GRANTS

The McCormick Tribune Foundation awarded the School a $50,000 grant to support The Media and Military program that brings officers from Ft. Leavenworth to learn how to work with media and takes students to the Fort for a three-day “bootcamp.” Tom Volek is coordinating the program.

Rick Musser received a $106,000 grant from the Kansas Health Institute to research and evaluate the effectiveness of a three-year program of the Association of Health Care Journalists in Columbia, Missouri. The Missouri program to train working journalists in health care reporting is supported by a grant from a consortium of Kansas and Missouri health foundations.

David Guth received a $65,514 grant from the KU Transportation Research Institute for a nationwide study of the effectiveness of state emergency management agency Web sites.

David Perlmutter is co-principal investigator in a multidisciplinary research project on “Improving Highway Workzone Safety” that is funded by the KU Transportation Research Institute for 2008-2009. He works on ways to improve public message campaigns on workzone safety.

Mugur Geana received a New Faculty General Research Program grant to research “Identification of Key Communication Channels/Messages for the Efficient Delivery of Health-Related Information to the Baby Boomers Generation. The amount is $7,600.

Linda Lee received an undergraduate research assistant grant for a student to assist her on a book on global marketing that she is writing with the dean of the Negocia business school in Paris

OTHER RECOGNITION

Kerry Benson was one of five finalists for the 2007 HOPE Award presented by the KU senior class. This was her fourth time as a finalist.

Simran Sethi was named Goddard Fellow at New York University’s first residential college for freshmen, and received the Environmental Media Award for the Sundance Channel original series, “Big Ideas for a Small Planet.” She also was appointed as a non-resident fellow of The Asia Society and will write internationally-syndicated articles for its Project-Syndicate.org.