**KU at Work: Butler County**

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

**Educating Leaders**

**Students**

KU has 438 students from Butler County: 345 undergraduate, 56 graduate, and 37 students at the KU Medical Center.

KU students from Butler County have significant support in the form of grants, scholarships, and fellowships. As of the fall census point, $926,882 in federal, state, institutional, and outside/private grants, scholarships, and fellowships have been awarded on all campuses to 187 Butler County students for FY 2015.

Of the fall 2014 students, 929 have transfer credit from Butler Community College.

KU has 1,239 alumni from Butler County.

**Building Healthy Communities**

**Business**

KU has partnerships with a number of businesses. Below are the numbers of partnerships in Butler County by category:

- 2 businesses in Butler partner with KU for career services
- 6 businesses in Butler participated in KU continuing education programs

**Public Safety**

The university provides public safety training to the state for law enforcement, fire and rescue response. In FY 2014, 235 law enforcement officers and 130 firefighters and first responders from Butler County trained at KU.

**Healthcare – KU Medical Center**

**Enhancing Student Education**

- 6 Butler County doctors volunteer as KU Medical Center faculty, providing medical students with hands-on training in rural and underserved communities through KU’s [Rural Preceptorship Program](#).
• 46 high school students in Butler County participated in activities during the 2013-14 school year that encouraged them to consider careers in health care, math and science. These events were hosted by the KU Area Health Education Center.

• 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 Butler County 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.

• Butler 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 co-directors. In their role, they help coordinate the KU School of Medicine’s efforts to mentor, train and place physicians throughout Kansas.

**Strengthening the Health Care Workforce**

• 172 KU Medical Center graduates live and/or practice in Butler County.

• 4 health care providers have been placed in Butler County since 2004 through KU’s 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.

• 10 Butler County physicians received funding through the Kansas Bridging Plan, a loan-forgiveness program offered to primary care medical residents who agree to practice in rural Kansas.

• 143 enrollments in KU Medical Center continuing education courses and conferences by Butler County health care professionals in Fiscal Year 2014

**Advancing Health Care Access**

• Butler County residents saw KU Medical Center health care providers 6 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.

• Butler County residents made 2 visits to KU Medical Center health care providers in outreach clinics held outside of Kansas City in FY14.