KU at Work: Cherokee County
The following profile highlights the services and support that KU provides to Cherokee County

Educating Leaders

Students

KU has 42 students from Cherokee County: 28 undergraduate, 9 graduate, and 5 at the KU Medical Center.

KU students from Cherokee County have significant support in the form of grants, scholarships, and fellowships. As of the fall census, $206,310 in federal, state, institutional, and outside/private grants, scholarships, and fellowships have been awarded on all campuses to 29 Cherokee County students for FY 2015.

KU has 174 alumni from Cherokee County.

Building Healthy Communities

Public Safety

KU provides public safety training for law enforcement, fire and rescue response. In FY 2014, 46 law enforcement officers and 89 firefighters and first responders from Cherokee County were trained at KU.

Healthcare – KU Medical Center

Enhancing Student Education

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

- Riverton High School in Cherokee County is one of 17 schools statewide that used Mini Medical School in the 2013-14 school year, a resource kit for upper level-high school teachers in the biological sciences. The kit is designed to supplement and enhance their curriculum while simultaneously introducing students to various aspects of the health field through fun and exciting projects. Mini Medical School was created by the KU Area Health Education Center and features physicians and experts from KU Medical Center and Kansas State University.

- Cherokee County is part of the Eastern Medical Education Network with Robert Haskins, MD, a resident of Pittsburg, serving as the Medical Education Director. The medical education director helps coordinate the School of Medicine's efforts to mentor, train and place physicians throughout Kansas.

“KU is one of the most respected academic research institutions in the country. I will be forever grateful to the University of Kansas for providing me, and so many other leaders, an educational experience that prepared me to succeed in life and business. The opportunity to receive an education from KU is a critical component in creating future leaders for our state and around the world.”

- Steve Sloan, j'83, CEO of Midwest Minerals, Pittsburg, KS

42
KU students from Cherokee County

135
Cherokee County police officers, firefighters and first responders trained at KU

15
KU Medical Center graduates who live or practice in Cherokee County
Strengthening the Health Care Workforce

- 15 KU Medical Center graduates live and/or practice in Cherokee County.
- 2 health care providers have been placed in Cherokee 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.
- 1 Cherokee County physician 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 Cherokee County health care professionals in Fiscal Year 2014.

Advancing Health Care Access

- Cherokee 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.