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USM Sophomore Earns Early Admission to Med School through Partnership with KCUMB

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—A University of Saint Mary sophomore will be the first USM student to benefit from a partnership program between Saint Mary and the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences (KCUMB) designed to ease the medical school admissions process for top-flight pre-med students.

Derek Bauman, of Atchison, Kan., will be USM's first participant in the KCUMB Partners Program, an initiative that allows elite pre-med students to matriculate to KCUMB as full-time first-year med school students following their junior undergraduate year. What's more, participants in the program gain KCUMB admission without ever having to take the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT).



Derek Bauman

At KCUMB, Bauman will complete a four-year course of studies en route to becoming a doctor of osteopathic medicine. Successfully completing his first year at the medical school will also fulfill his undergraduate requirements, allowing Bauman to earn his bachelor's degree while at KCUMB.

As part of the partners program, Bauman would be the university's first-ever recipient of a bachelor's in biomedical sciences.

"He's just a phenomenal student," said Dr. Caroline Mackintosh, director of USM's biology program. "He's really mature, really responsible, and really driven. From the moment he arrived here he told us he wanted to become a doctor, and he's never wavered from that."

Bauman, who also plays for the Spires football team and tenor sax in the university band, called his admission to the program an exciting opportunity. As a native of a rural area, he said his end goal is to become a general practitioner in a rural area.

"It's been an extremely rigorous course path, but I've know from the start that this is what I wanted to do," he said.

To be eligible for the biomedical sciences program, students like Bauman must have scored at least a 26 on their ACTs, and they must maintain a 3.5 GPA in science classes and a 3.25 GPA overall.

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