



Higher Education = Job Creation

A fundamental belief is that America is the land of opportunity. One of the keys to sustaining that belief is the availability of a high-quality public higher education system that prepares citizens for success in work and in life. Kansas benefits through a more prepared workforce, higher levels of citizen engagement, a reduction in dependence on social programs, and a higher quality of living for families. The 32 Kansas public higher education institutions are key to our economic success.

Engines of Economic Development

- Counties with higher education institutions experience higher levels of growth in private employment (8.5%) compared to counties with no higher education institution (-0.9%).
- For every \$1 of state support invested in higher education, the Kansas economy receives \$11.94 in return.
- In 2010, over \$7 billion in economic impacts were generated by the public higher education system and 95,327 jobs were created.
- University researchers are conducting ground-breaking research and development which contribute to the economy through new medical treatments, commercialization of products and ideas, and increased research funding.
- Community and Technical Colleges ensure Kansas businesses and communities have access to customized education that meets local needs, improves employee efficiency, and advances global competitiveness.

Pathways to Career Development

- By 2018, 64% of Kansas jobs will require some level of postsecondary attainment. The public higher education system is the largest producer of individuals with the skills and credentials necessary to fuel the Kansas economy and meet the projected workforce demands.
- Educational opportunities offered through the 32 public institutions enable students to earn an entry-level credential and engage in life-long learning that affords greater earning power through additional skill and credential attainment.
- Kansas public higher education institutions awarded more than 35,000 certificates and degrees in 2010.
- More than 180,000 students enrolled in a Kansas public university, community college or technical college in the fall of 2011.

Building Kansas Communities

- Students educated at Kansas institutions are more likely to remain in Kansas after graduation. Overall, Kansas retains graduates at a higher rate than many neighboring states (52.7% compared to just 44% in Nebraska).
- More than 50% of university graduates stay in Kansas after graduation. More than 90% of community and technical college graduates stay in Kansas after graduation.
- Keeping graduates in Kansas contributed almost \$296 million to the Kansas economy in 2009.
- Higher education graduates provide vital community services from healthcare to public safety.
- Higher education institutions create enrichment opportunities for communities ranging from arts and cultural experiences and continuing education programs to service programs. The higher quality of life means communities are less likely to suffer sustained population decline.

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Student Financial Assistance

Putting money into the hands of students who cannot afford to attend, but have the talent to succeed and grow the state's workforce.

Comprehensive Grant Program

- Restore federal cuts. Funding is awarded to private and public institutions for need-based distribution to students.

KUMC Medical Student Scholarship Program

- Maintain the ability to provide 120 loans per year to medical students at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

Research & Program Enhancements

Targeted funding for improvements, expansion and enhancements across the higher education system in programs and research.

Kansas Academy of Math & Science (KAMS)

- Increase participants at the Academy housed at Fort Hays State University. Program attracts the best and brightest Kansas high school students.

Veterinary Medicine Expansion

- Improve the College of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University by expanding research and instructional capacity, adding faculty, upgrading facilities, and adding resources for graduate students.

Elite Professors at the University of Kansas

- Attract and hire professors that will play a foundational role in helping the university achieve its strategic plan and assist in maintaining status as a Association of American Universities member.

Polymer Science Program

- Expand graduate and undergraduate programs in the Polymer Science Program at Pittsburg State University.

Career Technical Education

- New tiered approach for career technical education funding. The approach funds career technical education programs at the state's 19 community colleges, 6 technical colleges and the Washburn Institute of Technology.
- Funding to pay for tuition of high school students taking career technical education courses on a part-time basis with the intent of earning a professional certificate.
- Incentive payments to high schools for each student who graduates with a technical certification in a high-demand occupation.

Deferred Maintenance

Funding to address critical maintenance and repair issues on university, community and technical college campuses, which ensures campuses remain safe learning environments for students.

State University Building Rehabilitation and Repair

- Funding for projects on state university campuses to mitigate further deterioration of campus infrastructure and state property.

Deferred Maintenance Tax Credit

- Amend tax credit statutes: 1) extend sunset to 2015, 2) reduce total state university credits, 3) raise amount of taxpayer credit for all institution types, 4) allow community and technical colleges to pool unused credits. Proposed changes enable taxpayers to help address deferred maintenance on public higher education campuses.

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