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

Educating Leaders

Students

KU has 148 students from Ellis County: 80 undergraduate, 47 graduate, and 21 students at the KU Medical Center.

KU students from Ellis County have significant support in the form of grants, scholarships, and fellowships. As of the fall census, $478,007 in federal, state, institutional, and outside/private grants, scholarships, and fellowships have been awarded on all campuses to 74 Ellis County students for FY 2015.

Of the fall 2014 KU students, 270 have transfer credit from other Ellis County postsecondary institutions.

KU has 624 alumni from Ellis County.

Building Healthy Communities

Business

KU has partnerships with a number of Ellis County businesses.

- 3 businesses in Ellis County partner with KU for career services
- 7 businesses participated in KU continuing education programs
- 1 business in Ellis County has provided charitable giving to the university through KU Endowment

Public Safety

The university provides public safety training to the state for law enforcement, fire and rescue response. In FY 2014, 105 law enforcement officers and 135 fire and rescue officials from Ellis County were trained at KU.

Healthcare – KU Medical Center

Enhancing Student Education

- 10 Ellis County doctors 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.

“Graduates of health programs at the University of Kansas are critical to the well-being of all Kansans, in every corner of the state. Half of all Kansas physicians trained at KU. The majority of pharmacists and other allied health professionals are KU graduates. Thousands of Kansans every day are cared for by KU-trained nurses, whether Kansas City graduates or graduates of the two-year degree programs supported by the KU School of Nursing. It’s hard to imagine Kansas without KU.”

– Dr. John Jeter, c’77, m’81, CEO, Hays Medical Center

148
KU students from Ellis County

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Ellis County business partnerships through KU Endowment, career services or continuing education

100
KU medical center graduates who live or practice in Ellis County
• 49 high school students in Ellis 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 North Central Kansas Technical 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.

Strengthening the Health Care Workforce

• 100 KU Medical Center graduates live and/or practice in Ellis County.

• 12 health care providers have been placed in Ellis 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.

• 4 Ellis 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.

• There were 111 enrollments in KU Medical Center continuing education courses and conferences by Ellis County health care professionals in Fiscal Year 2014.

• 57 professional education and administrative visits in Ellis County occurred in FY14 via telemedicine, an interactive video technology that eliminates distance as a barrier to health care, continuing education and interprofessional collaboration. The technology is operated by the University of Kansas Center for Telemedicine and Telehealth.

Advancing Health Care Access

• Ellis County residents saw KU Medical Center health care providers 179 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.

• Ellis County residents made 39 visits to KU Medical Center health care providers in outreach clinics held outside of Kansas City in FY14.

• Hays Medical Center 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.