KU at Work: Rooks County
The following profile highlights the services and support that KU provides to Rooks County

Educating Leaders

Students

KU has 16 students from Rooks County: 6 undergraduate, 6 graduate, and 4 students at KU Medical Center.

KU students from Rooks County have significant support in the form of grants, scholarships, and fellowships. As of the fall census, $142,954 in federal, state, institutional, and outside/private grants, scholarships, and fellowships have been awarded on all campuses to 8 Rooks County students for FY 2015.

KU has 84 alumni from Rooks County.

Building Healthy Communities

Business

KU has a technology transfer partnership with one business in Rooks County.

Public Safety

KU provides public safety training to the state for law enforcement, fire and rescue response. In FY 2014, 24 law enforcement officers and 3 fire and rescue officials from Rooks County were trained at KU.

Healthcare – KU Medical Center

Enhancing Student Education

- 2 Rooks 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.
- Medical students spent six weeks working with primary care physicians and conducting a community-based research project in 26 counties, including Rooks 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.

“Graduates of health programs at the University of Kansas are critical to the well-being of all Kansans, in every corner of the state. Half of all Kansas physicians trained at KU. The majority of pharmacists and other allied health professionals are KU graduates. Thousands of Kansans every day are cared for by KU-trained nurses, whether Kansas City graduates or the two-year degree programs supported by the KU School of Nursing. It’s hard to imagine Kansas without KU.”

– Dr. John Jeter, c’77, m’81, CEO Hays Medical Center

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KU students from Rooks County

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Rooks County law enforcement officers, firefighters and first responders trained at KU in 2014

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KU Medical Center telemedicine visits to residents in Rooks County in 2014
**Strengthening the Health Care Workforce**

- 9 KU Medical Center graduates live and/or practice in Rooks County.
- 3 Rooks 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 shift was covered by a temporary physician, which allowed a Rooks County doctor necessary time off in Fiscal Year 2014. This coverage was made via KU Medical Center’s [Kansas Locum Tenens](#) program.
- 1 Rooks 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 looking to hire.

**Advancing Health Care Access**

- Rooks County residents saw KU Medical Center health care providers 30 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.
- Rooks County residents made 11 visits to KU Medical Center health care providers in outreach clinics held outside of Kansas City in FY14.