

From the Dean

I am happy to announce the appointment of **LesLee Taylor, Ph.D.**, to the position of assistant dean for faculty affairs and **Heather Gibbs, Ph.D.**, to the position of assistant dean for student affairs. Both appointments are effective January 8, 2024. Please join me in welcoming them both to the school's leadership team.

It is my pleasure to announce **Jake Sosnoff, Ph.D.**, to the position of interim director and **Mindy Bridges, Ph.D.**, to the position of associate director of the newly formed KU Center for Community Access, Rehabilitation Research, Education and Service (KU CARES). Both appointments are effective January 8, 2024. Please join me in congratulating them both on their respective appointments to [KU CARES](#).

Jamie Noble, MSc., director of our nuclear medicine technology program, [was selected](#) to serve as the national council delegate for the Missouri Valley Chapter of the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging. This position provides an opportunity for increased participation with others in the field and for our program to be represented well at the state and national levels. Congratulations.

Research by Department of Occupational Therapy Education faculty member **Tobia Zanutto, Ph.D.**, [was featured](#) in Medpage Today. It discusses results from his research team's study, "Association Between Frailty and Free-Living Walking Performance in People With Multiple Sclerosis," which suggests that frailty, not disability, may be primarily responsible for lower amounts of physical activity in people with multiple sclerosis. Nicely done.

Happy new year, and thank you for all that you do.



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