Getting to Know

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What did you last read? *The God of Small Things* by Arundhati Roy

What is your family set-up? A husband, an almost-2-year-old son, and a poodle

What is your favorite movie? *Casablanca* and *No Country for Old Men*

If you could go on vacation anywhere, where would you go? Scotland and England—I spent two months there in college but it wasn’t enough!

What is your favorite family tradition? On my dad’s side of the family, whenever we visit each other or have a family reunion, we have a tradition when the trip is over and people are going home. As people drive away, whoever is still there sings “So Long, Farewell” (from *The Sound of Music*) and does a little dance where you wave your arms and kick your legs. It’s hilarious; even my 83-year-old grandmother does it!
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<th>USMLE Step 2</th>
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<td>The Council on Curriculum has been informed that, for test dates beginning July 1st, the passing score for Step 2 CK has been raised from 196 to <strong>203</strong>. The full text of the USMLE’s announcement is available here: <a href="http://www.usmle.org/announcements/?ContentId=116">http://www.usmle.org/announcements/?ContentId=116</a></td>
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<td>Historically, UMKC students’ scores on Step 2 CK are well above this mark. Last year, our school’s average was 229. We are confident that you and your classmates will continue to perform well.</td>
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| Thermostats | Recently there have been several office and general area thermostats destroyed by vandals. When any thermostat is disrupted by breaking the cover or pulling it off the wall, it will automatically default to “full heat” and begin to increase the temperatures uncontrollably. Let’s all work together to be respectful of our environment and not destroy our own areas. Each of the replacement thermostats are very costly and we’d like to spend that money in a different way! If you have any information about the destroyed items or see any destruction, please contact Dr. Rogers to report it confidentially. (rogersbr@umkc.edu) |

| Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society | Who we are: Our society, AΩA, is the nation’s oldest and most recognized honor medical society. We are to medicine what Phi Beta Kappa is to the humanities and Sigma Xi is to science. We are an interdisciplinary society and have members from every medical specialty |
| Visit our website: [http://alphaomegaalpha.org](http://alphaomegaalpha.org) |
| Visit your chapter’s website: blackboard.umkc.edu - then look for the AOA site |
| If you have any questions about AΩA, get in touch with your chapter councilor, (Dr. Foxworth, foxworthj@umkc.edu) or the national office! |
| FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHMENT WITH THIS WEEK’S IN THE KNOW EMAIL!!! |
Anesthesiology Interest Group

Dr. Reese, who is the Assistant Program Director for the UMKC Anesthesiology Residency Program, will be giving a talk on applying for a residency in Anesthesiology on July 22nd at 5PM! It will take place in Theater B at the med school. This will be really informative for anyone planning on applying for anesthesiology this September, as well as younger students interested in the field!

Ophthalmology Interest Group Elections

Party Pupils wanted! The Ophthalmology Interest Group is hosting elections for this upcoming year and we want you! Elections will be held Wednesday, July 31st at 5:30 PM in Theater B. Hope to see you there!

North Kansas City Hospital David M. Tripses, M.D. Medical Staff Scholarship

Amount: $4,000
Deadline: September 1, 2013

Eligibility:
- Applicants must have resided in Clay or Platte Counties during high school, or graduated from high school in either Clay or Platte Counties Missouri

Please contact Robin Hill for further details
### Scholarship

**Southern Medical Association Alliance**

**Eligibility:**
- Year 5 student (2015 graduate)
- Demonstrate superior ability
- Demonstrate Financial Need

**Deadline:** September 23, 2013

**Amount:** $2,000

Please contact Robin Hill for further details.

### Announcements Format

Items sent to Student Affairs prior to the previous Thursday at 5 p.m. will be included. Additional attachments may also be included with this announcement. You can also find calendar information at [http://www.med.umkc.edu/calendar/default.html](http://www.med.umkc.edu/calendar/default.html)

*To submit information for the next Student Affairs Weekly Announcement, send an email to Niloofar Shahmohammadi at shahmohammadin@umkc.edu.*