KU at Work: Leavenworth County

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

Educating Leaders

Students

KU has 582 students from Leavenworth County: 420 undergraduate, 115 graduate, and 47 students at KU Medical Center.

KU students from Leavenworth County have significant support in the form of grants, scholarships, and fellowships. As of the fall census, $1,260,458 in federal, state, institutional, and outside/private grants, scholarships, and fellowships have been awarded on all campuses to 239 Leavenworth County students for FY 2015.

Of fall 2014 KU students, 199 have transfer credit from other Leavenworth County postsecondary institutions, including 84 students with transfer credit from Fort Leavenworth educational programs.

KU has 3,732 alumni from Leavenworth County.

Building Healthy Communities

Business

KU has partnerships with 14 businesses in Leavenworth County.

- 3 businesses in Leavenworth County for KU career services
- 7 businesses participated in KU continuing education programs.
- 1 business provided research grants or research grant proposals
- 1 tech transfer partnership
- 1 business in Leavenworth County has provided charitable giving to the university through KU Endowment.

Public Safety

KU provides public safety training for law enforcement, fire and rescue response. In FY 2014, 113 law enforcement officers and 251 firefighters and first responders from Leavenworth County were 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
Healthcare – KU Medical Center

Enhancing Student Education

- 7 Leavenworth County physicians serve as volunteer KU Medical Center faculty, providing medical students with hands-on training in rural and underserved communities as part of the Rural Preceptorship Program.
- Medical students spent six weeks working with primary care physicians and conducting a community-based research project in 26 counties, including Leavenworth County, as part of KU Medical Center’s summer Rural Primary Care Practice and Research Program, one of several programs designed to encourage students to consider practicing medicine in a rural Kansas community.
- 7 high school students in Leavenworth 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.

Strengthening the Health Care Workforce

- 257 KU Medical Center graduates live and/or practice in Leavenworth County.
- 1 Leavenworth County physician received funding through the Kansas Bridging Plan, a loan-forgiveness program offered to primary care medical residents who agree to practice in rural Kansas.
- 284 enrollments in KU Medical Center continuing education courses and conferences by Leavenworth County health care professionals in FY14.

Advancing Health Care Access

- Leavenworth County residents saw KU Medical Center health care providers 35 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.