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## **Outstanding women honored**

Outstanding women were recognized recently at the annual KU Women's Recognition Program. Guest speaker was Topeka Mayor Joan Wagnon. David A. Ambler, vice chancellor for student affairs, also spoke.

Inducted into the Women's Hall of Fame were Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka, associate professor of theatre and film and women's studies; Betty Jo Charlton, Lawrence; and Jan Kozma, professor of French and Italian.

Lisa M. Bitel, assistant professor of history and associate professor of women's studies, and Alice F. Downs, associate professor of music and dance, won awards for Outstanding Woman Teacher.

Awards for Outstanding Woman Staff Member went to Jo Hardesty, director of Legal Services for Students, and Dr. Linda Susan Lyle, physician at Watkins Health Center.

Outstanding women involved with KU were honored for accomplishments as nontraditional students, student athletes and student leaders and as women serving students and the community.

The program was sponsored by the Commission on the Status of Women and the Emily Taylor Women's Resource Center. Student recognitions are accompanied by cash awards from the KU Women's Memorial Scholarship fund.

KU students honored were Ashea Ann Charity, Lawrence senior, Outstanding Woman Student in Leadership; Teresa Christine Veazey, Hesston senior, Outstanding Woman Student in Student Services; Emily Laurel Heath, Ozawkie sophomore, Outstanding Woman Student in Community Services; Maria J. Crist, Shawnee freshman, Alma Poehler Brook Award for Corbin Hall; Dedra Beth Seibel, McPherson freshman, Alma Poehler Brook Award for Gertrude Sellards Pearson Hall;

Jacque Erin Keast, Larned freshman, Alma Poehler Brook Award for Gertrude Sellards Pearson Hall; Sasha L. Flores, Hutchinson junior, Outstanding Woman Student in Student Services; Ashleigh de la Torre, Topeka senior, Outstanding Woman Student in Leadership; Michelle Miley VanDyne, Kansas City, Mo., doctoral student, Outstanding Nontraditional Woman Student; Tamecka Michele Dixon, Westfield, N.J., senior, Outstanding Woman Student in Athletics; Ting Fai Brenda Chung, Hong Kong freshman, Alma Poehler Brook Award for Corbin Hall; and Chalernsri Chantasingh, Bangkok, Thailand, doctoral student, Outstanding International Woman Student.



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