**KU at Work: Ness County**

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

**Educating Leaders**

**Students**

KU has 10 students from Ness County: 7 undergraduate and 3 graduate.

KU students from Ness County have significant support in the form of grants, scholarships, and fellowships. As of fall 2014, $25,580 in federal, state, institutional, and outside/private grants, scholarships, and fellowships have been awarded on all campuses to 8 Ness County students for FY 2015.

KU has 31 alumni from Ness County.

**Building Healthy Communities**

**Public Safety**

KU provides public safety training to the state for law enforcement, fire and rescue response. In FY 2014, 12 law enforcement officers and 57 fire and rescue officials from Ness County were trained at KU.

**Healthcare – KU Medical Center**

**Strengthening the Health Care Workforce**

- 6 KU Medical Center graduates live or practice in Ness County.
- 1 Ness 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 shift was covered by a temporary physician, which allowed a Ness County physician necessary time off in Fiscal Year 2014. This coverage was made via KU Medical Center’s Kansas Locum Tenens and Kansas Medical Resource programs.
- 1 Ness 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.

“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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Advancing Health Care Access

- Ness County residents made 3 visits to KU Medical Center health care providers in outreach clinics held outside of Kansas City in FY14.

- [Ness County Hospital District 2](#) is one of 13 partners in The University of Kansas Hospital's Kansas Heart and Stroke Collaborative, a $12.5 million federally-funded initiative awarded in 2014 that seeks to reduce heart disease and stroke deaths in western Kansas by 20 percent. Led by Executive Director Robert Moser, MD, the Collaborative will bring systematic change to treatment for heart disease and stroke in the region to help patients get the care they need closer to home as well as reduce health care costs. The grant also provides funding for health education campaigns aimed at prevention and rehabilitation.