Leadership Update  Meredith Dreyer Gillette, PhD
As the holiday season is upon us, it appears that we have many accomplishments to be thankful for this year.

In mid-October, several Center members carpooled to Wichita to the Kansas Leadership Center and participated in a 2.5 day training to focus on strategic planning for the Center. We will continue these productive discussions with two additional meetings in December before the Scientific Advisory Board arrives. (The team’s photo is at the bottom of the page.)

We have also set a record this semester with more than 20 students and trainees working at the Center in various capacities ranging from the undergraduate level to the graduate student and senior medical resident level. Our clinical, research, advocacy, and community efforts have been strengthened significantly by the efforts of all of these trainees. Our teams will continue to grow with the addition of even more students for the Spring semester, and plans are under way for the fall 2017 semester to support the new grants coming in!

Kudos  
Dr. Susana Patton received the KU Medical Center’s Faculty Research Investigator Award, recognition from her scientific peers for her significant research accomplishments.
Dr. John Thyfault has earned the honor of Fellow of The Obesity Society, which highlights his contributions to the field of obesity research, treatment and prevention. FTOS is one of the highest honors The Obesity Society bestows.

Grants Awarded and Highly Scored  
Hampi, S (PI) Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City. “KC Obesity Treatment Pilot for Missouri’s Children.” 1/1/17-12/31/18


Papers Published and Accepted  

Thyfault JP, Morris EM. Intrinsic (Genetic) Aerobic Fitness Impacts Susceptibility for Metabolic Disease. Exercise and Sport Sciences Reviews 2016 Jul 18. (Epub ahead of print)


Team members at the Kansas Leadership Center:  
(front row) Shelly Summar, Meredith Dreyer Gillette, Sarah Hampl, Susana Patton, Brooke Sweeney; (back row) Jordan Carlson, Robin Shock, Ann Davis, Amanda Bruce, Delwyn Catley, John Thyfault

Upcoming Events  
12/2 Social Gathering at The Antler, 2506 Holmes, 5 – 6:30 pm
12/12-12/13 Scientific Advisory Board Meeting

November Birthdays  
Jordan Carlson, Amy Papa and Karen Stephens