J-SCHOOL SPRING CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

May 1: **Ad Club meeting**, 7:00 p.m., 2092 Dole.

May 1: **Diane O’Byrne J676 presentation**, USA Today Sports Media, Alderson Auditorium, Kansas Union, 7 p.m.

May 2: **Mugur Geana J676 presentation**, Kansas Department of Transportation, 330 Strong Hall, 5 p.m.

May 2: **Hyunjin Seo J676 presentation**, Habitat for Humanity Kansas City, Big 12 Room, Kansas Union, 6:30 p.m.

May 2: **Bob Basow J676 presentation**, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, Alderson Auditorium, Kansas Union, 7 p.m.

May 3: **Research Brownbag**: Noon to 1 p.m. in S-F 104. We will talk about research initiatives in the J-School.

May 3: **Last day of Classes**

May 3: **David Guth J676 presentation**, Kansas Public Radio, Alderson Auditorium, Kansas Union, 7 p.m.

May 4: **Faculty meeting**, 206 ST-F, 11:30 a.m.

May 4: **Stratcom Track Meeting**: 10:30-11:15 a.m. in S-F 303.

May 4: **Stop Day**

May 5: **KSPA State Competition**

May 7-11: **Finals**

May 12: **Journalism School Graduate Recognition Ceremony**, 8:30 a.m., Lied Center and Stauffer-Flint lawn.

May 13: **Commencement**, Memorial Stadium, 10:30 a.m.

May 28: **Memorial Day Holiday**, offices closed.
SunflowerNews.org is a new website that aggregates high school journalists’ reporting from across Kansas. Seventeen schools are currently enrolled in the project, with new ones continuing to join. This project is funded with a grant from AEJMC and the Knight Foundation. J-school student Tim Shedor designed the website. J-school students Becky Miller and Allison Hammond facilitate the site’s daily operation. Peter Bobkowski serves as adviser. You can follow it on Twitter @sunflnews.

Simran Sethi was featured in KU Today for her research into the Department of Defense’s efforts to improve sustainability and the psychological barriers of engaging multiple communities in a climate change discussion.
http://www.news.ku.edu/2012/april/24/sustain.shtml

Teresa Lamsam discussed plans for the Native Health News Alliance during an April 26 CDC/NPHIC Health Promotion call. The Native Health News Alliance is a first-of-its-kind website with a mission to serve as a health information cooperative for American Indian media. Michael Williams and Rhonda LeValdo, alumna and instructor at Haskell Indian Nations University, also are co-founders of the site.

Native Health News Alliance (NHNA) -- a website co-founded by Teresa Trumbly Lamsam, Rhonda LeValdo, and Michael Williams -- was featured in a social enterprise pitch at the Global Health & Innovation Conference, Yale University, April 21. NHNA was also a featured presentation in a conference call meeting of the CDC’s Office of State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Public Health.

Mugur Geana had three papers accepted for presentation at the International Conference for Communication in Healthcare (ICCH 2012). The conference will take place at the University of St. Andrews, Scotland, between 4 and 7 of September 2012.

Guest speakers in Max Utsler’s Journalism 201 class included alumnus Aaron Clopton, now a sport management professor, Kelly Hale and Doc Shobe of the Kansas Speedway, Laurie Bollig of Premier Sports Management, Jell Bollig of the Golf Course Superintendent’s Association, Manon Eilts of the U.S. Tennis Association, and Judy Gipp and Chad Kills Crow of Haskell University.

On May 7, Simran Sethi will present to the MBA program at Bilgi University in Istanbul, Turkey. She will discuss the role of design in sustainability.
http://couragetocreateabusiness.wordpress.com/

Dr. Lissette Marroquin and Dr. Ana Leonora Rivera, both from the University of Costa Rica (UCR), met with researchers and faculty from the J-School as well as with colleagues from the Department of Family Medicine at KUMC. Over the weekend they traveled to Garden City to gain hands-on experience with research involving community participation. Their visit was funded by the grant that Mugur Geana and Lissette Marroquin received at the beginning of the year to address research capacity building at UCR and health communication interventions in the Province of Limon, Costa Rica.
Alumni/Student News:

KU Journalism alumnus Chris Halsne broke new developments in the Secret Service scandal: [http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=7406644n&tag=mg%3Bcbsthismorning](http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=7406644n&tag=mg%3Bcbsthismorning)

Jimmy Chavez has accepted a job with Yahoo Sports Radio as a national anchor, reporter, sports talk show host and blogger. He will move to Houston in mid-May.

The 2012-2013 PRSSA officers are:
President: Amanda Tutora
Vice President of Public Relations/Secretary: Neha Wahid
Member Relations Coordinator: Sam Kovzan
Professional Development Coordinator: Stephanie Castro
Jayhawk Communications Coordinator: Courtney Moore
Fundraising Coordinator: Morgan Jackson

The 2012-2013 Ad Club officers are:
President - Mike Montano
Vice President - Ashley Rodgers
Secretary - Sixuan (Vera) Wu
Treasurer - Brittany Rubenstein
PR - Jack Esberg

Alumna Melissa Yeager soon will return to Kansas City to join KSHB’s news team. She was chief investigative reporter for WINK, the CBS-affiliate in Fort Myers, Fla.

Student Opportunities:

For more Student Opportunities, visit: [http://www.journalism.ku.edu/services/student-opportunities.shtml](http://www.journalism.ku.edu/services/student-opportunities.shtml).

Kansas Association of Broadcasters Scholarships
Applications for the KAB Scholarships must be postmarked by May 1. Click on the link below for information and to download an application.
LOOK3 scholarship class - Deadline May 3
This year with Magnum photographer Bruce Gilden. Ten photographers 28 and younger will be selected to receive free tuition and a festival pass to this scholarship only class. Travel, room and board are not included. The deadline to apply for the workshop scholarship is May 3, 2012, and scholarship recipients will be notified on May 7, 2012. More information on how to apply is on the website: http://look3.org/master-class/street-smart-scholarship-class-bruce-gilden/

The Chandler Award
Annual writing contest with a $600 first prize. The deadline is May 1st, and entry is FREE! The Chandler Award honors excellence in student writing, with an emphasis on reporting and representation of religious issues that is fair, balanced and in accordance with journalistic standards. Religion Newswriters Association, based at the University of Missouri, administers the award. Russ Chandler, a former L.A. Times religion reporter, sponsors the award. Any undergraduate or graduate student may enter published print or online news and features about religion, spirituality or ethics. Stories published through internships or student media are eligible. Again, it is free and easy to enter online. See details about the Chandler Award here. Ron Ribiat, Special Projects Assistant Religion Newswriters Association, ribiat@rna.org.