KU at Work: Bourbon County

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

Educating Leaders

Students

KU has 45 students from Bourbon County: 33 undergraduate, 8 graduate, and 4 at the KU Medical Center.

KU students from Bourbon County have significant support in the form of grants, scholarships, and fellowships. As of the fall census, $154,682 in federal, state, institutional, and outside/private grants, scholarships, and fellowships have been awarded on all campuses to 26 Bourbon County students for FY 2015.

Of those students, 232 have transfer credit from Fort Scott Community College.

KU has 261 alumni from Bourbon County.

Building Healthy Communities

Public Safety

KU provides public safety training to the state for law enforcement, fire and rescue response. In FY 2014, 47 law enforcement officers and 84 firefighters and first responders from Bourbon County were trained at KU.

Healthcare – KU Medical Center

Enhancing Student Education

- 1 Bourbon County physician serves as volunteer KU Medical Center faculty, providing medical students with hands-on training in rural communities as part of the Rural Preceptorship Program.

- Nurses across Kansas can now advance their careers from home, thanks to an innovative agreement between the KU School of Nursing and 18 regional community colleges, including Fort Scott Community College. The agreement provides nurses who have an associate’s degree in nursing from a participating college an easier transition to earning their bachelor of science in nursing through KU’s online RN-to-BSN program.

- Bourbon County is part of the Eastern Medical Education Network, with Robert Haskins, MD, a resident of Pittsburg, serving as director and helping coordinate the School of Medicine’s efforts to mentor, train and place physicians throughout Kansas.
Strengthening the Health Care Workforce

- 32 KU Medical Center graduates live and/or practice in Bourbon County.
- 1 health care provider has been placed in Bourbon 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.
- 5 Bourbon County physicians received funding through the Kansas Bridging Plan, a loan-forgiveness program offered since 1991 to primary care medical residents who agree to practice in rural Kansas.
- 5 enrollments in KU Medical Center continuing education courses and conferences by Bourbon County health care professionals in Fiscal Year 2014.