Ad Astra Outstanding Volunteer Physician Award will also be given out tonight. We could not be more pleased to celebrate our teachers and role models with these awards, which represent a small gesture of our appreciation for their guidance and commitment to our education.

This evening would not be possible without the tremendous support of the University of Kansas School of Medicine. We would like to sincerely thank our Presenting Sponsors: the Medical Alumni Societies, the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health, the Department of Internal Medicine, the Department of Neurology, the Department of Surgery, and the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, as well as all of our Premier and Supporting Sponsors. It is because of your support that we can celebrate the work of our outstanding faculty.

The individuals in this room continue to share their time and talent for the sake of training our future leaders in medicine. As students, the passion and dedication with which we approach our careers is a direct reflection of the example our faculty set for us during our time at the University of Kansas Medical Center. Thank you again for all that you do. On behalf of the Medical Student Assembly, welcome to **A Grand Affair**.

Best Wishes,



Karishma Shah, Phase I President



Ethan Kallenberger, Phase II President

# Student Voice Awards

◀ CLASS of 2025 ▶

## OUTSTANDING LECTURERS

**Won Choi, PhD**

*Professor  
Department of Population Health*

**Sarah Keim-Janssen, PhD**

*Associate Professor  
Department of Surgery*

**Sharad Mathur, MD**

*Professor  
Department of Pathology & Laboratory Science*

**Chad Slawson, PhD**

*Professor  
Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology*

**Ben Woolbright, PhD**

*Research Assistant Professor  
Department of Urologic Surgery*

**Wolfram Zueckert, PhD**

*Professor  
Department of Microbiology, Molecular Genetics & Immunology*

## OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL BLOCK

**Respiration & Circulation**

# Student Voice Awards

◀ CLASS of 2025 ▶

## ABOVE AND BEYOND

*Honoring a professor who invested greatly in student education outside of the lecture hall*

**George Enders, PhD**

*Professor  
Department of Cell Biology & Physiology*

## MIGHTY PUNCH

*Honoring a professor whose impact outweighed their limited time behind the lecture podium*

**Megan Krause, MD**

*Assistant Professor  
Department of Allergy, Clinical Immunology & Rheumatology*

## ILLUMINATOR

*Honoring a professor best at making difficult and complex concepts clear and understandable*

**Gustavo Blanco, MD, PhD**

*Professor  
Department of Cell Biology & Physiology*

## MOST INSPIRING

*Honoring a professor for exciting and inspiring students beyond the basic medical knowledge*

**Kirk Miller, DO**

*Associate Professor  
Department of Radiology*

## THE ACE

*Honoring a professor who truly embraced the ACE curriculum teaching style*

**Joe Fontes, PhD**

*Professor  
Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology*



# Student Voice Awards

◀ CLASS of 2024 ▶

## OUTSTANDING LECTURERS

**David Becker, MD**

*Assistant Professor  
Department of Internal Medicine*

**Gary Doolittle, MD**

*Professor  
Department of Internal Medicine*

**Dianne Durham, PhD**

*Professor  
Department of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery*

**Megan Krause, MD**

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**Kirk Miller, DO**

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**Laurel Witt, MD, MPhil**

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## OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL BLOCK

**Brain, Mind & Behavior**

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*Professor  
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**David Naylor, MD**

*Associate Professor  
Department of Internal Medicine*



# Student Voice Clerkship Awards

◀ CLASS of 2023 ▶

## OUTSTANDING ATTENDING & RESIDENT

### FAMILY MEDICINE

Laurel Witt, MD, MPhil  
Rob Nagely, MD and  
Towne Walston, MD

### INTERNAL MEDICINE

Branden Comfort, MD  
Brent Duran, DO, MPH and  
Cyrus Munguti, MD  
Kyle Yuquimpo, DO

### NEUROLOGY

Muhammad Nashatizadeh, MD  
Daniel Mafla, MD and  
Akshaya Prabhakaran, MBBS

### OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY

Melissa Huggins, MD  
Erika Gazzetta, MD, MPH

### PEDIATRICS

Mark Harrison, MD and  
Whitney Pressler, MD  
Nick Lammoglia, DO and  
Chandra Swanson, MD

### PSYCHIATRY

Susanna Ciccolari-Micaldi, MD  
William Webb, MD

### SURGERY

Chris Rupe, MD and  
William Waswick, MD  
Chance Smith, DO

## OUTSTANDING CLERKSHIP

Obstetrics & Gynecology

## OUTSTANDING CLERKSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

Ronda Magness, Department of Psychiatry  
& Behavioral Sciences – Wichita and  
Lisa Tandberg, Department of Internal Medicine

# Excellence in Residency Award

Honoring a resident who demonstrates exceptional student mentoring, while consistently exhibiting the attributes of altruism, accountability, excellence, service, integrity, and respect for others.

## FINALISTS

### Ellen Cocanougher, DO

Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology - Wichita

### Yegor Pashchenko, MD

Department of Surgery – Wichita

### Madison Roberts, DO

Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences

### Nisha Shah, MD

Department of Pediatrics - Wichita



## *Ad Astra Award*

*Honoring an outstanding volunteer physician.*

*For many years, volunteer physicians throughout the state of Kansas have played host to KU medical students. These preceptors welcome students into their communities and practices allowing them to learn from a variety of clinical experiences. These experiences throughout the state offer a unique training environment for future physicians. This award honors a preceptor who exemplifies the attributes of excellence and professionalism in medicine and who has generously given their time, experience, and knowledge to our medical students.*

### **FINALISTS**

**David Grantham, MD**

*Clinical Assistant Professor  
Department of Surgery – Wichita*

**Drew Miller, MD**

*Clinical Assistant Professor  
Department of Family & Community Medicine – Wichita*

## *Sunflower Award*

*Honoring an outstanding part-time physician.*

*Historically, the student body has paid tribute to local, full-time faculty members. The Sunflower Mentoring Award allows students to recognize outstanding part-time physician educators. This award honors an educator who exemplifies the attributes of excellence and professionalism in medicine and has generously given their time, experience, and knowledge to our medical students.*

### **FINALISTS**

**Faith Butler, MD**

*Assistant Professor  
Department of Family Medicine & Community Health*

**Locke Uppendahl, MD**

*Clinical Assistant Professor  
Department of Obstetrics &  
Gynecology – Wichita*



# Rainbow Award

*Honoring our heroes in medicine.*

*Throughout history, the practice of medicine has been learned under the thoughtful guidance of knowledgeable and experienced physicians. At the University of Kansas School of Medicine, this tradition continues to shape the education of our students with preceptors during the first and second years and clinical rotations during the third and fourth years. Through this process the student can learn the skills of doctoring and cultivate their own craft, while the experienced doctor can reflect on their own beginning and impart a legacy on a future physician.*

*The Rainbow Award honors individuals who exemplify the attributes of professionalism in medicine and share those qualities with the students they mentor. The specific characteristics of professionalism recognized by the award include attributes and behaviors that serve to maintain patient interest above physician self-interest, altruism, accountability, excellence, duty, service, honor, integrity, and respect for others. The Rainbow Award recipient is nominated and selected by the students and represents the characteristics they hope to possess as a physician in the future.*

## FINALISTS

**German Berbel, DO**  
Associate Professor  
Department of Surgery

**Lyndsey Kilgore, MD**  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Surgery

**Meredith Gray, MD**  
Associate Professor  
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

**Annabel Mancillas, MD, MPH**  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

**Mike Rouse, DO**  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Internal Medicine

# Past Rainbow Award Recipients

2022

**David Becker, MD**  
Department of Internal Medicine

2020

**Jennifer Villwock, MD**  
Department of Otolaryngology

2018

**Kirk Miller, DO**  
Department of Radiology

2016

**Joseph LeMaster, MD, MPH**  
Department of Family Medicine

2014

**Michael Kennedy, MD**  
Department of Family Medicine

2012

**Gary Doolittle, MD**  
Department of Internal Medicine

2010

**Garold Minns, MD**  
Department of Internal Medicine -  
Wichita

2008

**David Robbins, MD**  
Department of Internal Medicine

2006

**Daniel Dickerson, MD, PhD**  
Eudora Family Care, Eudora, KS

2004

**Steven Simpson, MD**  
Department of Internal Medicine

2002

**LeAnne De-Tar-Newbert, MD**  
Family Medicine, Edwardsville, KS

2000

**Michael Moncure, MD**  
Department of Surgery

2021

**Laurel Witt, MD, MPhil**  
Department of Family Medicine

2019

**Gary Gronseth, MD**  
Department of Neurology

2017

**Abebe Abebe, MD**  
Department of Internal Medicine

2015

**Jana Zaudke, MD, MA**  
Department of Family Medicine

2013

**Sarah Taylor, MD**  
Department of Internal Medicine

2011

**Deborah Clements, MD**  
Department of Family Medicine

2009

**Mark Meyer, MD**  
Department of Family Medicine

2007

**Mary Duff, MD**  
Obstetrics & Gynecology,  
Springfield, MO

2005

**Vance R. Burns, MD**  
Department of Internal Medicine

2003

**Belinda Vail, MD**  
Department of Family Medicine

2001

**Debra Smith, MD**  
Department of Pediatrics

1999

**Linda Campbell, MD**  
Department of Internal Medicine



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*Class of 2026 – Salina*

**Stephanie Matthews**  
*Class of 2024 – Wichita*

**Emily Sarnacki**  
*Class of 2023 – Wichita*

**Karishma Shah**  
*Class of 2025 – Kansas City*

**Michael Zuniga**  
*Class of 2023 – Salina*

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*We appreciate your dedication to making this celebration a success!*

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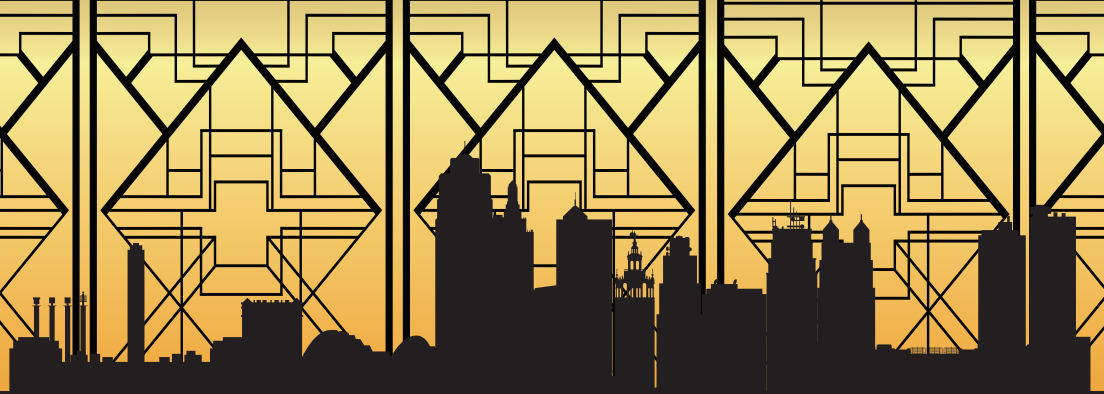
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