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Kobach's Connection to UMKC Questioned Conexión de Kobach con UMKC Cuestionada



UMKC officials met with community leaders, students and alumni as they all shared their points of view about Kris Kobach's involvement with immigration law. Many said he is hurting the reputation of the university, but officials said there is not much they can do. *Oficiales de UMKC se reunieron con líderes comunitarios, estudiantes y alumnos graduados mientras ambos compartían sus puntos de vista respecto al involucramiento de Kris Kobach con leyes de inmigración. Muchas personas dijeron que él está lastimando la reputación de la universidad, pero oficiales dijeron que no es mucho lo que pueden hacer.*

JOE ARCE AND TONY BALANDRAN
HISPANIC NEWS

For almost two hours, UMKC officials met with area Latino leaders, alumni and students on Monday, explaining the university's position on one of its own faculty members – law professor Kris Kobach, who co-authored the controversial Arizona immigration law.

Many shared their concerns about Kobach's involvement in the immigration issue and said the professor's viewpoints were tarnishing the university's reputation as a diverse academic community. However, UMKC officials said Kobach has an academic freedom to write or speak his views on any issue.

Throughout the meeting at the university's administrative center, there was tense and emotional dialogue as UMKC officials took notes.

Andres Dominguez, one of the community leaders at the meeting, told

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TRADUCE PATRICIO H. LAZEN
HISPANIC NEWS

Por casi dos horas, oficiales de UMKC se reunieron el lunes con líderes latinos del área, con alumnos graduados y con estudiantes, explicando la posición de la universidad respecto a uno de los miembros de su facultad – el profesor de leyes Kris Kobach, quien es uno de los coautores de la controvertida ley de inmigración de Arizona.

Muchos compartieron sus preocupaciones respecto a la participación de Kobach en el problema de la inmigración y dijeron que los puntos de vista del profesor estaban ensuciando la reputación de la universidad como una diversa comunidad académica. Sin embargo, oficiales de UMKC dijeron que Kobach tiene la libertad académica para escribir o hablar respecto a sus opiniones sobre cualquier tema.

A lo largo de la reunión en el centro
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Dream Act Takes Center Stage El Acta DREAM se Sube al Escenario Principal



Queren Orozco, a spokeswoman for the Kansas/Missouri DREAM Alliance, brought the group's message and about 30 individuals to a rally at Guadalupe Center's Cinco de Mayo festival last Saturday to draw attention to the national DREAM Act.

Queren Orozco, portavoz de la Alianza DREAM de Kansas/Missouri, llevó el mensaje del grupo y cerca de 30 personas a una manifestación ocurrida durante el festival del Cinco de Mayo del Guadalupe Center el sábado pasado para atraer la atención hacia el Acta DREAM nacional.

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As hundreds celebrated a piece of Mexico's past at a Cinco de Mayo festival, a smaller group of individuals called for a federal law that would improve the future of many Latinos.

"We're trying to keep everyone aware of what is going on with the DREAM Act," said Queren Orozco, a spokeswoman for the Kansas/Missouri DREAM Alliance.

The group of about 25, mostly young Latinos, rallied at the Guadalupe Center's Cinco de Mayo festival last Saturday to draw attention to the national DREAM Act that would grant conditional residency, thus allowing immigrant students to attend a college or serve in a military branch for two years regardless of their status. Once completed, they would be able to embark on a path of attaining their U.S. citizenship.

"The immigrants now are allowed to go to (high) school, but after that, they are not allowed to do anything," Orozco said. "What the (DREAM) bill will do is allow them to have a path into their future. Right now, there is no path."

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KC Hispanic/Latino Complete Count Committee celebrates Census 2010 El Comité de Conteo Hispano/Latino KC celebra el Censo 2010



Elated with the work that the Hispanic Latino Complete Count Committee accomplished, Dennis Johnson said, "We had so many obstacles in our way; so many fears about the census and many misunderstandings, and in some cases misinformation. I think the Hispanic community here in Kansas City has done so much to dispel that. It is important for us to realize that the census will be the driver for the next ten years for us." *Contento con el trabajo logrado por el Comité Hispano Latino para el Conteo Completo, Dennis Johnson dijo, "Encontramos tantos obstáculos en nuestro camino; tantos temores respecto al Censo y mucha confusión y en algunos casos desinformación. Creo que la comunidad hispana aquí en Kansas City ha hecho bastante por disipar eso. Es importante para nosotros darnos cuenta que el censo será para nosotros el empuje por los próximos diez años".*

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Census 2010 workers will begin to canvass neighborhoods on May 1, knocking on resident's doors who did not complete the Census 2010 questionnaire form that was mailed. Census takers will have an official identification badge and will ask one member of the residence to fill out the questionnaire.

"We will be knocking on doors of households who have not yet sent in their forms and we have roughly two months to get that done. The deal is we not only have to knock on the door, we have to find someone home and they have to be cooperative. They have

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Encargados del Censo del 2010 comenzaran a recorrer los vecindarios el primero de mayo golpeando las puertas de hogares de residentes que no completaron el formulario de preguntas del Censo del 2010 que les fue enviado por correo. Los encargados del censo llevarán una identificación oficial y les pedirán a un miembro de la residencia que llene el formulario.

"Nosotros estaremos golpeando las puertas de los hogares que aún no han enviado sus formularios y tenemos más o menos dos meses para completarlo. El asunto es que no solamente tenemos que golpear las puertas, sino que también tenemos que encontrar a alguien en casa y ellos tienen que ser cooperadores. Ellos tienen que responder a las preguntas", dijo Dennis

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Carlos Zides said he is proud to have been a part of this year's census count. He was able to use his first language (Spanish) to assist residents in the metro with the census form. "I can tell people that it is safe and not to be scared of it," said Zides.

Carlos Zides dijo estar orgulloso de haber sido parte del conteo del censo de este año. Él pudo utilizar su idioma principal (Español) para ayudar a residentes en el área metropolitana con los formularios del censo. "Le puedo decir a la gente que es seguro y que no le teman", dijo Zides.



Kansas City's metro area celebrated Cinco de Mayo with great food, entertainment, and a parade in KCK. Also, a local radio station got its listeners to do some great community service by planting trees in a park in the Old Northeast neighborhood. See page 7.

El área metropolitana de Kansas City celebró el Cinco de Mayo con deliciosas comidas, entretenimiento y una parada en KCK. También, una estación de radio local hizo que sus radioescuchas hicieran un gran servicio comunitario al plantar árboles en un parque del vecindario Old Northeast.

“The university does not have a position on immigration reform”

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UMKC officials that he was concerned how the university was spending his tax money to hire a professor who evokes tension throughout the country.

“As a taxpayer, I want to know what I’m getting other than creating a climate that creates anger, frustration, divisiveness ... How can I as a Latino go into the community and advocate for young people to come here when we have so many other institutions here that are so welcoming in the climate they are trying to create.”



Kobach’s association with UMKC has been questioned by some Hispanic leaders in past years because of his work defending and consulting on various states’ laws that clamp down hard on illegal immigration.

On Thursday, April 29, the university issued a statement emphasizing that it does not share any views about immigration with Kobach. “The university does not have a position on immigration reform,” the UMKC statement read.

Kobach, co-author of the controversial Arizona immigration law, told Hispanic News that he understood UMKC’s position and appreciated the statement’s emphasis on academic freedom.

“It’s not a surprising statement at all,” Kobach said. “It’s a basic statement of the university’s core beliefs in academic freedom that a faculty member has a right to write and speak as a citizen and offer opinions and views, in this case an opinion about a political issue. I’m not speaking as a representative of the university when I offer my opinion or when I write an op-ed in The New York Times. I am speaking simply as who I am.”

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administrativo de la universidad, hubo un tenso y acalorado dialogo mientras oficiales de UMKC tomaban notas.

Andrés Domínguez, uno de los líderes comunitarios presente en la reunión, le dijo a oficiales de UMKC que a él le preocupaba cómo la universidad estaba gastando el dinero de sus impuestos para contratar a un profesor que invoca tensión a través de la nación.

“Como contribuyente de impuestos, quiero saber qué estoy obteniendo aparte de crear un clima que propicia la ira, la frustración, la división... Cómo puedo yo como latino ira a la comunidad y abogar por los jóvenes para que vengan aquí cuando tenemos tantas otras instituciones aquí que ofrecen una buena acogida en el clima que ellos están tratando de crear”.

La asociación de Kobach con UMKC ha sido cuestionada por algunos líderes hispanos en años pasados debido a su trabajo defendiendo y haciendo consultas respecto a leyes de varios estados que son muy enérgicas respecto a la inmigración ilegal.

El jueves 29 de abril, la universidad emitió una declaración enfatizando que no comparte con Kobach ninguno de sus puntos de vista sobre la inmigración. “La universidad no tienen una postura referente a la reforma a la inmigración”, leía la declaración de UMKC.

Kobach, autor conjunto de la controvertida ley inmigratoria de Arizona, le dijo a Hispanic News que él entiende la posición de UMKC y aprecia el énfasis de la declaración respecto a libertad académica.

The single-page statement from Stancia Whitcomb-Jenkins, assistant vice chancellor for community and public affairs, said Kobach has been a member of the UMKC School of Law faculty since 1996, teaching Constitutional law, immigration law and policy, legal history and legislation.

“His involvement with immigration legislation and litigation in Arizona and other states, however, is not work done on behalf of the university and his opinions are not those of the university or the School of Law,” the statement read.

The university supports the right of faculty to speak about issues of concern, the statement continued. “At the same time, the views and positions of individual faculty members do not necessarily reflect the views of UMKC or the School of Law.”

Kobach, who is planning a campaign for Kansas Secretary of State, said misunderstanding of the Arizona law’s details and intent has triggered the swirl of controversy. The law, he said, has strong stipulations against racial profiling and is written to stand up against any claim of unconstitutionality.

“Anytime a university professor takes a view on a political issue where people have different opinions some people are going to disagree,” he said. “But I think all people would agree that we certainly wouldn’t want to get to a position as a country where people at public universities could only hold one point of view. If we were in that sort of position, then our country would start to look a lot like the Soviet Union. ... It’s so important to have academic freedom for professors and for students.”

UMKC’s statement echoed the sentiment about diversity: “UMKC will continue our commitment to enriching the campus environment through the involvement of people of all backgrounds and cultures. ... Students, faculty, staff and community alike benefit from this investment in diversity.”

However, many at Monday’s meeting said their concern

“Nos es una declaración del todo sorprendente”, dijo Kobach. “Es una declaración básica del conjunto de creencias de la universidad referentes a la libertad académica que dice que un miembro de la facultad tiene el derecho a escribir y a hablar como un ciudadano y ofrecer opiniones y puntos de vistas, en este caso, una opinión referente a un problema político. No estoy hablando como un representante de la universidad cuando ofrezco mi opinión o cuando escribo un op-ed (Editorial escrita por alguien no afiliado con la junta editora de un periódico) en el The New York Times. Estoy simplemente hablando como la persona que soy”.

La declaración de una sola página de Stancia Whitcomb-Jenkins, asistente vicescanciller para asuntos comunitarios y públicos, dijo que Kobach ha sido un miembro de la facultad de la Escuela de Leyes de UMKC desde 1996, enseñando derecho constitucional, leyes y políticas de la inmigración, historia legal y legislación.

“Su involucrimiento con la legislatura de la inmigración y litigio en Arizona y otros estados, es sin embargo un trabajo que no es hecho a nombre de la universidad y sus opiniones no son aquellas de la universidad o de la Escuela de Leyes”, leía la declaración.

La universidad apoya el derecho de un miembro de la facultad para hablar respecto a temas de preocupación, continuaba la declaración. “Al mismo tiempo, las opiniones y posturas de miembros individuales de la facultad no reflejan necesariamente los puntos de vista de UMKC o de la Escuela

about Kobach’s affiliation with UMKC won’t end with an official statement. Some said they will wait to see what action UMKC will take.

Carlos Salazar, another Hispanic community leader, said it would be difficult to continue supporting the university or continue recommending students to attend UMKC with “what is going on now with this individual (Kobach). For me to send any more (students or money), it would be very difficult. We are reacting to his actions, but the university needs to step up and say, ‘Here is where we stand.’”

UMKC alum Genero Ruiz told officials that he has learned that some of Kobach’s students have drafted immigration laws in one of his classes.

“Are we sure that none of that student product made it into anything that he has proposed? Either in the Arizona law or anything he has done in Missouri,” Ruiz questioned. “If the university cannot comment about what he is doing outside the university, how about what he is doing inside the university?”

J.D. Rios, assistant superintendent for Kansas City, Kan., public schools and UMKC alum, questioned how Kobach is able to tout his affiliation with UMKC when he appears on conservative talk shows.

“This institution was brought upfront nationally,” he said. “I believe he violated your code.”

Rios said he thought the university should take a position on immigration to forward its commitment to diversity.

“I have talked about Kris Kobach for many years. I have warned this institution that this day would come and it fell on deaf ears and now here you are ... I hope he has misrepresented this institution.”

He said UMKC should take some action. “Then let the community assess your actions because you are a public institution. So you need to let us know what is acceptable and what is not. And then we will let you know whether we agree with that or not. I think that is fair.”

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Kobach, quien está planeando una campaña para convertirse en Secretario de Estado de Kansas, dijo que el confundir los detalles y las intenciones de la ley de Arizona ha gatillado un torbellino de controversias. La ley, dijo él, tiene fuertes estipulaciones en contra de la individualización basada en la raza y está escrita para imponerse en contra de cualquier acusación de inconstitucionalidad.

“En cualquier instancia en que un profesor adopta un punto de vista respecto a un problema político en donde la gente tienen diferentes opiniones, algunas personas van a discordar”, dijo él. “Pero creo que todas las personas estarían de acuerdo que nosotros ciertamente no querríamos llegar hasta una posición como país en donde a personas en universidades públicas les fuera permitido tener solamente un punto de vista. Si nosotros estuviéramos en ese tipo de posición, entonces nuestro país comenzaría a lucir bastante como la Unión Soviética. ... Es muy importante para los profesores y estudiantes contar con libertad académica”.

La declaración de UMKC hizo eco del sentimiento sobre la diversidad: “UMKC continuará con nuestro cometido para enriquecer el ambiente del campus mediante la participación de personas de todas las procedencias y culturas. ... Estudiantes, facultad, personal y comunidad todos se benefician de esta inversión en diversidad”.

Sin embargo, muchas de las personas que asistieron a la reunión del lunes dijeron que su preocupación respecto a la afiliación de Kobach con UMKC no acabará con la de-

Some Immigrants Not Allowed to Pursue Higher Education

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She said Congress needs to act on the bill before June 1. Otherwise, the bill may have to be introduced again for the next session.

The DREAM Act already has gained national momentum. High school and college students in several states have organized public events to endorse the proposed legislation. Supporters estimate about 65,000 undocumented students graduate from U.S. high schools every year with very few options to move on with their lives.

Last week, four immigrant students attracted national headlines after completing a 1,500 mile walk from Miami to Washington D.C. to draw attention to the DREAM Act.

The Trail of DREAMs, which began Jan. 1, called attention to what they said was the country’s failed immigration system. They delivered more than 30,000 petition signatures they have gathered through their journey and they urged President Barack Obama to issue an executive order that would immediately stop detentions and deportations of undocumented students like them.

“Our dream is the opportunity to fully participate in and give back to the only country we know as home, and not live in constant fear that we will be sent away,” said Felipe Matos, an immigrant student who was part of the Trail of DREAMs. “We have been waiting for years to speak up about our situation as immigrant students. President Obama, we cannot wait any longer.”

A Algunos Inmigrantes no le es Permitido Seguir una Educación Superior

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“Hoy en día a los inmigrantes se les permite asistir a la escuela (Secundaria), pero después de eso, a ellos no se les permite hacer nada”, dijo Orozco. “Lo que el Acta DREAM hará es permitirles contar con un sendero en sus futuros. En estos momentos, no existe un sendero”.

Ella dijo que el Congreso necesita tomar acción respecto al proyecto de ley antes del primero de junio. De otros modos, el proyecto de ley tendría que ser introducido nuevamente durante la próxima sesión.

El Acta DREAM ya se encuentra en pleno ímpetu en la nación. Estudiantes de secundarias y universitarios en varios estados han organizado eventos públicos para respaldar la propuesta de la legislación. Los partidarios calculan que una cifra cercana a los 65.000 estudiantes indocumentados se gradúa de las escuelas de EE.UU. cada año con muy pocas opciones para avanzar con sus vidas.

La semana pasada, cuatro estudiantes inmigrantes acapararon la escena nacional luego de completar una caminata de 1.500 millas desde Miami a Washington D.C. para llamar la atención respecto al Acta DREAM.

El Sendero de DREAM, el cual comenzó el primero de enero, atrajo la atención a lo que ellos se refieren como el fallido sistema de inmigración del país. Ellos entregaron las más de 30.000 peticiones firmadas recolectadas durante su travesía y ellos urgieron al Presidente Barack Obama para que emitiera una orden ejecutiva que inmediatamente detuviera las detenciones y deportaciones de estudiantes indocumentados como ellos.

“Nuestro sueño es la oportunidad de participar plenamente

In Kansas City, Orozco said that in Missouri, undocumented immigrants are not allowed to pursue higher education after they graduate from high school. “There is nothing for them to do after school,” she said. “It’s very frustrating. What if you could not do anything after high school? Your entire future was completely taken away because of a simple law that takes away all opportunities.”



Orozco said Kansas will allow out-of-state students to pay out-of-state tuition to attend Kansas schools.

Will Suarez, president of Latinos United Now and Always (LUNA), traveled to Washington to represent the Kansas/Missouri DREAM Alliance and to support the four students from Miami.

“It’s important for Congressional members to see there are students from all over the United States who want the DREAM Act to be passed this year,” he said.

y contribuir al único país que conocemos como hogar y no vivir en constante temor de que seremos expulsados”, dijo Felipe Matos, un estudiante inmigrante que fue parte del Sendero de DREAM. “Hemos estado esperando por años para hablar sobre nuestra situación como estudiantes inmigrantes. Presidente Barack Obama, nosotros ya no podemos esperar más tiempo.

En Kansas City, Orozco dijo que en Missouri, a los inmigrantes indocumentados no se les está permitido seguir una educación superior después de que se gradúan de la secundaria. “No hay nada para ellos después de la escuela”, dijo ella. “Es muy frustrante. ¿Qué hay si uno no puede hacer nada después de la escuela? Te quitan completamente todo tu futuro a consecuencia de una simple ley que quita todas las oportunidades”.

Orozco dijo que Kansas permitirá que estudiantes de fuera del estado paguen tarifas de matrícula propias de quienes viven fuera del estado para que asistan a las escuelas de Kansas.

Will Suarez, presidente de la organización Latinos Unidos Ahora y Siempre (LUNA), viajó a Washington a representar la Alianza DREAM de Kansas/Missouri y para apoyar a los cuatro estudiantes de Miami.

“Es importante para los miembros del Congreso que vean que aquí hay estudiantes de todos los Estados Unidos que quieren que el Acta DREAM sea pasada este año”, dijo él.

Suarez dijo que algunos líderes del Congreso han expresado públicamente que una reforma a la inmigración,

Suarez said some Congressional leaders have said publicly that immigration reform, including the DREAM Act, is not going to pass in the current climate.

“We won’t tolerate that,” he said “We want the DREAM Act to pass now.” He remains hopeful that the legislation will pass this year.

College students “want to contribute back to their society. It (DREAM Act) is not a free ride. The DREAM Act is simply granting hard working students who consider the United States their country a path toward citizenship. They did not make the decision to come to the United States in the first place.”

Suarez said some students who are deported are banned from returning to the United States for 10 years because they overstayed their visas, so students are punished for trying to improve their lives.

Students get a public education, he said, so “it would only make sense that we give them the chance to graduate from college so they can become taxpayers and contribute back to society.”

Suarez said he and other supporters would continue to keep the DREAM Act in the public limelight until the law is passed.

“We want to instill in them (immigrant students) courage and to mobilize them,” he said. “We need people to stand up for their rights and to stand up for themselves. We can no longer keep waiting for leaders to keep making empty promises.”

incluyendo el Acta DREAM, no va a pasar en media del actual clima.

“Nosotros no vamos a tolerar eso”, dijo él. “Queremos que el Acta DREAM pase ahora”. Él se mantiene esperanzado que la legislación pasará este año.

Los estudiantes universitarios “quieren contribuir a su sociedad. No es (El Acta DREAM) un paseo gratis. El Acta DREAM es simplemente otorgarle a los estudiantes que trabajan con ahínco y que consideran a los EE.UU. como su país, una senda hacia la ciudadanía. Ellos no tomaron la decisión de venir a EE.UU. en primer lugar”.

Suarez dijo que a algunos estudiantes que son deportados, se les impide regresar a los EE.UU. por 10 años debido a que se pasaron en los límites de sus visas, por lo que los estudiantes son castigados por tratar de mejorar sus vidas.

Los estudiantes reciben una educación pública, dice él, por lo que “simplemente tiene sentido ofrecerles la oportunidad de graduarse de la universidad para que puedan convertirse en contribuyentes de impuestos y retribuirle a la sociedad”.

Suarez dijo que él y otros partidarios continuarán manteniendo en Acta DREAM en frente de la opinión pública hasta que la ley sea aprobada.

“Queremos inculcarles valor (A los estudiantes inmigrantes) y movilizarlos”, dijo él. “Necesitamos personas que se alcen por sus derechos y se alcen por ellos mismos. Nosotros ya no podemos mantenernos esperando que los líderes se mantengan haciendo promesas vacías”.

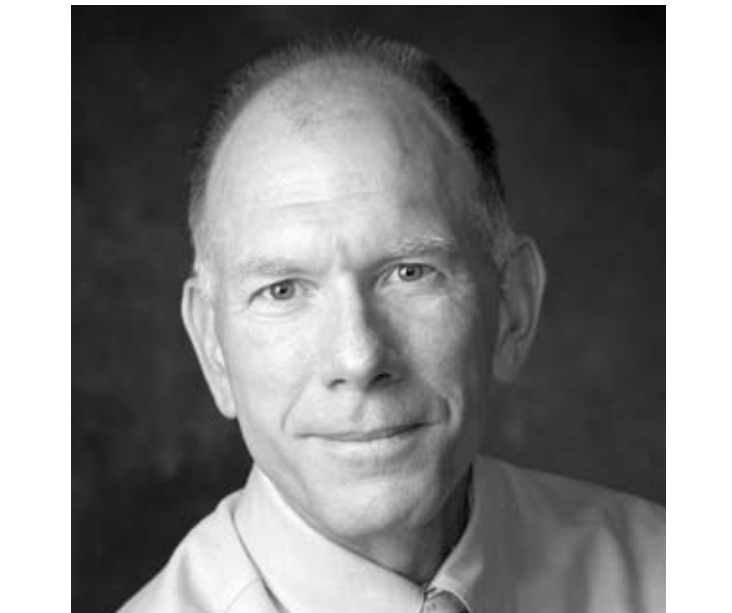
Ríos dijo pensar que la universidad debería adoptar una postura referente a la inmigración para avanzar su cometido para con la diversidad.

“He hablado respecto a Kris Kobach por muchos años. Le he advertido a esta institución que este día llegaría pero cayó en oídos sordos y ahora aquí estamos... espero que haya distorsionado a esta institución”.

Él dijo que UMKC debería tomar algo de acción. “Luego dejar que la comunidad evalúe sus acciones ya que ustedes son una institución pública. Por lo que ustedes necesitan informarnos respecto a qué es aceptable y que no lo es. Y entonces les dejaremos saber si estamos de acuerdo con ello o no lo estamos. Creo que eso es justo”.

UCM Names Charles M. Ambrose New President

Dr. Alicia Miguel joins Webster University



WARRENSBURG, MO—Concluding a nationwide search, the University of Central Missouri Board of Governors today named the institution’s 15th president. Charles M. Ambrose, Ed.D., who has served as president of Pfeiffer University, Misenheimer, N.C., since 1998, begins his new duties at UCM, effective Aug. 1.

The announcement of Ambrose’s appointment was made today by Board President Richard Phillips, Lake Tapawingo, who added that plans are underway to publicly introduce the new president before the end of the spring semester. Ambrose and his family will participate in a reception at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 5 in Elliott Union 240. Members of the university and the local community are invited.

“After a very thorough search process, we’re excited that Chuck Ambrose has accepted the president’s position at UCM,” Phillips said. “He is recognized nationally as a very astute and effective leader, and he will bring 12 years of successful experience as a university president to this campus. We’re looking forward to bringing Dr. Ambrose and his family to UCM next week.”

Ambrose commented on his new post, noting, “It is with incredible personal and professional enthusiasm that my family and I receive the invitation to become part of the University of Central Missouri family. The university’s mission was well represented in the commitment of everyone we met throughout the search process. With such a significant place and purpose, we cannot receive a more exciting sense of welcome than that extended by the Board of Governors and University community. The future of the state and communities that UCM serves will be shaped by our work together.”

At age 36, Ambrose became the president of Pfeiffer University, a private comprehensive institution affiliated with the United Methodist Church, which has three permanent locations across Central North Carolina and a site in the Czech Republic. The university offers educational experiences with a strategic vision known as The

issues such as academic freedom, and made presentations for groups such as the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. From 2006-2008, he chaired the National Collegiate Athletic Association, Division II, President’s Council and served on the association’s executive committee.

Ambrose and his wife, Kristea former golf professional, are active in the community they serve. They are the parents of two children, Charles Allen, 18, and Kathryn Glenn, 15.

Recognizing the tremendous time and commitment that went into the search process, Phillips thanked the Board of Governors; the presidential search consultant Ken Hutchinson, Columbia; and the 20-member Presidential Search Advisory Committee, led by Mike Wright, dean of the College of Education. The committee included representatives of the campus, representatives of various governance groups, and members of the local and Kansas City communities.

“These folks spent a great deal of time on this process and were very focused in helping to find best person to provide leadership for this university,” Phillips said.

Phillips said 35 individuals applied for the president’s position, with the advisory committee and members of the board both having the opportunity to review all of the applications. Following this review, the committee selected seven individuals whose names were brought forward to the board for its consideration as semi-finalists. In a separate meeting, the board identified its seven semi-finalists, which resulted in an exact match for six of the seven names. After deliberation, another name was added. On April 12-13, the committee and the board held concurrent off-campus interviews of all seven semi-finalists. Following the interviews, the committee was asked to submit its feedback on all seven semi-finalists for the board’s review, without ranking the candidates. The board reviewed feedback from the committee and selected two finalists who were invited to campus to participate in public forums. Input from campus members who attended the forums was requested and considered by the board in making its final decision.

Ambrose succeeds Aaron Podolefsky, Ph.D., whose contract concludes in June 30, 2010.

Founded in 1871, UCM is a comprehensive public university with an enrollment of more than 11,000 students. This includes students taking courses taught on the main campus in Warrensburg as well as those who are taking advantage of distance learning opportunities and courses taught at the UCM Summit Center in Lee’s Summit, serving the Kansas City metropolitan area.

Webster University’s Kansas City campus is offering Missouri ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Teaching Certification through the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

The lead instructor is Dr. Alicia Miguel, widely-respected ESOL teacher and director with a wealth of experience from elementary school through university.

The new Missouri ESOL Certification program is designed for preK-12 teachers working with non-English speakers in regular, bilingual, or English Language Learner (ELL) U.S. classrooms.

Class will be held once a week on Tuesday evenings, June 8-July 27, from 5:00-9:00 p.m. at Webster University’s Kansas City campus, 1200 E. 104th Street (just south of I-435 at the Holmes Road exit). Subsequent courses will be in the same eight-week evening format during our, Fall I and II, and Spring I and II, and Summer terms.

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2010 Census door-to-door operations begin- Public encouraged to cooperate with census takers

Kansas City -- The U.S. Census Bureau has begun 2010 Census Complete Count Door-to-Door Follow-Up Operations with the households who have not responded to the 2010 Census. Census takers will attempt to get the basic information on the ten questions on 2010 Census and if the household is not available census takers will make additional attempts.

When a census taker visits a home, he or she will try to collect the information by interviewing an adult member of the household. Dennis R. Johnson, Regional Director of the U.S. Census Bureau, stated "I encourage the public to cooperate with census takers when they are working in your neighborhood. The 2010 Census is not yet done and this work is vital to our efforts to get a complete and accurate count of everyone living in each community."

These follow-up operations will be conducted by official census takers. An official census taker must present an ID Badge with a Department of Commerce seal and expiration date; may be carrying a bag with a U.S. Census Bureau logo; and if asked they will provide you with their supervisor's phone number and/or the local census office phone number for verification.

The 2010 Census is a huge undertaking that also provides temporary employment opportunities for local residents interested in working on the census. Census jobs offer good pay, flexible hours and paid training while performing an important public service. Best of all, those hired may work in their own community.

Census jobs are perfect summer jobs for teachers, students (over 18

years old), retirees, and just about anyone interested in earning some extra money. Interested applicants must be U.S. citizens, 18 years or older, have a valid Social Security Card, and be available to work 20 to 40 hours a week. Applicants must take a basic skills test and pass a background check. Interested persons should call 1-866-861-2010 to find out how and where to apply for a job working on the 2010 Census.

The 2010 Census is an actual count of everyone living in the United States and it is mandated by the U.S. Constitution. Census data is used to allocate congressional seats to the states and to distribute more than \$400 billion in federal funds to tribal, state and local governments each year.

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Samuel U. Rodgers opens Northland Health Center

Kansas City, MO—Residents of Kansas City's Northland now have access to health care at a new convenient location, following the recent grand opening of the Samuel U. Rodgers Northland Health Center.

Approximately 80 attendees gathered to celebrate the opening of the new clinic at 4820A North Oak Trafficway, in Kansas City, which only recently began accepting patients, both children and adults. According to Chief Clinical Officer for the Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center, Helen Darby, there are now over 20 patients per day receiving primary health care at the new site. "We anticipate that number increasing as word gets out about our new location," she said.

"We're very proud to be a part of the Northland," said Ralph Caro, COO for the Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center (SUR). "Clearly, there was a need for our services."

According to Karen Dolt, Executive Director of Northland Health Care Access, a group working in partnership with SUR to open new medical offices north of the river, "There are over 35,000 Northland residents with no health insurance." Dolt was quoting a 2009 survey done by the Mid-America Regional Council. "The SUR Northland Health Center will help

many of our Northland residents access quality health care." Northland Health Care Access is a non-profit organization whose mission is to ensure timely access to quality health care services in Clay and Platte County.

Method of payment at the SUR Northland Health Center includes most major insurance plans,

MO HealthNet, Medicare and fees based on household income.

In addition to the SUR Northland Health Center, SUR has now taken over providing primary health care services at the Clay County Health Department, located at 800 Haines Drive in Liberty. It has also opened a new school-based clinic at Crestview Elementary School, its Crestview location at 4327 North Holmes, in North Kansas City.

In addition to residents from the area, Friday's ribbon-cutting event also attracted local officials including Clark Conover, representing the Health Resources and Services Administration, a division of the Health and Human Services Region 7 office; Mark Spurgeon, Board Chair of the Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce; Harry S. Jonas, M.D., Board Chair for the SUR Board of Directors; and Spencer Fields, Board Chair of Northland Health Care Access.

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Topeka Senior Center, Inc. is having their 3rd

Annual Golf tournament on May 21st, 2010 at Cypress Ridge Golf Course with starting time at 8 a.m. The cost of the tournament is \$75.00 person or \$300.00 for a team. Sponsorships are still available and one can register at the day of the tournament. Lunch, door prizes and much more will be offered. This year a brand new Ford Mustang was donated by Laird Noller Ford to be given to anyone having a hole in one as well as three other bonus gifts. For more information you can contact Topeka LULAC Senior Center at 785-234-5809.

All proceeds will support the operation of the Topeka LULAC Senior Center.

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Proposed Changes to Transportation Improvement Program Available for Public Review



The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) serves as the metropolitan planning organization for the eight-county Kansas City region. Because **many of its programs are funded with tax dollars**, MARC would like input on changes that have been proposed to the 2010-2014 plan for transportation projects in the region. The proposed amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program contains one modified project and five new projects.

NEW PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- Road, bridge and landscaping projects in Johnson and Leavenworth counties.
- Two Kansas City, Mo., projects funded by American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Details are available for review at the MARC offices during regular business hours, and at www.marc.org/transportation/input.htm. If you don't have Internet access, you may use a computer at a public library.

Submit comments by **Monday, April 12, 2010**. The proposed amendments will be discussed at the Total Transportation Policy Committee meeting at MARC at 9:30 a.m. on April 20.

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Enmienda a las propuestas del Programa de la Mejora del Transporte está disponible para revisión pública



El Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) es la organización metropolitana de la planificación para los ocho condados de la región de Kansas City. Al ser **este programa mantenido con el dinero de impuestos**, MARC desea saber comentarios para los planes de transporte del 2010-2014. Los proyectos propuestos para los cambios incluyen un proyecto modificado y cinco proyectos nuevos.

PROYECTOS NUEVOS INCLUYEN:

- Proyectos de carreteras, puentes, y paisajes en los condados de Johnson y Leavenworth.
- Dos proyectos en Kansas City, Mo., financiados con fondos de la Ley de Recuperación y Reinversión de 2009.

Hay detalles disponibles en las oficinas de MARC durante horas de oficina, o en la página

Internet de MARC en: www.marc.org/transportation/input.htm. Si no tiene acceso a la Internet, puede usar una computadora pública en una biblioteca pública.

Envíe sus comentarios a MARC antes de las cuatro de la tarde del **lunes 12 de abril de 2010**. La enmienda propuesta será discutida en la reunión del Total Transportation Policy Committee en MARC a las 9:30 de la mañana del 20 de abril.

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With great weather and plenty of food, thousands enjoyed this year's Cinco de Mayo at the Guadalupe Centers on KC's Westside. There was a Farmer's Market and a community fiesta and on the third day, there was a Mariachi festival. All of it made for a great celebration of Mexico's history. Con buen tiempo y una plenitud de comida, miles de personas disfrutaron del Cinco de Mayo de Guadalupe Centers en el Westside de KC. Allí hubo un Mercado de Granjeros y una fiesta comunitaria y el tercer día, hubo un festival de mariachis. Todo ello propició una gran celebración de la historia mexicana.

Parade and Mini Fiesta in KCK Parada y Mini Fiesta en KCK



On the Kansas side, AZTECA de Greater KC conducted its 19th annual Cinco de Mayo Parade and Mini fiesta at Emerson Park in KCK. There were plenty cars, trucks and beautiful floats, dancers, and lots entertainment that took them through the night this past Sunday. En el lado de Kansas, AZTECA del Gran KC condujo su versión anual No. 19 de la Parada y Mini Fiesta del Cinco de Mayo en el Parque Emerson de KCK. Allí hubo bastantes automóviles, camiones y hermosos carros alegóricos, bailarines y mucho entretenimiento que los llevó a través de la noche este sábado pasado.

Tree Planting Beautifies Park

El plantar árboles tomó un significado personal para las entre 75 a 85 personas que llegaron el sábado pasado a llenarse las manos de tierra en el Parque Concourse, cerca de la Avenida St. John y el Boulevard Benton.

La idea se originó en la estación radial Super X, del 1250 AM del dial. El DJ Armando Cruz, cuyo show se transmite desde las 6 hasta las 10 a.m. de lunes a viernes, dijo que sacó la idea de plantar árboles de parte de un auditor que quería ayudar al medio ambiente.

Cruz dijo que el radioescucha se contactó con él hace semanas y le dijo, "Si vas a plantar árboles, te voy a traer de 100 a 200 árboles para que los plantes", Cruz dijo que quiso esperar hasta que el tiempo se abrigara.

"Nosotros lo anunciamos en la radio, por lo que muchas personas vinieron a ayudar a plantar árboles y algunos ayudaron a comprar los árboles que plantamos".

Iberty Gedeon, una terapeuta familiar que se une

a Cruz en las transmisiones cada semana, se sumó a la multitud reunida en el parque para plantar árboles.

"Nosotros creemos que la comunidad necesita desarrollar el sentido de propiedad sobre los sitios en donde sus niños juegan y esos niños deberían ver como las familias se reúnen para embellecer el parque", dijo ella. "Nosotros también creemos que necesitamos exhortar a la gente a que entienda que sus autoridades locales no pueden hacer todo esto por sí solos".

Ella dijo que la actividad fue una pequeña dosis de terapia.

"Cuando uno está en una crisis, eso es lo que uno necesita, un lugar en donde uno pueda ir y disfrutar de la naturaleza y sentir que uno lo está haciendo mejor", dijo Gedeon.

"Creo que es una labor en donde uno motiva a las personas a creer que a pesar de la negatividad o de la hostilidad o cualquier cosa que esté creando dolor allí, nosotros tenemos que avanzar y dejarlo atrás. Necesitamos creer que le estamos enseñando a nuestros

hijos y a la juventud que allí hay esperanza, que podemos ser parte de algo más grande.

"Los árboles representan esperanza, ellos representan el trabajo duro, ellos representan la unidad, ellos representan el entendimiento".

Ella dijo que la audiencia compró cerca de 20 árboles para plantarlos, a lo que ella se refirió como una significativa contribución ya que "en medio de una difícil economía, el plantar árboles se convierte en una baja prioridad para las entidades de gobierno".

Cruz le dijo a Hispanic News que muchos latinos disfrutaban de la serenidad de los parques y que el plantar fue una buena manera de retribuirle a la ciudad. "Muchas veces ellos utilizan los parques para jugar fútbol, para hacer picnics y para sacar a la familia", dijo Cruz.

Más árboles en otros parques serán plantados más tarde, dijo él, indicando que oficiales de la ciudad se mostraron impresionados con el proyecto. "Este es el primer paso que estamos tomando".



Los arboles plantados embellecen el parque

Tree planting took on a personal meaning for the 75 to 85 people who turned out last Saturday to get their hands dirty in Concourse Park, near St. John Avenue and Benton Boulevard.

The idea took root on La Super X Radio station 1250 AM DJ Armando Cruz, whose show airs from 6 to 10 a.m. Monday through Friday, said he got the idea to plant trees from a listener who wanted to help the environment.

Cruz said the listener contacted him weeks ago and told him, "If you're going to plant trees, I will bring 100 or 200 trees to plant." Cruz said he wanted to wait until the weather warmed up.

"We announced it on the radio so a lot of people came out to help plant trees and some helped buy the trees to plant."

Iberty Gedeon, a family therapist who joins Cruz on the air each week, joined the crowd at the park to plant trees.

"We believe the community needs to develop ownership about the places where their kids are playing and that those kids should see families come out together to beautify the park," she said. "We also believe that we need to encourage people to understand that their local authorities cannot do all of this alone."

She said the activity was a small dose of therapy.

"When you are in crisis, that is what you need, a place where you can come and enjoy nature and feel that you are making it better," Gedeon said.

"I think it's a labor where you encourage people to believe that despite the negativity or the hostility or anything that is creating pain out there, we have to move forward from that. We need to believe that we are teaching our children and the youth that there is

hope, that we can be part of something bigger.

"The trees represent hope, they represent hard work, they represent unity, they represent understanding."

She said listeners purchased about 20 trees to plant, which she called a significant contribution because "in a tough economy, planning trees becomes a low priority for government entities."

Cruz told Hispanic News that many Latinos enjoy the serenity of the parks and that the planting was good way to give back to the city. "A lot of times they use the parks to play soccer, have picnics, and bring out the family," Cruz said.

More trees in other parks will be planted later, he said, noting that city officials were impressed with the project. "This is the first step we are taking."

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