BRAVO!

Kansas state department of Education

leadership and support for student learning

June 2010

Kansas students, educators and schools are among the best in the nation and we want to salute their accomplishments. The Communications Office at the Kansas State Department of Education will regularly publish a list of happenings in Kansas schools. If you know of a specific award garnered by students, teachers, programs, schools, or districts, please let us know so that it may be included in our publication. Although it may not be possible to include all awards sent to us, we offer our congratulations and best wishes to the students and educators in our state.

Karla Denny, Director
Communications and Recognition Programs

Royster Middle School received a **Gold Level** recognition for the second time from the **Kansas Association of Middle School Administrators (KAMSA)** at the organization's annual conference held in May. 61 other schools also received Gold Level recognition. Congratulations!

Two **Washburn Rural** students were honored at the **Kansas ACT State Organization's "Embracing the Future" Conference** for earning a top composite score on the ACT college admission exam. **Samuel Y. Ho** and **Hyunjee Kwak**, both seniors, are among 17 Kansas high school seniors from 10 high schools who were recognized.
Other recognized students were:
Michael S. Agre, Blue Valley North High School
Sean R. Bender, Sacred Heart Jr./Sr. High School
Johnathon H. Davis, Blue Valley High School
Michael R. Erickson, Olathe South High School
Emily M. Herrick, Olathe South High School
Andrea N. Hinton, Blue Valley North High School
Jason S. Hoffman, Blue Valley North High School
Alex M. Johnson, Bishop Carroll High School
James L. Kuhn, Olathe East High School
Joanna S. Liu, Pittsburg High School
Laura M. McClung, Blue Valley North High School
Nikolai A. Mushegian, Blue Valley North High School
Chris Ouyang, Blue Valley Northwest High School
Jerrica L. Washburn, Maize High School
Kelsea J. Worcester, Sacred Heart Jr./Sr. High School

Arkansas City High School student **Mariah Vargas** was chosen as the **2010 City-Wide Outstanding Student** during the annual banquet. Vargas was also selected as the **ACHS Outstanding Student**, and **Kristen Boxman** was selected as the **middle school's Outstanding Student**.

The **M.E. Pearson 5th Grade Lego Robotics team** placed **first** against 68 other teams in the **Creative Presentation** category at this year's **First Lego League Tournament**. Team members include **Donny Randolf, Nestor Hernandez, Pedro Troncoso, Alonso Muneton, Elizabeth Santillan, Mariana Santos, Michel Arroyo, Ariana Morales, and Hector Flores.**

We'd love to hear what your students and faculty are achieving! Please send submissions to

Anne Gilmore
aegilmore@ksde.org
785-296-4910
785-296-7933 (fax)

www.ksde.org

BRAVO!

(continued)

Iola Middle School students **Madison Luken**, **Caressa Lowell** and **Kathy Tush** took **third place** in the state in a **stock market game**. The trio wound up earning a $13,000 "profit" on an initial investment of $100,000. Their earnings, which topped 19 other IMS teams, wound up taking third place overall in the state. Six IMS teams placed in the top 20 in terms of profit out of the 166 middle school teams competing. Excellent work!

Trenton Jarboe, a 2010 graduate of **St. Paul High School**, was awarded a **$1,000 scholarship** by **Merle Kelly Ford, Inc., Chanute**, and **Ford Motor Company**. The Scholarship is one of 457 scholarships awarded by Ford Division, Ford Motor Company Fund and the Ford Dealers to FFA members who are high school seniors planning to attend college in the fall.

About **200 third graders** from **Iola**, **Moran** and **Yates Center** participated in the **19th annual Kansas Kids Fitness Day** at **Allen County Community College**. Students participated in nine activity stations scattered throughout the college grounds. Games like freeze tag and soccer promoted fitness as ACCC track team members assisted with the games. Each student received a fitness pack from the State Department of Health and Environment for their participation.

An Equal Employment/Educational Opportunity Agency
The Kansas State Department of Education does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: KSDE General Counsel, 120 SE 10th Ave., Topeka, KS 66612, 785-296-3201