KU at Work: Seward County

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

Educating Leaders

Students

KU has 57 students from Seward County: 43 undergraduate, 9 graduate, and 5 at the KU Medical Center.

These students have significant support in the form of grants, scholarships, and fellowships. As of the fall census, $126,436 in federal, state, institutional, and outside/private grants, scholarships, and fellowships have been awarded on all campuses to 29 Seward County students for FY 2015.

Of the fall 2014 KU students, 103 have transfer credit from other Seward County postsecondary institutions.

KU has 186 alumni from Seward County.

Building Healthy Communities

Business

KU has partnerships with two Seward County businesses.

- 1 business participated in KU continuing education programs
- 1 business has 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, 87 law enforcement officers and 57 fire and rescue officials from Seward County were trained at KU.

Healthcare – KU Medical Center

Enhancing Student Education

- 5 Steward 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.
- 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 Seward County Community College/Area Technical School. The agreement provides the 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

- 22 KU Medical Center graduates live and/or practice in Seward County.
- 1 health care providers have been placed in Seward 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.
- 1 Seward County physician 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.
- 89 enrollments by Seward County health care professionals in KU Medical Center continuing education courses and conferences in Fiscal Year 2014.

Advancing Health Care Access

- Seward County residents saw KU Medical Center health care providers 4 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.
- Seward County residents made 12 visits to KU Medical Center health care providers in outreach clinics held outside of Kansas City in FY14.