

Watkins Hall 90th Anniversary GALA CELEBRATION WEEKEND

AGENDA FOR KITCHEN 8 ANNUAL MEETING

	oaturuay, April 2	3, 2010	
9:00 a.m.	GATHER AND REGISTER		
9:30 a.m.	KITCHEN 8 BUSINESS MEETING:		
	President's Welcome		
	Mentoring Update	Sarah Greenup	
	Introduction of Kitchen 8 Board Members		
	Introduction of Alumnae Chairs Miller Hall Alumnae Chair Steffie Villanueva		
	Watkins Hall Alumnae Chairs I	Amy Zheng & Mariana (Vasquez) Sanchez	
	State of the Halls	Miller Hall President Laurel Kolacny &	
		Miller Hall Treasurer Lauren Schleicher	
	Watkins Hall President F	Hannah Swagerty & Rates Chair Dona Diec	
10:00 a.m.	EVENT PROGRAM:	Vice President Elizabeth (Ervin) Boman &	
		. Annual Meeting Co-chair Pat (Jolly) Putnam	
	Nifty Fifties ReunionsBev	(Runkle) Benso & Creta (Carter) Nichols	
	1966 Miller Reunion	Polly (Ruhter) Epting	
	Halls Renovation Update Norma He	oagland, Kaitlin Neill, & Steffie Villanueva	
11:00 a.m.	BRUNCH AND WATKINS & MILLER TR	DUA CAME	
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11:45 a.m.	ELIZABETH MILLER WATKINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM:		
	Announcement of EMW Memorial Scholarship Recipients		
	Selection Committee Co-Chairs Susan (Harshaw) Kissinger & Valentine Baumann		
	GALA CELEBRATION WEEKEND EVENTS		
	Saturday, April 2	3. 2016	
1:30 p.m.	Tour of the Outlook		
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5:00-6:30 p.m.	. CHAMPAGNE AND SWEETS RECEPTION for Watkins & Miller Halls book		
Sunday, April 24, 2016			
2:00-4:00 p.m.	WATKINS AND MILLER ALUMNAE TEA	S at the Scholarship Halls	
4.00			
4:00 p.m.	HONORING ELIZABETH	Uak Hill Cemetery , 1605 Oak Hill Ave.	

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 \$66,000 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.



LIZABETH 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.

ANICE 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 aca-

demically. 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 Remain-



der Trust, enabling KITCHEN 8 to award generous scholarships to deserving young KU women. Janice Gartrell was truly a woman who embodied Mrs. Watkins' legacy.

We want to say a big "thank you" to our hard working Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship Selection Committee Members.



2016-2017 ELIZABETH MILLER WATKINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

"Elizabeth Miller Watkins Scholars are the cream of the crop. They have participated in endless hours of volunteer work, in addition to their scholastic achievement and their outside employment. They are the epitome of what Mrs. Watkins envisioned for the scholarship halls."

-ALICA THOMAS

Clizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship Advisory Board Chair

DONA DIEC

Wakeeney, Kansas

In her application, Dona noted, "Without an education, I would not be able to succeed in my career. Without endurance, I would not be able to challenge the adversities that come my way. Without Watkins Hall, I would not have the opportu-



nity to shape the character and leadership skills that I have today." Dona will be a senior in the 6th year of the PharmD program in 2016-17. She lives in Watkins Scholarship Hall and currently serves as the Treasurer. She volunteers at a research lab, has participated in Relay for Life since 2008, and is a member of the University Honors Program. Dona will complete her pharmacy rotations next year and shared, "After graduation, I plan to practice in a pharmacy in western Kansas or underserved areas with a shortage of healthcare professionals. Practicing in a rural area can increase the availability of health care providers, as the general public has easy access to seek help from pharmacists."

ALLYSSA DEJARNETTE

Leg's Summit, Missouri

Allyssa will be a junior with a double major in Clarinet and Elementary Education. She is pursuing a career as an elementary school teacher and hopes to teach kindergarten or first grade. Allyssa is a very active student musician being a



member of KU Marching Band, Basketball Band, Wind Ensemble, and Symphonic Band. She volunteers with Relay for Life of KU as part of the planning committee and leads her music fraternity as Service Committee chair. In her application she reflected on Mrs. Watkins' creed sharing, "These words are truly inspiring ways to look at and live life. [Mrs. Watkins] had a love for others and was able to lift up and support them in any way that she could. Through Mrs. Watkins' life and values, I am inspired to live my life in a way that reflects her heart and values."

DANIELLE GERETY

Wichita, Kansas

In 2016-17 Danielle will be a sophomore majoring in Microbiology with a minor in Music. She plans to attend medical school after receiving her undergraduate degree and pursue a career as a Clinical Pathologist. Danielle is a



member of the KU Symphony as a cellist and a trainee in a Pathogen Research Lab. She volunteers in her local hospital, hopes to be accepted into the K-INBRE research program, and is the Environmental Chair at Watkins. Danielle expressed her gratitude for Mrs. Watkins' gift of the halls, "The moment I set foot on the campus and walked into Watkins Hall, I somehow felt like I was at home again. I was able to make friends quickly this way, and I'm so grateful for the close-knit community that this scholarship hall has brought me in my life so far."

JULIE HIEGER

Andale, Kansas

Julie will be a senior majoring in Applied Behavior Science with a minor in Speech-Language-Hearing and will complete her degree in May of 2017. She hopes to continue on in school to pursue a Masters of Occupational Therapy.



Julie has chosen a specialty area of Early Autism Intervention and currently works with a teenager with severe developmental disabilities. She previously lived in Watkins Hall, holds two part-time jobs to fund her education, and participates in many activities throughout the campus and community. In her application she noted, "The legacy of Elizabeth Miller Watkins has impacted my life by giving me a fuller understanding of what it means to 'look up and love and laugh and lift' and how to continue her legacy through the guidelines and opportunities with which she has provided myself and countless others."

ERYKAH JACKSON

Kansas City, Kansas

Next academic year Erykah will be an incoming freshman majoring in Biomedical Engineering. She is the first in her family to attend college and plans to pursue a career in her local community in a healthcare setting. In

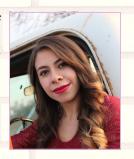


high school Erykah was involved with a program called Project Lead The Way, which helped to develop her interest in the field of engineering. She participates in many activities serving as a Student Ambassador, a member of the Robotics Club, and a peer mentor with Link Crew. Erykah explained her motivation in her application "There are very few women in STEM fields and I plan be an inspiration, become a role model, and grow the number of women in engineering. I want to change the way girls look at careers in engineering and feel comfortable coming into this field."

ADELAIDA MENDOZA

Holcomb, Kansas

Adelaida will be a sophomore working towards a double major in English and Political Science. She aspires to earn her Juris Doctorate. She relates to Mrs. Watkins' struggles to achieve an education as she comes from an immigrant family and her own



mother obtained her educational goals later in life. Adelaida reflected, "Ever since we begin to grow into young adults, we are told to lead a life of example and excellence. No one was better model of this than Mrs. Elizabeth Miller Watkins. A timeless illustration of what a resilient woman can become, she still continues to have an impact on current students today. What intrigued me most [about Mrs. Watkins] was that, though she was not able to receive a high school diploma because of her family's circumstances, she truly understood the weight of importance that higher education carries."

MADISON REED

Edgerton, Kansas

Next academic year Madison will be a junior working towards a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She hopes to join the Nurse Candidate Program and serve her country as a nurse in the U.S. Navy upon completion of her



degree. Madison is currently a Certified Nurse Assistant and has volunteered in various health-care settings. She is the first in her family to attend college, commutes to school to offset costs and works 30 hours a week to help fund her education. She shared her plans for the future, "Higher education, and more specifically KU have always been my dream, and with continued hard work, I hope to walk under the chiming campanile that Mrs. Watkins helped provide and know that KU was the first step, of many, to making a real difference in people's lives."

JULIA SANTOS

Holcomb, Kansas

In 2016-17 Julia will be a junior studying Biology, with a focus on the pre-medicine track. She has a job as an Undergraduate Researcher at KU, and plans to work as a Certified Nurse Assistant next year to help pay for college. Julia had the honor of being the valedictorian of her senior class and was recently elected secretary of her medical fraternity. She shared that her leadership roles "have taught me to understand leadership begins with believing in yourself and not stopping until you have accomplished your goals". In her application, Julia expressed, "Mrs. Watkins and I share the passion to open a brighter future with more education opportunities for women. After all the hard work Mrs. Watkins put toward improving opportunities for young, driven women like her, it would be a great honor to receive Mrs. Watkins' scholarship."

ALEXIS TIBBITS

Topeka, Kansas

Alexis will be an incoming freshman studying Human Biology and Spanish, on the pre-med track. She is currently serving as vice president for the National Honor Society, and was named a Kansas Honors Scholar. Alexis is active in an organization that encourages



involvement of special needs students and is a mentor to freshman students. She is interested in researching viruses during college, and expressed a desire to go on mission trips to provide medical care to those in impoverished areas. Alexis shared in her application, "Being not only the first woman but the first person at all in my family to be going to college has shown me that I can achieve my ambitious goals through hard work and perseverance, qualities I believe Mrs. Watkins possessed. My education will help make me successful and, through my success, enable me to give back to those in need."

KATY WINKEL

Glen Elder, Kansas

In August 2016, Katy will begin her 4th year in the 6year PharmD degree program. Katy showcased her motivation towards her goal of attending college, stating, "The first thing that came to mind upon reading Elizabeth Miller



Watkins' biography was my mother. Mom aspired to earn a college degree. Instead, circumstances required her to take a job shortly after graduating from high school. Like EMW, my mom believes deeply in education and frequently reiterates that I need to earn a college degree." Katy is the treasurer for a prepharmacy club and works part-time as a Pharmacy Technician to help fund her education. She started working at a retail pharmacy near her hometown at the age of fourteen, the owner and pharmacist encouraged her pursuit of this career path and inspired her dream to attend the KU School of Pharmacy.



2016-2017 EMWMS RENEWAL RECIPIENTS

ERIN BONIFIELD

Overland Park, Kansas

Second year recipient:

Next academic year Erin will be a senior majoring in Music Education. Erin's application showcased her passion for education and music, and her desire to share this passion with her future students. She explained her future plans, "I



want to teach band and spread a joy and love for music among kids. I eventually want to start a youth brass band program and inspire young brass players." She is a very active musician, through the University of Kansas and the local community. Erin is also a resident of Douthart Scholarship Hall and expressed that as a resident she feels Mrs. Watkins' "generosity and love for people". She may be pursuing a study aboard program next spring to learn about the brass band tradition in England.

CHEYENNE BROWN

Kansas City, Kansas

Second year recipient:

Cheyenne will be a sophomore majoring in Evolution, Ecology, and Organismal Biology. She hopes to be a veterinarian, which is a change to her career plans. She is an active student, holds a part-time job to help pay



for her education, and volunteers at a local retirement community. Cheyenne shared "I am very excited to pursue this new path in my career and ultimately, education, and cannot wait to see my dreams become a reality. I know that becoming a veterinarian will not be easy, academically or financially, and as such I am working hard to make sure I am covered in both areas [by] working different jobs, seeking out help, applying for scholarships. I truly believe that with all of the support I have received from family, friends, and of course, Kitchen 8, I will be able to make my dreams a reality."

ELIZABETH GOODROW

Topeka, Kansas

Third year recipient:

Elizabeth will be a junior working towards a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and plans to attend medical school upon completion of her degree. In her sophomore year at KU, Elizabeth involved herself in many organizations,



including her dorm council, Honors Student Council, and serving as programming director for a prehealth fraternity. She received an award last year for being a "stand out freshman Chemistry major" and is a Chemscholar, a denotation for students who excel in Chemistry. She explained, "My volunteer work at [a local hospital] is the most valuable experience, because I'm learning things that can help me for the future career I hope to have." Elizabeth shared in her application "[Mrs. Watkins] aided many people throughout her life; I am hoping that by being a doctor, I can assist people like she did."

KATE MCCURDY

Lawrence, Kansas

Second year recipient: In August 2016, Kate will begin her junior year majoring in Civil Engineering. Kate showcased her determination towards her goal of attending college, stating that she has worked hard, "to begin my journey in



education and attend classes 'up the hill.' I love KU and am thrilled to have this opportunity." In addition to her engineering coursework she is taking classes in music and Spanish, with the expectation that knowledge of the Spanish language will provide opportunities in her future career. She maintains many activities outside of her studies, as she a member of KU Concert Choir, Society of Women Engineers, KU Swim Club, and Engineering Student Council. As a resident of Margaret Amini scholarship hall, Kate noted that she sees Mrs. Watkins as a supporter of young women and a role model. She expressed great appreciation for the support provided through the scholarship.

JORDAN MERADITH

Omaha, Nebraska

Third year recipient: Jordan will be a senior continuing her work towards a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. She shared the news that she was accepted into the School of Education, an exciting step in fulfillment of her degree



plans. Jordan maintains a part-time job and was a board member at Watkins Scholarship Hall last year. In her renewal application she explained her enjoyment of her job and the influence on her educational pursuits, "Since my second semester at KU I have worked for [a children's education center]. I started as a teacher's aid and this past summer I was an assistant teacher. I really love this job and it has taught me a lot. It is the reason I decided to change my major. This past school year I was able to take over as the Program Director for their after-school program. I've really enjoyed this opportunity and am reassured everyday that I was correct in changing my major to education."

BAILEY RENDZIA

DeSoto, Kansas

Third year recipient:

Next academic year Bailey will be a junior continuing her studies in the School of Engineering. She is following the path for a degree in Civil Engineering and shared her career goals, "I hope to



be able to join a Civil Engineering consulting firm to work as a water resources or transportation engineer. I will be able to work on projects that benefit my community and come up with innovative solutions to problems people face throughout the world." Bailey shared her honor to be named to the University of Kansas Dean's List and has completed Honors courses throughout her academic career. An active student, Bailey also shared that she began an internship with a local county public works department and is Team Captain of KU's Concrete Canoe Team.

JOCELYN SAJNANI

Overland Park, Kansas

Fourth year recipient:

Jocelyn will be a senior studying for a Bachelor of Science in Biology with a focus on genetics. She has completed requirements for a minor in Psychology and continues coursework for the pre-med program. Jocelyn plans to



take the MCAT and apply to medical schools this summer. She is a member of the University Honors Program, volunteers as an interpreter at a local free medical clinic, and works two part-time jobs to pay for most of her education expenses. Jocelyn expressed her appreciation in her application, "I continue volunteering and shadowing which have me leaning toward practicing family medicine in the future. Whatever specialty I end up pursuing, I know that I want to practice in a medically underserved community. Nothing would make me happier than to help my community how Mrs. Watkins helped hers, how she has helped me."

Rajvi Shah

Overland Park, Kansas

Second year recipient:

Rajvi will be a senior finishing her Bachelor of Science in Neurobiology with a minor in Psychology. She plans to attend medical school after receiving her undergraduate degree. In her renewal application Rajvi said, "Thanks to



the Elizabeth Miller Watkins Scholarship, I feel more confident in my ability to finish my schooling in time to apply for medical school this summer and have been able to pursue experiences that will help me achieve those goals." Her experiences shadowing physicians at KU Med Center motivated her to pursue a career in pediatric neurology. Rajvi serves on the Student Health Advisory Board for Watkins Health Center and volunteers with two international organizations focused on providing access to education and medical care in impoverished communities and developing nations.

DESTINY SHELTON

Stafford, Kansas

Second year recipient:

Next academic year Destiny will be a junior majoring in Psychology. She is the first in her family to attend college and plans to continue on in the gradu-



ate program and pursue a career as a clinical psychologist. Destiny is also seeking a Minor in Business and has begun taking courses in fulfillment of this additional education plan. In high school Destiny was a teacher's aid for an after school program and the president of an organization focused on graduation retention, these activities helped influence her chosen career path and desire to work in the school system. In her renewal application, Destiny explained her motivation "I hope to become a psychologist so I can help those struggling with mental illnesses and help them live a better and more comfortable life."

BRITTANY SMITH

Longview, Washington

Second year recipient: Brittany will be a senior

Brittany will be a senior finishing her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She was accepted into the School of Nursing last year and is currently completing the final two years of the professional program on



the KU Medical Center campus. Brittany shared in her application that she hopes to serve as a nurse in a rural community, wanting to make a difference in a constantly under-staffed area. Expressing her future plans and gratefulness, Brittany noted, "Eventually, after gaining some experience, I hope to return to school for an advanced practice nursing degree to deepen my understanding and skills. Thanks to this scholarship, I have much more easily paid for my schooling without placing a financial strain on my family. I am very grateful for this award which has helped me in so many ways."

KATIE STRNAD

Munden, Kansas

Third year recipient: Katie will be in her 5th year working towards a PharmD degree. Her future plans are to practice in Kansas in an independent pharmacy setting, where she will be able to "serve her community and bring quality healthcare to her patients".



Katie maintains a part-time job to help offset the costs of tuition, has taken on more responsibilities with student organizations, and is very excited to continue pursuing her goal of becoming a licensed pharmacist. Expressing her gratitude, Katie shared, "I have had an incredible experience at the University of Kansas so far including living in Miller Scholarship Hall for four years, making lifelong friends, and pursuing my dream of a pharmacy profession. These things would not be possible without the financial support of those who have generously invested in my education. I'm looking forward to another year of opportunity and growth!"

CECILIA VILLANUEVA

Hutchinson, Kansas

Second year recipient: Next academic year Cecilia will be a junior majoring in Microbiology. She lives in Miller Scholarship Hall, works part-time to help fund her education, and is the first in her family to attend college. This summer she had the opportunity



to work as an undergraduate assistant in a research lab, and shared that gaining direct experience in her desired profession helped her feel confident in her degree choice. Cecilia noted more about her future plans and her appreciation in the renewal application, "I am interested in working in a research lab that specializes in vaccines. I want to help find a way to fight diseases. Thanks to the generosity of you all, I was able to live a year of less financial stress." She told that she was able to save money and make a plan for paying her tuition for the next year.

KAYLA WEGLEY

Ozark. Missouri

Second year recipient:

In 2016-17 Kayla will be a junior working towards a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance. She lives in Miller Scholarship Hall and has a part-time job in order to offset the cost of her education.



Kayla told of her future plans of auditioning for a dance company position to enrich her experience and later continuing on in graduate studies. She hopes to one day open a non-profit educational center for the arts to share her passion for education and artistic expression. Kayla shared "I [recently produced] a curated show titled Alterity. It is a completely student choreographed and run show. I received two grants to produce the show, and will be earning an extra certification with my degree for my work."



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From the 1950's

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