

# **Kitchen 8 Annual Meeting**

April 27, 2013



## **2013-14 Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship**

**KITCHEN**

**Lawrence Country Club**  
400 Country Club Terrace  
Lawrence, Kansas

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## 9:30 a.m. Business Meeting

Welcome: Norma Hoagland, *K-8 Chair*

### Reports of Chairs:

Approval of Minutes Paula Wrigley, *Secretary*

Treasurer's Report Mary Emerson, *Treasurer*

Campus Coordinators Bev Benso, *Watkins*

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Mentoring Program Emily Bannwarth and Cathie Miller

### Election of Officers for 2013-2015:

Pat Putnam, *Annual Meeting Committee*

“State of the Halls” Reports: Kristina Nielander, *Miller President*

Ramona Yoder, *Watkins President*

Review of Hall Fees: Lianna Dang, *Miller Treasurer*

Andrea Brown, *Watkins Rates Chair*

## 10:30 a.m. Program: Elizabeth Boman, Vice President

### Watkins and Miller Halls, Our Upcoming Book!:

Norma Hoagland and Mary Burchill

### KU's Campus Historic District:

Ken Armitage, *Past President Historic Mount Oread Friends and Member of the Campus Heritage Advisory Board*

### The Outlook, 100 Years Old!:

## 12:00 p.m. Celebratory Luncheon

## 1:00 p.m. EMW Scholarship Awards

Alica Thomas and Susan Kissinger

Gayle Matchett, *Advisory Board Chair*

## 3:00 p.m. Reconvene at Watkins Community Museum

### for Showing of Mrs. Watkins' scrapbook

and letters—1047 Massachusetts St.



## Her Legacy: Our Inspiration

To honor the generous legacy of Mrs. Watkins, past residents of Watkins and Miller Halls, through Kitchen 8, established the Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship Fund in 1998. The Fund that began with a few hundred dollars will this year award \$58,000 in scholarships. We would like to thank all who have donated. It is amazing how one woman's vision can impact so many women's lives.

**Elizabeth Miller Watkins** was born in 1861 in New Paris, Ohio, daughter of a Civil War doctor. When Elizabeth was 11, her family moved to Lawrence where she enrolled in the KU Prep School. Sadly, after only 2 years, she was forced to drop out and help support her family. Elizabeth would later turn her own unfulfilled dream of an education into a legacy for generations of women to come. At 15 she began work at the J B Watkins Land and Mortgage Co. She and JB were married in 1909. They had no children of their own and after JB's death in 1921, she turned her attention to the plans of giving she and JB had made. With a \$75,000 donation in 1925, Watkins Hall opened in 1926, the first scholarship hall in America. Building on that success, Miller Hall opened in 1937. Mrs. Watkins also created and gave a trust to provide for the maintenance and upkeep of both halls, which is still active today.

**Janice Gartrell** lived in Watkins Scholarship Hall from 1939-1942. She was known as "Giggles" and "Garter" to her friends at Watkins. She enjoyed her roommates, taking pictures and she excelled academically. She had an outstanding career in the oil business and loved to travel. After her passing in March of 2009, the EMWMSF received the funds of the Janice Gartrell Charitable Remainder Trust, enabling Kitchen 8 to award generous scholarships to deserving young KU women. Janice Gartrell was truly a woman who embodied Mrs. Watkins' legacy.

**During 2013 gifts to the EMWMSF were given in memory of:**

Sue Overmann Garcia Thompson, Ira Stein,  
Donna Jean Stember Meyer, Donna Pyle, and Ralph Drake





## 2013-14 Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship Award Recipients

### **Akira Cowden:** *Lawrence, Kansas*

Akira will be a sophomore majoring in English and Religious Studies. She intends to first invest two years working in the Peace Corps. Following that, she wants to teach English in South Korea, a country with one of the highest teen suicide rates in the world due to a rigid and highly difficult school system. Her ambition is to become a teacher that inspires hope and



ambition in her students. Akira wants to teach in an elementary school so she can give students the tools they need to be globally aware as well as the strength to persevere through the trials and tribulations of their middle and high school educations.



### **Erika Garcia:** *Merriam, Kansas*

In 2013-14 Erika will be a junior studying public administration. Erika uses her bilingual Spanish-English skills to help students and their parents with the process of pursuing a college degree. In addition, she reserves extra time to learn more about the needs of the Hispanic community through her involvement in several Latino community organizations. She is also serving her second term as President of Latinos of Tomorrow (LOTs). All of these experiences have allowed her to work closer with Hispanic students, particularly those who are undocumented and have less opportunities to continue their education because of the lack of resources available to them.



### **Hali Hutley: St. Marys, Kansas**

Next fall Hali will be a senior studying Pharmacy. She wishes to touch many lives and to give back to my community in ways similar to Mrs. Watkins. In her scholarship application Hali wrote, “Being female, I really appreciate all that she has done for the education of women. Her helpful attitude, generous nature, and keen business sense endeared her to many. Her values and choices that she made

in life shaped a community. Her influence can still be felt today.”



### **Emilyjane Pyle: Dodge City, Kansas**

Emilyjane will be a junior studying Music Therapy. In her application Emilyjane wrote, “My life has been changed by the generosity and foresight of Mrs. Watkins. I live in Miller Scholarship Hall, just as my Grandmother did before me. My grandmother would not have been able to attend college without EMW’s help. I am the fifth generation of women to attend college in my family. This has made me respectful and enthusiastic about education and would not have been possible without the kindness of Elizabeth Miller Watkins. The spunk and spirit that Mrs. Watkins had is embodied in the women of Lilac Lane. We come from all sorts of families and backgrounds.”

### **Jocelyn Sajnani: Overland Park, Kansas**

Jocelyn will be an incoming freshman studying Biology. She wrote in her application “As the daughter of two immigrant parents (one from Mexico and the other from India), I have grown up with the understanding that an education is the most powerful weapon—something that once earned, can never be taken away.

As a result, I share Elizabeth’s passion for education and respect her dedication to the students of the University of Kansas and the campus itself. She did so much to enhance KU that over 40 years later students continued to thank her for the many contributions she made. However, her support was not only monetary; she also influenced the lives of innumerable people through her selfless kindness.”



### **Katerina Sieg: Ottawa, Kansas**

Next fall Katerina will be a junior majoring in Elementary Education. In her application Katerina wrote, “Mrs. Watkins was unique to her time as she overcame the stereotype of women’s absence in the work force. I believe that I have exhibited a similar level of unconventionality, which created challenges that I overcame, and yielded positive outcomes. Living in the Pacific for half my life allowed me to have a unique educational career as I was homeschooled by my mother until my first year of high school. However, through my self-discipline and passion for education, I have succeeded in my post-secondary education among peers who have more conventional educational careers. My unconventionality molded my appreciation for my education”.



### **EMW Renewal Recipients:**

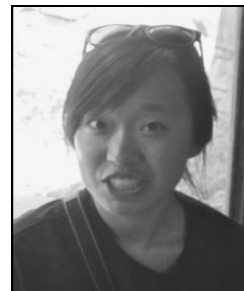
#### **Hailey Baker: Lee’s Summit, Missouri**



The 2013-14 school year will be senior and microbiology major Hailey’s third year as a scholarship recipient. Following an internship last summer, Hailey became interested in the public health aspect of the medical field. This summer Hailey will journey to Panama on a global brigade, volunteering in a mobile health clinic. She will also be shadowing medical doctors and giving public health care education to rural Panamanians. She is hoping that this trip will give her further insight into her future in the medical field.

#### **Qiao Yi Chen: Wichita, Kansas**

Qiao is a senior studying biology who originally received the scholarship for her sophomore year in 2010-2011. Qiao shared, “The scholarship, as well as living at Watkins Scholarship Hall, reduced a great portion of my financial stress and allowed me to focus on schoolwork without worrying about my tuition.” This year to avoid burdening her family’s financial situation, this hard-working woman



took up to 4 different jobs: Crawford Desk Assistant, Optometry Technician, PLUS leader for Organic Chemistry, and personal tutor for General Chemistry. Because she has been awarded a scholarship for this coming year Qiao said, "I believe, with the help of the scholarship, I can earnestly focus on my academic work again." Her ultimate goal is to return home and help to improve the medical work and conditions back in China. "I've been training myself as a leader through up taking the Alumni Chair at Watkins Scholarship Hall, working as a PLUS leader for Organic Chemistry I&II at KU, and AWANA leader at a local Chinese church. I am also currently working at an Entomology Research Lab on molecular DNA of beetles. I believe all of these experiences will help to shape me in various ways, and I am truly thankful for the people that sacrificed their time to help and guide me. Living at Watkins has often reminded me to give thanks to the people around me and most importantly, not to give up."



**Kerra Cissne: Topeka, Kansas**

Next year Kerra will be a junior Pharmacy student. Upon graduation in 2016 she plans to pursue a Master's degree in Clinical Research. This would give her better tools to understanding disease states, how or why the drugs do/do not work, as well as what clinical outcomes to expect. To offset the cost of school and reduce her student loans, Kerra works 20 hours per week at a hospital in Topeka, KS. In the fall she will be balancing not only school and work responsibilities, but also the responsibilities of motherhood.

**Rebecca Crook: Kansas City, Missouri**

This is Rebecca's second year as an EMWM Scholar. During the 2012-13 will be a senior studying Environmental Studies with an emphasis in Plant Ecology. This summer she plans to attend a field school for Field Ecology. She is on the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences honor roll, and plans on graduating with Departmental Honors in Environmental Studies. With the guidance of a faculty sponsor, she is currently

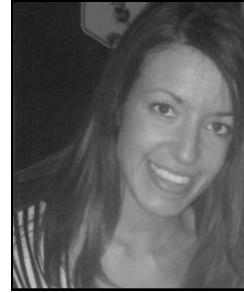


working on her senior thesis, which is about the ecology, history, and restoration of the Tallgrass Prairie.



### **Simona Dragieva: Overland Park, Kansas**

Simona, who first received the scholarship last year, will be a 3<sup>rd</sup> year pharmacy student next fall. Her academic plans remain targeted towards keeping good grades and striving for another 4.0 this semester. She wants to pursue extra classes outside of pharmacy that would award her with a Business minor when she graduates. She is currently in the process of applying for an internship abroad. Simona hopes to expand her horizons and gain a more global perspective by immersing herself in a new culture. She wants to practice a new language, build relationships with people from a different culture, and see how her profession is practiced abroad.

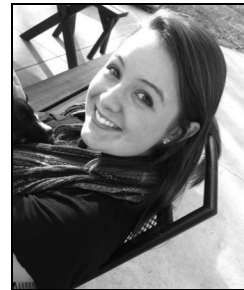


### **Dakota Driscoll: Lawrence, Kansas**

Dakota is a junior and third-time EMWM Scholarship recipient. She recently changed her academic focus to Visual Art Education, but intends to continue her track in Italian Studies as well. In her essay Dakota wrote, “I will easily have enough time left to complete the course requirements if I will remain in school for few more years to complete the Visual Art program. I am sad that it took me so long to really decide what I wanted to do and truly find my place at KU, but I think that now I have found it, I will greatly cherish the time I spend and work incredibly hard to complete it as well and quickly as possible, with the help and support of the Elizabeth Miller Watkins memorial fund.”

### **Payton Friess: Topeka, Kansas**

Payton is pursuing a degree in Public Administration with aspirations to go into the nonprofit sector. This junior and second-time recipient is also considering a double major or minor in Communications. She enjoys staying involved in three organizations. KU Dance Marathon is a philanthropic initiative, dedicated to providing financial and emotional support for the children and families of KU Pediatrics, our local Children’s Miracle Network





Hospital. She has been involved with this amazing organization since her freshman year. This year she is part of the Steering Team serving as the Fundraising Chair. In addition she work for America Reads, a Federal Work Study program that works in Title 1 elementary schools through the Lawrence USD 497 school district. She recently received a promotion, so next school year she will be the Program Coordinator of America reads. Thirdly she is a site leader for KU's Alternative Breaks, a student-run organization that provides students with the opportunity to experience immersive volunteerism.



**Jenna Gannon: El Dorado, Kansas**

Jenna is a senior in Liberal Arts and Sciences and in pre-optometry. She is applying for a position as a Peer Adviser in the office where she works. This new position would allow her to better assist students, and pass on some of the tips she has learned while at KU. In addition Jenna is working with a Pre-K Sunday School class at her church. This experience gives her more experience with children and helps prepare her for the missions work that she wants to participate in once she earns her Doctorate in Optometry.

**Yuqi Gao: Lawrence, Kansas**

Yuqi Gao is a second year recipient of the EMW Memorial Scholarship. She is pursuing a degree in Accounting and Finance. Yuqi will do an internship in public accounting in her senior year and pursue a Master of Accounting after she graduates. She hopes to get her CPA done by the time she graduates from her master's degree.



**Afua Gyamfi: Morrisville, North Carolina**

Afua Adubea Gyamfi is a senior and second-year recipient of the EMW scholarship. Her passion is to be a medical missionary serving in communities that don't have access to adequate healthcare or cannot afford it, here and abroad. After several shadowing experiences she realized that the most successful and effective doc-

tors are the ones who are multilingual. As a result, she plans to add Spanish classes to her class schedule in the fall.

**Anna Hu: Wichita, Kansas**

Anna first received the EMW Memorial Scholarship for the 2012-13 school year. She will be a junior Pharmacy student this fall. Anna plans to apply to pharmacy school in the spring 2014. She recently started training as a CVS pharmacy technician. She was excited to receive this opportunity. She believes this is her first big step towards becoming a pharmacist.



**Natalie Scott: Topeka, Kansas**

Natalie recently changed majors from nursing to follow her passion in psychology. This will require her to complete her bachelor's degree in five years, due to the demands for degree completion and research in graduate programs. Natalie's recent major change has inspired her to work harder than ever, so that she may someday leave a legacy at KU like Elizabeth Miller Watkins.

**Eman Siddiqui: Wichita, Kansas**

Eman is a fourth-year student in the 5-year Master of Architecture program. Upon completing her degree she plans to complete the IDP requirements and sit for the licensing exams in order to become a licensed architect.

Last year Eman presented a paper on urban planning entitled: "Islamabad: The Struggle for Pakistan's Identity" at the KU Undergraduate Symposium.



### **Natasha Sudac: Tonganoxie, Kansas**

Natasha is a sophomore biology major with a pre-med focus. She is considering getting involved with medical research at some point in her college career. She would like to earn a minor in the Slavic Languages to embrace her Croatian heritage. Natasha wrote in her essay “Last semester, I took a freshman honors seminar called ‘Honors 190: Why Volunteering Matters.’ One class period, we went to the KU Endowment Association, and I learned about the importance of donors to the university. They spoke about Elizabeth Miller Watkins’s contributions to Lawrence and the university, and I was honored to say that I had a special connection to her since I am a recipient of the Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship. This experience inspired me to apply to be on the Student Endowment Board. I want to give back to a part of the University that has already given so much to me. I had an interview, and on February 8, I received an email inviting me to be a part of the Student Endowment Board. I am excited to make an impact on the university, and I hope that I will make Elizabeth Miller Watkins proud!”



### **Christina Turner: Olathe, Kansas**

Christina is a senior and second-year scholarship recipient. She is double majoring in Psychology and Literature, Language and Writing. She is also pursuing a double minor in Social and Behavioral Methodology and Classics, with REP certifications in Psychology, English, and Classics. Upon completion of these degrees Christina plans on attending graduate school.

### **Ann Wallsmith: Baldwin City, Kansas**

Ann is a junior at KU majoring in chemical engineering with a biomedical emphasis. She plans to work in pharmaceutical chemistry and work on drug design and delivery for victims of HIV/AIDS. Ann hopes to be a part of creating new medicines that are effective and cost efficient for those who cannot afford the treatment that they need to overcome the infection.



## Kitchen 8 Donations

Kitchen 8 is an all volunteer group of alumnae and friends of Miller and Watkins Scholarship Halls at the University of Kansas. There are no fees to join. Please send your tax deductible donation payable to "EMWMSF":

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