KU at Work: Douglas County

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

Educating Leaders

Students

KU has 2,199 students from Douglas County: 1,477 undergraduate, 583 graduate, and 139 students at the KU Medical Center.

KU students from Douglas County have significant support in the form of grants, scholarships, and fellowships. As of the fall census, $4,935,666 in federal, state, institutional, and outside/private grants, scholarships, and fellowships have been awarded on all campuses to 975 Douglas County students for FY 2015.

Of the Fall 2014 KU students, 412 have transfer credit from other Douglas County postsecondary institutions.

KU has 50,073 alumni from Douglas County.

Building Healthy Communities

Business

KU has partnerships with a number of Douglas County businesses.

- 168 businesses in Douglas partner with KU for career services
- 57 businesses participated in KU continuing education programs
- 27 businesses provided research grants or grant proposals
- 29 tech transfer partnerships, which can include joint patents, joint invention disclosures and other agreements
- 78 Douglas County businesses have provided charitable giving through KU Endowment.

Public Safety

KU provides public safety training to the state for law enforcement, fire and rescue response. In FY 2014, 317 law enforcement officers and 303 firefighters and first responders from Douglas County trained at KU.

“As one of the top engineering consulting firms in the nation, Henderson Engineers Inc. relies on its highly educated workforce to remain competitive and excel. Creative and skilled graduates from the University of Kansas are one reason our firm is No. 13 on the MEP Giants 2014 list, and we now boast more than 500 employees in 12 offices across the United States. The top-quality educational experience our workforce receives in college is crucial to our continued success.”

- Rich Smith, President, Henderson Engineers Inc.

“The economy of our state, the strength of our firm and the opportunity for our young people to stay and prosper depends on Kansas fully supporting higher education. This state will succeed on its brains. Please don’t shortchange them.”

- Greg Graves, Chairman and CEO, Burns & McDonnell

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Douglas County business partnerships with KU in areas like tech transfer, research, career services, continuing education

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KU medical center graduates who live or practice in Douglas County
Healthcare – KU Medical Center

Enhancing Student Education

- 10 Douglas County physicians serve as volunteer KU Medical Center faculty, providing medical students with hands-on training in rural and underserved communities as part of KU’s Rural Preceptorship Program.
- 65 K-12 students in Douglas 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 and Office for Cultural Enhancement and Diversity.
- Eudora and Lawrence high schools in Douglas County are two of 17 schools statewide that used Mini Medical School during 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.

Strengthening the Health Care Workforce

- 843 KU Medical Center graduates live and/or practice in Douglas County.
- There were 58 enrollments in KU Medical Center continuing education courses and conferences by Douglas County health care professionals in FY14.

Advancing Health Care Access

- Douglas County residents saw KU Medical Center health care providers 18 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.
- Douglas County residents made 1 visit to KU Medical Center health care providers in outreach clinics held outside of Kansas City in FY14.
- 258 Kansans received free medical attention and education in 2013 through preventive screenings and events hosted in Douglas County with support from KU Medical Center programs.