J-SCHOOL SPRING CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Mar. 19-23:  **Spring Break**

Mar. 27:     **PRSSA meeting**, 100 ST-F, 7 p.m.

Apr. 3:      **Ad Club meeting**, 7:00 p.m., 2092 Dole.

Apr. 5:      **Faculty Lunch** with alumna Charlotte Howard in S-F 303.

Apr. 10:     **PRSSA meeting**, 100 ST-F, 7 p.m. (officer elections)

Apr. 17:     **Ad Club meeting**, 7:00 p.m., 2092 Dole.

Apr. 17:     **School of Journalism Awards and Scholarships Ceremony**, Big 12 Room, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Please note this location has changed. It was previously scheduled to be in Woodruff Auditorium**

Apr. 24:     **PRSSA meeting**, 100 ST-F, 7 p.m. (officer transition meeting)

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

May 3:       **Last day of Classes**

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

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.

Jun. 5:      **First day of classes**
The Kansas City Star featured a story on Professor Hyunjin Seo's collaborative research study on flash mobs and teens’ use of social media. Here is the link: http://www.kansascity.com/2012/03/11/3484582/flash-mobs-inspire-study.html

Doug Ward led an editing workshop for students and faculty in the Kansas Supreme Court Research Clinic at the law school recently. The clinic is a course for second- and third-year law students who are conducting research for Justice Carol Beier, a 1981 J-School grad. Ward will lead another workshop for the group in April. Also, Ward's proposal for a teaching workshop has been accepted for presentation at the Ubiquitous Learning Conference, an international conference on technology in education. Ward's panel is titled "Finding a Balance Between Teaching and Technology."

Scott Reinardy’s manuscript “Job security, satisfaction influence work commitment” appears in the Winter 2012 issue of Newspaper Research Journal.

Simran Sethi has been named associate editor and peer reviewer for the current volume of The International Journal of Environmental, Cultural, Economic and Social Sustainability. The interdisciplinary journal addresses sustainable development and institutional sustainability. Sethi is also a reviewer for the Journal of Sustainability Education and the journal Environment, Development and Sustainability, an international journal covering all aspects of the environmental impacts of socio-economic development.

Linda Lee’s message development class hosted guest speaker Kris Millsap on Wednesday, March 14. Millsap is the Creative Director for New Media Samurai. New Media Samurai is a creative group in Lawrence with a primary focus in web design and development, online strategy and HD video production and postproduction.

Mugur Geana has been promoted to associate professor with tenure. Congratulations!

Lecturer Eileen Hawley spent March 2-3 in Harveyville, Kan. She is a member of the Kansas All Hazards Incident Management Team that was assisting in response and recovery operations following the EF-2 tornado that hit Harveyville the evening of Feb. 28. Forty percent of the town was destroyed, leaving 13 injured and one dead. She serves as a Public Information Officer supporting media requests and community communication needs. The Incident Management Teams consist of members from seven Homeland Security regions throughout the state and are available to assist jurisdictions for incidents and events too large for local governments to handle alone.
**FACULTY / STAFF OPPORTUNITIES:**

**CTE Innovations in Learning Grant 2012**
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS—DEADLINE APRIL 23
The Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) is offering one $10,000 grant (with potential renewal) to help groups of faculty members develop a culture that supports innovative teaching and fosters deep student learning. Programs, departments, and informal interdisciplinary clusters are invited to submit applications for projects that propose ways to build this culture by integrating sustained attention to teaching innovation and the improvement of learning into the regular and recurring activities of the group. For complete information, contact: Dan Bernstein, Center for Teaching Excellence, at 864-4199 or djb@ku.edu.

**CTE has one more March session** in 135 Budig Hall. Register by contacting cte@ku.edu; space is limited. If you have questions, feel free to contact Judy Eddy at jeddy@ku.edu.

**Thursday, Mar. 29, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.**
Questions Before Answers: Generating Interactive Searching for Scholarly Knowledge
With Dan Bernstein, CTE/Psychology, and Joey Sprague, Sociology
Workshop facilitators will describe how they engage students in problems that lead to interest in academic methods and content. In this session, participants will develop a comparable example within their own teaching. (Lunch will be served.)

**Alumni/Student News:**
Masters alumna Marnette Falley has won the McAllister Editorial Fellowship award, given by the Association of Business Information & Media. Here is the link: [http://www.americanbusinessmedia.com/News/2663/Marnette-Falley-is-the-2012-McAllister-honoree](http://www.americanbusinessmedia.com/News/2663/Marnette-Falley-is-the-2012-McAllister-honoree)

Anna Archibald, 2010, is the associate managing editor at Shape magazine in New York.

J488 student Lisa Andersen had a story about the Kansas caucuses featured on PBS.org. It also was featured on KU social media. Here are the links: [http://www.pbs.org/weta/washingtonweek/content/voice-voters-kansas-youth](http://www.pbs.org/weta/washingtonweek/content/voice-voters-kansas-youth) [http://www.facebook.com/KU/posts/10150672345722962](http://www.facebook.com/KU/posts/10150672345722962)

**STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES:**

**PHILIP WHITCOMB ESSAY CONTEST**

Please encourage all undergraduates at the University of Kansas to enter the annual Philip Whitcomb Essay Contest. The contest honors Philip W. Whitcomb, a native Kansan, who was a Rhodes Scholar, a distinguished journalist, and a KU Ph.D.

Essays should be no longer than 3,000 words. Guidelines say they should address “the relationship of knowledge, thought, and action in public affairs and public policy.” The contest committee interprets this broadly. An essay may deal with any topic that is or should be of broad public interest. The topic might be political, literary, artistic, intellectual, scientific, or technological. The important thing is that the essay make plain the importance of the topic, that it be written for a broad public, and that it deal, in one fashion or another, with the relations between knowledge, thought, and action. Appropriate essays based on honors essays, term papers, and the like, would be welcome.
Cash Prize of $500
Prize Book
Recognition on Whitcomb Plaque

Essays are due to
Nunemaker Center by 4:00pm on Friday, April 13, 2012
Further information is available at 864-4225 or
http://honors.ku.edu/current_students/scholarships/whitcomb.shtml.

Nantz Award and STAA All-America program
Applications are being accepted through April 16 for the 2012 Jim Nantz Award and STAA All-America program, recognizing the nation's most outstanding collegiate sports broadcasters.

The Jim Nantz Award will be presented June 11 at the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association award banquet in North Carolina. The winner will receive hotel accommodations and access to all of the events associated with NSSA's four-day-weekend awards celebration.

For application details, a history of the award, and video of last year's presentation, visit:
http://www.staatalent.com/all-america
Contact:
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New York Times Student Journalism Institute
Follow in the footsteps of the best and brightest young journalists in America by applying to The New York Times Student Journalism Institute.

There is no cost whatsoever to attend the Institute. Students are provided with room and board, and all of their costs, including transportation to and from the Institute, are paid by The New York Times Company. A stipend is also provided.

During the program, students are working journalists supervised by reporters and editors from The New York Times and The Boston Globe. Students cover actual events in the cities in which
the Institute is held. Opportunities for students include reporting, copy editing, photography, Web production, print and Web design, and video journalism. In a supportive environment of students and staff who share the same goals, aspiring journalists are given the opportunity to learn to produce material that meets the standards of the most prestigious and demanding news organizations in the nation.

To apply, a student must submit a completed application form; an essay of up to 500 words on why he or she wants to be a journalist; a letter of recommendation from a professor or an editor, which must be mailed separately; and work samples. For more information about the Institute, please contact: Don R. Hecker, Director The New York Times Student Journalism Institute The New York Times 620 Eighth Ave. New York, NY 10018-1405 (212) 556-1576 hecker@nytimes.com. [http://tucson12.nytimes-institute.com/about/](http://tucson12.nytimes-institute.com/about/)

**Hearst Awards Competition Deadlines:**
**Multimedia Competitions**  Team Multimedia Storytelling – News: April 10

**Chronological Deadline Order:** Writing: Breaking News: March 27 Multimedia: Team Multimedia Storytelling – News: April 10

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