

From - the - Dean

KU Medical Center News recently [published a story](#) highlighting the project **Dave Burnett, Ph.D., RRT**, our school's associate dean for community engagement and workforce initiatives, is leading to address the lack of trained pulmonary rehabilitation specialists in rural Kansas. His work with **Cynthia Teel, Ph.D., RN**, associate dean of academic affairs in the KU School of Nursing, has developed into an interprofessional effort to expand greatly needed pulmonary rehabilitation academic programs, especially in rural communities of our state. Excellent job.

A group led by KU faculty member **Linda D'Silva, Ph.D., PT**, received two awards for their poster presented at the American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting held earlier this year in San Diego. "The Vestibular Rehabilitation App™ Improves Accuracy and Enjoyment with Exercises in Older Adults with Vestibular Dysfunction" was chosen Best Poster and also selected for the Innovation Award by separate special interest groups of the association. Co-authors include current KU physical therapy students **Frances Koror, Tarah Phongsavath** and **Kelly Partington**. Congratulations. [See photo](#).

Department of Occupational Therapy Education faculty member **Tobia Zanutto, Ph.D.**, presented at the 2023 Occupational Therapy Summit of Scholars held June 23-24 at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. Titled "Minimizing Fall-related Injuries in Older Adults: The Falling Safely Training (FAST) Study Protocol," the abstract will also be published in the Occupational Therapy Journal of Research. Nice work.

Erin Patrick, a 2004 graduate of our bachelor's degree program in health information management, was [a featured alumni spotlight](#) in a recent issue of Kansas Medicine & Science magazine. It details her career and how KU prepared her well for success.

Please remember: the "**Making Health Care Heroes**" golf tournament will be held on August 18, 2023. See details [on our website](#). Funds raised during this event will specifically be used to expand new scholarship awards and international educational experiences for students in our school.

Please be safe and thank you for all that you do.

