KU at Work: Riley County
Highlighting the services and support KU provides Riley County

Educating Leaders

Students

KU has 381 students from Riley County: 149 undergraduate, 148 graduate, and 84 at KU Medical Center.

These students have significant support in the form of grants, scholarships, and fellowships. As of the fall, $902,463 in federal, state, institutional, and outside/private grants, scholarships, and fellowships have been awarded on all campuses to 141 Riley County students for FY 2015.

Of the fall 2014 students, 1,092 have transfer credit from other Riley County postsecondary institutions.

KU has 1,331 alumni from Riley County.

Building Healthy Communities

Business

KU has partnerships with eighteen businesses.

- 4 businesses in Riley County partner with KU for career services
- 12 businesses participated in KU continuing education programs
- 1 business provided research grants or grant proposals
- 1 tech transfer partnership was made between a business and KU
- 2 businesses have provided support through KU Endowment

Public Safety

KU provides public safety training to the state for law enforcement, fire and rescue response. In FY 2014, 152 law enforcement officers and 158 fire and rescue officials from Riley County were trained at KU.

Healthcare – KU Medical Center

Enhancing Student Education

- 18 Riley 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.

“As one of the top engineering consulting firms in the nation, Henderson Engineers 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

381
KU students from Riley County

18
Riley County business partnerships with KU

185
KU Medical Center graduates who live or practice in Riley County
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 Manhattan Area Technical 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

- 185 KU Medical Center graduates live and/or practice in Riley County.
- 2 health care providers have been placed in Riley 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.
- 9 Riley County physicians received funding through the Kansas Bridging Plan, a loan-forgiveness program offered since 1991 to primary care medical residents who agree to practice in rural Kansas.
- 3 Riley County health care employers 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.
- 24 enrollments in KU Medical Center continuing education courses and conferences by Riley County health care professionals in Fiscal Year 2014.
- 9 professional education and administrative visits in Riley 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

- Riley County residents saw KU Medical Center health care providers 51 times via telemedicine in FY14.
- Riley County residents made 4 visits to KU Medical Center health care providers in outreach clinics held outside of Kansas City in FY14.