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REGENTS

Dave Dillon, Chair
Dave Dillon is the retired Chairman and CEO of The Kroger Co., based in Cincinnati. Dillon served in a variety of leadership roles after joining Dillon Companies in 1976, was appointed executive vice president of Kroger in 1990, and was elected president and chief operating officer of the company in 1995. Dillon was named CEO of Kroger in 2003 and was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors in 2004. He retired as CEO at the end of 2013 and as Chairman of the Board of Directors at the end of 2014. He is a member of the board of directors of 3M and the Union Pacific Corporation, and serves on the Board of Trustees for the University of Kansas Endowment, the University of Kansas Hospital Authority Board, and MRIGlobal. Dillon earned a bachelor’s degree in Business at the University of Kansas and a law degree at Southern Methodist University.

Regent Ann Brandau-Murguia, Vice-Chair
Ann Brandau-Murguia of Kansas City was appointed to the Kansas Board of Regents by Governor Sam Brownback in 2013. She is the Executive Director of the Argentine Neighborhood Development Association, a Community Development Corporation and Community Housing Development Organization with a mission to promote the revitalization of the Argentine community. Brandau-Murguia’s career has included leadership positions with community development organizations CHWC, Inc. and El Centro, Inc., as well as work as a probation/parole officer and pre-sentence writer for the Kansas and Missouri Departments of Corrections. She currently serves as the 3rd District County Commissioner to the Unified Government Board of Commissioners, a position she has held since 2007; is a member of the Board of Trustees at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, where she chairs the Economic Development Committee of the Board; serves as chair of the Kansas Board of Regents Retirement Plan Committee; and co-chair of the Frontiers Project at the University of Kansas Medical Center. In 2011, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Greater Kansas City named Brandau-Murguia their Humanitarian of the Year for her work with the Latino community. Brandau-Murguia received her bachelor’s degree in human services in 1993 from Ottawa University and a Master of Business Administration degree in 1997 from Baker University.

Blake Flanders, Ph.D.
Blake Flanders is the President and CEO of the Kansas Board of Regents, the governing board of the state’s six universities and the statewide coordinating board for all 32 public higher education institutions in Kansas. The Kansas public higher education system consists of six state universities, a municipal university, nineteen community colleges, and six technical colleges, and serves approximately 250,000 students annually. Most recently, Flanders served as the Vice President for Workforce Development for the Kansas Board of Regents and provided executive leadership for the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority. Flanders grew up on a farm north of Edson, Kansas and is a graduate of Goodland High School. He earned both a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree in animal science, and later a Doctorate of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction from Kansas State University.
ALUMNI/ENDOWMENT

Lydia Beebe
Lydia Beebe is Senior Of Counsel in the San Francisco office of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, where her practice focuses on corporate law and governance. Beebe also serves on the board of directors of Aemetis, Inc. (Nasdaq AMTX), an advanced renewable fuels and biochemical company headquartered in Cupertino, CA. She has more than 35 years of significant experience as an attorney and legal counsel provider. Prior to joining the firm, Beebe was corporate secretary and chief governance officer at Chevron (NYSE: CVX), and the first woman officer at the company. For the 20 years in which she held that role, she advised the board of directors and senior management on corporate governance matters and managed Chevron's corporate governance function. Raised in McPherson, Kansas, Beebe earned a bachelor’s degree in journalism from the University of Kansas in 1974, and a J.D. from University of Kansas School of Law in 1977. In 1980, Beebe earned an MBA in Taxation at Golden Gate University. Today Beebe is a Trustee for the KU Endowment Association and a member of the KU Law Alumni Board of Governors. She also served on the law school’s advisory committee for KU’s comprehensive campaign, "Far Above: The Campaign for Kansas." She has been recognized by the Law School with both the James Woods Green Medallion and the Outstanding Alumna designation.

Greg Ek
Greg Ek of Wichita is a current National Board member of the KU Alumni Association serving as Chair of the Audit Committee. He is also a board member of the Wichita Chapter and previously served as a member of the board of the Kansas City Chapter of KUAA. In 2011, Ek was a recipient of the Dick Wintemute outstanding alumni Chapter leader award. He is a native of Emporia and a 1976 graduate of KU with a degree in Business Administration. Ek is First Vice-President and Wichita Branch Manager for Morgan Stanley.

Dave Roland
Dave Roland is originally from Kansas City, Kansas and holds a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Kansas and a M.S. in Technology Management from the University of Minnesota. He serves as a member of the KU Alumni Association National Board of Directors and the School of Engineering Advisory Board. Roland is President of NDC Technologies. NDC Technologies is an acknowledged leader in the development and manufacture of measurement and control solutions for industrial processes. He is a global business leader with extensive experience in Asia, Europe, Middle East, Latin and South Americas. A long-time resident of Shorewood, Minnesota, Roland has lived outside the U.S. in Singapore and is now located in Dayton, Ohio.

Deanell Reece Tacha
Deanell Reece Tacha grew up in Scandia, Kansas and received a B.A. from the University of Kansas before receiving her J.D. from the University of Michigan. She is a retired United States federal judge who served on the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. Tacha has been the Dean of the Pepperdine University School of Law and is the Chair of the KU Endowment Board of Trustees and Executive Committee.

STUDENTS

Stephonn Alcorn
Stephonn Alcorn is a senior from Gardner, Kansas, studying Finance and the KU Lawrence Student Body President. Prior to being elected Student Body President, Alcorn served as Government Relations Director and Chair of the Retention Advisory Board. Alcorn is also a School of Business Jennett Finance Scholar, Multicultural Business Scholar, and graduate of Hawk Link, a program designed to help first generation college students and students of color find success in their first year at the University.
Christina Hughey
Christina Hughey is a third year medical student at the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Kansas City Campus. She is a Kansas native and also earned her bachelor’s degree in Nursing in 2010 from the University of Kansas School of Nursing. Hughey currently serves as the Chair of the Student Governing Council for the Medical Center Campus and is the President-elect for the 2017-2018 academic year. Hughey also serves as an elected Senator to the Medical Student Assembly.

Gabby Naylor
Gabby Naylor is a senior from Providence, Rhode Island, majoring in Accounting with a concentration in Information Systems and will begin KU’s Master of Accounting program next Fall. Naylor is presently serving as the KU-Lawrence Student Body Vice President and was previously a Senator representing the School of Business. In addition to being the presiding officer of the Student Senate body, Naylor is a member of the University Senate Executive Committee. She is also involved in the Business School as a Business Student Ambassador and BUS 110/120 Peer Mentor. In her time at KU, Naylor has devoted time to the Greek Sexual Assault Task Force and is a member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority. Other notable efforts include the development of a Women's Leadership Seminar at KU.

FACULTY/ADMINISTRATION

Ann Brill, Ph.D.
Ann Brill is the Dean of the William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Kansas. She has a doctorate in mass communication from the University of Minnesota, a master's in journalism from Marquette University, and a bachelor's in journalism from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Dr. Brill has worked for newspapers, new media, broadcast and public relations. She has taught at the University of Missouri, Marquette University, and the University of Minnesota. Her research and teaching interests are in new media technology, editing, reporting, diversity in the media, media law and scholastic journalism. She chaired the KU searches for the Dean of Architecture, Design and Planning, and the Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs. She is a member of the advisory boards of University Business, the National Hearst Journalism Award Program, and a former president of the Association of Schools of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Tracie Collins, M.D.
Dr. Tracie Collins completed medical school at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine. During her early years in medical school, Dr. Collins noticed what appeared to be a higher prevalence of amputations among minority veterans. As she completed her internal medicine residency at the University of Oklahoma, Tulsa, she decided that caring for individual patients was an honor but the reach was limited. Because of this, she moved to Boston, Mass., to complete a fellowship in general internal medicine at Harvard Medical School. The fellowship provided training in clinical research including epidemiology and biostatistics. Additionally, Dr. Collins acquired training in educating medical students in case-based learning. During her two-year fellowship, she began to address the question of health disparities in lower extremity amputations. It was this original work that led to her current focus in peripheral arterial disease (PAD). In November 2011, Dr. Collins joined the exceptional faculty of the Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health as the Chair at the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Wichita. She is also a Kansas Health Foundation Distinguished Professor. She will continue her clinical research endeavors while also working with faculty members to further develop the research, education, and clinical portfolio for the department.

Joseph Harrington, Ph.D.
Joseph Harrington is a Professor in the Department of English. He is the author of Things Come On: an amneoir (Wesleyan Univ. Press 2011), which relates the twinned narratives of the Watergate scandal and his mother's cancer; the critical work Poetry and the Public (Wesleyan, 2002); and numerous articles and poems in literary and peer-reviewed journals. He is also the author of the chapbooks Goodnight Whoever’s Listening (2015), Earth Day Suite (Beard of Bees, 2010), and editor of the interview collection Tracking/Teaching: On Documentary Poetics (Essay Press 2015). Harrington has been named a Millay
Colony resident fellow (2013); Hall Center for the Humanities Creative Work Fellow (2010) and Research Fellow (2000); a Fulbright Distinguished Chair (2005); and a three-time Pushcart Prize nominee. His research interests include: US literatures, particularly post-1900; poetry and poetics; experimental nonfiction; and political philosophy. Harrington currently serves as the University of Kansas University Senate President and has served on several KU search committees: Dean of Libraries (2005-2006), Associate Dean in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences (2000), and positions in the Departments of English (2011-2012) and American Studies (2003).

Roy Jensen, M.D.
Roy A. Jensen, M.D. was born in Kansas City, Kansas and earned his bachelor’s degree in Biology and Chemistry from Pittsburg State University in 1980. He graduated from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in 1984, and remained there to complete a residency and fellowship before accepting a research fellowship at the National Cancer Institute. He returned to Vanderbilt in 1991 and was appointed to the faculty. In 2004, Dr. Jensen returned home to Kansas and was appointed the William R. Jewell, M.D. Distinguished Kansas Masonic Professor, the director of The University of Kansas Cancer Center, and the director of the Kansas Masonic Cancer Research Institute. In 2012, he successfully led the effort to obtain National Cancer Institute designation for The University of Kansas Cancer Center.

Amalia Monroe-Gulick
Amalia Monroe-Gulick is an Associate Librarian faculty member with the University of Kansas Libraries, and also serves as the University of Kansas Faculty Senate President-Elect. She received her M.L.S. in Library Science from Indiana University, and M.S. and B.S. in Political Science from Illinois State University. Monroe-Gulick started at KU in 2008, and is the librarian for social sciences and collection assessment. Her research areas include research and data management needs, graduate student information literacy, and library impact.

Robert Simari, M.D.
Robert D. Simari, M.D., has served as executive dean of the University of Kansas School of Medicine since March 24, 2014. In this role, he serves as the chief academic and administrative officer for the School of Medicine and provides leadership in medical education, scholarly activity, research, patient care and service. He is responsible for ensuring that all of the school’s missions of research, practice, and education are supported and carried out at the campuses in Kansas City, Wichita and Salina. Dr. Simari earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Notre Dame, and his medical degree from the University of Kansas in 1986 and is the first alumnus to serve as executive dean for the school of medicine. Dr. Simari is on the boards of the University of Kansas Hospital Authority, the University of Kansas Medical Center Research Institute, MRI Global and was recently named to the Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission. Dr. Simari is a cardiologist and heads the NHLBI-sponsored Cardiovascular Cell Therapy Research Network.

Rodolfo Torres, Ph.D.
Rodolfo H. Torres is an Associate Vice Chancellor for the University of Kansas Office of Research and a University Distinguished Professor of Mathematics. He also serves as a Vice President of KU Center for Research Inc. He shares in the senior leadership of research administration and the oversight of KU’s research centers and institutes, specifically the Hall Center for the Humanities, the Institute for Policy & Social Research, the Achievement and Assessment Institute, the Life Span Institute, the Biodiversity Institute, and the Kansas Biological Survey. He also has primary responsibility for the Research Integrity and the Research Systems Support and Data Analytics units. He is currently a member of the Human Resources Advisory Committee of the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute at Berkeley and a peer reviewer for the Higher Learning Commission. Torres’ academic background includes an undergraduate degree from the University of Rosario, Argentina, and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Washington University, St. Louis, all in mathematics. He joined the KU faculty in 1996 after post-doctoral experiences at the University of Michigan and New York University. He is a Fellow of the American Mathematical Society and a member of the editorial board of several research journals. Torres’ research has been funded by the National Science Foundation since 1993 and he has received numerous teaching awards including a Kemper Excellence in Teaching Award.
UNIVERSITY STAFF

Brian Moss
Brian Moss is Staff Senate President-Elect at the University of Kansas, where he manages the research help desks at Watson and Anschutz Libraries, as well as the Ask-A-Librarian online services. Brian has a B.A. in English and German from KU, a Master of Library Science degree from Emporia State University, and is currently nearing completion of an M.A. in Global and International Studies at KU, with a graduate certificate in African Studies. Brian has worked at KU since 2009.

Elizabeth Phillips
Elizabeth (MacGregor) Phillips is the 2016-2017 President of the KU Staff Senate and has spent more than six years in University governance. Phillips presently serves as the Public Safety Administrator for the KU Public Safety Office with a working title of Assistant Director for Civilian Services. Phillips is a 1978 graduate of the University of Kansas William Allen White School of Journalism and a 3rd generation Jayhawk. She has worked for various iterations of the Public Safety Office since that time. Her emphasis and area of expertise is in the field of 911 Communications and technology services, assisting in the creation of the free-standing 911 Center at KU. Phillips is a nationally certified instructor in 911 services and Incident Management for Large Scale Incidents within a University environment. She has served on various state and national tasks forces or committees focusing on public safety matters.

ATHLETICS

Steve Sloan
Steve Sloan was born in Wichita, Kansas, and received his bachelor’s degree in journalism from the University of Kansas in 1983. Sloan is the Chief Executive Officer of Midwest Minerals, Inc., in Pittsburg, where he has been since 1995, after working at Koch Industries, Inc. for over a decade. He is a member of the KU Endowment Board of Trustees and Executive Committee, and serves as Chairman of the Pittsburg State University Foundation. As Chairman of the KU Endowment Property & Management committee, Sloan has worked with athletics on a variety of initiatives related to facility funding and fundraising. He is a lifetime member of the University of Kansas Alumni Association and Williams Educational Fund Hall of Fame member, and has served on the Kansas Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and Kansas Geological Survey Advisory Council.

WIDER COMMUNITY

Willie Amison, Jr., Ed.D.
Willie Amison, Jr. is a former Principal of three elementary schools, including Kennedy Elementary, and served as an assistant Principal at Lawrence High School within the Lawrence, Kansas School District. He holds three University of Kansas degrees (B.S., M.S. and Ed.D.) in educational leadership and curriculum and instruction and was a three-year letterman on the 1967-71 University of Kansas football team. Amison is co-founder of a local youth mentoring initiative within the Lawrence Public Schools, and serves on a number of community boards of directors. Amison, Jr. is currently President of Amison Consulting who has worked with a number of school districts, leaders and staffs across the state with a focus on school improvement. He is also an Academic Advisor within the University of Kansas TRIO/ Educational Opportunity Center which is a federally-funded college access program working in four counties within the State of Kansas. He has served in this capacity since retiring from the Lawrence Public Schools in 2004.

Joan Golden
Raised in Iola, Kansas, Joan Golden received an undergraduate degree in business from the University of Kansas and graduated from the ABA School of Bank Marketing in conjunction with University of Colorado. Golden is Senior Vice President of Development for U.S. Bank of Lawrence and was awarded “Citizen of the Year” by the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce in 2013. She is a four-time Pinnacle Winner, the highest recognition within U.S. Bank Community Banking. Golden currently serves as a member of
the Kansas University Libraries’ Board of Advocates, Lawrence Public Library Board of Trustees, and serves as chair of the Lawrence Arts Center Board of Directors. She is past president of the University of Kansas Memorial Corporation Board of Directors, and a past member of the Lied Center of Kansas Board of Directors.

Jerry Moran, U.S. Senator
Kansans elected Jerry Moran to the United States Senate in 2010 and 2016. Since joining the Senate, he has become known nationally as a leading advocate for issues relating to entrepreneurship, innovation, STEM education and medical research. Senator Moran is a member of the Committees on Commerce, Transportation, and Banking. He is also a senior member of the Appropriations Committee where he served as Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, a position he leveraged to successfully boost biomedical research funding. Prior to becoming Ranking Member, then-committee member Moran assisted the University of Kansas Cancer Center in its pursuit of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) Cancer Center designation. Senator Moran is a member of the Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer’s Disease and the Senate National Institutes of Health (NIH) Caucus. Senator Moran received both a bachelor’s degree in economics and a J.D. from the University of Kansas. He is a member of the KU School of Law Board of Governors.

Debbie Nordling
Debbie Nordling has worked as a State Farm Agent in Hugoton, Kansas, for the past 25 years and is an active member of the KU Alumni Association, currently serving with her husband - fellow alumnus Erick Nordling - as Southwest Kansas chapter leaders. In 2007 she was awarded the Mildred Clodfelter Alumni Award, acknowledging sustained volunteer service to the University at the local level. From 2009-2014 Nordling served on the Board of the KU Alumni Association. She received her bachelor’s in education from the University of Kansas in 1979.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS HOSPITAL

Bob Page
Bob Page has served as the President and CEO for The University of Kansas Hospital since 2007. He began in 1996 as the hospital’s Vice President for Organizational Improvement and later became the hospital’s Chief Operating Officer. A native of Elgin, Ill., Page received his bachelor's degree in accounting from Illinois Wesleyan University and began his professional career with Price Waterhouse. In 1981, he left public accounting and began his career in internal auditing at Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. He joined Saint Louis University to head up their medical center internal audit function in 1986, which is also the year he completed his MBA. Page rejoined Jewish Hospital in 1990 as the Director of Audit Services. In 2013, Page was honored by Illinois Wesleyan University as Distinguished Alumni. Later that year he was recognized for his work promoting the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City with the Buck O’Neil Legacy Award. The United Way of Wyandotte County surprised Page in 2015 with the Spirit of Caring Award. Page currently serves on the Board of Directors for Vizient, Inc., the Kansas Hospital Association and the Kansas City Metropolitan Healthcare Council & the Missouri Hospital Association’s District 2. Page holds a courtesy assistant professor appointment in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the University of Kansas School of Medicine.