



Jayhawk Salute

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★ New Student Veteran Center opened Jan. 17

The new KU Student Veteran Center opened its doors Jan. 17, coinciding with the start of the spring semester.

The nearly 3,000-square-foot center, located on the third floor of Summerfield Hall (Room 345), has been undergoing major renovations since May 2016.

The space serves as a centralized resource for KU's military-affiliated students, who will be able to get information and turn in VA benefits paperwork. They now have opportunities to meet and network with fellow student veterans and will also find available University, area and VA resources. Our goal is to assist them across all phases of their student career—from pre-admission counseling and first-year learning success to retention, graduation and life beyond the University as alumni.

The center features a lounge that includes computers with Common Access Card readers for military students, a tutoring and study area, meeting and conference rooms, and a break room with free coffee.

The KU Student Veterans of America

headquarters is located in the center, as is the office of Student Veteran Center director April Blackmon Strange. Three other offices are available for various support services to meet with students. KU Legal Student Services, for example, has already agreed to have office hours in the center on a recurring basis.

The Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs (KCVA) area representative moved into one of the offices for the foreseeable future. The KCVA helps Kansas veterans and eligible dependents on everything from filing VA claims for medical, education and other benefits, to obtaining earned military awards.

The Student Veteran Center would not be possible without the generous support of KU alumni and community members. Thank you to everyone who helped make this happen!

Support for center operations is an ongoing need. To learn more, contact April Blackmon Strange at ablackmon@ku.edu.

★ KU ranked No. 10 best for vets school for second year

The University of Kansas has earned another top-10 spot from Military Times in its Best for Vets: Colleges 2017 rankings.

KU also earned recognition from two other organizations that rate schools on how they meet veterans' needs.

Victory Media, publisher of G.I. Jobs, STEM Jobs, Vetpreneur and Military Spouse, named KU a "Top 10 Gold" Military-Friendly School.

KU also has been designated as a "Top School" in the 2017 Military Advanced Education & Transition Guide to Colleges and Universities research study.

KU has been recognized by all three organizations each year since 2011.



★Nine Wounded Warrior scholarships awarded for 2016-'17

The KU Wounded Warrior Scholarship (WWS) has grown from two recipients in 2012 to nine for the 2016-'17 academic year.

This scholarship helps qualified veterans and their family members in meeting the financial challenges of pursuing their education at KU. Qualified servicemembers, veterans, primary caregivers and surviving spouses/children currently enrolled or admitted to KU are eligible to apply.

The awards are for \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year and are renewable for up to four years.

The 2016-'17 academic year recipients are:

- **Matthew Battiston**, JD student, Army veteran, received the KU WWS.
- **Joshua Blake**, freshman in architecture, Marine Corps veteran, received the Keener Foundation WWS.
- **Luke Dercher**, senior in computer science, Navy veteran, received the KU WWS.
- **Arnold Dinh**, freshman in biology, Marine Corps veteran, received the Heart

of America Patriot Foundation WWS and the Delbert Moore Family WWS.

- **Tim Hornik**, PhD student therapeutic sciences, Army veteran, received the Bill and Shanthi Eckert WWS and KU WWS.
- **Mackenzie Istook**, sophomore in visual art, father Army, received the Heart of America Patriot Foundation WWS.
- **Corey Leach**, junior in health, sports and exercise science, Army veteran, received the KAMO Adventures WWS and the Paul & Donna Peters WWS.
- **Adrian Lujano**, senior in communications, Army veteran, received the KU WWS.
- **Donald Spradling**, graduate student in civil engineering, Navy veteran, received the KU WWS.

These scholarships are provided through the contributions of many generous donors. For more information, please visit kuendowment.org/woundedwarriors.

★Vets receive Spencer C. Duncan Make it Count with Books scholarship

On Aug. 6, 2011, Army Spc. Spencer C. Duncan was killed when his Chinook was shot down in Afghanistan. The Olathe native was just 21 years old. To honor his memory, Spencer's parents, Megan and Dale, founded the Spencer C. Duncan Make it Count Foundation.

KU is fortunate to be among the many recipients of the foundation's generosity. The foundation has designated funds to offer \$500 scholarships (\$250/semester) help offset the costs of textbooks for deserving student-veterans.

Congratulations to the following KU student-veterans who received 2016 scholarships:

- **Danielle Kerr**, pharmacy student
- **Luis Noble**, senior, business marketing
- **Aiden Canady**, sophomore, civil engineering
- **Isaac Remboldt**, senior, environmental science
- **Godfrey Kirui**, freshman, aerospace engineering
- **Henry Falcon**, graduate student, supply chain management
- **Matthew Battiston**, JD student
- **Matthew Strang**, MD student
- **Mary Williams-Touch**, junior, clinical lab sciences/pre-med



Dale Duncan, father of Spc. Spencer C. Duncan, and Dail Blake, Spencer C. Duncan Foundation president, present a check for several book scholarships for KU student-veterans at the Dec. 3 KU-Stanford game at Allen Field House (Photo credit: Jeff Jacobsen)



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★Former KU student among troops killed in Jordan

Three Green Berets from 5th Special Forces Group were killed Nov. 4 in Jordan.

The Fort Campbell, Kentucky-based soldiers—Staff Sgt. Matthew Lewellen, Staff Sgt. Kevin McEnroe and Staff Sgt. James Moriarty—died after they reportedly came under fire while entering a Jordanian military base.

Lewellen, 27, of Kirksville, Missouri, had more than six years of service and was a KU alumnus. He joined the Army in February 2010, graduating from Special Forces training in November 2012.

After a 2014 deployment to Afghanistan, Lewellen was on his second deployment to Jordan when he was killed, according to his

family. Lewellen, the second son of three children and husband to Renee Laque, was a standout high school athlete who was enrolled at the University of Kansas when he decided to serve his country, his family said in a statement.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Overseas Service Ribbon and the NATO Medal.

Lewellen was honored by KU with a moment of silence at the Salute to Service game Nov. 12.

Information courtesy of Army Times

★Community commemorates 15th anniversary of 9/11 with vigil



Sept. 11 – The KU community gathered at the Campanile Plaza on the 15th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

The memorial ceremony included a joint ROTC color guard; remarks from Douglas County Fire Medical Chief Mark Bradford and KU Air Force ROTC detachment Commander Lt. Col. Bill Pastewait; lighting of candles; and tolling of the Campanile bells.

★KU Language Training Center update

Now in its fourth year, the KU Language Training Center (LTC) is a collaborative initiative to develop expertise in critical languages, cultures and strategic regions for DoD personnel. The LTC has three key initiatives:

1. The KU center offers intensive, two-week summer language programs for members of the U.S. Army Reserve, Army National Guard and any other qualified military personnel. During these programs, students live on campus in an immersive environment where they are expected to speak the target language for the entirety of their program. Structured classroom instruction is supplemented with daily language tables and extracurricular activities coordinated by native speakers of the language. The two-week intensive courses are offered in Arabic, Farsi, French, Russian and Spanish for DoD

personnel in language-coded billets.

2. The LTC is also engaged with active duty units offering classes for the Command and General Staff College (CGSC) at Fort Leavenworth. The courses are offered as part of the CGSC curriculum and include introductory classes in German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese and Spanish, as well as Intermediate German and Italian. Outside of the local area, the Center provides language training to the Air Force's 818 MSAS at McGuire AFB, New Jersey and the 571 MSAS at Travis AFB, California.

3. KU LTC's newest partner is the 10th Special Forces Group (SFG) located at Fort Carson, Colorado. KU provides two full-time instructors for Russian language acquisition training as the 10th SFG reorients its focus to Eastern Europe and Eurasia.



★KU expanding reach to CGSC students at Fort Leavenworth

This past fall the University of Kansas set out on a course to further expand its reach to support of the men and women attending the Army's Command and General Staff College (CGSC) at Fort Leavenworth.

KU is deeply committed to engaging the U.S. Armed Forces as strategic partners, especially the Army at Fort Leavenworth. KU students benefit from sitting alongside Soldiers and accordingly our Soldiers benefit from a civilian KU education. The Soldiers who attend CGSC today will be our Army's senior leaders in a decade. In just a few years, these young majors will be at the forefront of decision-making which have national-level effects. We truly have a unique opportunity to positively influence our future national security.

In the spirit of this vision and commitment, KU launched new programs in Leavenworth, including a Master of Science in Project Management and a Graduate Certificate in Environmental Assessment. These new programs complement the two graduate programs already offered on Fort Leavenworth: a Master of Science in Business in Supply Chain Management & Logistics and a Master of Arts in Global & International Studies (Interagency Track).

Moreover, KU is now exploring a bold initiative to establish a physical presence in the City of Leavenworth, immediately adjacent to the installation. This physical presence will provide KU the opportunity to increase the breadth and depth of our educational programming for students at CGSC, while also serving the local and regional communities.

Programming for fall 2017 is planned to include:

- A Master of Science in Business and Organization Leadership;
- A Master of Science in Homeland Security: Law and Policy; and
- A Professional Science Master's in Environmental Assessment.

This initiative provides a vivid example of how KU is strategically moving to become the US Army's civilian university of choice.

Prospective donors who want to support this initiative should contact Mike Denning, Director of Graduate Military Programs, at gmjdenning@ku.edu.

★ KU Veterans Day Week 2016 - Honoring our Vietnam Veterans

In honor of Veterans Day, the University of Kansas hosted a variety of events Nov. 9 through Nov. 13. Events included:

- A free breakfast for KU student-veterans and nontraditional students;
- A dance workshop with Axis Dance Company, a mixed-ability dance company that featured a story of veterans' resilience in their Nov. 11 performance;
- Celebrations of the Marine Corps' 241st birthday on campus;
- The annual KU Salute to Service football game;
- The fifth annual KU Veterans Day 5K; and
- A tribute to veterans USO-style event at the Dole Institute of Politics.



KU SVA members help celebrate the Marine Corps' birthday with free cake for students.

KU's Vietnam Memorial turns 30



May 25, 1986: KU dedicates its Vietnam War Memorial, the first on-campus commemoration in the nation. The 65-foot, L-shaped limestone wall at the west end of Memorial Drive honors 57 students and alumni who died or were declared missing during the war.

★5th-annual Veterans Day 5K event a record success

A record 329 participants signed up for the KU Veterans Day run, which honored Vietnam Veterans this year. New in 2016, KU offered a "virtual run" option, allowing anyone to complete the race on their own time—in their own town—and still earn a shirt and finisher's medal.

We'd like to thank the following sponsors for their support of the KU Veterans Day Run:

- Veterans of Foreign Wars
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We'd also like to thank our partners:

- KU Alumni Association
- KU Student Veteran Center
- KU Student Veterans of America
- KU Veterans Alumni Chapter
- KU Naval, Army, Air Force ROTCs
- KC Running Company



★University becomes a Vietnam War Commemorative Partner

The University of Kansas is now a Commemorative Partner with The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration.

The Commemorative Partner Program is designed for federal, state and local communities, veterans' organizations and other non-governmental organizations to assist a grateful nation in thanking and honoring our Vietnam Veterans and their families.

Partners are encouraged to participate in the commemoration of the Vietnam War by planning and conducting events or activities that will recognize Vietnam Veterans and their families' service, valor and sacrifice.

Commemorative Partners must commit to conducting two events or activities each year from 2017-'19. Events or activities should be dignified, memorable occasions that show a sensitivity and appreciation for the solemnity of war and the losses suffered by many. Commemorative Partners should

communicate how their events or activities will achieve the Congressionally mandated objectives of the program:

1. To thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war or listed as missing in action, for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the U.S. and to thank and honor the families of these veterans.
2. To highlight the service of the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War and the contributions of Federal agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations that served with, or in support of, the Armed Forces.
3. To pay tribute to the contributions made on the home front by the people of the United States during the Vietnam War.
4. To highlight the advances in technology, science, and medicine related to military research conducted during the Vietnam War.
5. To recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by the allies of the United States during the Vietnam War.



Salute to Service



Lt. Gen. Michael Lundy, commanding general, U.S. Army Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth, tosses the coin at the KU's annual Salute to Service football game vs. Iowa State Nov. 12. (Photo by: Sarah Pickert/KU Athletics)

★KU alumnus, veteran Ryan Sparks returns to campus for Vets Day week

As part of its week of Veterans Day events, the Veterans Alumni Network hosted Ryan Sparks (c' 97). After graduating from KU with a BA in Political Science, Sparks enlisted in the Marine Corps and served for 16 years.

During his final deployment, Sparks was the Commanding Officer of Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Marines during Operation Mostarak in Marjah, Afghanistan, during which he was awarded the Silver Star for valor and featured in the 2010 HBO documentary "The Battle for Marjah." Sparks' additional awards include the Bronze Star Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device and two Purple Hearts. In 2011, Sparks was the recipient of the Marine Corps' prestigious Leftwich Trophy for courage and outstanding leadership.

Today, Sparks is an executive director at JPMorgan Chase in Strategy & Process Improvement. He has also served on the Board of Directors of The Headstrong Project, a nonprofit dedicated to providing cost-free and bureaucracy-free mental health care to Afghanistan and Iraq War veterans. Sparks is a current MBA candidate from the Stern School of Business at New York University.

During his week-long activities at KU, Sparks had an office call with Provost Bendapudi, during which the two discussed change management and he accepted an invitation to serve on one of the Provost's



Ryan Sparks speaks at the Dole Institute Nov. 10.

boards. He also served as a guest lecturer for the Business School's Business Leadership program, which provides high potential underclass business students opportunities to further develop professional, personal and career skills.

On Nov. 10, Sparks was the guest of honor for the KU/City of Lawrence annual Marine Corps' birthday celebration at the Dole Institute of Politics. Sparks wrapped up his first trip back to Mount Oread Nov. 12 as a guest of honor for the Salute to Service football game, where he was introduced during pregame ceremonies alongside LTG Michael Lundy, the Commanding General of the Combined Arms Center, Fort Leavenworth.

Sparks' trip to KU was made possible by the outstanding support the Veterans Alumni Network receives from the KU Alumni Association.

★Ron Mastin reflects on time as POW

On Jan. 16, 1967, Air Force 1st Lt. Ron Mastin was flying his 34th combat mission when his aircraft was shot down northeast of Hanoi. Ron and his front seater, Capt. Tom Storey, were forced to eject over North Vietnam. Fifty years later, Ron still vividly remembers the events of that day, as well as the next 2,239 days he spent in captivity. The Beloit, Kansas, native and KU Business School graduate (b'63) received his commission through the KU Air Force ROTC program in the spring of 1963, completed pilot training and qualification in the RF-4C (Phantom II) and was stationed at the Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base.

During his imprisonment, Ron said his strong religious faith helped him to survive. "When I was really down in the dumps, I did a lot of praying, because that was the only person I could talk to." However, when he did get a cellmate, he said, "You would spend hours talking. There wasn't anything you didn't know about your cellmate. You talked about everything and anything. The ability to communicate in any way with someone else raised your spirits."

Ron says he didn't really think about his dire situation much at the time. "Pleasant thoughts are what you kept in your mind. Thoughts of your friends, your family, good things you've had in the past and good things you look forward to in the future." He added, "Your mind is a wonderful thing. It allows you to remember the pleasant things. And the things that aren't pleasant you can shut them out pretty much. They're still there, but you don't think of them very often. That is kind of the way I've lived my life ever since I've been back."

Since his return, he says he is always trying to look for the good things rather than the bad. While he was a POW he considered himself to be an optimistic pessimist. "I knew we were going home. I just didn't know how soon it was gonna be." Every time he and his fellow POWs would get their hopes up, he wouldn't let them get too high. He knew that there was a chance something would go wrong and they would not be freed. However, he clung to the belief that they would eventually go home.

His experience in Vietnam significantly shaped his outlook on life. Ron's advice for those facing significant personal challenges is to quote Jimmy V (Coach Jim Valvano) who declared, "Cancer can take away all my physical ability. It cannot touch my mind; it cannot touch my heart; and it cannot touch my soul. And those three things are going to carry on forever." Ron says the North Vietnamese "took away all of our liberties, all our freedoms, everything. Physically, they tried to beat us down, but they could not take away the spirit—the American spirit—in our hearts."

★ ROTC Corner

Army ROTC

During their two-day fall field training exercise, Jayhawk Battalion cadets trained at the Fraternal Order of Police right outside of Lawrence.

On day one, cadets conducted training on land navigation, radio use and procedures, and patrol base operations. The second day consisted of a physical training session, squad movement tactics and techniques and paintball.

After the exercise, the Ranger Challenge cadets conducted additional training in preparation for the Ranger Challenge competition.



Air Force ROTC

The Flying Jayhawks ran in the 20th annual Air Force Marathon at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, Sept. 17-18. Thirteen cadets ran the full marathon while three finished the half marathon.

The Detachment 280 staff was selected as the Northwest Region Team of the Quarter for three quarters in a row, and Maj. Andrew Robinson was selected as Northwest Region Field Grade Officer of the Quarter for fourth quarter, 2016.



Navy ROTC

The Jayhawk battalion performed their first "Break Out Lab" of the semester Sept. 7.

The Navy midshipmen were instructed on how to use the ship simulator software, a crucial tool in developing excellent Surface Warfare Officers. The Marine Corps midshipmen learned the basics of land navigation, taught by the OCS graduates of the battalion.



★ KU Naval ROTC Midshipman killed in car accident

The University of Kansas lost a Naval ROTC Midshipman over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

Nicholas Andrew Herren, 21, of Alma, Kansas, died Nov. 27 in Johnson County, Kansas, as the result of an automobile accident.

Herren was attending KU and was a senior in business finance in supply chain management.

He was the Battalion Executive Officer for the KU Navy (Marine Corps) ROTC. He also served as the president for the Semper Fi Society and was a supervisor at the KU Recreation Center. Herren was involved with Habitat for Humanity and The Big Event at KU.

The KU community gathered Dec. 1 to remember Herren at a candlelight vigil at the Campanile Memorial.



Courtesy of the KU NROTC Facebook page



★ KU Student Veterans of America (SVA) update

A lot of amazing things have been happening for veterans on campus this year. After a successful transition from last year's leaders, we pulled together a strong executive staff that really took off running:

- President: **JR Cadwallader**
- Vice president: **Bret Easterling**
- Treasurer: **Mary Touch**
- Secretary: **Roy Parker**
- Adviser: **April Blackmon Strange**

We made the full official name change from the KU Collegiate Veterans Association to the KU Student Veterans of America. We also created a new logo which pays homage to our CVA roots and our national SVA ties.

Leaders attended a regional national SVA Leadership Summit in St. Louis in August, and Cadwallader was selected for the national SVA Leadership Conference in Dallas. These conventions provided valuable information and resources for advocating on campus, raising chapter funds, having ener-



The original CVA logo, left, and the new KU SVA logo.

getic and sustainable growth, and providing student veterans and their families with tools they need to successfully transition into and through their academic career.

Last summer, we received a \$9,822 national SVA-Home Depot Veteran Center Initiative grant, which provided many items for the new center, including a refrigerator and televisions in the lounge and conference room. A team of Lawrence Home Depot volunteers

helped deliver and set up the items.

The original student veteran lounge in the Burge Union closed last spring before the Union's demolition. In August, the KU Memorial Union generously offered up space for a similar lounge. They even threw an open house event to showcase it to students.

The SVA also celebrated the Air Force's birthday with cookies in the lounge and set up on Wescoe Beach for the Navy and Marine Corps birthdays, offering free cake to all students. These events helped us connect with student-veterans and educate the entire campus community on the military and the SVA.

Our main fundraiser for the year was helping secure sponsorships for the annual KU Veterans Day 5K, which was a huge success.

We have already seen membership growth almost double what it was seven months ago, and meeting/social event attendance has been improving greatly.

★ Q&A with JR Cadwallader, VA Work Study student and KU Student Veterans of America president

JR Cadwallader is a Marine Corps veteran and KU senior studying information systems management.

Cadwallader has participated in the VA Work Study program for one year and is also the current KU SVA president.



get connected to the institution and some of the people at higher levels in the university. By working with Mike Denning, Randy Masten and April Blackmon Strange, I've been able to see what goes on behind the scenes that students don't normally see on campus. It also creates a kind of Work Study family where we get to

What is the VA Work Study program?

"The VA Work Study allows eligible VA benefits users the ability to, as you would assume, work and study.

We have several positions available. It's a non-taxable education benefit that pays minimum wage, but since it's tax-free, it ends up being a little more than minimum wage. There's also flexible hours for everyone.

One stipulation behind VA Work Study is that you have to do work that involves veteran relations within whatever organization you choose, whether it's the University of Kansas or a government institution. The type of work that you do is anything that disseminates information for veterans or works on behalf of veterans.

When the Student Veteran Center opens in January, there's going to be several more VA Work Study positions available."

How has the Work Study program impacted your experience at KU?

"I think the Work Study program gave me the opportunity to meet other veterans and work alongside them. It helped me

really know a lot of people we work with on a daily basis."

What is the best part of working in the Graduate Military Programs/temporary Student Veteran Center admin office?

"Not only is it just helping people that are just kind of coming into the University itself, it's every time someone asks a question that I don't know, I get to learn the answer to that question. Not only does it fulfill my personal desire to help other veterans and new veterans coming into campus, it also makes me more aware of things available for veterans and more educated when it comes to things that are available and things that need to be available."

What led you to become the SVA president?

"I was sitting in the Graduate Military Programs office one day, and I had all these ideas about how to make the SVA more present and grow. In talking about all of

these things I wanted to do, one of my peers, Roy Parker, mentioned to me that SVA elections were coming up soon and that I should run for office.

Initially I didn't think I would have the time to be able to do it. Gradually, as it got closer and closer to the elections, I found I was constantly trying to do things and advocate for student veterans on campus anyway.

Being a prior platoon sergeant in the Marine Corps, I don't like letting someone else lead something whenever I'm involved in it. I told them that I would run, and I ended up getting elected with Bret Easterling as our vice president.

Over the summer we worked diligently to establish a strong executive board. I think what really initially brought me to want to be the SVA president was knowing all the different schools I've gone to and knowing how difficult it can be to just navigate a new school and how awkward it can be for some people to be much older than the general population. It's hard to have to explain to people the VA system, which is difficult to understand if you're a veteran sometimes, let alone explaining it to someone who hasn't been in the military.

I saw a strong need for people to have someone to go to and ask questions and advocate for and have that group on campus that if they did want to fall back on, they knew that they had someone there that understood a lot of what they had gone through."





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the latest Veterans Alumni Chapter news.**

kualumni.org/veterans

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★ Mark your calendars and join us for the annual KU Veterans Alumni Network End-of-Year and Graduation Reception

Please join KU's military-affiliated alumni, students, faculty and staff for the annual end-of-year meet and greet. We'll celebrate our graduating students, present them with honor cords and enjoy refreshments and good company.

All KU alumni with military affiliations—veteran, spouse, dependent, long-time supporter/ally—are welcome to attend. The event is free. Be sure to join the KU Veterans Alumni Network to stay informed on this and other network events.

Visit kualumni.net/share/veteransform, call 800-584-2957 or email kualumni@kualumni.org and let us know you'd like to be a part of the Veterans Alumni Network.

April 27
4:30-6:30 p.m.
KU Alumni Association

Meet and greet events occur twice a year: each August right after Hawk Week/the fall semester start and late April just before Stop Day week/the end of the spring semester.

★ Hail and Farewell

As in the units we have served in, there comes a time to say goodbye to friends we've made along the way. We bid farewell to one of our key KUAA allies, Jacey Krehbiel. Jacey has been a great asset to the KU Veterans Alumni Network since September 2012 and has been an integral part of our committee and board meetings and the annual Veterans Day Run. She was quick to help out whenever and wherever we needed the Alumni Association's support. Fortunately, Jacey is staying with KUAA to help with its valuable mission.

With every departure comes a new arrival: We are very fortunate to have Michelle Lang make a seamless transition into our network's primary contact within KUAA. Michelle has been with KUAA for nine years and is a welcome addition to our team. We extend our sincere thanks to both of them for all that they do!