

## General Information

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### School of Medicine primary care, rural, and minority training programs ranked at the top in AAMC rankings

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In a new report published by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), the University of Kansas School of Medicine ranked at the very top, or the 100th percentile, for medical schools producing primary care doctors. The School also ranked in the 100th percentile for developing physicians for rural areas and for training Native American students. It ranked in the 75th percentile for the number of Hispanic students.

“Training doctors for rural and underserved populations in our state has always been a huge part of our mission at the School of Medicine,” said Barbara Atkinson, MD, Executive Vice Chancellor at KU Medical Center and Executive Dean at the School of Medicine. “So it is gratifying to see that we are among the best in the nation when it comes to training primary care and rural physicians.”

In the AAMC survey, students also ranked the KU School of Medicine in the 75th percentile when it comes to providing instruction in women’s health and culturally appropriate medical care for diverse populations.

One of the many students who value the School of Medicine’s emphasis on minority health care is Laddy Maisonet, a second-year medical student. Maisonet is one of only 13 students nationwide to win a 2010 Minority Scholars Award from the American Medical Association Foundation.

Maisonet left her native Puerto Rico to attend art and design school, where she learned English, received her degree in illustration, and worked as a greeting card designer for Hallmark. It was

after her daughter was diagnosed with cancer in both eyes that Maisonet began to realize the need for more culturally and linguistically skilled physicians. She is now pursuing her medical degree and hopes to practice oncology.

“There is such a tremendous need for physicians from diverse backgrounds,” Maisonet said. “The KU School of Medicine does a wonderful job of attracting a diverse student body and providing them with the training and tools they need to serve all patients.”

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