

Outstanding Alumnus 1999
Dr. Jonathon Newkirk



Jonathon Newkirk was born and raised in Independence, attending local schools and graduating from Independence Community College in 1977 as salutatorian of his class with an Associate of Arts Degree. He continued his education at the University of Kansas, graduating summa cum laude in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology before going on to earn his Medical Doctorate from the University of Kansas School of Medicine in 1983. During his senior year at KUMC, he was awarded the Reader's Digest International Fellowship and spent two months of medical service in Liberia, West Africa. After passing his board certification exam in Family Practice in the summer of 1986, he became a diplomat of the American Board of Family Practice. His service in underdeveloped countries of Africa during his residency has continued throughout his career.