Dear Association Members,

Thank you for affirming your commitment to the University and the Association through your continued loyalty and generosity. With your support, we reached important milestones during the 2016-’17 fiscal year:

- We led the Big 12 in membership growth, adding more than 1,000 new members. The Association is now 43,688 members strong.
- The Presidents Club grew to a record 485 members.
- Eighty-one percent of spending directly funded programs and services; 14 percent supported membership and fundraising, and 5 percent funded general expenses.
- Since we unveiled the mobile app in May 2016, nearly 10,000 Jayhawks downloaded the app and logged nearly 1 million individual sessions. Repeat users spent an average of 19 minutes in the app. If you have not added this feature, please visit kualumni.org/app.
- We partnered with KU Endowment to provide four-year gift memberships to all KU students beginning this fall. This change sets the stage for significant enhancements we are making to help students grow their professional networks by connecting them to industry leaders around the world.
- Our new network strategy guides and develops volunteers and bolsters alumni networks around the world—critical to connecting thousands of Jayhawks to one another and to KU.
- We thoroughly evaluated the Kansas Honors Program and modernized the 46-year tradition, creating new Kansas Honor Scholar medallions and streamlining 36 events into 12 regional events. We will invest the savings into additional scholarships for these Kansans.
- We established a Business Development Program to help us expand our services for alumni and students. We are grateful for the support of our advertisers and sponsors (see p. 50).
- To support growth in areas that align with our four strategic goals, we added staff positions in business development, digital media and student programs.

Throughout KU’s history, the extraordinary dedication of Jayhawks has helped lift our alma mater to prominence as a world-class research university. We are fortunate to collaborate with University leaders, KU Endowment and Kansas Athletics to help the University continue its climb.

Rock Chalk Jayhawk!

Heath Peterson, d’04, g’09
President

Scott Seyfarth, b’83
National Chair, 2016-’17

Presidents Club

485 Presidents Club members donated annual gifts of $1,000 or more.

See page six for a complete list of Presidents Club donors and special profiles in celebration of the Presidents Club’s 10th anniversary.

Since 2007, donor support has enabled the Association to dramatically expand its work to advocate for KU, communicate with Jayhawks in all media, recruit students and volunteers, serve students and fellow alumni, and unite Jayhawks worldwide. Thank you!
Legacy Relations

130 Freshman Jayhawk Generations Scholars from 27 states.
States with the largest number of freshman scholars include:
Missouri: 23; Texas: 22; Colorado: 13; Oklahoma: 12; California: 9; and Illinois and Nebraska, 7 each.

406 Total undergraduate Jayhawk Generations Scholars

4,478 Legacy undergraduates (23.2 percent of the 19,323 population)

Academically qualifying out-of-state students from KU families receive partial tuition waivers ranging from $20,468 to $51,436 over four years.

Among the 130 freshman Jayhawk Generations Scholars, 94 received the largest award.

Since the Jayhawk Generations Scholarship began in 2009 and the Alumni Association added a legacy relations staff member in 2012, 1,014 KU legacy students have benefited from the scholarship, and more than half (514) have received the top-tier scholarship.

Since 2009, legacy undergraduate enrollment has steadily increased:
3,337 (15.8 percent) in 2009
4,478 (23.2 percent) in 2017

The Association added another legacy relations staff member in 2016 to expand recruitment efforts nationally.

Digital Media

1,576 broadcast emails reached combined total recipients of 9,738,624
9,570 mobile app downloads

Social Media

13,024 Facebook fans
23,337 LinkedIn group members
13,951 Twitter followers
5,046 Instagram followers

Strategic Plan

The KU Alumni Association’s national Board of Directors approved the following goals to guide the Association from July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2019:

1. Enhance and build resources, creating future capacity to support programs and services that benefit the University and a growing KU community of students, alumni and friends.

2. Build the single best, most effective Student Alumni Network in the country to drive long-term loyalty to KU.

3. Implement new technology, programs and communications to engage, inform, mobilize and unite Jayhawks around the world and advance KU through lifelong involvement.

4. Modernize the Adams Alumni Center, creating an unrivaled experience for alumni and friends with relevant and welcoming space for students.
The Association created new guidelines for networks and volunteers, including five distinct types of events to unite Jayhawks:

**Rock Chalk Connect**
- Programs offer opportunities to network with other professionals and exchange career tips

**Rock Chalk Cultivate**
- Events create opportunities to acquire or develop qualities or skills with—and sometimes from—fellow Jayhawks

**Crimson & Blue Views**
- Unite alumni and friends to watch televised KU games with fellow Jayhawks

**Hawk Happenings**
- Gather Jayhawks to enjoy live sports and entertainment events, including KU games, professional sporting events or happy hours

**KU Cares**
- Jayhawk volunteers who lend their time and talents to benefit their communities.

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**FINANCES**

**Revenues**—$6,346,202

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**Operating Expenses**—$6,197,196

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The Association is a careful steward of donor resources, with 81 percent of spending going directly to programming. Highly efficient charities spend 75 percent or more of expenses on programming.* You can be confident that your investment in the Alumni Association is being put to good use!

*charitynavigator.org
As of June 30, 2017, the Association included 43,688 members, with growing numbers of Annual, Life and Student memberships.

**Membership**

10,367 Annual Regular
2,603 Annual Jayhawk Society
21,021 Life Members (including 1,463 Life/Jayhawk Society Members)
6,931 New Graduate Members
*885 Future Jayhawks
1,881 Student Alumni

**Total Members: 43,688**

*Future Jayhawks memberships were discontinued in May 2017 as part of a plan to end the program by June 30, 2018.*

**Alumni Records**

Five Alumni Records staff members made more than 139,486 updates to constituent records during FY 2017.

**Total Alumni Overall:**
Total Degreed Alumni: **245,702**

**Total Constituent Database** (including donors and friends): **439,717**
The Presidents Club recognizes annual gifts of $1,000 to $10,000 and more in support of the Association’s work to build a network that is an active and powerful community to strengthen the University.

## Level

### $10,000+

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- Donald R. Brada Sr. & Carolyn Cromb Brada
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- Todd K. Holmes & Hayley Holmes
  Chicago, IL
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  Lawrence, KS
- A. Ford Maurer & Christine Childress Maurer
  Mission Hills, KS
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  Lawrence, KS
- Rebecca Hurst Pruett & James M. Pruett
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Throughout the past decade, President Club donors have contributed vital funds to help the association expand its programs and services in strategic areas:

- The new legacy relations department has enhanced our personalized recruitment of students from Jayhawk families.
- Expanded digital communications help the Association and KU connect with thousands more Jayhawks around the globe. New features include our mobile app, which offers breaking news and other important information to alumni and students on their digital devices.
- The Association has begun a new era for our Student Alumni network by providing four-year gift memberships for all degree-seeking students to provide new opportunities for mentoring, internships and career guidance and connections—and help prepare future alumni leaders, volunteers, members and donors for KU. These memberships are funded by Presidents Club gifts and a partnership with KU Endowment.
- Legislative advocacy for higher education in Kansas has grown through increased collaboration with KU leaders and Regents colleagues and by recruiting new volunteers for Jayhawks for Higher Education—now more than 1,600 members strong.
- The Association continues to publish the award-winning Kansas Alumni magazine in both print and digital format. KU’s oldest continuous periodical just concluded its 115th year of publication.
As he recalls his first visits to Mount Oread 70 years ago, Gary Padgett nods toward Memorial Stadium, part of the spectacular panoramic campus view from his Lawrence home in The Oread hotel. “I watched Otto Schnellbacher, Ray Evans and Don Fambrough play football there,” Padgett, b’55, says of weekend trips from his home in Greenleaf to visit his older brother, George, e’49, at KU. Padgett also remembers watching the 1946 Kansas Relays, when he witnessed Harrison Dillard, of Baldwin Wallace College, tie the world record in the high hurdles before going on to win gold medals in the 1948 and 1952 Olympics.

His brother’s influence and the allure of athletics led Padgett to the Hill, where he played basketball and baseball for the Jayhawks while studying business. Sitting on the front steps of Strong Hall one day, Padgett first spotted Sue Summerville, a fine arts student. “I thought I would enjoy having a date with her,” he says with a grin, prompting laughter from Sue.

Soon after they married and settled in Greenleaf, where Gary was president of Citizens National Band, the Padgetts became KU volunteers through their friendship with Dick Wintermote, j’51, then assistant director of the Alumni Association, who led the organization from 1963 to 1983. They were the first Washington County coordinators for the Kansas Honors Program in the 1970s. “I can remember making several hundred phone calls,” Sue, f’56, says of those years.

The Padgetts have applauded the Association’s efforts to strengthen KU alumni networks throughout the state. “I know Dick would be pleased with the outreach,” Gary says. “The Association has come a long, long way in the 60 years we have been involved.”

For their enduring roles as KU ambassadors in north central Kansas, the Padgetts received the Mildred Clodfelter Alumni Award in 1990, and Gary received the Fred Ellsworth Medallion in 2003 for his overall KU service through the Association, KU Endowment, Kansas Athletics and the School of Business. Their sons, Brad, b’83, and Brent, c’87, followed the family tradition.

“KU has been part of our lives for very long time,” Gary says. “We give because we know the need, but not only because of the need. Part of the reason that we’ve had a very happy and wonderful life is because of our identification with the University of Kansas.”

A retirement home overlooking KU and historic downtown Lawrence was a natural choice for the Padgetts. “This time of year, it’s fun every morning to see all the trees pop out with different fall colors,” Sue says. “And soon we’ll watch the kids sled down the Hill. It has really been fun.”

They never tire of the view.
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Parker, KS
When Nancy Miles began her 35-year career as a University staff member in 1981, the lifelong KU fan put her name on the waiting list for season tickets to men’s basketball. She and her husband, John, waited patiently for their turn to buy tickets. They finally got their chance after Coach Larry Brown resigned following the 1988 championship season. “Nobody thought Roy would be any good,” quips John.

Coach Williams fared better than expected, and the Miles family faithfully followed the Jayhawks in basketball and football, including games home and away, postseason play, several Final Fours and bowl games. With their children, Steve, ’98, and Michelle, b’02, they attended numerous Alumni Association events and came to know the staff. “The athletic events piqued our interest originally,” John says, “but the Association also does many other kinds of outreach, which we think is important.”

After working at the Academic Computing Center for 14 years, Nancy led the automation of student ID cards and directed the KU Card Center. Later she accepted an additional position as assistant to Diane Goddard, g’91, vice provost for administration and finance, to help implement a new financial system and help coordinate the Changing for Excellence initiative to streamline KU operations.

Nancy and John Miles
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When Nancy Miles began her 35-year career as a University staff member in 1981, the lifelong KU fan put her name on the waiting list for season tickets to men’s basketball. She and her husband, John, waited patiently for their turn to buy tickets. They finally got their chance after Coach Larry Brown resigned following the 1988 championship season. “Nobody thought Roy would be any good,” quips John.

Coach Williams fared better than expected, and the Miles family faithfully followed the Jayhawks in basketball and football, including games home and away, postseason play, several Final Fours and bowl games. With their children, Steve, ’98, and Michelle, b’02, they attended numerous Alumni Association events and came to know the staff. “The athletic events piqued our interest originally,” John says, “but the Association also does many other kinds of outreach, which we think is important.”

After working at the Academic Computing Center for 14 years, Nancy led the automation of student ID cards and directed the KU Card Center. Later she accepted an additional position as assistant to Diane Goddard, g’91, vice provost for administration and finance, to help implement a new financial system and help coordinate the Changing for Excellence initiative to streamline KU operations.

After managing several transitions at KU, Nancy, who retired in December 2016, applauds the Alumni Association’s strategic plan and recent changes in the Kansas Honors Program. “I really admire the things that Heath Peterson and the staff are trying to do, because it’s easy to get comfortable in what you’re doing and it takes guts to change things,” she says. “It’s important to ask, ‘Are we spending our money wisely?’ I’m also glad that the Association’s campus partnerships and collaboration are more visible.”

John applauds the recent expansion of the Student Alumni Network to eliminate membership dues and include all students, an initiative funded through Presidents Club gifts and a partnership with KU Endowment. “It has been great to see the outreach to students,” he says, adding that it’s vital to cultivate future alumni volunteers and donors: “The Association and KU need to have an ‘Act Two’ to follow us aging Baby Boomer donors.”
A high school band director in Sublette wisely guided Zack Holland away from percussion to the contra alto clarinet—and toward KU. “My band teacher said, ‘if you play this weird instrument, you might get a music scholarship because no one plays it.’ Sure enough, I got KU scholarships in music and engineering.”

Holland, e’97, also trusted the advice of his father, who suggested his son study petroleum engineering after growing up in southwest Kansas, where the oil and natural gas industry dominates the economy—and companies offer scholarships to promising students. “We came from too much of a humble background to travel and look at colleges outside the state,” Holland recalls. “My sister went to Baker University, and my brother went to Fort Hays. I looked at K-State, but I had imprinted with KU basketball in 1988, when I was in eighth grade. KU had the scholarships and the fields I was interested in.”

As a freshman and sophomore, Holland played the contra alto clarinet with the University Concert Band before deciding to leave Murphy Hall behind and focus on his engineering classes in Learned Hall—and hike up Naismith Drive to complete his humanities and social sciences classes. “I spent more time on Jayhawk Boulevard, and I came away with great friends from my days in Ellsworth Hall and my fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon,” he says. “I had a lot of fun and a really good experience at KU. My brother and sister had gone to the smaller schools and my wife graduated from Emporia State, so I’ve always been more involved with my school because the KU brand is so strong.”

After beginning his career in Liberal, Holland and his wife, Melissa, ventured to Oklahoma, where he worked for Devon Energy in Tulsa and Oklahoma City and participated in local alumni activities and met Danny Lewis, d’05, the Alumni Association’s director of donor relations and athletic programs. As an Association annual member and eventually Life Member, Holland also served on the chemical and petroleum engineering advisory board for the School of Engineering and recruited KU students for his company.

In 2013, Holland and a former colleague started their own company, Felix Energy. “He was from Montana and loved the mountains, and Melissa was born in Denver, so we moved out here. Everybody is moving here, so there are plenty of Jayhawks.”

Fellow alumni could help convince at least one of his three daughters to follow their dad to the Hill. “My oldest is a senior this year, and we’ve done the KU visit. She wore a Jayhawk to school today, but I think she wants to forge her own path,” he says. “I’m going to have to be patient and make a play for my second and third daughters to choose KU.”

He hopes his advice, like his father’s and his band teacher’s, will strike a chord.
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