KU at Work: Smith County
Highlighting the services and support KU provides to Smith County

Educating Leaders

Students

KU has 15 students from Smith County: 7 undergraduate, 6 graduate, and 2 students at KU Medical Center.

KU students from Smith County have significant support in the form of grants, scholarships, and fellowships. As of the fall census, $92,823 in federal, state, institutional, and outside/private grants, scholarships, and fellowships have been awarded on all campuses to 9 Smith County students for FY 2015.

KU has 43 alumni from Smith County.

Building Healthy Communities

Public Safety

KU provides public safety training to the state for law enforcement, fire and rescue response. In FY 2014, 21 law enforcement officers and 14 fire and rescue officials from Smith County were trained at KU.

Healthcare – KU Medical Center

Enhancing Student Education

- 3 Smith 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.

Strengthening the Health Care Workforce

- 10 KU Medical Center graduates live and/or practice in Smith County.
- 1 Smith 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.
- 28 professional education and administrative visits in Smith County occurred in Fiscal Year 2014 via telemedicine, an interactive video technology that eliminates distance as a barrier to health care, continuing education and collaboration. The technology is operated by the University of Kansas Center for Telemedicine and Telehealth.

Advancing Health Care Access
• Smith County residents saw KU Medical Center health care providers 92 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.

• Smith County residents made 4 visits to KU Medical Center health care providers in outreach clinics held outside of Kansas City in FY14.