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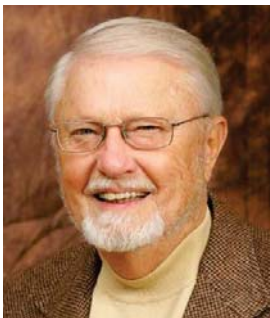
## MEMBER CONNECTIONS

September 11, 2020

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### Congratulations to Our 2020 KCMS Award Winners!



Donald Potts, MD

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2020 KCMS Awards! The awards will be presented at the [Virtual Annual Meeting](#) on Wednesday, October 21, at 7 p.m. over Zoom. **Donald Potts, MD**, professor emeritus in family medicine at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and an active public health advocate, will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Member Awards will be presented to:

- **Edward (Ted) Higgins, MD**, Community Service Award
- **Mark Austenfeld, MD**, Exemplary Leadership Award
- **Michelle Haines, MD**, Innovation Award
- **Lee Norman, MD**, Patient and Community Advocate Award
- **Brian Mieczkowski, DO**, Rising Star Award

Make plans to attend the Virtual Annual Meeting! There is no charge to register for KCMS members. Plus, Active Members\* who register by October 7th will receive a KCMS Annual Meeting gift bag **delivered to their door** for the event. [Register now.](#)

\*Active members pay their dues directly to KCMS.

### Annual Meeting Sponsorships Available

Help your organization gain recognition among over 4,000 Kansas City-area physicians as a sponsor of the 2020 KCMS Virtual Annual Meeting on October 21 at 7 p.m. Sponsorship levels from \$1,500 to \$5,000 offer excellent recognition opportunities. For more information on being a sponsor, contact Emily Whalen, director of membership and events, at [ewhalen@kcmedicine.org](mailto:ewhalen@kcmedicine.org). [Learn more about Annual Meeting sponsorship opportunities.](#)



Besides presentation of the KCMS Awards, the [Virtual Annual Meeting](#) will feature a panel of mayors from across the region discussing health care in Kansas City: **David Alvey**, Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kan.; **Peggy Dunn**, Leawood, Kan.; **Quinton Lucas**, Kansas City, Mo.; and **Eileen Weir**, Independence, Mo. Moderator will be **Bridget McCandless, MD, MBA**, KCMS past president and former CEO of the Health Forward Foundation. Host will be **Daphne Bascom, MD, PhD**, of Saint Luke's Health System.

## MSMA Virtual Advocacy Update Sept. 24

Join your Missouri State Medical Association advocacy team for a [virtual legislative update](#) on Thursday, September 24 from 6 to 7 p.m. over Zoom. All physicians and medical students in the Kansas City area are invited. During the call, MSMA advocates will review the high points of Missouri's 2020 legislative session, take your legislative questions and suggestions, and look ahead to health care-related legislation we might see in 2021. For more information, please contact Heidi Geisbuhler Sutherland at [heidi@msma.org](mailto:heidi@msma.org) or Shantel Dooling at [shantel@msma.org](mailto:shantel@msma.org). [Register to attend the legislative update.](#)



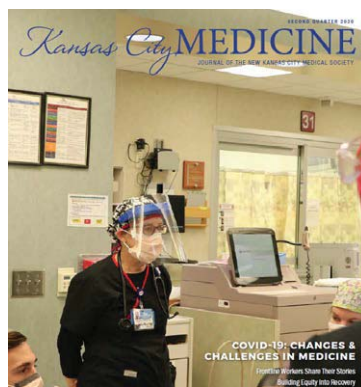
## KCMS Adopts “Back to School Safely” Statement

The Medical Society Board of Directors has approved a [“Back to School Safely” statement](#) providing guidance to schools and school districts on making decisions about in-person education during the COVID-19 pandemic. The statement addresses preventive strategies, personal protective equipment for students and staff, responding to infections, and maintaining mental health. In summary, decisions on school openings should be guided by science and health care professionals, take into consideration current trends in community spread of COVID-19, and include financial support to provide supplies and increase services for schools. [Read the “Back to School Safely” statement.](#)



## Are You Receiving *Kansas City Medicine*?

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## Follow KCMS Social Media for the Latest News

Check our [KCMS Facebook page](#) and [KCMS Twitter account](#) frequently for the latest news relevant to KCMS physicians. Get the news as it becomes available!

## Calendar

Monday, September 14 - KCMS Leadership Council, 6 p.m. via Zoom

Monday, September 14 - KCMS Board Meeting, following the Leadership Council Meeting

Thursday, September 24 - MSMA Virtual Advocacy, 6 p.m. via Zoom

Wednesday, October 21 - KCMS Annual Meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom

### Thank you to our Partners!



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