

From - the - Dean

Dave Burnett, Ph.D., RRT, associate dean for community engagement and workforce initiatives, co-presented during the July 2023 meeting of the KU Medical Center Rural Health Council with **Cynthia Teel, Ph.D., RN**, associate dean for academic and faculty affairs, School of Nursing. They presented "I-CAN: Interprofessional COVID Academic Network" and discussed their research project. [Watch video](#). In addition, the Hays Post [shared a story](#) about their grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Nice work.

Occupational therapy faculty member **Blake Spanjer, OTD, OTR/L**, was selected by the Foundation of the Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers for the Susan E. Bennett Rehabilitation Training Program next spring in Calgary, Canada. [This program](#) includes a scholarship and is designed to stimulate excellence and growth in the delivery of rehabilitation in the field of multiple sclerosis. Congratulations.

Patty Kluding, Ph.D., PT, chair, Department of Physical Therapy, Rehabilitation Science, and Athletic Training, participated in "Evidence Elevates," an educator town hall last spring. A program of the Academy for Neurologic Physical Therapy's Moving Forward Task Force, the event included discussion and a question and answer session on changing curriculum in physical therapy education. [Listen to the podcast](#). Well done.

[An article](#) from KU Medical Center News looking at the impact of dietary changes in people with Alzheimer's and dementia highlighted recent work of **Jessica Keller, M.S.**, alumna of our dietetics and nutrition program. She is coordinator of the study, "Therapeutic Diets in Alzheimer's Disease." She is also currently a student in our doctoral program in medical nutrition science.

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