

From the Dean

Dietetics and nutrition faculty member **Danielle Christifano, Ph.D.**, was honored with the Outstanding Oral Presentation Award by the International Society for the Study of Fatty Acids and Lipids. She presented "Docosahexaenoic Acid Intake Recommendations and Early Preterm Birth in a Clinical Setting" during the society's international congress held July 3, 2023, in Nantes, France. Congratulations.

Two members of our leadership team are quoted in [a recent article](#) from KU Medical Center news on research growth across KU Medical Center. At \$20 million, our school's research portfolio has quadrupled since 2016 and is well set up for further expansion. It was also covered in [a recent edition](#) of KU Today. Great job by our research faculty and staff.

I am honored to be selected for a Fulbright Foreign Scholarship by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The program is devoted to increasing mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. My future trip is an opportunity to work collaboratively with partners in educational, political, cultural, economic and scientific fields in South Africa, and to engage with the local communities there.

On September 20, 2023, the KU Department of Respiratory Care and Diagnostic Science welcomed visitors to an open house in its new clinical practice location on the first floor of Orr Major building. Later that same afternoon was the official induction ceremony to welcome the incoming class of students to the program. [See photos.](#)

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