KU at Work: Labette County

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

Educating Leaders

Students

KU has 62 students from Labette County: 41 undergraduate, 16 graduate, and 5 students at the KU Medical Center.

KU students from Labette County have support in the form of grants, scholarships, and fellowships. As of the fall census, $177,327 in federal, state, institutional, and outside/private grants, scholarships, and fellowships have been awarded on all campuses to 30 Labette County students for FY 2015.

Of the fall 2014 KU students, 113 have transfer credit from Labette Community College in Parsons.

KU has 326 alumni from Labette County.

Building Healthy Communities

Business

KU has partnerships with 5 businesses in Labette County.

- 1 business in Labette County partners with KU for career services
- 3 businesses participated in KU continuing education programs
- 1 tech transfer partnership

Public Safety

KU provides public safety training for law enforcement, fire and rescue response. In FY 2014, 41 law enforcement officers and 29 firefighters and first responders from Labette County were trained at KU.

Healthcare – KU Medical Center

Enhancing Student Education

- 4 Labette County physicians serve as volunteer KU Medical Center faculty, providing medical students with hands-on training in rural communities as part of the Rural Preceptorship Program.
• 30 high school students in Labette 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.

• Altamont High School in Labette County is one 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 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.

• 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 Labette Community 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

• 31 KU Medical Center graduates live and/or practice in Labette County.

• 10 health care providers have been placed in Labette 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.

• 4 Labette 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.

• 1 Labette County health care employer exhibited with 2014 Kansas Career Opportunities, which is designed to introduce medical students, residents and other health care professionals to rural communities looking to hire.

• 100 enrollments in KU Medical Center continuing education courses and conferences by Labette County health care professionals in FY14.