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★ KU awards three Wounded Warrior Scholarships

The University of Kansas has awarded three Wounded Warrior Scholarships for the 2014-2015 academic year. The awardees are:

Alex Cataudella, Lawrence, is the surviving child of a military veteran killed in the line of duty. Her father, Army Sgt. Sean Cataudella, died while serving in Iraq when Alex was 7 years old. Alex has been admitted to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at KU for the 2014 fall semester. She dreams of opening an animal shelter one day.

Carol Meza, a native of Pittsburg, Kan., joined the Army National Guard in 2007 and survived a severe roadside bomb attack while on deployment to Iraq in 2010. Upon returning to the States she was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder and believes that her mission in life is to help other veterans struggling to reintegrate into society. Carol has been accepted into the Master of Social Work program at KU, where she plans to earn a master's degree in clinical social welfare and eventually work for the Veterans Administration. She continues to serve in the National Guard while also caring for her 1-year-old daughter, Heidi.

Timothy Hornik, a native of Chicago, is a retired U.S. Army captain and president of the Kansas Regional Group of the Blinded Veterans Association. In 2004, while serving in Iraq as an air defense artillery platoon leader, Tim was shot and subsequently left blinded. Despite his injuries, he earned a master's degree in social work from KU in 2010 and will pursue a doctorate in therapeutic sciences starting in the fall. He plans to use his degree, along with his considerable social work case management experience, to assist and advocate



Wounded Warrior Scholarship recipients Carol Meza, Tim Hornik and Alex Cataudella

for disabled veterans. Hornik is the first recipient of the the Bill and Shanthi Eckert Wounded and Disabled Veteran Scholarship, which directly contributes to a specific Wounded Warrior Scholarship.

Recipients of the scholarships receive up to \$10,000 per year and can renew them for up to four academic years. The schoarships provide funds for tuition, fees, books and living expenses.

"We are extremely grateful to the donors who make these scholarships available," said Mike Denning, c'83, director of Graduate Military Programs. "KU is very unique in being able to award these scholarships—you will find very few universities that recognize the sacrifices of injured veterans and affected family members in the same way that we do."

Last year, KU awarded its first scholarships to Anthony Schmiedeler, a former Marine suffering from PTSD, and Jennifer Thornton, the wife and primary caregiver of a disabled Army soldier. Jennifer has finished her first year toward a master's degree in social welfare, and Anthony graduated from KU on May 17 with a degree in visual communication.

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★ New Initiatives

KU expands Yellow Ribbon Program

The University of Kansas and the Veterans Administration recently signed a new Yellow Ribbon Program Agreement, which will result in no additional out-of-pocket expenses for out-of-state veterans who qualify under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

The Yellow Ribbon Program was developed to pay for the difference between instate and out-of-state tuition for students, splitting the cost between the University and the federal government. Under previous agreements, KU and the VA limited their co-share contributions and placed a cap on the number of student veterans who could participate in the program. Under the new agreement, any qualifying student veteran from across the country can attend KU at in-state tuition rates.

"There are only six other AAU schools that have this type of agreement with the VA," said Mike Denning, c'83, Director of KU's Office of Graduate Military Programs. "The new agreement is a tangible sign of KU's active commitment to student veterans. We appreciate our veteran's service to the nation and we understand that student veterans are a great asset to the university."

★ International Officers visit KU

For the second year, KU's Office of Graduate Military Programs played host to a daylong visit by 43 senior international military officers from 42 countries attending the U.S. Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala.

The March 7 visit was designed to educate officers on America's public education system and give them an opportunity to engage with college students and faculty.

Following a morning lecture, the officers sat on open discussion panels focused on regional issues. The panels were open to students and the general public. Military officers from eight European countries and Canada spoke candidly with a few

★ Nursing scholarship created in honor of WWII vet

KU School of Nursing senior Jennifer Johnson is the first recipient of the Melba Rose Morris Nursing Scholarship.

The \$500 scholarship is given to a student demonstrating academic excellence, a military service connection and community service experience.

Mary Morford and David Morris presented the scholarship plaque on behalf of their mother, who died in 2011. Jennifer received the scholarship shortly before she graduated from KU with a degree in Nursing. Her husband, Todd, an active duty Army specialist, also attended the presentation at the KU Endowment offices on the KU Medical Center campus.

"It was an honor to receive this scholarship from the Morris family," Johnson said. "We were so grateful to receive any help, and just grateful to be part of something like this."

Melba Rose grew up in Enterprise, Kan., and graduated from Enterprise High School in 1938. She attended and graduated from Halstead School of Nursing in 1944 and joined the U.S. Army in 1944 right after graduating nursing school.



Jennifer Johnson displays her Melba Rose Morris Nursing Scholarship plaque.

She served in the Philippines and Japan from 1944 to the end of WWII in September 1945. After returning from WWII she attended KU and then continued her nursing service in the Korean War until 1954, when she was honorably discharged as a 1st Lieutenant, having received five bronze stars.

students and a professor about everything from cybersecurity to women in their respective militaries. Elsewhere around campus, officers from more than 30 other countries were also grouped by region and participated in similar panels.

At the panel on East Asia, three F-16 pilots from Japan, Korea and Taiwan met with political science students and discussed a

range of issues affecting the region, from Japan-China tensions over disputed islands to how drone technology is changing air force operations in their countries.



Republic of Korea Air Force Col. Keunsik Moon, 2nd from left, discusses U.S.-Korea relations with KU students and faculty at an open discussion panel focused on the East Asia region March 7.

Afterward, the officers toured KU's Booth Hall of Athletics at Allen Fieldhouse.



★ KU institutes honor cords for veteran graduates



A student veteran displays her veteran honor cords at KU's School of Nursing graduation ceremony held at the KU Medical Center May 17.

Starting with its Spring 2014 Commencement, the University of Kansas recognized graduating student-veterans with red, white and blue honor cords to wear during their graduation ceremony.

The initiative was developed by the KU Collegiate Veterans Association and the Veterans Alumni Chapter and approved by the Traditions/Recognition Committee. The Military and Veterans Honor Cords confer special recognition for graduating students who have honorably served in the U.S. Armed Forces and

demonstrated a commitment to academic excellence. To be eligible to receive the cords, students must have served, or are currently serving, in the military and have achieved a minimum 3.0 grade-point average at graduation.

"The veteran cord initiative was established to honor the sacrifice, service and commitment to excellence that student veterans all share," said Liane Larson, p'14, an Army National Guardsman. "It was wonderful to see so many veterans walk down the Hill with these cords."

★ KU 'Best for Vets' 5 years running

Over the past five years, the University of Kansas has consistently ranked among the top 25 colleges in the country for veterans, according to a number of publications serving U.S. military personnel.

Earlier this year U.S. News & World Report independently ranked KU 15th (tie) in its Best Colleges for Veterans 2014 list. In November, Military Times, a news website, released its fourth-annual "Best for Vets" survey results, ranking KU 23rd among four-year schools. KU was the only institution of higher education from Kansas on the list.

KU's School of Business also ranked No. 25 on Military Times' Best for Vets: Business Schools 2014 list.

The Military Times rankings factored in service member enrollment, percentage of tuition covered by the GI Bill and availability of specific programs to help service members.

Criteria also included participation in the federal Yellow Ribbon program, in which schools help pay for veterans' tuition; an office devoted to veterans and a strong veterans-services staff; and a low student-loan default rate compared with other schools on the list.

★ Veterans Day Run 2013



Runners dash from the starting line during the 2013 Veterans Day Run hosted by the KU Collegiate Veterans Association November 10, 2013. An estimated 150 runners participated in the 5K event, which had runners passing by campus war memorials in recognition of Veterans Day.



★ ROTC Corner

USAF Flying Jayhawk Wing caps lofty school year

The University of Kansas commissioned 11 new 2Lts from four different schools into the Air Force on May 19. We have 16 other cadets who will enter our Professional Officer Course training this summer. In March, we submitted 16 cadets to compete for an Enrollment Allocation and continuation in our advance program. The detachment has done extremely well the last two years with 11 of 12 selected last year and 14 of 16 the year before. This speaks volumes to the quality of the cadets we are submitting.

In March, our cadets completed a field leadership exercise (FLX) at the Fraternal Order of the Police (FOP). This was of national significance since two detachments faced off for the first time, Det 280 (KU) against Det 270 (KSU). The FLX gave our cadets an opportunity to experience firsthand what Air Force operations are like in austere environments. The cadets also toured Forbes Field for a base visit in order to get familiar with active duty life and base life, and gain an appreciation of the mission of our ANG brethren.

On 12 April detachment 280 took on the USN/USMC detachment in the annual Captain's Cup competition. This year's



AFROTC cadets Dale Hupe (left) and Andrew Gunneson earned third place in the Open Division of the Ranger Buddy Competition April 19 in Lawrence. More than 500 cadets from 45 universities competed in the competition.

Captain's Cup included a variety of sporting and athletic events including soccer, ultimate Frisbee, wallyball, pushups, pull-ups, combined "log" sit-ups, tugo-war, and a stretcher relay. The USN/ USMC detachment won the competition. The cadets and midshipmen enjoyed the opportunity for camaraderie and competition. A week later, on April 19, four AFROTC cadets competed in the 20th-annual Ranger Buddy Competition. Two cadets, Dale Hupe and Andrew **Gunneson**, won awards in a highly competitive field and distinguished themselves by volunteering for the demanding training regime and then successfully completing it.

Another annual tradition, our Spring Awards Ceremony, took place on May 6 at the Kansas Union. The ceremony featured the presentation of our secondannual General Charles G. Boyd, Air Force ROTC Det 280 Top Graduate Award. The award is named in honor of Gen. Boyd, a KU graduate and the only Vietnam War prisoner of war (1966-1973) to reach the four-star rank. After the awards ceremony, cadets participated in "Skit Nite," an opportunity to poke fun at each other as well as the cadre.

As for our cadre, we are happy to announce Capt. Nathaniel Cunningham as the new Recruiting Flight Commander. In addition, we will be saying good bye to **Maj Ben Smith** as he PCS's this summer to his new duty station. Also, while sequestration has had an impact on our detachment, AFROTC has implemented internal actions to reduce costs and mitigate funding cuts. There has been no better steward of the people's money then **SSgt George White**. He was nominated and selected as the winner of the Cost Conscious Culture (C3) award for all of AFROTC. Please join us in congratulating him!

-LTCOL Brian Salmans, USAF "Aim High...Fly, Fight, Win!"

USN/USMC Midshipmen steer steady course in 2014

The Midshipmen of the Jayhawk Battalion began 2014 on the right foot with two nationwide drill and physical fitness competitions. In April we competed in the University of Nebraska's Drill Meet, which included rifle, pistol, drill and color guard competitions. Sadly, we didn't win, but we kicked butt in the shooting competitions. During the same weekend, four Midshipmen competed in the Army Ranger Buddy Challenge in an attempt to match physical acumen with the Army. The Midshipmen began preparing for this competition last year and demonstrated exceptional physical

and mental endurance. One of our two teams had an injury and had to pull out, but the other team finished. I'd say all four participants have a new appreciation for the Army cadets!

On Nov. 22, the Jayhawk Battalion yet again had the honor of attending the Joint Service Ball, which was expertly organized and executed by KU's Air Force ROTC. The guest of honor was Air Force Col. (Ret) Hoxie. Col. Hoxie delivered a motivating speech recalling his experiences as an Air Force Fighter Pilot. Among the many lessons learned from his speech, he discussed how rivalries may exist among the branches of our military and even between different com-



Cadets and Midshipmen presented the caps of all military services and a lit candle in remembrance of POW/MIA soldiers at the Joint Services Military Ball November 22, 2013.

mands, but during a time of conflict we seamlessly team together to accomplish our common goal. Rounding out the evening were presentations of our graduating Cadets and Midshipmen along with a catered dinner and celebratory dancing.



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We recently bade farewell to one of our deeply respected and admired staff members, **LT Jon Duenas**. Jon is enroute to Newport, R.I., to begin a nine-month tactical training pipeline, which will culminate with his assignment to a Ballistic Missile Defense capable Destroyer homeported in Rota, Spain. LT Duenas, a Surface Warfare Officer, was the advisor for our freshman and sophomore Navy Option Midshipmen and will be sorely missed. Jon was replaced by **LT Joel Wheatley**, a 19-year

veteran and Surface Warfare Officer. Having served on Destroyers, Cruisers, Amphibs, Frigates, Aircraft Carriers and foreign navy vessels, Joel brings a great deal of experience and knowledge to our unit. We would also like to congratulate two newly commissioned officers from the Jayhawk battalion, Ensigns **Justin Davis** and **Brandon Ware**. Both were commissioned after the winter graduation and will be on their way to beautiful Pensacola, Fla., to begin aviation training. Congratulations are also in order for MIDN 4/c **Kieran Bateman** who earned

a very competitive and well-deserved College Program Marine Corps Scholarship. And finally, cogratulations to the six Navy and two Marine officers commissioned May 19!

As we finish the spring term and look forward to the upcoming school year, our midshipman and officer candidates continue to excel academically, physically and militarily. With that we thank you for your continued support.

-CAPT Dave Schweizer, NROTC



KU Army ROTC cadets Billy Trout and Caleb Campbell digest their MREs after a grueling day of competition at the 20th annual Ranger Buddy Competition held April 19 at Sesquicentennial Park in Lawrence.

Hooah! High-speed Jayhawk Army cadets dominate Ranger Buddy Competition

The Jayhawk Battalion is the strongest it's been in more than a decade. Returning from winter break, the Jayhawk Battalion welcomed 21 new Cadets, growing our numbers to 123. This is the largest the Battalion has been since 2001.

Despite the growth in the cadet corps, the winter weather forced the cadet staff to be creative and execute training indoors this year. Lab training outside of classroom instruction, cadets received handson training covering everything from first aid, weapons training, map reading and squad movement techniques.

In February, the Jayhawk Battalion hosted its annual Dining-In with special guest speaker LTC (ret) Mark Wilcox, Assistant Professor in the Dept. of Joint, Interagency and Multinational Operations at the Command and General Staff College. It was a highly enjoyable evening incorporating such Army traditions as the opening toasts, a Fallen Soldier Table, the Grog Bowl ceremony, Rules of the Mess and entertainment from the lower ranking soldiers, cadets in the Battalion, in the form of skits and videos.

The month of March included training and preparation for several events, including the German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency Qualification. Twelve Cadets from the Jayhawk Battalion participated and two received the Gold qualification, six received the Silver and two received the Bronze.

The end of the semester was a busy time, starting in April with the Task Force Riley Combined Field Training Exercise, where we met KSU, Pitt State, MO West, Central Missouri and Nebraska at Fort Riley to conduct training with our peers in Land Navigation, Confidence Course, Field Leaders Reaction Course, Patrol Situational Training Exercises and hands on Branch Orientation.

The KU Army ROTC program also hosted a world-class event with the 20th Anniversary of the Ranger Buddy Competition (RBC) on April 19. Approximately 500 cadets participated (233 two-person teams) with the remaining cadets supporting the event. In total, we had 44 universities participate from across 15 different states. The Jayhawk Battalion placed 1st and 2nd in the Male Division and were very close to placing in the top three spots for the Coed and Female divisions. KU's competition teams (cadets) trained very hard for the competition—intense physical training five-six days a week starting at 0600 and additional technical skills training on some weekends and evenings beginning last January.

The annual RBC has grown from only having a few universities within the area to a national level competition over the last few years. The participants in the RBC are generally the best cadets from their respective universities. An RBC winner two years ago, and a KU alumnus, **2LT John Bergman**, recently won the Army's Best Ranger Competition, one of the military's premier military competitions.

JAYHAWKS LEAD THE WAY! -LTCOL Storm Reynolds, USA



★ Navy 'fuelies' have secret power source: KU's Dee Steinle

When Dee Steinle took over as director of graduate programs for the School of Business in 2001, her first day on the job came with a surprise her predecessor hadn't mentioned during her hiring.

"Hey, there's a group of military officers waiting to see you in the conference room," Steinle recalls being told. "I thought, 'What in the world is going on?'"

Steinle soon learned it was a group of U.S. Navy officers enrolled in the School of Business' Petroleum Engineering Management program, which the Navy internally calls it's "811" graduate program.

"They were like, 'Hey, this is who we are and we're part of this class,' and I'm like, 'Oh, well, that's kind of cool," Steinle said.

Established in the early 1970s, KU's Petroleum Engineering Management program is a unique partnership between the Navy and KU. The program offers an interdisciplinary curriculum of master's level business and engineering courses enabling U.S. Navy Supply Corps officers to transition to billets as fuels specialists.

Over the years, the two-year program has evolved from a Master of Science in Petroleum Management to a MBA in Petroleum Management. More than 100 officers have graduated the highly competitive program, which is fully funded by the Navy, Steinle said. This year KU graduated three students, a typical yearly average.



Dee Steinle displays her U.S. Navy Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) award making her an honorary Supply Corps officer in 2012. Beside her is Dean Neeli Bendapudi, KU School of Business, and Rear Adm. Mark Heinrich, Commander of NAVSUP.

"It's a really small community," Steinle said. "Where there's a fuels officer in the Navy, it's very likely they're a KU grad."

It's a community that Steinle has come to know very well during her nearly 15 years managing the program. During that time she has developed lasting friendships with many of the students who have come through the program, attended some of their weddings, been invited to their promotions, and even vacationed with some of their families. These friendships have led to some unforgettable experiences. For example, two years ago while Steinle was in Seattle she got special permission to tour the USS Jackson Trident submarine while it was in drydock.

"It's been a fun relationship, really," she says. "Some of them have become family to me."

From the Navy's perspective, Steinle has contributed greatly to the quality and success of the program, and many graduates also seem to share a bond with her.

"As the Navy's senior fuelie, I've watched the support that KU has provided to the Navy's Jayhawks since I arrived on the KU campus in 1987," said Rear Adm. (ret) Mark Heinrich, who received his M.S. degree in Petroleum Management from KU in 1989. "I can say without a doubt that Dee Steinle's support to the Navy has been unmatched since she assumed her duties as mentor, friend, counselor and cheerleader for the Navy. I am proud to call her a friend and honorary shipmate."

In 2012, the Navy Supply System Command (NAVSUP) made Steinle an honorary supply corps officer, one of only three civilians to receive such recognition Adm. Heinrich said.

Steinle attributes much of the program's success to the quality of students and the academic atmosphere they encounter at KU, which embraces the military and veterans.

"These students tend to have a really great experience here at KU, especially the really good ones, they get a lot out of it,"



Dee Steinle

she said, adding, "A lot of them have done really, really well."

While the 811 program is focused on delivering well-trained Navy fuels officers—called "fuelies" in the Navy—Steinle says the school works hard to help students on the back end of their careers as well.

"At some point they are going to be prepared to step out of this and come into a civilian marketplace," she says. "And we want to make sure that they leave with a private sector resume that's up to snuff. So, we give students the full experience: they go through training on negotiation, interviewing, persuasive public speaking and presentation skills."

Steinle says the business school is committed to making the program relevant and attractive to Navy officers, who have the option of getting their fuels speciality at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif. To that end, last year the school rolled out a new curriculum and this year has been working on approving a petroleum management certificate.

"Dee has crafted a curriculum that combines both business and engineering specialties," said Lcdr. Owen Morrissey, who is entering his second year in the program. "It is because of Dee Steinle that the KU Petroleum Management program is unlike any post graduate program in the nation. Upon completion of the program, Navy students will now receive a masters in Business as well as an Engineering certificate. We are forever grateful for Dee."



★ Army Foreign Area Officers take advantage of KU's new 1-year MA program

Starting in fall 2013, the University of Kansas began offering accelerated one-year MA programs for U.S. Army Foreign Area Officers (FAOs), the language and culture experts the military relies on in foreign nations.

KU developed the one-year programs in response to a new Army requirement that most FAOs complete their master's degree in one academic year. KU now offers 12-month MA programs for FAOs in the Americas, South Asia, Europe, Eurasia, China, North Africa, Middle East, North Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa. There are only a few universities nationwide that offer 12-month regionally-oriented MA programs. Of those universities, most do not have more than one regional focus; KU has eight.

KU has enjoyed a long and productive relationship with the Army FAO program, having educated FAOs for nearly 50 years. More than 150 FAOs have graduated KU's Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies program alone.



U.S. Army Foreign Area Officer Matt Schlosser in the EGARC Language Lab.

Army Maj. P.J. Engelbrecht is the first FAO to take advantage of KU's new 12-month program. Born in Namibia, in southwest Africa, Engelbrecht is a French language speaker and "48J" FAO specializing in Africa south of the Sahara Desert. He enrolled in the Department of African and African-American Studies last fall and is taking courses on political science, sociology and Africa. "My professors have allowed me to focus in the areas that interest me," Engelbrecht said. One of the

main reasons he chose KU was not only for the academics but the quality of life: "I enjoy the fact that there is good hunting and outdoor activities that I can do here in Lawrence, there's a lot of good restaurants here, and Kansas City is not too far away. My son goes to the Lawrence Arts Center regularly and has a lot of activities there to do. These things are difficult to find in other cities."

When Engelbrecht graduates this summer he will serve as a FAO in Monrovia, Liberia.

KU's newest FAO is Army Maj. Matt Schlosser, who arrived at KU in January. Raised in Germany and a native speaker of German, Schlosser now studies Japanese as a Northeast Asia (48H) region FAO. Previously an armor officer with the 3rd and 4th Infantry Divisions, in 2012 Schlosser graduated the Defense Language Institute's intensive language program in Japanese—a Category IV difficulty language—and spent a year of in-region training in Japan. When he graduates next year, will take on his next assignment as full-fledged FAO.

★ On Campus: Collegiate Veterans Association

CVA welcomes new president

During the spring semester the Collegiate Veterans Association elected a new president, participated in community outreach, and continued to advance initiatives for the betterment of KU's student veterans.

Semester highlights included participation in The Big Event on April 12, where more than 3,000 KU students volunteered throughout the Lawrence community to do yard work and other chores. CVA members did their part by raking the leaves and washing the windows for a Lawrence resident.

On campus the CVA continued to work with KU's Student Senate on an effort to pass a new KU policy for military excused absences. In April, the University Senate passed the motion, but it was sent back to committee for further clarification. A determination will be made by fall 2014. If passed, the University would adopt a formal policy to allow students who miss final exams due to military orders to make up their missed tests. The group is also working with students and faculty at the Edwards Campus in hopes of setting up a CVA Edwards Campus Chapter.

The CVA held its elections on April 24th and Brooklynne Mosley, a Global and International Studies major who served in the Air Force, was chosen to be president for the 2014-2015 academic year. Mosley replaces Liane Larson, a National Guardsman who graduated in May with a B.S. degree in Pharmaceutical Studies. We wish her the best and thank her for her tireless efforts on the behalf of the CVA, the KU Veterans Alumni Chapter and the

KU student veteran population. The CVA is a non-partisan group of military veterans at the University of Kansas that is actively seeking new members. For more information about the group, or to donate, logon to www.kuveterans.org.



Members of the Collegiate Veterans Association participating in KU's "The Big Event" clean up the yard of a Lawrence resident April 12.







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★ Air Force ROTC cadet receives Distinguished Military Graduate Award



U.S. Air Force 2d Lt Julian McCafferty displays his 2014 Chancellor John Fraser Distinguished Military Graduate Award plaque and Civil-War era sword once used by the former KU chancellor.

Julian McCafferty, a U.S. Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps graduate, is the 2014 recipient of the Chancellor John Fraser Distinguished Military Graduate Award in recognition of outstanding achievement as an ROTC cadet.

Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little presented the award, given by the KU Veterans Alumni Chapter, at KU's joint ROTC commissioning ceremony held in the Kansas Union Ballroom on May 19.

A native of Lawrence, McCafferty was selected for the Fraser Award from a pool of nearly 250 cadets and midshipmen in KU's Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC programs. He is the second recipient of the award.

While a cadet, McCafferty took on numerous leadership positions in his detachment, including serving as Cadet Wing Vice Commander, and as a student published two peer-reviewed academic papers on aerospace related subjects. He was

selected to numerous honor societies and lauded by KU professors as the "Outstanding Aerospace Sophomore" in 2012. In addition, he was selected for internships at the prestigious Air Force Institute of Technology, the National Reconnaissance Office, and peer-selected as class CEO of a 40-plus team competing in the National Wind Turbine build competition.

"It was a privilege to commission second lieutenant Julian McCafferty into the United States Air Force," said Lt Col Brian Salmans, KU professor of aerospace science and commander of KU's Air Force ROTC detachment. "He has demonstrated outstanding leadership while in the Air Force ROTC program, culminating with recognition as this year's Fraser Award winner. Lieutenant McCafferty consistently set high standards and accomplished numerous academic achievements at KU and within the Air Force Detachment. His outstanding accomplishments are representative of the entire senior class of Air Force commissionees."