J-SCHOOL SPRING / SUMMER CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- May 28: **Memorial Day Holiday**, offices closed.
- Jun. 5: **First day of summer classes**
- Jun. 24: **Kansas Journalism Institute**

FACULTY/STAFF NEWS:

**Jimmy Gentry** received the 2012 John Katich Award for Creativity from the School of Journalism. The annual Katich award goes to a tenure-track or tenured faculty member in the School of Journalism who has demonstrated creativity in teaching, research, service or a combination of these areas. Gentry created and teaches “Financial Fundamentals for Communicators” for the master’s program on the Edwards Campus and an undergraduate version in Lawrence. Previous winners include Rick Musser (2006), Bob Basow (2007), Barbara Barnett (2008), Doug Ward (2009), Mugur Geana (2010) and Tien-Tsung Lee (2011).

**Pam Fine** was featured in the May edition (page 14) of *Editor & Publisher* for her work on PoliticalFiber and the project’s aim to engage young adults in politics (http://read.uberflip.com/i/62419).

**Kerry Benson** gave a presentation on language use, including word choice, in social media to KU's Unclassified Staff on April 30.

Steve Boylan and Jim Thomas, instructors at the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, spoke about leadership to **Barbara Barnett's** media and the military class.

**Mugur Geana** and **Crystal Lumpkins** volunteered at the American Indian Health Research and Education Alliance (AIHREA) Pow-Wow and Health & Wellness Fair at Johnson County Community College on May 4-5, 2012. The health fair, staffed by volunteers from KU and KUMC, provided free preventive screenings and health promotion education for event's attendees and their families. (See photos below)
– Photo 1: KUMC volunteers providing preventive screenings and health education at the 2012 AIHREA Pow-Wow and Health Fair at JCCC on May 5, 2012 (Photo by Mugur Geana)

– Photo 2: American Indian dancers in regalia performing Native dances at the 2012 AIHREA Pow-Wow and Health Fair at JCCC on May 5, 2012 (Photo by Mugur Geana)

Alumni/Student News:

Jerry Seib will receive the 2012 Gerald Loeb Lifetime Achievement Award. Seib is the Deputy Managing Editor and Washington Bureau of The Wall Street Journal. Seib is a 1978 graduate of the J-School and a native of Hays, Kansas. Seib received the William Allen White National Citation in 2005 and is currently a William Allen White Foundation Trustee.

Visit [http://www.journalism.ku.edu/school/waw/awards/wawmedal/WAWMedal.html](http://www.journalism.ku.edu/school/waw/awards/wawmedal/WAWMedal.html) for more on Sieb’s career and awards.

For more on his lifetime achievement award, visit: [http://www.anderson.ucla.edu/x3287.xml](http://www.anderson.ucla.edu/x3287.xml).

Dana Meredith received this year's Dean’s Award. She also received The John Bremner Award.

Zachary Loes (2011) is the new Account Manager for Tria Health.

Cheri LeBlond, who received her M.S.J. in Marketing Communications from the KU Edwards Campus, held the grand opening of her new bookstore for mystery-lovers this past Saturday, May 12. Cheri used the skills she learned in the program—specifically in an independent study course where she wrote a business plan for the store—to partner with a friend in this new business venture.

Congratulations to our graduates! We’ve posted photos and videos from this year’s J-School and University ceremonies on our Facebook page ([https://www.facebook.com/KUJournalism](https://www.facebook.com/KUJournalism)).

Faculty/Staff Opportunities:

Building a Bridge Between the Knight News Challenge and JMC Programs: Bringing the Ideas to Life in JMC Classrooms and Student Media

AEJMC is seeking proposals from its members to develop innovative and creative academic applications of projects already funded through the Knight News Challenge. The goal is to implement these projects in ways that enhance the education of future journalists for the new media landscape. This program is funded by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.
AEJMC will award up to 10 grants of up to $8,000 each. Proposals must create an academic application (or a use by college media) of the open source code or platform already created by one of the Knight News Challenge Grant recipients. Projects where code and platforms have been developed and are ready for use include DocumentCloud, SPS, Spot.Us, Ushahidi, NewsCloud, Selectricity, Politiwidgets, FeedBrewer and SnagFilms. To see these and other project products, visit www.Knightapps.org

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES:
For more Student Opportunities, visit: http://www.journalism.ku.edu/services/student-opportunities.shtml.

Sports Journalism Scholarships

The Associated Press Sports Editors are sponsoring four $1,500 scholarship for collegiate sports journalists.

APSE, a national organization of sports editors, is awarding four scholarships to help motivate talented students to pursue a career in sports journalism. Collegiate sports journalists entering their sophomore, junior or senior years are eligible for the scholarship which will awarded based on the students' journalistic work, their academic record, financial need, and geography. The scholarships will be awarded to students from four different regions of the United States. The winners will be chosen by the APSE scholarship committee, which is chaired by Joe Sullivan, sports editor of the Boston Globe and includes editors from all sections of the United States. **Deadline is June 1**