

# Rhudy Awarded Distinguished Alumna Citation

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LAWRENCE -- A 1972 University of Kansas pharmacy graduate will be presented a distinguished alumna citation in a pre-game ceremony this Saturday at Memorial Stadium. Chancellor Robert Hemenway and Pharmacy Dean Jack E. Fincham will present the citation to Marily Harper Rhudy, vice president of global public affairs for American Home Products in Madison, New Jersey, prior to the 2:30 p.m. kickoff of the football game between KU and Oklahoma State.

"It's an honor to present this citation to Marily Harper Rhudy in recognition of her distinguished career," Fincham said.

Rhudy joined American Home Products in 1993 as assistant vice president of professional relations for the Wyeth-Ayerst Pharmaceuticals Division, and was named vice president of public affairs in 1994. In March 1997, Rhudy was promoted to the position of vice president of global public affairs for Wyeth-Ayerst.

In April 1993, Rhudy was appointed by President Clinton to the White House task force on health care reform. She served on the board of trustees of the American Pharmaceutical Association for 10 years, and was elected president and chair of the board in 1990.

Rhudy is a native of Hill City, Kan., and a former resident of Lawrence. She was a practicing pharmacist for 18 years and owned three clinic pharmacies in Topeka. She was recognized by the Topeka Capital-Journal as a "Kansan of Distinction" in 1989. She was elected president and chair of the Board of the Kansas Pharmacists Association in 1978.

She lives in Summit, New Jersey with her seven children.