KU at Work: **Meade County**

*Highlighting the services and support KU provides to Meade County*

**Educating Leaders**

**Students**

KU has 15 students from Meade County: 11 undergraduate, 3 graduate, and 1 at the KU Medical Center.

These students are supported via grants, scholarships, and fellowships. As of fall 2014, $39,189 in federal, state, institutional, and outside/private grants, scholarships, and fellowships have been awarded on all campuses to 8 Meade County students for FY 2015.

KU has 59 alumni from Meade County.

**Building Healthy Communities**

**Public Safety**

KU provides public safety training for law enforcement, fire and rescue response. In FY 2014, 14 law enforcement officers and 7 fire and rescue officials from Meade County were trained at KU.

**Healthcare – KU Medical Center**

**Enhancing Student Education**

- 2 Meade County doctors serve as volunteer KU Medical Center faculty, providing medical students with hands-on training in rural communities as part of the Rural Preceptorship Program.

**Strengthening the Health Care Workforce**

- 7 KU Medical Center graduates live and/or practice in Meade County.
- 2 health care providers have been placed in Meade County since 2004 through the Kansas Recruitment and Retention Center, which provides placement assistance to rural health organizations.
- 1 Meade 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.
- 1 Meade County health care employer exhibited with Kansas Career Opportunities, which is designed to introduce medical students, residents and other health care professionals to rural communities.
- 2 health care professionals from Meade County participated in KU Medical Center continuing education courses and conferences in Fiscal Year 2014.

“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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KU students from Meade County

**21**

Meade County law enforcement officers, firefighters and first responders trained at KU

**7**

KU medical center graduates who live or practice in Meade County