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Johnson Center for  
Basic Cancer Research

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

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Dear Friends,

There have been lots of new looks for the cancer center in 2009.

We introduced our newly designed logo, web site, [www.cancer.k-state.edu](http://www.cancer.k-state.edu), and newsletter, and now you can find us on FACEBOOK too!

YOU are indeed a critical **Link** to the success of our researchers and students. Your assistance helps make significant accomplishments possible.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,  
Jan Galitzer, Editor  
and staff

## 2009 AWARDS

Previous awards levels were maintained in 2009 despite poor national economic conditions. Your support is even more essential in these difficult times, when all forms of funding sources have reached intense levels of competition.

Thanks to you, the center continues to be able to help our researchers and their students in their quest to find answers to the complex issues of cancer.

### FACULTY SUPPORT

#### **INNOVATIVE RESEARCH AWARDS - \$236,500**

SPRING: \$137,000 to 7 affiliates in 5 depts

FALL: \$99,500 to 5 affiliates in 3 depts

#### **FACULTY TRAVEL AWARDS**

FALL: \$1,066 to an affiliate in Biology

#### **FACULTY EQUIPMENT AWARDS - \$52,300**

SPRING: \$39,000 to 4 affiliates in 3 depts

FALL: \$13,300 to 2 affiliates in 2 depts

#### **CENTER PROFESSORSHIP - Dr. Beeser,**

Biology, completed his third and final year of center support.

### UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SUPPORT

#### **CANCER RESEARCH AWARDS - \$94,000**

SPRING: \$47,000 to 47 students

\$47,000 to their mentors

#### **JUNE HULL-SHERRID SCHOLARSHIPS**

**\$74,525 (\$350-\$1,000 each)**

SPRING: \$35,450 - 115 scholarships

FALL: \$39,075 - 88 scholarships

### GRADUATE STUDENT SUPPORT

#### **GRADUATE TRAVEL AWARDS - \$10,693**

SPRING: \$4,343 cancer center fellowships to 4 students and \$1,950 biology fellowships to 2 biology students.

FALL: \$4,400 cancer center fellowships to 9 students

#### **GRADUATE STUDENT SUMMER STIPENDS**

SPRING: \$52,000 to 13 students  
in 3 depts

#### **HEART RESEARCH**

FALL: \$5,000 to a student in Biology.

The federal government recognized the tremendous positive economic impact of research. As part of the recovery act, stimulus funds were made available to researchers. Center affiliates received over \$3 million in federal stimulus funds in 2009, *in addition to* the rest of their extramural funding.

## Faculty Affiliates

In the spirit of multidisciplinary collaboration, the center continues to recruit new researchers. Affiliates, including ten *University Distinguished Professors* (\*), are found in twelve departments in five colleges and one school.

### COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES (48)

**BIOCHEMISTRY (12):** Al-Rawi, Chen, \*Kanost,

\*Muthukrishnan, Prakash, Reeck,

\*Roche, Takemoto, Tomich, Wei,

Zolkiewska, Zolkiewski

**BIOLOGY (23):** Asano, Beeser, Brown,

Chapes, Clem, Conrad, \*Conrad,

\*Denell, \*Dodds, Fleming, Hancock,

Herman, Michel, Montelone, Passarelli,

Perchellet, Shippy, Schrick, \*Takemoto,

Thorpe, Von Ohlen, Welti, Wisely

**CHEMISTRY (11):** Aakeröy, Bossmann, Chikan,

Culbertson, Higgins, \*Hua, Takashi,

Jankowiak, Kraft, Li, Rayat

**GEOGRAPHY (1):** Lu

**PHYSICS (1):** Szoszkiewicz

### SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP STUDIES (1)

Carlin

### COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING (1)

**CHEMICAL ENGINEERING:** Schlup

### COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE (14)

**ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY (8):** \*Blecha,

Freeman, Schultz, Tamura, Troyer,

Wang, \*Wangemann, Weiss

**CLINICAL SCIENCES (4):** Armbrust,

Higginbotham, McCaw, Schermerhorn

**DIAGNOSTIC MEDICINE/PATHOBIOLOGY (2):**

Ganta, Nguyen

### COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE (4)

**GRAIN SCIENCE & INDUSTRY (1):** Madl

**PLANT PATHOLOGY (3):** Rotenberg, Tang,

Whitfield

### COLLEGE OF HUMAN ECOLOGY (5)

**HUMAN NUTRITION:** Haub, Lin, Lindsheid,

Melgarejo, Wang

**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**.



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### Varney's Book Store joins the fight

When you purchase the book

#### *Bill Snyder: They Said It Couldn't Be Done*

from any Varney's location, net proceeds will be donated by Varney's to the cancer center.

### Learn more...

The K-STATER (WINTER '09) magazine of the KSU Alumni Association features the center on pages 79-81.

### Center Staff

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### On behalf of the center

We thank the many partners who joined the fight against cancer in 2009. They were K-State, local and distant individuals, communities, businesses, Kansas high school groups, and people of all ages. They held awareness and fund raising events, both on-going programs and new events. For more information about them, check our *Accepting a Challenge 2009* magazine when it arrives later this winter. If you don't get one, contact the center and we'll make sure you do.

#### **12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REGIER GOLF TOURNAMENT**

raised \$20,000. Many golfers, individuals and businesses supported the event. **Grand Mère** served as Premier Sponsor again. Mark your calendars for the 2010 tournament on **SEPTEMBER 3!**

#### **5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SMOKY VALLEY CHIROPRACTIC**

event raised \$1,100. Dr. Darrel Loder and his staff donated their services and their days' salaries.

#### **INDEPENDENCE H.S. (\$400) & FREDONIA H.S. (\$1,100)**

girls basketball teams both raised these funds at their cancer awareness nights.

#### **SUNNY 102.5FM & COACH SNYDER**

have been partners since 1995! They raised over \$22,000 this year and continue to promote the center in every way they can. John Anderson spent 12 hours on McDonald's roof calling for support.

#### **FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES STATE AUXILIARY**

led by Nila Parks, raised over \$20,000 in memory of her son Steven Cutright.

#### **3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL ALPHA KAPPA PSI'S CATS AGAINST CANCER**

raised \$2,000. The business fraternity sold chances for prizes donated by local businesses.

#### **3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL KAW VALLEY RODEO ASSOCIATION'S TOUGH ENOUGH TO WEAR PINK CAMPAIGN**

raised \$7,389 and informed lots of new people about the center at its events in May, June, and July.

#### **2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CLIFFORD VEATCH CHICKENHAWK FRY**

, also called the *College Cancer Challenge*, raised over \$1,500 for KSU. Julie Veatch, KSU grad, and her friend Pat All, KU grad, encouraged school spirit and raised funds for their schools' cancer centers.

**JEEPIN' FOR A CURE** at Briggs Auto raised \$540 for the center at their Jeep Jamboree.



### K-STATE VOLUNTEER CENTER OF MANHATTAN **A new partner in 2009**

Their mission is to serve the K-State Campus and Manhattan as a whole by engaging and connecting those dedicated to bettering our community.

They organized many volunteer opportunities for Martin Luther King Day and featured the cancer center at their booth at the Manhattan Town Center Mall. They submitted an electronic scrapbook including pictures of the cancer center's display to a national competition! Director Lynda Bachelor says she hopes to help inform the community about the center through many of their activities.



### Thank you to our Advisory Council members...

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