

MRB NEWS

IN THE NEWS.....

Top ACT score earns Rivera Lab Freshman KU's Perfect Achievement Scholarship



Pictured above: Edward J. Fensholt; Mario Rivera Chemistry Lab (see article at right reprinted from the University of Kansas website)

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IMPORTANT BUILDING INFORMATION

LAWRENCE — When Edward J. Fensholt first took the ACT college entrance exam in his junior year at Olathe North High School, he scored 34 out of a possible 36. He might have settled for the near perfect score, but Fensholt learned that the University of Kansas offers a Perfect Achievement Scholarship that provides full tuition for up to four years to Kansas high school graduates with perfect scores on college entrance exams. The scholarship also provides housing in a traditional residence hall with a full meal package and an allowance for books. With his eye on the prized scholarship, valued at about \$58,000 for four years, Fensholt took the ACT a second time, scored a perfect 36 and this fall became the fourth KU

freshman to receive the Perfect Achievement Scholarship. As he began classes on August 16, Fensholt was focusing on another prize. The microbiology major is hoping to qualify for an undergraduate job with KU Research and Graduate Studies. Though his interests include literature and science, it is the potential for a career as a researcher and teacher, particularly searching for new ways to combat pathogens with viruses, that interests him most.

Congratulations and good luck to the following graduates/post-docs in their new positions.

- **Matt Moreno,**
Laurence Lab
KU Medical School
- **Heidi Holovics,**
Craig Lunte Lab
Pfizer
- **Mike Santilli,**
Susan Lunte Lab
Stowers Institute



We welcome Heather Desaire and her lab group to MRB. An associate professor of Chemistry, Dr. Desaire's research interests include Analytical Chemistry, Tandem mass spectrometry, HPLC-MS/MS, and CE-MS/MS. Organic reaction mechanisms and structural determination of glycoproteins. We'll have more on Heather in an upcoming newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday, September 26th: Sigma "Back to School" fall vendor show featuring exclusive promotions for KU from 9:00—11:30 MRB Lobby
- Tuesday, October 8th: Conference: Recruiters from El Paso Corporation, Dept of Geology 103 Lindley Hall (All Day)
- Thursday, October 11th and Friday, October 12th: Fall Break
- October 11—14th: Conference: Stretching the Imagination to Support Leadership and Sustainability; Kansas City Convention Center
- November 7—10: ACS Midwest Regional Meeting "Bringing Chemistry to Life", InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza