KU at Work: Finney County

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

Educating Leaders

Students

KU has 139 students from Finney County: 105 undergraduate, 19 graduate, and 15 students at the KU Medical Center.

KU students from Finney County have significant support in the form of grants, scholarships, and fellowships. As of the fall census, $425,710 in federal, state, institutional, and outside/private grants, scholarships, and fellowships have been awarded on all campuses to 70 Finney County students for FY 2015.

Of the fall 2014 KU students, 182 have transfer credit from Garden City Community College in Garden City.

KU has 417 alumni from Finney County.

Building Healthy Communities

Business

KU has partnerships with several Finney County businesses.

- 1 business in Finney County partners with KU for career services
- 1 business participated in KU continuing education programs
- 2 businesses in Finney County have 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, 118 law enforcement officers and 90 fire and rescue officials from Finney County were trained at KU.

Healthcare – KU Medical Center

Enhancing Student Education

- 7 Finney 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.

“Jayhawks are extremely successful in many fields of endeavor with worldwide impact. We should not forget the positive impact KU business leaders and graduates have throughout the state of Kansas. Kansans benefit in so many ways from the mission of the University of Kansas. We have an obligation to protect higher education and strengthen that mission for future students and all citizens of Kansas.”

– Al Shank, b’77,
President, Al Shank, Insurance, Liberal, KS

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Students from Finney County

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Finney County business partnerships with KU through career services, continuing education, and endowment

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KU medical center graduates that live or practice in Finney County
14 high school students in Finney County participated in activities during the 2013-2014 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.

**Strengthening the Health Care Workforce**

- 53 KU Medical Center graduates live and/or practice in Finney County.
- 3 Finney 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.
- There were 160 enrollments in KU Medical Center continuing education courses and conferences by Finney County health care professionals in Fiscal Year 2014.
- 149 professional education and administrative visits in Finney 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**

- Finney County residents saw KU Medical Center health care providers 88 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.
- Finney County residents made 85 visits to KU Medical Center health care providers in outreach clinics held outside of Kansas City in FY14.
- 1,034 Kansans received free medical attention and education in FY14 through preventive screenings and health education events hosted in Finney County with support from KU Medical Center programs.
- Latina women in southwest Kansas train with KU Medical Center faculty and staff to become Promotoras, or community health workers. Promotoras encourage cancer prevention and healthy lifestyles among their families, friends and neighbors. In 2014, 62 Promotoras received training in Finney County.