



# UPDATE

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**The Mission** of the Johnson Cancer Center at K-State is to further the understanding of cancers by funding basic cancer *research*, and supporting higher *education*, training and public *outreach*.



The Kaw Valley Rodeo Association is holding its **first Tough Enough To Wear Pink (TETWP)** Rodeo during the Riley County Fair, and all funds raised will be given to the Johnson Cancer Center.

- Fundraising events in conjunction with the rodeo include:
- ⇒ Spaghetti Buffet, Gilio's (3003 Anderson Ave, Manhattan), 11:30 am-1:30 pm, Sunday, July 15
  - ⇒ Steak Fry & Auction, RC McGraw's (2317 Tuttle Crk Blvd, Manhattan) 6 pm, Sunday, July 22
  - ⇒ Sales at the Rodeo Association's booth at the Riley Co. Fair
  - ⇒ Donations at collection sites around town
  - ⇒ \$1 of your Rodeo ticket price Fri, Jul 27<sup>th</sup>

The color pink may not often be associated with the tough sport of rodeo, but **PINK** rodeos are happening all over the U.S. **TETWP** debuted at the '05 Wrangler National Final Rodeo. Participants and attendees are encouraged to wear pink to signify their support for breast cancer research. Breast cancer has touched the lives of many rodeo families, and the **TETWP** campaign raises awareness and funds for this important health issue.

For more information, contact the center 532-6705, or go to: [www.rileycountyfair.com/rodeo](http://www.rileycountyfair.com/rodeo)

## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Rob Regier Memorial Golf Tournament September 14, 2007

Eighty golfers participated in the tournament on September 8, 2006, raising \$21,600. Since the first tournament in 1995, more than \$92,000 has been raised for the research and education programs of the cancer center. The center is indebted to the Regiers for all their hard work and dedication, as well as to all the participants and donors for their support. Thanks to all of the sponsors and the ever-increasing level of sponsorship, this tournament is more successful every year. **Contact the center for opportunities to sponsor or participate in 2007!**

### THANKS AGAIN TO THE 2006 SPONSORS!

#### PREMIER SPONSOR (\$2,500):

GRAND MÈRE - A Master Planned Golf Course Community, Manhattan

#### DIAMOND SPONSORS (\$1,500):

- ⇒ Cancer Center Advisory Council
- ⇒ Jack & Donna Vanier, Brookville

#### GOLD SPONSORS (\$1,000):

- ⇒ James & Kathy Haymaker, Edina, MN
- ⇒ Sandy & Les Regier, Overland Park

#### BANQUET SPONSOR (\$750):

- ⇒ Bayer Construction, Manhattan

#### SILVER SPONSORS (\$500):

- ⇒ Clarion Hotel, Manhattan
- ⇒ Hannah & Oltjen-Doctors of Orthodontics, Jay & Rita Oltjen, Leawood
- ⇒ Powercat Illustrated, Tim Fitzgerald, Manhattan

#### 16 DONORS FOR THE RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION

#### 36 HOLE SPONSORS

#### 29 FRIENDS OF THE CANCER CENTER

**3 SPECIAL DONATIONS:** Briggs Auto Group, Hole-in-One Jeep (one year lease); Colbert Hills, 2 for 1 Colbert Hills coupon for each golfer in this tournament; Roy Crenshaw, hamburgers for lunch

## Research & Education Advisory Council

We offer our sincere thanks to our council members for their support!

Charles C. Bascom, PhD  
Hamilton, OH, 1993

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Manhattan, KS, 1980

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### From the Advisory Council President:

*"The undergraduate Cancer Research Award program, literally unparalleled in public universities in the U.S., provides the opportunity for students to get hands-on experience in scientific research. It should be the pride of KSU and Kansas.*

*The caliber and accomplishments of the students who complete the program are exceptional for any university, public or private."*

Dr. Robert Kinders,  
Principal Scientist,  
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## Program Awards

The center provided a grand total of nearly \$480,000 of support directly to our faculty researchers and their students in 2006, a landmark year for the center! The awards for the fall totaled an unprecedented amount of more than \$250,000, which includes salary support to Biology for the new **Cancer Center Professorship**. Thanks to you, the center is increasingly able to help our researchers and their students in their quest to fight cancer. This spring, we made allocations of \$234,824 in the following areas:

### INNOVATIVE RESEARCH AWARDS - \$119,480

- Biochemistry: Dolores Takemoto, Rachel Zuffrey, \$49,000
- Biology: Alexander Beeser, Jean-Pierre Perchellet, \$23,830
- Chemistry: Stefan Bossmann, Ryszard Jankowiak, \$46,650

### GRADUATE STUDENT SUMMER STIPENDS - \$53,294

- Biochemistry: Dolores Takemoto, John Tomich, \$7,467
- Biology: S. Keith Chapes, Lynn Hancock, Lorena Passarelli, Chris Thorpe, \$20,920
- Chemistry: Christer Aakeroy, Stefan Bossmann, Ryszard Jankowiak, Sundeep Rayat, \$16,736
- Diag Med/Path: Annelise Nguyen, \$4,184
- Human Nutrition: George Wang, \$3,987

### GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS - \$5,645

- Biology: John Blair, Rollie Clem, Michael Herman, Brett Sandercock, Chris Thorpe, \$3,123
- Biochemistry: John Tomich, \$993
- Chemistry: Christer Aakeroy, \$829
- Diag/Med Path: Annelise Nguyen, \$700

### FACULTY EQUIPMENT AWARDS - \$14,213

- Biology: Alexander Beeser, Rollie Clem, Sherry Fleming, Jean-Pierre Perchellet, Ruth Welti, \$16,495
- Chemistry: Viktor Chikan with Deryl Troyer (Anatomy & Physiology), \$14,110
- Diag Med/Path: Annelise Nguyen, \$3,000

### JUNE HULL-SHERRID SCHOLARSHIPS - \$25,800

- 56 students received scholarships this spring

### NEW CENTER PROFESSORSHIP

Dr. Alexander Beeser joined the Division of Biology in January. He was recruited from the Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, PA., a prestigious National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center. Its activities include basic, clinical and prevention research; detection and treatment of cancer; and community outreach programs. Seventy basic science programs range from the most fundamental cellular research to directly translational research. Dr. Beeser studies proteins functioning in mechanisms important in cell-to-cell communication. Changes in these mechanisms can result in many kinds of human cancer.

## CENTER STAFF

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## Faculty Affiliates 2007

Thanks to Drs. Linda and William Richter, who have provided a new fund that promotes non-traditional cancer research in areas like Geography and Political Science, the roster of affiliates has some new faces in new disciplines. Thanks to the recruiting efforts of other departments, there are some new affiliates in other areas as well. All of the affiliated researchers will lead the way to new answers to the complicated questions of cancers.

### ARTS & SCIENCES

**BIOCHEMISTRY:** Michael Kanost, Om Prakash, Tom Roche, Dolores Takemoto, John Tomich, Qize Wei, Anna Zolkiewska, Michal Zolkiewski, Rachel Zufferey

**BIOLOGY:** Katsura Asano, Alexander Beeser, Susan Brown, S. Keith Chapes, Rollie Clem, Abigail Conrad, Gary Conrad, Rob Denell, Walter Dodds, Sherry Fleming, Lynn Hancock, Michael Herman, Beth Montelone, Lorena Passarelli, Jean-Pierre Perchellet, Jyoti Shah, Teresa Shippy, Larry Takemoto, Chris Thorpe, Tonia Von Ohlen, Ruth Welti, Samantha Wisely

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