



Jayhawk Salute

2021-2022

★ 3 new graduate degrees expand options in Fort Leavenworth

KU will offer three graduate degrees for the Fort Leavenworth community beginning with the fall 2022 semester.

In January, Fort Leavenworth officials released a request for proposal for universities to deliver new graduate degrees in support of the installation community. KU programs selected are three master's degrees, in public administration, business administration and organizational leadership. These programs join master's degrees in global & international studies and in supply chain management & logistics, which have been offered for more than 10 years, and the master's in homeland security, which has been offered since 2017.

"Our expanded partnership with Fort Leavenworth ensures Jayhawk expertise and Jayhawk values have an increased presence regionally and around the world," said Provost Barbara Bichelmeyer, j'82, c'86, g'88, PhD'92. "I'm grateful that unit commanders recognized KU's educational leadership in these disciplines and how they can benefit the careers of military personnel, as well as society at large."

As part of the new agreement, KU also

opened a new office within Fort Leavenworth's Education Center. "I am very excited about leading this new effort," said Sarah Weygand, the new student and academic services manager. "As a local from Leavenworth, I know firsthand the incredible reputation KU has for serving our military-affiliated community. I also understand the inclusivity of the military-affiliated community. These programs will serve not only soldiers but also their family members and Department of the Army civilians who work on post."

With accelerated coursework and evening classes, students in Leavenworth can complete a KU master's degree in as few as 10 months. The programs and class schedules are designed to meet the needs of professional and military careers. Moreover, the KU faculty who teach in Leavenworth are the same faculty who instruct graduate degree programs in Lawrence and are among the top scholars in the United States in their particular fields.

"In 2017, KU made a strategic decision to expand our outreach to the Leavenworth community by opening classrooms in the Marriott Fairfield Inn and TownePlace Suites, and we will continue to operate from those facilities," said Mike Denning, c'83, director of the Office of Graduate Military Programs. "Because of that vision, several years of engagement with public and private partners in the Leavenworth area and KU's deep commitment to the U.S. Army, we were awarded this new agreement."

Find more information about the classes and programs available in Leavenworth at leavenworth.ku.edu.



Students, staff, faculty and family members from KU's Leavenworth programs participated in the 2021 Leavenworth County Veterans Day Parade, the oldest Veterans Day observance in the nation and the largest parade west of the Mississippi.

KU earns more top rankings



aSteve Puppe

For a second year in a row, the University of Kansas ranks fifth nationally among Tier 1 Research Institutions in the most recent "Military Friendly Schools" survey.

KU has ranked as a Military Friendly Top 10 school since 2018 and has earned "Gold" award status since 2017.

The University also ranked No. 1 Central Region and No. 13 overall public institution in the most recent Military Times "Best for Vets" survey.

In the most recent U.S. News & World Report annual list, two online graduate programs received high rankings:

- No. 10 Best Online MBA Programs for Veterans
- No. 11 Best Online Master's in Education Programs for Veterans.



★ KU joins national alliance

The University of Kansas was one of 16 higher education institutions invited to join the National Veterans Leadership Foundation's national alliance. NVLF partners with universities in their work to successfully transition and support their veteran and military-connected students to achieve their full leadership potential. www.NVLFoundation.org



★ Scholarship recipients

The Warhawk Family of Scholarships

This series of named and unnamed scholarships is for current and former military, and spouses and dependents of 100% disabled or deceased veterans. Awards range from \$1,500 to \$5,000 a year. Students are listed with their academic majors.

Tyler Archie, Wounded Warrior Scholarship and Heart of America Patriot Foundation (HOAPF) Scholarship recipient, pre-journalism

Kayja Bruno, HOAPF Scholarship recipient, biochemistry/pre-medicine

Casey Fowler, Student Veteran Scholarship recipient, accounting

Seth Middleton, Student Veteran Scholarship recipient, French and Francophone

Enrique Rodriguez, Wounded Warrior Scholarship recipient, doctorate of physical therapy

Gracie Stone, Wounded Warrior Scholarship and HOAPF Scholarship recipient, pre-nursing

Reagan Warburton, KAMO Adventures Scholarship recipient, Eastern languages, history and pre-law.

To donate to the Student Veteran or Wounded Warrior scholarships, visit bit.ly/WarhawkScholarships

Military Family Scholarship

This one-time, \$500 scholarship is for a dependent or spouse who does not qualify for the Warhawk Family of Scholarships and who is not using the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Cecilia Yoon is pursuing her doctorate degree in curriculum and Instruction and for her dissertation plans to study the function of texts in widely used elementary curriculum materials. She also is a military spouse who currently substitute teaches at Fort Riley.

To donate to this scholarship, visit bit.ly/DonateMASC and in "Special Instructions," indicate you wish to support the Military Family Scholarship.

Krehbiel Scholarship recipients

The Carl C. Krehbiel Military Service Scholarship assists ROTC students with tuition, fees, books or related living expenses. Students receive up to \$2,000 a semester for one year.

The following students, listed with their academic majors, have received scholarships for the 2022-'23 academic year.

Jon Fink, Army ROTC, business administration

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Andrew Holmes, Naval ROTC, business administration

Kusal Kularatne, Army ROTC, history

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Reagan Warburton, Army ROTC, East Asian languages, cultures and history.

★ 2022 KU Vets Day 5K set for November 13



This year marks the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the Memorial Stadium (now known as David Booth Kansas Memorial Stadium). To commemorate the event, the KU Student Veterans of America and KU Veterans Alumni Network will pay tribute to all those who served and fought for our nation with the annual KU Vets Day 5K. The 5K begins at 9 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, at the stadium and travels through campus, past KU's other war memorials, and concludes at the stadium. We invite you to be a part of this tradition—on campus or virtually—to help honor our veterans and to support our military-affiliated initiatives.

The KU Vets Day 5K began in 2012 with a group of student veterans who wanted to honor their brothers and sisters in arms, increase the community's awareness of KU's rich military history, and raise money to help military-affiliated students succeed. Last year, we welcomed back in-person participants and had a record number of nearly 400 in-person participants and nearly 200 virtual participants. Our participants were from 35 states (plus D.C.) and five countries and ranged in age from 5 to 86! This year, we hope to welcome

even more participants to brave the hills as we continue to grow our virtual run (allowing them to compete on their own time/location).

Those who wish to participate in the event can visit www.kuvetsday5k.com. The 5K also seeks business and individual sponsors. For more details, email michellem@kualumni.org.



The first 600 5K participants will receive a shirt and finisher's medal. Additional shirts can be purchased separately through the www.kuvetsday5k.com for those who wish to support the event in solidarity.



★ New online homeland security graduate programs provide specialized industry knowledge

In May, the first group of students completed the new online master's degree in homeland security: law & policy and an online graduate certificate in homeland security: law & policy. These KU School of Law programs enable military, government and other professionals to gain a strong foundation in law and policy related to homeland security, national security and advanced knowledge of specific homeland security fields. They are designed to give non-lawyers and lawyers advanced instruction, technical expertise and enhanced value in their organization, with the certificate focused specifically on cyber law and security.

Paul Cope, the new director of homeland security: law & policy, joined KU in October 2021. He previously served as chief of cyber law and policy with the Kansas National Guard and is a judge advocate with the Kansas Army National Guard.

"Our program allows students to gain valuable knowledge and experience in a

highly complex and constantly evolving field," Cope said. "Students have the opportunity to develop into leaders on the cutting edge of homeland security."

Through a capstone simulation course, students prove their readiness to manage a homeland security crisis and provide front-line leadership in sectors such as defense, emergency management, immigration, law enforcement, public health, public works and transportation.

Online courses offer a flexibility that is increasingly important to students today, Cope said. The ability to attend live instruction remotely provides accessibility to students in higher education's post-pandemic reality. These new online offerings, available through the KU Edwards Campus, expand upon the homeland security master's degree offered in-person at KU in Leavenworth.

For more information, visit bit.ly/KUHomelandSecurity



★ ROTC updates

Air Force & Space Force ROTC

GREETINGS FROM DET. 280! While many cadets are enjoying some well-deserved downtime, others are maintaining a high ops tempo through the summer. Specifically, eight rising 300s have completed or are in the middle of summer Field Training, a rite of passage into the upper class. Others are taking advantage of special opportunities offered by the Air Force Academy and one-week trips to various bases around the country to get a first-hand look at how we do business. Leadership development never stops at Det. 280!

We accomplished a lot this past year. In addition to our regular curriculum and leadership laboratory activities, we conducted several field exercises, held a joint wargame with Det. 270 (K-State), participated with our sister services in many Veterans Day ceremonies, and were honored to take part in the Tribute to Veterans Gala at the Dole Institute. We sent representatives to the National Character and Leadership Symposium, and seven cadets earned over 70 flight training hours through the AFROTC You Can Fly program.

I would like to individually recognize two cadets, Sarah Tarnowski and Rachel Clark, who each did a fantastic job leading the cadet wing during the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 semesters, respectively.

The academic year culminated with Det. 280 commissioning 10 new lieutenants who will gradually enter active duty over the next year. The group consists of three pilot candidates, two combat systems officers, and one each in the air battle manager, munitions, weather, finance, remotely piloted aircraft and information operations specialties. I sleep easy knowing these junior officers are eager and ready to take on our national defense challenges. Rock Chalk!

—Lt. Col. Charles Dorssom,
Commander, AFROTC Det. 280

Army ROTC

THE JAYHAWK BATTALION kept the throttle to the floor for the entire academic year. From New Cadet Orientation just



Air Force and Space Force ROTC students marched in the April 10 parade to celebrate the men's basketball team's NCAA championship.

prior to the start of classes through planning and hosting the Joint Commissioning Ceremony the day after commencement, Army ROTC cadets planned, prepared and executed a whole host of phenomenal events. Fall highlights included an excellent training exercise at Fort Leavenworth, the Ranger Challenge at Camp Dodge, Iowa (finishing a respectable 7th), planning and executing the Commander's Cup (kudos to Navy for the win), and competing in the Army 10-Miler (held locally due to COVID-19).

Spring highlights included the Northern Warfare Competition in La Crosse, Wisconsin, in February (First place co-ed division), the Spring Field Training Exercise (96 hours at Fort Riley with six other ROTC programs), and, of course,

the Ranger Buddy Competition—an event pitting 82 teams from 41 universities from across the country in an all-day physical test replete with dozens of military skills tests. The Jayhawk Cadets crushed the competition finishing first and second in the men's division, second in the co-ed division, and fourth in the women's division.

The final highlight—the Joint Commissioning Ceremony hosted by Army ROTC – gave BG Kevin Admiral (KU '94) an opportunity to provide words of wisdom to the Midshipmen, Air Force Cadets and the 11 Army Cadets who commissioned as 2LTs. These 11 2LTs will join the long line of Jayhawks serving proudly across all three components and in every branch, just like the alumni before them.

—LTC J.D. Finch,
Professor of Military Science

Naval ROTC

THE JAYHAWK NROTC Battalion finished another successful year that culminated in the commissioning of 10 new officers in the Navy and Marine Corps. This class consisted of two Marines, two submariners, two aviators, one naval flight officer, two surface warfare officers, and one

nuclear surface warfare officer.

Our busy year included numerous leadership opportunities such as the Joint Service Ball. This event built inter-service camaraderie and recognized the hard work of the commissioning senior class. The Jayhawk Battalion also participated in a 24-hour vigil at the various war memorials located around campus, attended the Salute to Service football game, and ran the annual Veterans Day 5K during the week leading up to Veterans Day. Our students continue to impress me through their service to the community and representation on campus.

Other events included attendance at the virtual Women in Naval Service symposium as well as the annual Field Training Exercise (FEX) at Clinton Lake where we hosted midshipmen from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Iowa State. We also had midshipmen compete in the Ranger Buddy Challenge, hosted by KU Army ROTC, where one of our Navy teams placed fifth in the arduous physical competition. Outside of campus activities, the Battalion traveled to Boulder, Colorado, to compete in the annual Drill Meet against other Naval ROTC branches from across the nation. The Jayhawk Battalion's platoon and squad drill team placed within the top three, and the pistol team took first place at the competition.

Over the summer, the midshipmen have been involved in summer cruises, giving them the opportunity to experience the fleet and train alongside active-duty Sailors and Marines, helping them prepare for their future careers as officers in the Naval services. So far, we have had midshipmen attend summer cruises out of San Diego, Norfolk (Wash.) and even Japan.

We are preparing to welcome our new midshipmen into the battalion once they have completed New Student Indoctrination in Great Lakes, Chicago. We look forward to their arrival in Lawrence, ready to go for the fall semester.

I am proud of the legacy of this unit and what we continue to accomplish. I encourage all NROTC alumni to come by the MSB and walk our spaces. Rock Chalk and Go Navy!

—CAPT Jim "Nemo" Miller,
Professor of Naval Science and
Commanding Officer



Army ROTC camp graduation

★ KU Wichita helps VA prepare for female vets

New approach may become best practice for other VA facilities worldwide
by Joe Stumpe

As the number of women in the military grows, the Veterans Health Administration seeks ways to better care for them after their service.

Enter the KU School of Medicine-Wichita, which helped provide training last fall to emergency room staff of the Robert J. Dole VA Medical Center and several VA outpatient clinics through its Simulation Center and other resources.

Over three days, the mini-residencies offered training in sexual assault and mental health crises; vaginal, pelvic, breast and urinary tract problems; birthing; cardiac symptoms; and more. Two dozen professionals from the Dole VA and community-based clinics took part.

“We are having an increasing number of women” come to the Dole VA Medical Center, said Patricia Petrakis, chair of its emergency room department. “We like that, but we also want to be prepared.”

Petrakis, m’93, estimated that about 6% to 7% of the 11,000 patients who came to the ER last year were women. With women now constituting about 14% to 18% of active duty, Reserve and Guard military, that number will only increase.

For the most part, VA hospitals provide primary care. A pregnant veteran who comes to the ER would be directed to a gynecologist or, if the birth appears imminent, most likely transported to Wesley Medical Center by ambulance. However, if a birth absolutely must take place at the Dole ER, the simulated birth training in the School of Medicine-Wichita will be valuable experience, Petrakis said.

Reactions of the nurses who caught a baby from the Simulation Center’s manikin, Victoria, included “Wow, that’s super cool,” “It’s terrifying but good” and “They are slippery.”

No one has given birth at the Dole VA but “it’s a consistent possibility,” said Laurie Pfeiffer, program manager for women veterans. “It’s good for our providers to have some practice and see what it’s like if all of a sudden you can’t get a patient in an ambulance.”

The group also conducted panel discussions about handling sexual assault cases—identified as a serious problem by the military—in addition to patient privacy and equipment needs pertaining to women’s health.



One of the most valuable sessions involved two enlisted women from McConnell Air Force Base who showed participants how much gear they wear and carry. “When you realize they’re lugging 80 pounds of equipment every day, just standing in that gear would make my head and back hurt,” Petrakis said. “It makes you a little more empathetic.”

Pfeiffer said the training, part of the VA’s push for better care of female veterans, was one of the largest local programs of its kind. It was developed by the VA’s national women’s health program—except for the imminent birthing section, which the School of Medicine-Wichita created.

Previously, VA nurses and providers received simulation-based training only if they were one of the few people from each VA hospital selected to go to the VA’s large Simulation Center facility in Florida.

“This new approach is being looked at nationally for a best practice spread to other VA facilities,” Pfeiffer said.

Petrakis, who earned her KU medical degree on the Kansas City campus and completed her residency at Smoky Hill Family Practice in Salina, said the Wichita medical campus “really facilitated our learning. They had the simulations, the displays, the auditorium and sound system. They had everything we needed.”

And that should help women veterans down the line.

“Many of our women (patients) have noticed a change in our VA care,” Pfeiffer said. “It’s all of our staff being open to assisting women in the services they need.”



Above: Patricia Petrakis, chair of the Dole VA Emergency Department, and Erin Doyle, School of Medicine-Wichita Simulation Center program director, work on umbilical cord clamping and cutting with an infant manikin while physician assistant Rebecca Snyder looks on. Top Right: Joe Barber, emergency room nurse, delivers a baby with Victoria, the birthing simulator, while Greg Cooper, simulation technician, guides the newborn through the birth canal.

★ Dole Institute debuts new exhibition featuring story of MIA soldier’s wife

The Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics features an original exhibition, “Missing, Then Action: An Army Wife Speaks Out,” in the Elizabeth Dole Gallery and Reading Room through Jan. 26, 2023.

“Missing, Then Action” is inspired by the Dole Institute’s 2017 original exhibition “The League of Wives: Vietnam’s POW and MIA Allies & Advocates,” produced by Heath Hardage Lee, Dole Archives curatorial fellow, historian and biographer.

The 2022 exhibition tells the story of Army wife Kathleen Johnson, of Salina, as she coped with the 1965 disappearance of her husband, U.S. Army Major Bruce G. Johnson, in South Vietnam. A mother of three, Kathleen, like other POW and MIA wives, followed military protocols that called for their public silence on their husbands’ status for many years. Privately, wives of all branches organized to seek recognition and answers regarding their husbands.

In 1969, the wives broke their silence. Their voices were unexpected—and at



first, unwelcome—before they changed the course of history, paving the way for their husbands’ release and accounting. Some national leaders, including U.S. Sen Bob Dole, ’45, advocated for them.

“Missing, Then Action” features items from Kathleen’s personal archives. All three Johnson children attended KU because of Public Law 91-584, passed in 1970, which authorized educational assistance to wives and children of military members who are missing in action or held prisoners of war.

The traveling version of “The League of Wives” is currently on display at the Iowa Gold Star Museum in Des Moines through August 2022.



Kathleen Johnson and her three children, 1969.

Dole Archives

★ Language center receives funding through 2025

The University’s designation as a Department of Defense (DoD) Language Training Center has been renewed through 2025.

The Language Training Center Program, a DoD initiative established in 2011, relies on U.S. institutions of higher education to accelerate the development of foundational or higher-level expertise of DoD personnel in strategic language and regional studies. Currently, nine higher education institutions are designated as Language Training Centers; KU has been designated since 2013.

The grant renewal will provide about \$1.8 million in funding over three years to offer language and culture courses from all of KU’s modern language departments: African & African American Studies; East Asian Languages & Cultures; French,

Francophone & Italian Studies; German Studies; Slavic & Eurasian Languages and Literatures; and Spanish & Portuguese.

DoD participants in the program are enrolled as KU students and are awarded academic credit.

“We are honored to have the opportunity to continue working with our military partners,” said Jonathan Perkins, director of KU’s Language Training Center. “The renewal of the grant is testament to the quality of instruction provided by KU’s modern language departments and to their flexibility in offering such a broad range of languages in support of the military’s evolving mission.”

Summer intensive programs have been offered on the Lawrence campus or online since 2016, with partnerships including the Air Force Culture and Language

Center, the U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command and U.S. Special Operations Command. Next summer’s students will be able to take courses in Arabic, French, Persian, Russian and Spanish.

Language electives have been offered at the Command and General Staff College (CGSC) at Fort Leavenworth since 2014, and KU became the exclusive provider of on-site language training in 2019. Courses at Fort Leavenworth this academic year will include beginning Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Russian, Spanish and Ukrainian.

For more information, visit ltc.ku.edu



LANGUAGE TRAINING CENTERS

★ 2021-'22 Highlights



Alumni

Drake Clark, c'22, e'22, received the R.D. Brown Award for Undergraduate Excellence from the math department. This award was established in memory of Professor Robert Brown by gifts from his family and friends to provide awards for a senior majoring in mathematics who has demonstrated the most impressive overall achievement in the field of mathematics during his or her undergraduate career. Clark is a dependent of a veteran.

Army MAJ **Garrett Gatzemeyer**, g'18, PhD'19, contracted with the University Press of Kansas to publish his dissertation as the book, *Bodies for Battle: U.S. Army Physical Culture and Systematic Training, 1885-1957*, in the publisher's modern war studies series. The book is a study of how the Army developed modern, scientific training methods in response to concerns about entering a competitive imperial world, where embodied nations battled for survival in a Social Darwinist framework.

Duane K. Harvey, c'50, was awarded the Chevalier Class of the Legion in November for his service to France during the Alsace Campaign in WWII. The award, equivalent to the Bronze Star, was presented by a member of the French Consulate during a Veterans Day ceremony in Albuquerque, N.M.

David Hatesohl, Pharmacy, '88, has been named the U.S. Army Medical Command Civilian Employee of the Year in March. Hatesohl is a pharmacist at the Irwin Army Community Hospital at Fort Riley, Kan. and has been serving the Fort Riley community for 13 years.

LTC Trent Lythgoe's, PhD '22, article, "Are the U.S. Military's Nonpartisan

Norms Eroding?" was published in the *Armed Forces & Society Journal*. The study examines a decade servicemembers' affiliations and activism.

The late **Reggie Robinson** c'80, f'87, was one of three alumni honored in 2021 with the Fred Ellsworth Medallion for his decades of extraordinary service to KU and higher education. Robinson devoted his career to public service (including serving four years as an Army officer), higher education and philanthropy. He died Sept. 19, 2020, at age 63. The KU Alumni Association established the award in 1975 to commemorate Fred Ellsworth, c'22, who led the association as executive director and secretary for 39 years.

Col. Todd Schmidt, PhD '19, contracted with the University Press of Kansas to publish his dissertation, *Silent Coup of the Guardians: The Influence of U.S. Military Elites on National Security*, as a book in the publisher's civil-military relations series. Additionally, Schmidt recently published in AUSA's *Army Magazine's* September Issue "Army Must Strengthen Its Relationship with Allies," a timely article in the wake of the Afghanistan withdrawal. Schmidt leads the military's NIMBLE TITAN missile defense wargame series with over 24 allies and partners across the globe.

Melissa Terrall, g'22, was one of four KU students named as alternate 2022-'23 Fulbright recipient. She proposed to spend nine months at the Conservatorio Nacional in Mexico City to study piano with the conservatory's director. She is the dependent of a veteran; her parents are Jeffery and Valerie Terrall.

Faculty/Staff

Beth Bailey, Foundation Distinguished Professor of History and director of the Center for Military, War, and Society Studies published the book *Managing Sex in the U.S. Military: Gender, Identity and Behavior*. This multi-author collection, co-edited with KU professors Alesha

Doan and **Shannon Portillo** and **Kara Dixon Vuic** of Texas Christian University, examines historical and contemporary U.S. military policies and offers diverse perspectives on both its successes and failures in handling sex. Read more at <https://bit.ly/Bailey22>. Bailey was also named the 2022 recipient of the Samuel Eliot Morison Prize from the Society for Military History and received the Higuchi-KU Endowment Balfour Jeffrey Award in Humanities & Social Sciences during KU's annual University Research Award ceremony.

Arpita Ghosh, assistant professor of educational psychology, co-authored a new study about counseling services for veterans enrolled in higher education. Read more at: <https://bit.ly/Ghosh22>. Ghosh was also elected as the American Psychological Association Division 19, Society for Military Psychology, ECP Committee chair.

Steve Leonard, interim senior assistant dean in the School of Business and a retired senior U.S. Army strategist, co-edited *To Boldly Go: Leadership, Strategy, and Conflict in the 21st Century and Beyond*, a book that examines leadership through the lens of science fiction. Read more at: <https://bit.ly/Leonard22>

Margaret Kelley, professor of American studies and daughter of an Army veteran, published a study, "How Do Veterans View Gun Policies? Evidence from the Guns in American Life Survey," in *Social Science Quarterly*. The study found that, "on average, vets—primarily those who have experienced combat—tend to be more receptive to some forms of gun control, such as restrictions on civilian access to military-style semiautomatic rifles and so-called 'high-capacity' magazines. They are also open to an extended waiting period of up to 14 days for the purchase of new handguns," she said. Read more at: <https://bit.ly/MKelley22>

Shannon Portillo, associate dean of academic affairs at KU's Edwards Campus and professor of public affairs & adminis-

tration, Amy Smith of the University of Massachusetts at Boston, and Alesha Doan, professor of public affairs & administration and women, gender & sexuality studies co-wrote "Up the Chain: Gendered Mentoring in the U.S. Army" a study published in the journal *Review of Public Personnel Administration*. It shows that men and women in the Army's special operations overwhelmingly view mentorship positively, but men view it as a way to advance, while women view it as a way to survive in a male-dominated organization. Read more at: <https://bit.ly/Portillo22>

Jamie Wilson, academic advisor/coordinator for the Undergraduate Advising Center and a military spouse, was named a Best of Region Presentation Winner of a regional advising conference that took place March 14-16 in Lawrence. Her presentation was "UNIV 101 as a Mechanism for Intrusive Advising: Removing Barriers for Conditional Admit Students."

Hails & Farewells

Jack Cline, a Marine Corps veteran who worked for more than a decade as KU's associate vice chancellor for federal relations, was appointed vice president

for federal relations at Northeastern University in May 2022.

Paul Cope joined KU in October 2021 as the new director of homeland security: law & policy. Cope previously served as chief of cyber law and policy with the Kansas National Guard and is a judge advocate with the Kansas National Guard.

Andrew Foster, c'12, Navy veteran and KU's former emergency management coordinator, took a new role in April 2022 at Black and Veatch as part of its innovation and strategy group working on health care infrastructure.

Daniel Schillinger, Public Safety Office security supervisor and a veteran, retired after 17 years at KU.

Sarah Weygand, a Coast Guard veteran, became the new student and academic services manager for KU programs at Leavenworth/Fort Leavenworth in July 2022.

Do you have an award, publication or other highlight to share? E-mail masc@ku.edu and put in the subject line, "VAN newsletter highlight."



Veteran research project

Abigail Scott, a doctoral student in history, is looking for Native American veterans to interview. She is interested in students' and alumni identities and places at KU as both Native Americans and as members of the U.S. armed forces. These oral histories will be donated, with permission, to the Spencer Research Library. During spring 2023, Abigail and her colleagues will host a talk to share their discoveries and honor our veteran students and alumni. If you are interested, please contact her at abi.scott@ku.edu.

★ Fraser Award



Second Lt. Peter Weber, an Air Force ROTC graduate, is the 2022 recipient of the Chancellor John Fraser Distinguished Military Graduate Award in recognition of outstanding achievement as an ROTC cadet.

Award committee chair Jim Cooper presented the award at KU's Joint ROTC Commissioning Ceremony in May. Given by the KU Veteran's Alumni Network annually since 2013, the award recipient exemplifies academic excellence, leadership, physical fitness and dedication to community service.

For newsletter comments or suggestions, please contact: Michelle Lang, director of alumni programs, KU Alumni Association, michellem@kualumni.org. For more information about KU's military-affiliated programs and activities, visit gmp.ku.edu or masc.ku.edu.



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courtesy of KU Athletics Inc. Marketing and Fan Experience Office

Veterans and Gold Star family members were invited to KU Memorial Stadium in 2021 to be recognized on the field as part of pre-game activities during KU's annual Salute to Service football game.

Capt. James Miller, Commanding Officer of KU Naval ROTC, (in uniform facing right) presented a military challenge coin to Hank Booth, (black coat with head bowed) Grand Marshal of the 2021 Lawrence Veterans Day Parade Association. A Vietnam-era Army veteran, Booth has been a radio broadcaster for decades.

Also pictured among the group (seated, white sweatshirt) is 101-year old Lt. Tom Kugler, a WWII veteran of the U.S. Army Air Forces. Miller earlier presented a challenge coin to Kugler.