Getting to Know

Susan B. Wilson

Department: Diversity and Community Partnership

Title: Associate Dean

Job Description: I manage diversity and inclusion initiatives for students, faculty, staff and residents and am Chair of the Diversity Council.

Birth date: May 3

What are your hobbies? I enjoy sketching and painting, gardening (mostly flowers, herbs and several types of hydrangeas), reading, dancing and cooking. (My grandmother taught me to cook and bake many things “from scratch.”)

What is your biggest pet peeve? My biggest pet peeve: Aggressive drivers who “tailgate” others or drive too fast in snow and ice, and motorists who drive slowly in the passing lane and won’t pull over.

What is your favorite food? I love anything seafood—especially crab, shrimp and lobster.

Where did you grow up? I grew up mostly in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania but also New York City near Spanish Harlem.

What is your favorite family tradition? Every Thanksgiving, my Pittsburgh family has a huge Thanksgiving dinner and close to 70 family members attend. It’s great fun!
**Occupational Health**

As of October 1, 2013, some student services will transition from the Truman Medical Center Occupational Health Department to a new provider, Concentra. **Please see the document attached to this week’s In the Know**, which provides you with information regarding the provider for specific services as well as procedure information.

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**Commencement**

**December 2013 Commencement Information**

Students anticipating to graduate with their Doctor of Medicine degree or their Master of Science in Bioinformatics degree are invited to walk in the December Commencement Ceremony, which will be December 13, 2013, at 5:00PM in Swinney Recreation Center.

For questions about the Commencement Ceremony itself, please contact Petra Bricker at 816-235-1931 or brickerp@umkc.edu or visit the UMKC Commencement Website: [http://www.umkc.edu/commencement/](http://www.umkc.edu/commencement/).

For information specific to School of Medicine students, please see: [http://www.umkc.edu/commencement/content.cfm?id=33](http://www.umkc.edu/commencement/content.cfm?id=33)

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**Diversity Award**

To: Faculty, Students, Staff and Residents:

Nominations are now open for the annual **Award for Excellence in Diversity and Health Equity in Medicine**. Two annual awards will be given in the following categories: (1) student or student organization and (2) faculty, staff, resident and/or organization/department.

We are seeking nominees who have made consistent contributions in the areas of diversity, inclusion, cultural competency or health equity in one or more of the following areas:

- Recruiting and/or retaining a diverse student or faculty body
- Facilitating an inclusive environment of success for all
- Working to promote health equity and the elimination of health disparities
- Strengthening efforts to develop or implement cultural competency strategies that improve healthcare delivery.

**Detailed information about award nomination materials and process can be found at**

[http://med.umkc.edu/odcp/award-excellence.shtml](http://med.umkc.edu/odcp/award-excellence.shtml)

The deadline for nomination materials is **Friday November 15, 2013.**

I hope you will take the time to nominate a valued colleague, student or organization that is worthy of this award. Nomination materials should be sent to the attention of:

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ITEMS
- Face Cloths
- Toothpaste Shampoo
- Floss
- Alcohol Free Conditioner
- Combs
- Mouthwash Deodorant
- Bars of

Box for items located in Med School Lobby

6th years, be sure to stock up on items from hotels when you go
OSIG

HALLOWEEN-O-GRAMS

October 28th - October 30th
11 AM - 1 PM

School of Medicine Lobby

Treats will be delivered on
October 31st
OSIG members will be at the
Med School Lobby to take
orders

Join in on the festive spirit
and send a fellow classmate a
goodie bag full of surprises!

Bring $1 per each goodie bag

Orthopaedic Surgery Interest Group
Any questions, email: tws257@mail.umkc.edu
1 SCHOOL • 1 DAY
2 PUMPKING CARVING CONTESTS

STUDENTS
• Represent Your Unit
• Judged By Staff
• Prizes:
  o 1st Place: $75
  o 2nd Place: $55
  o 3rd Place: $35
• Register with Gladys by 10/24:
  o zollar-jones@umkc.edu

STAFF
• Represent Your Office
• Judged By Students
• Prizes:
  o 1st Place: “The Golden Stapler” and Bragging Rights
• Register with Katie by 10/24:
  o agnewk@umkc.edu

JUDGING: 9:45am - 10:30am
WINNERS: NOON

10/31
Event

FRI
NOV 1ST
EYEBALL
COSTUME PARTY
FOOD, DRINKS, AND PRIZES!

7:30-12:00

TICKETS: $17

THE BERG
EVENT SPACE

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE KANSAS CITY FREE EYE CLINIC
UMKC-SOM Public Health Interest Group (PHIG) presents:

Coffee and Conversation featuring visionary activist & advocate for children’s health and well-being, 
Sister Berta Sailer, Founder of Operation Breakthrough

WHEN: Saturday, November 2, 2013, 11 am- to 12:00 pm
WHERE: Westport Coffee House at 4010 Pennsylvania Ave, KCMO 64111
Laverne Cox is an actress, writer, producer, and transgender advocate. She can currently be seen in the critically acclaimed Netflix original series Orange is the New Black. Her portrayal of the incarcerated Sophia Burset has touched the hearts of viewers. Maureen Ryan of the Huffington Post writes, "Laverne Cox gives an amazing performance as trans inmate, Sophia... among the most moving on-screen moments I've seen all year."

In 2012 Cox garnered critical acclaim for her role in the independent feature film Musical Chairs directed by Susan Seidelman. Keith Uhlich of Time Out wrote, "You leave remembering...Laverne Cox's galvanizing mettle as a paraplegic transsexual who befriends Mia." Roger Ebert wrote, "Laverne Cox...brings a nice warmth and humor to her performance." John Delia of "Beyond The Marquee" proclaims, "The showstopper, however, is Laverne Cox who plays the transgender Chantelle, an energetic whirlwind looking for love in all the right places."

Cox is the first African-American trans woman to produce and star in her own television show, VH1’s critically acclaimed TRANSForm Me. TRANSform Me was nominated for a GLAAD media award for Outstanding Reality Program in 2011 and was the first television show to star three transsexual women. Cox made television history when she became the first African-American trans woman to appear on a reality television program, VH1's I Wanna Work for Diddy in 2008. She accepted the GLAAD media award for Outstanding Reality Program for I Want to Work for Diddy in 2009.

Cox was named as one of the most influential trans people in America in the inaugural Trans 100 in 2013. She was named one of the top 50 trans icons by the Huffington Post in 2012. Laverne was named one of Out magazine's "Out 100" in 2010. Metro Source magazine named her one of the "55 People We Love" in 2008.

As a transgender advocate Cox continues to lend her voice to the cause of transgender visibility and equality. She is committed to telling diverse and three dimensional trans stories in the media. She travels the country speaking about issues that affect the trans community. She is also a regular contributor to The Huffington Post.
Wellness Points Program App

On September 23rd, 2013, the brand new Wellness Points Program App went live. The app allows students to earn points for various “wellness behaviors.” At the end of the school year, the docent team who earns the most wellness points wins a Yogurtini party.

To access the app visit www.med.umkc.edu/wellness/app

Begin logging your points and help your team win TODAY!

Please direct any issues, questions, or suggestions to Niloofar Shahmohammadi at shahmohammadin@umkc.edu
Wellness Points Program Leader Board

UMKC School of Medicine Wellness Program

Team Leaderboard

Y2-Keeler 179.83
Y2-Nehart 178.09
Y1-Strasser 18.38
Y1-Greenspan 15.50
Y2-Storm 13.00

Weekly Inspiration

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Forget about being impressive and commit to being real.

DAILY TRUTHBOMB
daniellelaporte.com

SCHOLARSHIPS
### Cole County Medical Society Scholarship

**Eligibility:** 3-6 year students that graduated from high school in Cole, Moniteau or Osage county.

Looking from a student that has demonstrated exceptional intellectual and humanistic qualities in interactions with patients, peers and teachers.

Selection will be based on financial need, scholastic achievement and community involvement.

**Amount:** $3,000

**Deadline:** Applications due before January 2, 2014

Please contact Robin Hill for further details at hillrob@umkc.edu

### Boone County Medical Scholarship

**Eligibility:**
- Must be from and have graduated high school in Boone, Howard or Cooper county
- Must have completed his/her first semester of your clerkship year
- Demonstrates exceptional intellectual and humanistic qualities in interactions with patients, peers and teachers

Financial need is **NOT** a selection criterion for this scholarship.

**Amount:** $2,000

**Deadline:** February 15th

### UMKC Women’s Council 2014 Graduate Assistance Fund

Application process is open now until December 2, 2013 at 5 p.m.

**Eligible Applicants:**
UMKC women graduate students in a post-baccalaureate approved program of study in A&S, SBS, BSOM, Conservatory, SOE, SCE, Graduate Studies, Nursing and first professional women students in Dentistry, Law, Medicine and Pharmacy.

**Apply to Fund:**
Research projects, scholarly activities, travel to present papers, workshop attendance, and other special needs.

Funding requests up to $2,000!

For more information on eligible requests and general information, go to [www.umkcwc.org](http://www.umkcwc.org) and click on the Apply Now button. For specific questions, email wcouncil@umkc.edu or call 816-235-2452.
Opportunity

The S.H.E.V.A. Project
www.shevaproject.com

We are reaching out to medical students to provide them with a new and exciting opportunity to work at medical camps set up by our charity, the S.H.E.V.A. Project – The Sustainability, Healthcare, Education and Village Awareness Project. Our ultimate vision is to bring about a more sustainable and healthy community for India’s rural poor. We work with specific communities to provide sustainable jobs for men, empowering women with job and skills training, bring healthcare access to these villages, and provide admittance to schooling and education for their children. These communities face many issues in terms of destructive behaviors: men relying on poaching and environmental destruction, the women are oppressed, and girls are often married at time of puberty often becoming victims of domestic abuse and leading to profound emotional trauma. Our organization has already made great strides for dozens of villages, however they need continued support and care and we are planning to expand our operations.

(For more info, please see document attached to email)
Opportunity

For more info please visit: http://www.neomedi.edu/academics/medicine/departments/family-medicine/education-and-faculty-development/william-carlos-williams-poetry-competition/william-carlos-williams-poetry-competition

William Carlos Williams Poetry Competition

32nd William Carlos Williams
POETRY COMPETITION

The William Carlos Williams Poetry Competition, sponsored by the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) College of Medicine, is open to medical students attending schools of medicine or osteopathy in the U.S. and Canada.

Each year hundreds of entries are submitted to the competition and go through a rigorous screening by English faculty at NEOMED's partner universities. The final judging is done by Richard Berlin, M.D., psychiatrist and poet from the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

The first-, second- and third-place winners will be invited to read their poetry at an awards ceremony at NEOMED. In addition, the editors of the Journal of Medical Humanities review the winning poems and consider them for possible publication in that journal.

Entry Guidelines
The entry deadline for the competition is Dec. 31, 2013. Learn more about complete guidelines and rules for submissions.

Winning Poems
The top three poets will be awarded $300, $200 and $100 respectively. In addition, the three winners will be invited to visit NEOMED on April 4, 2014, to read their poems. All travel expenses will be paid by the Department of Family and Community Medicine. Winning poems will be announced by March 31, 2014.
Opportunity

Student Research Opportunity
The Societies welcome applications from all qualified candidates and encourage women and members of underrepresented minorities to apply.

Consider a career in research related to pediatrics by participating in a Summer Student Research Program available from the America Pediatric Society and the Society for Pediatric Research.

The summer research program provides interested medical school students with the following:
- Research experience at an institution other than your own medical school
- Two to three months (40-hour weeks) in a research environment
- A stipend of $612.00 per day or a maximum of $5,508

Since 1991, more than 775 students have attained valuable experience in pediatric research groups. Currently more than 200 laboratories participate, allowing students to select a research program and group in their own area of interest.

U.S. and Canadian medical students seeking a research opportunity in pediatrics are encouraged to apply. Completed applications must be received by no later than January 24, 2014 to be eligible for evaluation for the 2014 Summer Student Research Program. Application packets and the Directory of Research Opportunities are available on our website at www.aps-spr.org.

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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

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