KU at Work: Russell County

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

Educating Leaders

Students

KU has 10 students from Russell County: 3 undergraduate, 4 graduate, and 3 at the KU Medical Center.

KU students from Russell County have significant support in the form of grants, scholarships, and fellowships. As of the fall census, $19,400 in federal, state, institutional, and outside/private grants, scholarships, and fellowships have been awarded on all campuses to 5 Russell County students for FY 2015.

KU has 132 alumni from Russell County.

Building Healthy Communities

Business

KU has partnerships with 2 businesses in Russell County for continuing education.

Public Safety

KU provides public safety training to the state for law enforcement, fire and rescue response. In FY 2014, 22 law enforcement officers and 6 fire and rescue officials from Russell County were trained at KU.

Healthcare – KU Medical Center

Enhancing Student Education

- 1 Russell County physician serves as volunteer KU Medical Center faculty, providing medical students with hands-on training in rural communities as part of KU’s Rural Preceptorship Program.

Strengthening the Health Care Workforce

- 13 KU Medical Center graduates live and/or practice in Russell County.
- 1 Russell 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.
• 6 shifts were covered by a temporary physician, which allowed a Russell County physician necessary time off in Fiscal Year 2014. This coverage were made via KU Medical Center's Kansas Locum Tenens and Kansas Medical Resource programs.

**Advancing Health Care Access**

• Russell 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.

• Russell County residents made 13 visits to KU Medical Center health care providers in outreach clinics held outside of Kansas City in FY14.

• [Russell Regional Hospital](#) 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.