KU at Work: Decatur County

The following profile highlights the services and support that KU provides to Decatur County

Educating Leaders

Students

KU has 4 students from Decatur County: 1 undergraduate, 2 graduate, and 1 student at the KU Medical Center.

KU students from Decatur County have significant support in the form of grants, scholarships, and fellowships. As of the fall census, $22,300 in federal, state, institutional, and outside/private grants, scholarships, and fellowships have been awarded on all campuses to Decatur County students for FY 2015.

KU has 49 alumni from Decatur County.

Building Healthy Communities

Business

KU has a partnership with one business in Decatur County for career services.

Public Safety

KU provides public safety training for law enforcement, fire and rescue response. In FY 2014, 5 law enforcement officers and 10 firefighters and first responders from Decatur County trained at KU.

Healthcare – KU Medical Center

Enhancing Student Education

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

Strengthening the Health Care Workforce

- 3 KU Medical Center graduates live and/or practice in Decatur County.
- 2 health care providers have been placed in Decatur 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.
Advancing Health Care Access

- Decatur County residents saw KU Medical Center health care providers 21 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.

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

- Decatur Health Systems is a member of the Midwest Cancer Alliance, a network of hospitals, physicians groups and cancer support and patient advocacy organizations bringing cancer research, care and professional support together to advance the quality and reach of cancer care, prevention, early detection and survivorship in the region.