Educating Leaders

Students

KU has 29 students from Anderson County: 16 undergraduate students, 10 graduate students, and 3 at KU Medical Center.

These students have significant support in the form of grants, scholarships, and fellowships. As of the fall census, $49,427 in federal, state, institutional, and outside/private grants, scholarships, and fellowships have been awarded on all campuses to 13 Anderson County students for FY 2015.

KU has 231 alumni from Anderson County.

Building Healthy Communities

Public Safety

KU provides public safety training to the state for law enforcement, fire and rescue response. In FY 2014, 13 law enforcement officers and 35 fire and rescue officials from Anderson County were trained at KU.

Healthcare – KU Medical Center

Enhancing Student Education

- Anderson County is served by KU Medical Center's Area Health Education Center (AHEC), which serves the state through student education initiatives, professional education for health care providers, health screenings, clinics and public presentations on health topics.

- Medical students spent six weeks working with primary care physicians and conducting a community-based research project in 26 counties, including Anderson County, as part of KU Medical Center's summer 2014 Rural Primary Care Practice and Research Program, one of several programs designed to encourage students to consider practicing medicine in a rural Kansas community.

Strengthening the Health Care Workforce

- 32 KU Medical Center graduates live and/or practice in Anderson County.

- 2 health care providers have been placed in Anderson County since 2004 through the Kansas Recruitment and Retention Center, which provides placement assistance to rural health organizations and seeks to enhance the quality and quantity of health care professionals in rural Kansas.
• 2 health care professionals from Anderson County participated in KU Medical Center continuing education courses and conferences in Fiscal Year 2014.

Researching to Improve Health

• Hospitalization has been identified as a teachable moment in which patients may be more likely to quit smoking. Anderson County Hospital is one of 35 Kansas hospitals participating in Kan Quit II, a study that provides smoking cessation counseling, treatment and case management services to inpatients. The study then evaluates the effectiveness of the smoking cessation services. The project is led by Edward Ellerbeck, MD, MPH and is sponsored by the National Cancer Institute and the National Institutes of Health.