KU at Work: Saline County

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

Educating Leaders

Students

KU has 243 students from Saline County: 157 undergraduate, 54 graduate, and 32 at the KU Medical Center.

KU students from Saline County have significant support in the form of grants, scholarships, and fellowships. As of the fall census, $834,507 in federal, state, institutional, and outside/private grants, scholarships, and fellowships have been awarded on all campuses to 130 Saline County students for FY 2015.

Of the fall 2014 KU students, 108 have transfer credit from other Saline County postsecondary institutions.

KU has 1,428 alumni from Saline County.

Building Healthy Communities

Business

KU has partnerships with 15 Saline County businesses. Below are the numbers of partnerships by category:

- 6 businesses in Saline County partner with KU for career services
- 8 businesses participated in KU continuing education programs
- 4 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, 108 law enforcement officers and 62 fire and rescue officials from Johnson County were trained at KU.

Healthcare – KU Medical Center

Enhancing Student Education

- Salina is home to one of three University of Kansas School of Medicine campuses, and the smallest four-year medical school campus in the nation. The School of Medicine – Salina enrolls just eight students a year, and is aimed at students with a strong desire to practice in rural areas.

“Growing up in the small Kansas town of Tescott, KU played an important role in my development as a person and in my career success in the banking industry. An investment in KU is an investment in our future leaders and economic health. The University of Kansas is critical to the future of Kansas.”

- Mike Berkley, b’61, l’64, Chairman, Bennington State Bank, Salina, KS

243
KU students from Saline County

170
Saline County law enforcement officers, firefighters and first responders trained at KU

226
KU Medical Center graduates who live or practice in Saline County
• 10 Saline 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.

• Salina Central High School is one of 17 schools statewide that used Mini Medical School in the 2013-14 school year, a resource kit for upper-level high school teachers in the biological sciences. The kit is designed to supplement and enhance their curriculum while simultaneously introducing students to various aspects of the health field through fun and exciting projects. Mini Medical School was created by the KU Area Health Education Center and features physicians and experts from KU Medical Center and Kansas State University.

**Strengthening the Health Care Workforce**

• 226 KU Medical Center graduates live and/or practice in Saline County.

• 8 health care providers have been placed in Saline 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.

• 13 Saline 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 Saline 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.

• 653 enrollments in KU Medical Center continuing education courses and conferences by Saline County health care professionals in Fiscal Year 2014.

• 63 professional education and administrative visits in Saline 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**

• Saline County residents saw KU Medical Center health care providers 110 times via telemedicine in FY14. An interactive video technology that connects providers and patients when distance separates them, telemedicine is provided by the University of Kansas Center for Telemedicine and Telehealth.

• Saline County residents made 133 visits to KU Medical Center health care providers in outreach clinics held outside of Kansas City in FY14.

• Salina Regional Health Center is a member of the Midwest Cancer Alliance, a network of hospitals, physicians groups, and cancer support and patient advocacy organizations bringing cancer research, care and professional support together to advance the quality and reach of cancer care, prevention, early detection and survivorship in the Heartland.

• KU Medical Center providers and case managers travel to outreach sites in Salina, Garden City and Pittsburg every six to eight weeks to serve the needs of HIV-positive individuals in rural Kansas.