KU at Work: Barber County

The following profile highlights the services and support KU provides Barber County

Educating Leaders

Students

KU has 15 students from Barber County: 6 undergraduate, 6 graduate, and 3 students at KU Medical Center.

KU students from Barber County have support in the form of grants, scholarships, and fellowships. As of the fall census point, $10,504 in federal, state, institutional, and outside/private grants, scholarships, and fellowships have been awarded on all campuses to Barber County students for FY 2015.

KU has 72 alumni from Barber County.

Building Healthy Communities

Business

One business in Barber County has received continuing education services from KU.

Public Safety

The university provides public safety training to the state for law enforcement, fire and rescue response.

In FY 2014, 11 law enforcement officers and 5 firefighters and first responders from Barber County were trained at KU.

Healthcare – KU Medical Center

- Barber 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.

Enhancing Student Education

- 1 Barber County physician serves as a volunteer KU Medical Center faculty, providing medical students with hands-on training in rural and underserved communities as part of the Rural Preceptorship Program.
Barber County is part of the Southcentral Medical Education Network with Greg Thomas, MD, and Marla Ullom-Minnich, MD, residents of McPherson and Moundridge, respectively, serving as the co-directors. In their role, the two help coordinate the School of Medicine’s efforts to mentor, train and place physicians throughout Kansas.

Strengthening the Health Care Workforce

- 6 KU Medical Center graduates live and/or practice in Barber County.
- 2 enrollments in KU Medical Center continuing education courses and conferences by Barber County health care professionals in Fiscal Year 2014.
- 1 Barber County health care employer exhibited with 2014 Kansas Career Opportunities, which is designed to introduce medical students, residents and other health care professionals to rural communities looking to hire.

Advancing Health Care Access

- Barber County residents saw KU Medical Center health care providers 24 times via telemedicine in FY14. An interactive video technology that connects providers and patients when distance separates the two, telemedicine services are provided through the University of Kansas Center for Telemedicine and Telehealth.
- Barber County residents made 2 visits to KU Medical Center health care providers in outreach clinics held outside of Kansas City in FY14.