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CHANGEMAKERS  
***IN ACTION***



**2025 ANNUAL REPORT**

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# CHANGEMAKERS IN ACTION

## 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

In Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25), institutions of higher education operated within a rapidly evolving health care landscape. Kansas City University responded to these challenges with intentionality and impact. KCU demonstrated its commitment to advancing student success, strengthening our communities, and advancing our vision of changing health care for good.

Our impact was recognized in a study conducted by the National Center for the Analysis of Healthcare Data (NCAHD), which identified the KCU College of Osteopathic Medicine (COM) as the fourth-largest medical school in the nation; the leading producer of physicians practicing in Missouri; the second-leading in Kansas; and the number one producer of graduates practicing in primary care, rural areas and medically underserved communities. These findings demonstrate the role of KCU as changemakers addressing critical physician workforce needs for our state, region and the nation.

Innovation remained a hallmark of the KCU experience. Leveraging advanced diagnostic technology developed by medical imaging leaders Butterfly Network, Inc., and our faculty, KCU launched a groundbreaking point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS) course in the College of Osteopathic Medicine (COM). The course, now part of the required COM curriculum, combines hands-on scanning with AI-driven feedback, equipping students with real-time guidance and assessment that prepares them to lead the future of patient care.

Our College of Dental Medicine (CDM) marked a major milestone as students began caring for patients under the direction of our faculty in the KCU Oral Health Center. This hands-on clinical experience embodies changemakers in action — students and faculty working together to expand oral health access to care while advancing dental education. CDM faculty also continued to be recognized as expert voices on key dental issues, further amplifying the influence of KCU in oral health.

Excellence across disciplines was further demonstrated when our Health Service Psychology department received the maximum 10-year accreditation from the American Psychological Association Commission on Accreditation. This distinction affirms the strength, integrity and impact of our clinical psychology program, curriculum and faculty.

We also expanded our academic footprint with the initial accreditation and student recruitment for our new Master of Health Science in Anesthesiologist Assistant (MHS-AA) program on the Joplin campus. We will welcome our first cohort of anesthesiologist assistants in January 2026. The program underscores our continued investment in growing health professions education and meeting the evolving needs of health care systems in the communities we serve.

In FY25, KCU exemplified what it means to be changemakers in action: remaining nimble, embracing uncertainty and advancing our mission of improving the well-being of the communities we serve. I am deeply grateful for the commitment of our students, the dedication of our faculty and staff, the generosity of our donors and the steady guidance of our Board of Trustees as we continue to build a strong, sustainable future together.

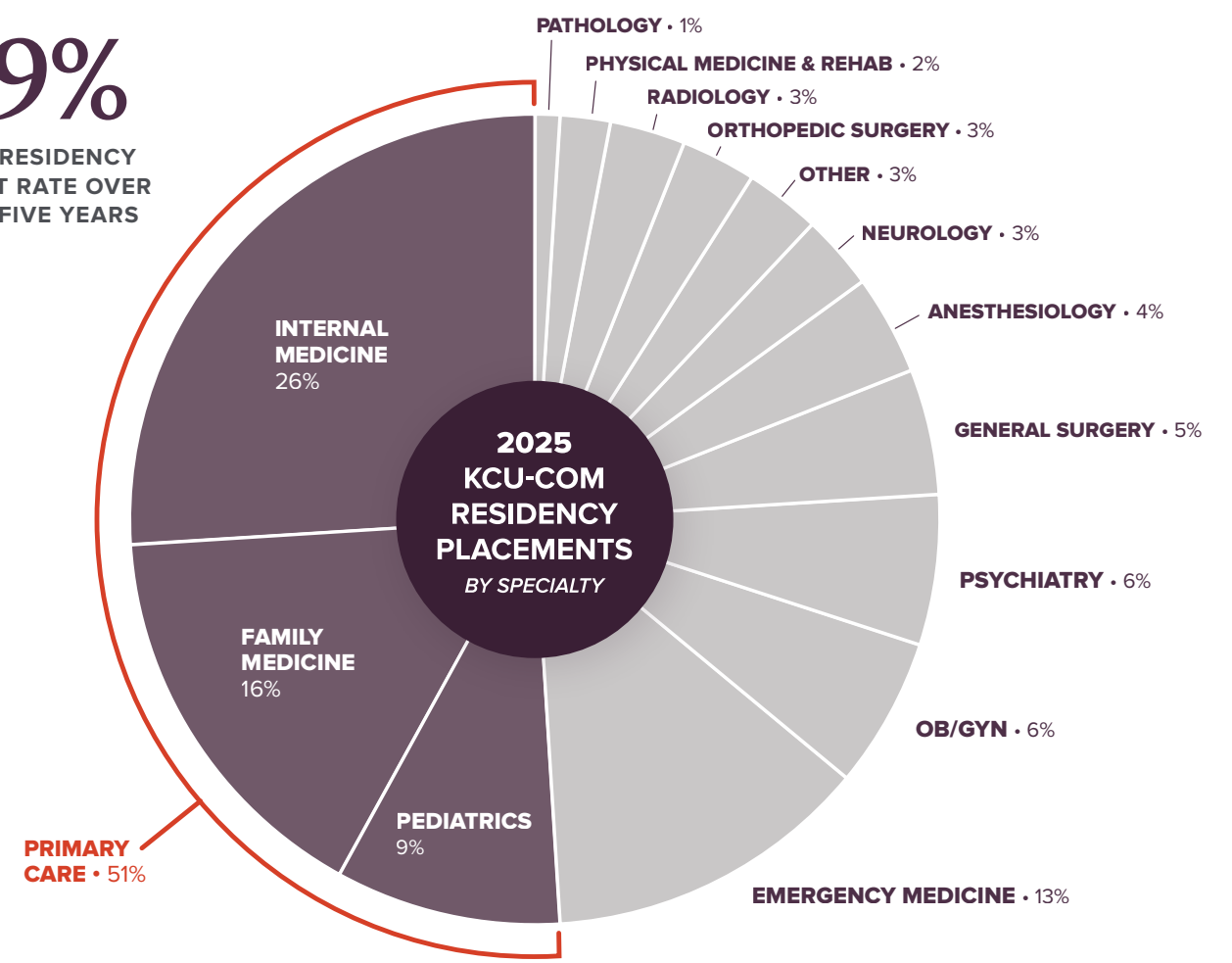


**400+ NEW OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS**

Kansas City University (KCU) marked a momentous 2025 commencement season with ceremonies in Kansas City and Joplin honoring 417 new physicians. Nearly half will enter primary care specialties, advancing the University and efforts to expand access to health care. [LEARN MORE](#)

**>99%**

AVERAGE RESIDENCY  
PLACEMENT RATE OVER  
THE LAST FIVE YEARS



**RESIDENCY MATCH SUCCESS**

With over 99 percent placed into residency training programs and nearly half entering primary care, KCU graduates continue the University's tradition of preparing physicians to meet critical health care needs nationwide. [LEARN MORE](#)

**51%**  
of graduates  
ENTERED A PRIMARY  
CARE SPECIALTY

**49%**  
of graduates  
ENTERED A NON-  
PRIMARY CARE SPECIALTY  
(INCLUDING NEUROLOGY,  
DERMATOLOGY AND SURGERY)

**81%**  
of graduates  
ENTERED THEIR  
TOP-CHOICE SPECIALTY

*Excellence in Medical Education*

OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE



### ULTRASOUND TRAINING BECOMES CORE CURRICULUM

KCU is setting a new standard in medical education with the launch of a point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS) program in partnership with Butterfly Network, Inc. The initial POCUS clinical integration labs received positive feedback. Participation in the pilot elective courses was also high, with more than 350 students enrolled. As a result, the required POCUS curriculum was expanded to incorporate material that had previously been offered only through electives.

Each student received a personal handheld ultrasound probe and AI-enhanced training, giving them real-time feedback and early mastery of one of medicine's fastest-growing diagnostic tools. [LEARN MORE](#)

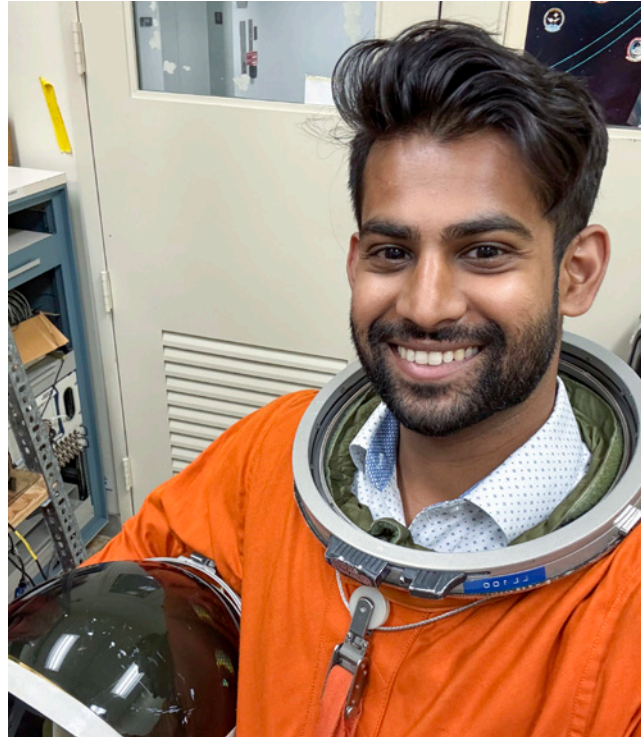
### NEW HONORS TRACKS

The COM launched two new honors tracks in Behavioral Medicine and Leadership, designed to prepare students to meet the evolving demands of modern health care and improve patient care.

[LEARN MORE](#)

**17** FIRST-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE HONORS TRACK

**16** FIRST-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE LEADERSHIP HONORS TRACK



### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT — BEYOND THE LAUNCHPAD

Saahil Golia, DO, spent his final four weeks of medical school in a clinical rotation at NASA's Kennedy Space Center, gaining firsthand experience in aerospace medicine, astronaut readiness and the unique challenges of caring for those in the stratosphere. [LEARN MORE](#)



### DESAI NAMED ACOFP PRESIDENT

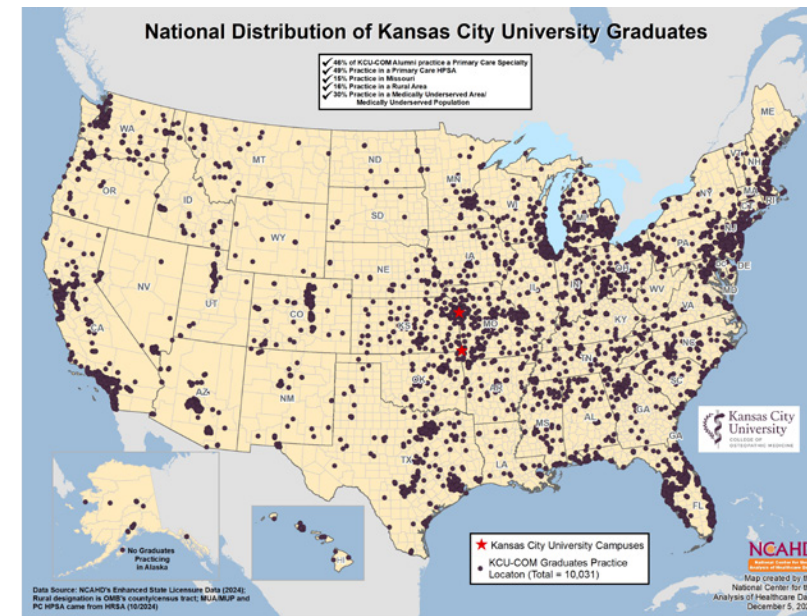
Gautam J. Desai, DO, FACOFP *dist.*, KCU chair and professor of Primary Care, was named president of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP), becoming the first Indian American to hold the role. As ACOFP president during its 75th anniversary year, Desai focused on launching a new mentorship program and expanding resources to advance osteopathic family medicine. [LEARN MORE](#)



### HEILES HONORED WITH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

Kenneth A. Heiles, DO, Joplin campus dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine was awarded the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award by ACOFP.

“My career in osteopathic medicine and rural primary care has been a calling — one that has brought immense personal and professional fulfillment,” said Heiles. “Over the years, I’ve seen my work with ACOFP as a way to give back and help prepare the next generation of osteopathic family physicians for the meaningful path ahead. I’m truly honored to receive this award.”



### ADDRESSING PHYSICIAN SHORTAGES

A December 2024 report from the National Center for the Analysis of Healthcare Data recognizes Kansas City University (KCU) as a leading force in addressing the nation's growing physician shortage. The data identifies KCU as the fourth-largest medical school in the U.S., the top producer of physicians practicing in Missouri and second in Kansas. KCU also leads Missouri both in graduating doctors who serve in critical health profession shortage areas and practice in primary care specialties, including alumni who serve as the sole physicians in nine Kansas counties.

With graduates practicing in all 50 states, KCU's impact extends nationwide, strengthening access to health care, especially in underserved and rural communities. [LEARN MORE](#)

**1**  
leading producer  
OF PHYSICIANS FOR MISSOURI

**2**  
second-leading  
FOR KANSAS

**4<sup>th</sup>**  
largest med school  
IN THE NATION

**#1**  
in rural health care

TOP MED SCHOOL FOR GRADS  
PRACTICING IN RURAL MISSOURI

**#1**  
in primary care

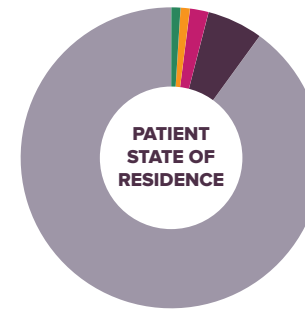
TOP MED SCHOOL FOR GRADS  
PRACTICING PRIMARY CARE  
SPECIALTIES IN MISSOURI

**#1**  
in serving the  
medically-underserved

TOP MED SCHOOL FOR GRADS  
PRACTICING IN MISSOURI'S  
MEDICALLY-UNDERSERVED AREAS



1,358  
patients served



MISSOURI: 90%  
KANSAS: 6%  
OKLAHOMA: 2%  
ARKANSAS: 1%  
OTHER: 1%

3,233  
appointments scheduled

### CARING FOR COMMUNITY

In Fiscal Year 2025, third-year students in the College of Dental Medicine began seeing patients at the KCU Oral Health Center (OHC) — marking a significant step in their clinical training. Under the supervision of licensed faculty, students provide comprehensive dental services including exams, cleanings, fillings, root canals, crowns, bridges and dentures. The experience allows them to apply their skills in a real-world setting while offering care to the community.

The OHC is open to the public and welcomes patients regardless of insurance status or ability to pay. The clinic accepts Missouri Medicaid, works with other insurance providers and offers financial assistance through the KCU Community Smiles Fund. Adult patients begin with an initial screening evaluation, while pediatric patients can be seen without the initial screening.



### RECOGNIZED FOR STATE IMPACT

Jacqueline M. Miller, DDS, MS, MPH, adjunct assistant professor, was named 2024 Dentist of the Year by the Missouri Dental Association — one of the highest honors presented by the organization. The award recognizes exceptional dedication to the dental profession, organized dentistry and public health.



### ADVANCING ANTIBIOTIC STEWARDSHIP

In a blog post for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Erinne Kennedy, DMD, MMSc, MPH, assistant dean of curriculum and integrated learning, emphasized the importance of antibiotic stewardship in dentistry as a critical

tool in improving patient safety and addressing global antimicrobial resistance.

Drawing on both clinical data and personal experience, Kennedy advocates for stronger collaboration between dentists, physicians, and patients to ensure antibiotics are used only when necessary. She also highlights the work of the Association for Dental Safety and its CDC-funded antibiotic stewardship website, which provides educational resources, toolkits, and continuing education to help dental professionals improve prescribing practices. [READ MORE](#)



### LEADING THE WAY

Dental student doctor Alexon Tiem, was appointed District 9 Trustee for the American Student Dental Association. In this important leadership role, he helps guide the associations efforts to support and empower dental students nationwide. [READ MORE](#)

# Expanding Access to Oral Health

## DENTAL MEDICINE



# A Culture of Inquiry

## BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

### DEAN OF IMPACT

Since 2014, Robert White, PhD, has transformed the College of Biosciences, guiding over 600 graduates to advanced degrees while fostering research, mentorship and a culture of support. KCU presented White with an honorary degree during Commencement 2025.

*"This wasn't just about me — it was about everyone who helped build the College of Biosciences into what it is today."*

"I've been on cloud nine ever since," he said. "But I also felt like there should have been 200 people behind me during that hooding. This wasn't just about me — it was about everyone who helped build the College of Biosciences into what it is today."

As he transitions to lead the master's program, his legacy of student success and scientific discovery continues. [LEARN MORE](#)

### LEADING IN INNOVATION

At the forefront of hands-on learning, KCU now equips students in the Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences program with immersive tools to bring anatomy and physiology to life, helping students explore the future of medical education in 3D. Hope Keane, a 2025 graduate of the program and now a student doctor in the College of Osteopathic Medicine, has used these tools to deepen their understanding and prepare for medical school.

[LEARN MORE](#)

### BIOSCIENCES TO OPTOMETRY PIPELINE

The Biomedical Sciences program now offers a guaranteed path for students in the University of Missouri – St. Louis optometry program for up to five students per year. [LEARN MORE](#)

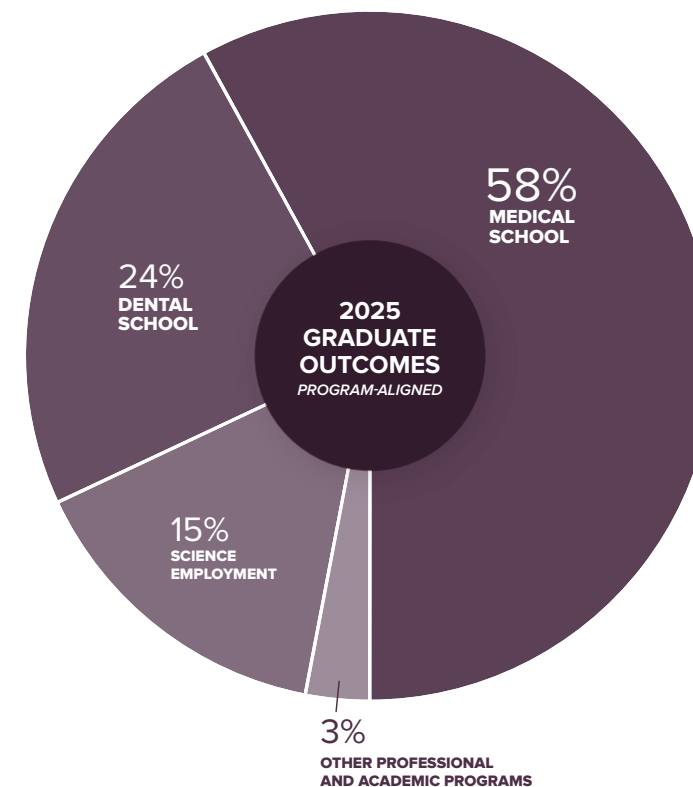


### LAUNCHING FUTURES

For students pursuing their Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences degree at KCU, the path to a thriving career has never been more clear. Seventy-three percent of graduates who completed the one-year program on time went on to health professions or science-industry roles. Since 2015, more than 600 graduates have advanced to 63 different medical schools with a total of over 900 graduates advancing on to 101 professional and PhD programs nationwide, demonstrating the program's impact on shaping the next generation of health care leaders.

SINCE 2015, KCU BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES GRADS HAVE GONE ON TO

**101** professional programs



31

practicum sites  
IN MISSOURI AND  
KANSAS

11

internship sites  
ACROSS 8 STATES



# Building Mental Health Resources

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

## 10-YEAR ACCREDITATION ACHIEVED

The Doctor of Clinical Psychology (PsyD) program received full 10-year accreditation from the American Psychological Association (APA) Commission on Accreditation — the maximum term granted — during fiscal year 2025. The designation affirms the program’s academic quality, clinical training and student outcomes. APA-accreditation enhances the University’s ability to attract top students and secure competitive clinical training opportunities and demonstrate ongoing accountability and quality. [LEARN MORE](#)

## EXPANDING MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

FY25 also marked a period of growth in community partnerships, as KCU expanded mental health services to underserved populations while training future clinical psychologists.

A collaboration between the KCU Center for Population Health and Equity and Kansas City Public Schools will provide ongoing psychoeducational assessments and mental health support in elementary schools. Funded by a \$50,000 gift from the Hall Family Foundation, the initiative gives clinical psychology students hands-on training while reducing barriers to care for underserved children in the urban core. [LEARN MORE](#)

Additionally, a new alliance with Care Beyond the Boulevard, a nonprofit serving marginalized communities in Kansas City, expanded access to mental health services. Clinical psychology students deliver care under the supervision of KCU alumnus Tyler Staples, PsyD. By working directly in high-need settings, students gain practical experience and help improve access to care where it’s needed most.

[LEARN MORE](#)

## HANDS-ON LEARNING, REAL-WORLD IMPACT

Clinical psychology student Kirby Slaughter helped launch several new mental health services at Care Beyond the Boulevard, which included co-developing a coping skills therapy group at Carehouse, a medical respite facility that offers unhoused patients a place to rest and recover following hospital discharge. Slaughter also helped establish a behavioral health presence aboard the organization’s mobile clinic, which visits encampments and public spaces to serve individuals

facing acute distress. This outreach helps lower barriers to care by introducing mental health services in a setting that feels safe, familiar and accessible.

In addition to clinical work, Slaughter partnered with a financial coach from CommunityAmerica Credit Union to offer weekly financial literacy support at The Beehive, a Care Beyond the Boulevard community mental health site.



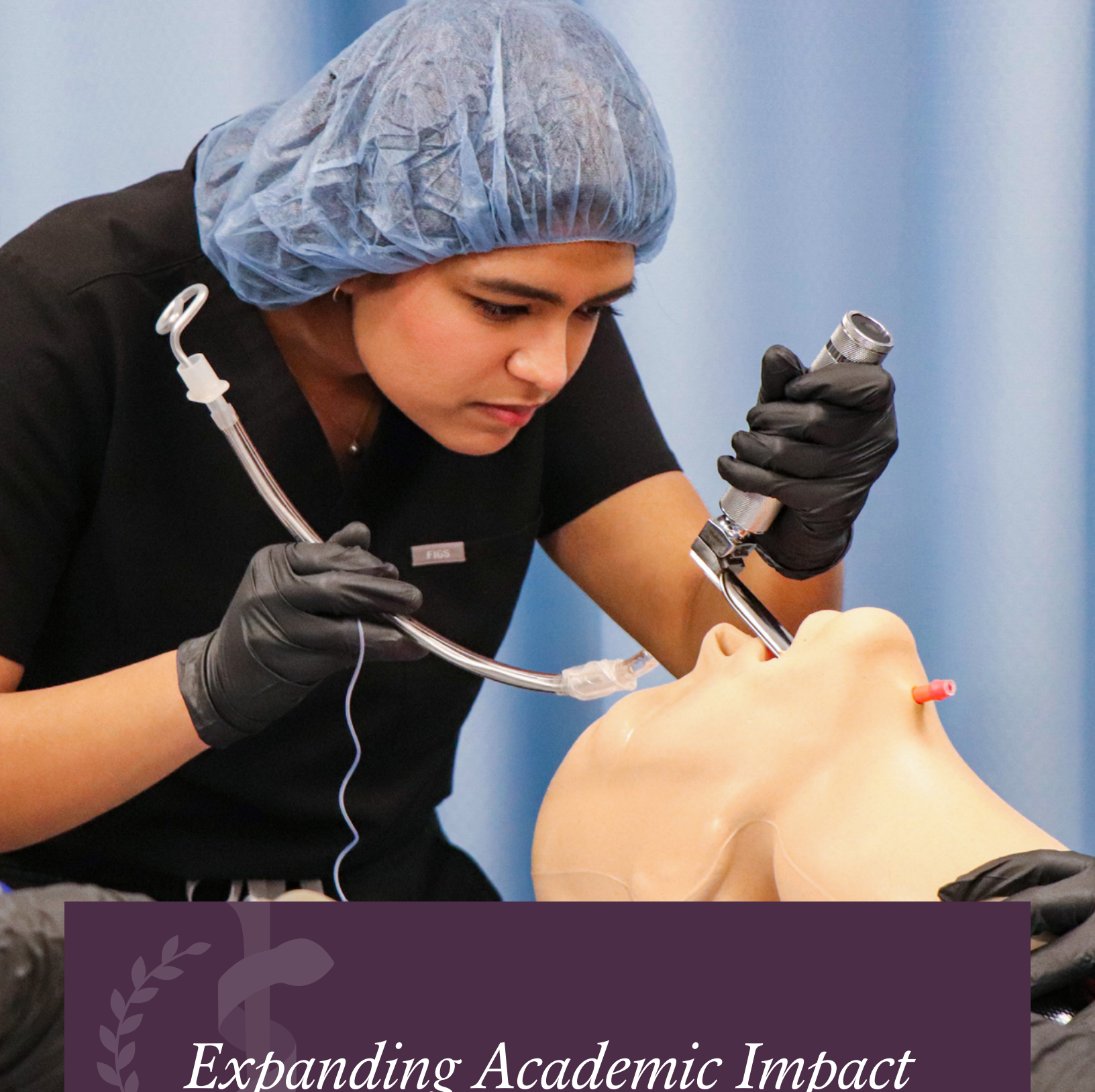
## 100% INTERNSHIP MATCH

During the national internship cycle, the clinical psychology class of 2026 achieved a 100 percent match rate among all eligible students, reflecting an essential milestone on the path to licensure.

**100%** internship match  
FOR THE FIFTH  
CONSECUTIVE YEAR

The cohort secured placements through the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internships Match, a highly competitive process that connects students with accredited clinical training sites across the country. Internships span six states and a wide range of settings, offering full-time, year-long experiences in hospitals, mental health centers and university clinics.

[LEARN MORE](#)



# Expanding Academic Impact

ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT

In Fiscal Year 2025, KCU advanced development of the new Master of Health Science in Anesthesiologist Assistant (MHS-AA) program. The program, which launched in January 2026, prepares qualified non-physician anesthesia providers committed to ethical practice, evidence-based care and lifelong learning.

## FILLING CRITICAL GAPS IN CARE

The demand for anesthesia services continues to grow nationwide, creating an urgent need for highly trained providers. Certified anesthesiologist assistants (CAAs) are essential to meeting this demand, working alongside physician anesthesiologists to ensure safe, high-quality care. The MHS-AA program is designed to graduate professionals ready to step into these critical roles, helping to fill gaps where shortages threaten patient access and care quality.

## PREPARING FUTURE LEADERS

Graduates of the MHS-AA program will serve as essential members of the anesthesia care team, providing high-quality, equitable patient care and advancing best practices in perioperative medicine. They are trained to be advocates and leaders within anesthesiology communities and the broader inter-professional health care system.



## WELCOME PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Sally Ann Mitchell, EdD, MMSc, CAA, was appointed program director for the MHS-AA program at KCU-Joplin, bringing deep experience in anesthesia education and program leadership.

"I am excited to help educate future anesthesiologist assistants and prepare them to become integral members of anesthesia care teams," she said.

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Mitchell will guide the inaugural class and help shape future anesthesiologist assistants ready to make meaningful contributions to patient care. [READ MORE](#)

## THE SCOPE OF THE SHORTAGE

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects a 26.6% job growth for anesthesiologist assistants through 2032.

According to the American Society of Anesthesiologists, 78% of health care facilities report experiencing anesthesia staffing shortages, highlighting the widespread and immediate need for qualified personnel to maintain quality patient care and operational efficiency.

# 78%

OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES  
REPORT EXPERIENCING  
ANESTHESIA STAFFING SHORTAGES\*

\*American Society of Anesthesiologists





# Supporting Students Building Belonging

STUDENT SUCCESS

## STUDENTS THRIVE AT KCU

The THRIVE program continued to support student well-being, resilience and community connection during Fiscal Year 2025, providing intentional opportunities for students to prioritize mental wellness alongside the demands of medical and graduate education. During orientation, students begin to learn foundational coping strategies designed to support mental wellness and long-term success, followed by interactive field day competitions that reinforced the value of peer support, teamwork and community.

Throughout the year, THRIVE offered additional touchpoints that fostered connection and self-expression beyond the classroom. Events celebrating student creativity and multicultural perspectives included the fourth volume of Pulse, a student-led publication featuring literary and artistic works and Incidental Findings, an event highlighting the diverse interests and hobbies of the KCU community. Together, these initiatives created space for students to connect, reflect and engage with one another in meaningful ways. [READ MORE](#)



## SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES

First-year students in the Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, Dental Medicine and Biosciences participated in WE CARE Day — an annual service tradition, now in its third decade, that continues to unite students, faculty and staff in volunteerism and community partnership.

Students participated in more than 45 service projects across Kansas City and Joplin, including orchard planting and maintenance, environmental cleanup, food distribution and hygiene kit assembly. By stepping into their new communities with purpose and compassion, students began building a service-centered foundation that will guide their professional journeys.

[READ MORE](#)

**600** students  
MATRICULATED IN FY25



## SUPPORTING FUTURE CLINICIANS

Marc B. Hahn, DO, FAOCA, president and CEO of KCU, was appointed to the National Academy of Medicine Clinician Well-being Steering Committee, representing the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine. His leadership ensures that student well-being, resilience and whole-person care remain central to shaping the future of health professions education.

## CENTERING THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Student Affairs plays a critical role in supporting students beyond the classroom. Assistant Vice Provost for Student Affairs Sara Selkirk, MPA, leads the Kansas City Student Affairs team, prioritizing responsiveness, accessibility and individualized support — helping students navigate personal challenges, pursue leadership opportunities and feel connected to campus life.

The team offers day-to-day guidance and long-term planning through check-ins, advising sessions and campus involvement, helping students access the tools and relationships needed to thrive. Collaboration is central to their approach. “Every decision we make starts with the same question: how will this support our students?” she said. The team works behind the scenes to guide initiatives and coordinate with departments, helping students navigate KCU with confidence.



## *A Healthier Future for All*

KCU CENTER FOR POPULATION  
HEALTH AND EQUITY

The KCU Center for Population Health and Equity (CPHE) helps future health care professionals understand and address the social and structural conditions that impact well-being. From promotion of preventive health screenings to school-based mental health services, every initiative is rooted in the belief that everyone deserves a chance to achieve their full health potential.

### TRAINING CLINICIANS, SUPPORTING STUDENTS

KCU and Kansas City Public Schools (KCPS) partnered to provide mental health services in elementary schools. Guided by Alex Roberts, PhD, assistant professor and clinical supervisor at KCU, practicum students deliver psychoeducational assessments and interventions. Supported by a \$50,000 gift from the Hall Family Foundation, the program gives students hands-on clinical experience while helping underserved students access timely services to facilitate classroom success responsive support. [LEARN MORE](#)

**66** hours of testing  
PROVIDED BY PSYD STUDENTS  
TO KC PUBLIC SCHOOLS



### TRANSFORMING PUBLIC HEALTH

KCU appointed Tanya Honderick, MPH, MS, RN, CPH, as director of the CPHE at KCU-Joplin. A public health leader with 25 years of experience, Honderick brings expertise in workforce development, strategic leadership and health equity. [LEARN MORE](#)



### NAVIGATING HEALTH

Through the Refugee Health Navigator Program with Della Lamb Community Services, KCU students support newly arrived refugee families as they navigate the U.S. health care system to connect them to essential services, building trust while gaining hands-on experience in providing culturally responsive support. [LEARN MORE](#)

**55** students  
TOOK PART IN STUDENT HEALTH  
ADVOCATE PROGRAM INITIATIVES



# 10,184

total students screened

AT SCHOOLS IN JOPLIN AND KANSAS CITY



### SCORE 1 FOR HEALTH

KCU welcomed hundreds of elementary school children to campus for free health screenings provided by osteopathic medical and dental students under faculty supervision. Students gained hands-on pediatric experience while children received preventive care and personalized follow-up guidance. [LEARN MORE](#)

## 790

 children served by onsite

## 711

 pairs of corrective lenses distributed

## 50+

 med student volunteers

### SERVING COMMUNITY

The University's collaboration with Care Beyond the Boulevard provided meaningful community impact and hands-on learning for students. Students gained real-world experience supporting clients facing homelessness and health challenges during 222 clinics, while volunteer efforts from multiple student clubs amplified the University's outreach and engagement.

- 137 clinics led by faculty member Tim Little, MD, MPH, including 1,268 patient encounters and 314 student shifts
- 85 clinics led by faculty member Tyler Staples, PsyD, including 188 patient encounters, plus hundreds of consults



### VISION AND DISCOVERY

Hosted in partnership with the OneSight Essilor Luxottica Foundation and underwritten by Fidelity Security Life Insurance Company, the vision clinic provides free eye exams and corrective lenses, helping kids K-12 see clearly while giving medical students valuable clinical experience. [LEARN MORE](#)



### COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION

Anatomy Academy collaborates with partnering schools in Joplin and Kansas City to support health education through interactive, age-appropriate lessons. During the 8-week program, KCU student doctors work with upper elementary students to explore the human body and inspire interest in health and science.

Coaching Health and Movement Program (CHAMPS) provides family-centered health coaching that supports healthy lifestyle behaviors through engaging, hands-on experiences. Led by trained KCU student doctors, the program works directly with families to encourage nutrition, physical activity and overall wellness that fit each family's goals and routines. Through this program, families gain practical tools to build lasting healthy habits, while KCU students gain valuable hands-on experience as health coaches and mentors.



## 171

 medical students DELIVERED HEALTH AND SCIENCE PROGRAMMING

## 40

 medical students SERVED AS HEALTH COACHES AND MENTORS

### THE CPHE RESEARCH LAB

The CPHE Research Lab unites students, faculty, staff and the community to drive research in population health, public health, health equity and health policy.

KCU students conducted projects ranging from school-based screenings and nutrition initiatives to population-level analyses of maternal health, firearm fatalities, chronic disease and mental health trends, as well as applied research addressing opioid education, refugee health and diabetic eye disease.

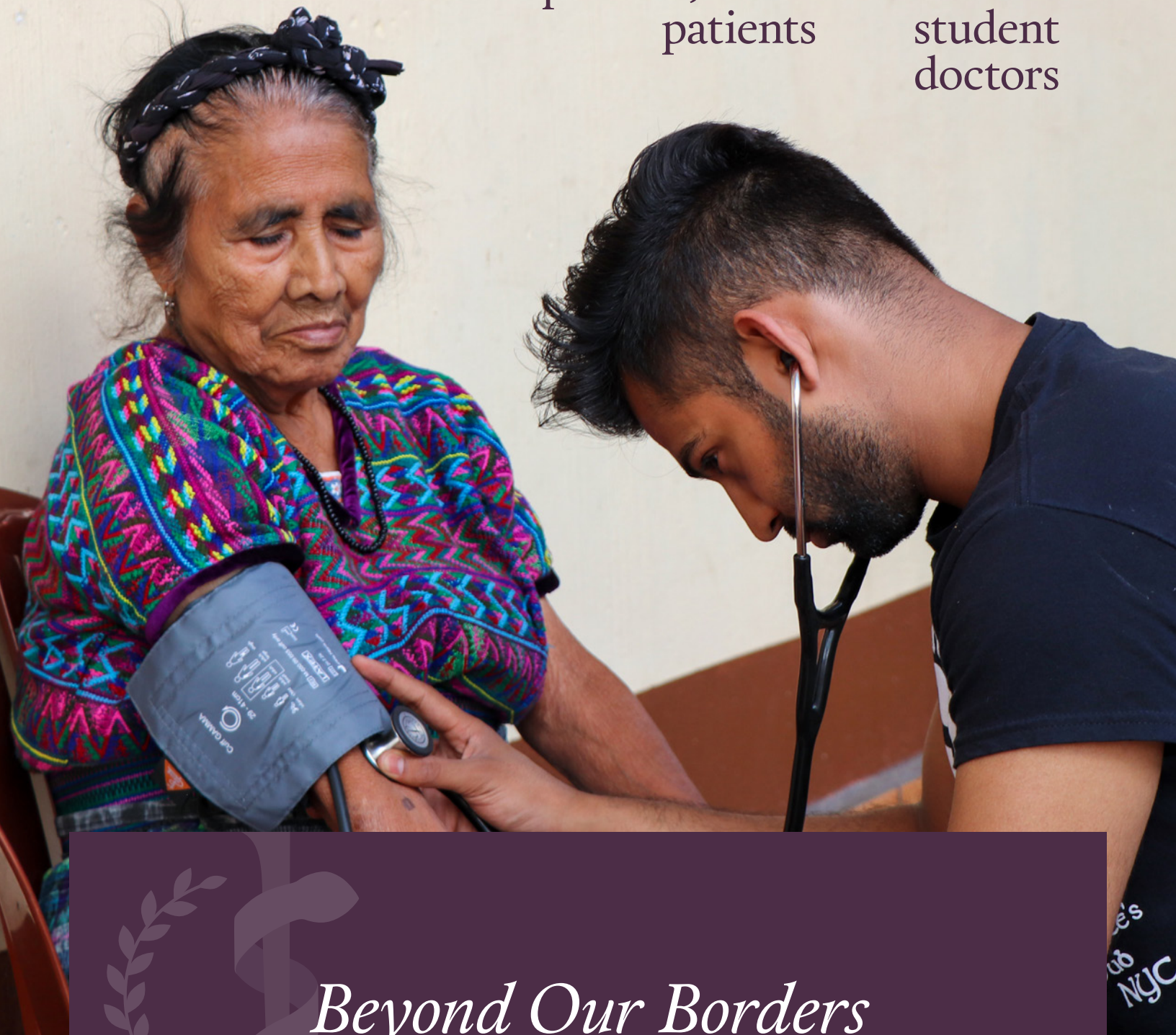
## 147

 students ENGAGED IN CPHE RESEARCH LAB PROJECTS

4 trips

3,500+ patients

79 student doctors



# Beyond Our Borders

## GLOBAL HEALTH

In Fiscal Year 2025, KCU students, faculty and alumni traveled to Guatemala, the Dominican Republic and twice to Kenya to provide a wide range of services including primary care, osteopathic manipulative treatment and intra-articular joint injections. Under the leadership of Gautam J. Desai, DO, FACOFP *dist.*, chair and professor of Primary Care, their clinical exposure included both inpatient and outpatient settings, giving them hands-on experience with acute and chronic conditions in resource-limited environments.



### MAKING A GLOBAL IMPACT

KCU Student Doctor Shazreh Bukhari turned her own experience with delayed diagnosis into a passion for health equity. With support from a scholarship established by alumna Megan Ottomeyer, DO (COM 2017), she traveled to Kenya for hands-on global health training. [LEARN MORE](#)

Teams serving in Guatemala and the Dominican Republic enriched their cultural competency, honing Spanish language skills while caring for diverse patient populations, including Indigenous communities.

Additionally, students supported sports medicine care at the Kansas City Royals Dominican Baseball Academy, gaining exposure to the unique clinical demands of elite athletes.

These immersive service-learning opportunities allow students to strengthen clinical skills while deepening their understanding of global health challenges and community-centered care.

### AWARD-WINNING RESEARCH

KCU Global Health track students received top recognition at national conference with consecutive international poster wins and new accolades for excellence in tackling global health challenges.

[LEARN MORE](#)

### ANSWERING THE CALL

The Global Health Outreach team delivered essential care in a remote Guatemalan village, including a house call to a patient who had gone years without answers. The visit was a powerful learning moment for KCU student doctor Mikayla Lebo as the team uncovered the true source of the patient's declining health.

[LEARN MORE](#)



### CARE IN ACTION

Accompanying both trips to Kenya was Bonyo Bonyo, DO, in collaboration with the clinic he founded in his home village. Student doctors learned to identify and diagnose malaria and see the parasites on blood smears in the laboratory — an essential skill in regions where malaria remains prevalent. Students also had the invaluable opportunity to assist with the delivery of several newborns and work with a variety of health care providers, including nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, and various medical specialists.

[LEARN MORE](#)





# Supporting Discovery

## RESEARCH

### CELEBRATING SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY

The 33rd Annual KCU Research Symposium celebrated a record year of discovery, featuring students, faculty, residents, alumni and research collaborators across both campuses. The four-day event highlighted the growing research culture at KCU through hundreds of poster and oral presentations and featured keynote speaker Russell Swerdlow, MD, from the University of Kansas Medical Center and multiple sessions led by KCU faculty experts. [LEARN MORE](#)



### RESEARCH FUELS HOPE

Abdulkali Agbas, PhD, continued to advance the fight against amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) through groundbreaking work in early detection, in Fiscal Year 2025. In collaboration with researchers across the U.S., Switzerland and Italy, his team identified platelets as a key source of TDP-43, a protein linked to ALS. The discovery could lead to a simple blood test to diagnose the disease before symptoms appear. [LEARN MORE](#)



### STUDENT RESEARCH RECOGNIZED

Second-year COM students Robert J. Heins, Jordan Konstanty, Justine Hemaya and Travis Hodge earned national recognition with a study published in Springer Nature Link. Mentored by Anthony Olinger, PhD, professor of Anatomy, the team examined anatomical differences between male and female cadavers, finding insights with important implications for surgical safety. [LEARN MORE](#)

Peter Khoury, DO (COM 2025), MJ, MHA, co-authored a research letter in JAMA Dermatology analyzing 15 years of surgical costs for hidradenitis suppurativa. The study found that rising treatment costs are placing added financial strain on patients, highlighting important questions about equity, access and the economic impact of care in dermatology. [LEARN MORE](#)

**205** KCU students participated in:

- 71 publications*  
IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS
- 23 papers*  
PRESENTED AT NATIONAL OR REGIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCES
- 94 posters*  
PRESENTED AT NATIONAL OR REGIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCES

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**34** KCU faculty participated in:

- 24 publications*  
IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS
- 14 papers*  
PRESENTED AT NATIONAL OR REGIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCES
- 19 posters*  
PRESENTED AT A NATIONAL OR REGIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCES

**\$4.7M** IN ACTIVE RESEARCH FUNDING MANAGED DURING FY25

Improving the well-being  
of the communities we serve.



## Building a Healthier Workplace Community

WELL-BEING

### A CULTURE OF HEALTH

The Office of Human Resources continued to champion a holistic approach to employee health through the KCyou Well-Being program in Fiscal Year 2025, supporting key pillars of well-being:



The program delivered services through a variety of virtual and on-campus resources including biometric and early cancer detection screenings, 3-D mobile mammography, consultations with registered dietitians, financial education sessions and mental health resources.

Employees completed preventive care visits at a rate 10 percent higher than the national average for comparable organizations, and the chronic condition impactability score improved by 5.3 percent, indicating progress adhering to treatment plans and reducing care gaps.

The KCyou Well-Being Facebook group — now representing approximately 70 percent of benefits-eligible employees — remains a hub for shared encouragement, health challenges and peer-led momentum. Monthly wellness contests, department-wide challenges and collaborative events help break down silos and build camaraderie across roles and campuses. By embedding wellness into the rhythm of the workweek, the program encourages employees to prioritize their health.



The University's commitment to employee wellness garnered regional and national recognition in FY25.

These honors reflect a sustained focus on building a workplace where well-being is woven into the campus culture.



**PLATINUM CERTIFICATION**  
HEALTHY KC



**PLATINUM BELL SEAL FOR  
WORKPLACE MENTAL HEALTH**  
MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA



**HEALTHIEST EMPLOYERS**  
KANSAS CITY BUSINESS JOURNAL



**BEST COMPANIES TO WORK FOR**  
INGRAM'S

**21** million  
TOTAL PHILANTHROPIC  
REVENUE DURING FY25



## Investing in Tomorrow

### PHILANTHROPY



#### LARGEST GIFT IN KCU HISTORY

Kansas City University received more than \$20 million from the estate of Paul W. Dybedal, DO, and Mary Louise Dybedal — the largest individual gift in University history. This transformational investment will expand research facilities,

establish an endowed chair of Psychiatry and increase student scholarships, to further strengthen medical education, behavioral health and biomedical research at Kansas City University. Including their previous contributions, the Dybedal family's support now exceeds \$22.7 million, leaving a legacy of innovation and impact.

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#### PHILANTHROPY FUELS IMPACT

A \$750,000 investment will strengthen the KCU Center for Population Health and Equity, supporting research, student involvement and initiatives to address health disparities. This funding includes contributions from the William T. Kemper Foundation, Commerce Bank, Trustee, and the Victor E. Speas Foundation, Bank of America, N.A., Trustee, enhancing facilities and capacity for transformative population health work.

A \$500,000 gift from J. Mike Stanton, DO (COM 1977), FAOCA, and Gladys B. Stanton will establish the Stanton Excellence in Osteopathic Medicine Scholarship, providing financial support to high-achieving students to cultivate future leaders in medicine. [LEARN MORE](#)

**15** new scholarships  
CREATED IN 2025

**212** total donor-funded  
scholarships

#### GIVING BACK

Frances Haas, DO (COM 1995), credits a small scholarship for helping her pursue nursing and later osteopathic medicine. A longtime Gold Society member, she established a new scholarship to support non-traditional students, honoring those who guided her journey. [LEARN MORE](#)

#### CELEBRATING ALUMNI EXCELLENCE

Alumni gathered during Homecoming 2024 to celebrate outstanding contributions to health care, education and the community. The KCU Alumni Awards recognize graduates whose leadership, innovation and dedication inspire current and future students. The 2024 honorees embody KCU values of excellence, empathy and equity in medicine and beyond. [LEARN MORE](#)

#### GRADUATE OF THE LAST DECADE AWARD COLLEGE OF BIOSCIENCES

Allison Ogren, MS (COB 2019)

#### GRADUATE OF THE LAST DECADE AWARD COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

Brian Geraghty, DO (COM 2018)

#### ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

David L. Weisoly, DO (COM 1998)

#### STAR-SPANGLED BANNER MEDALLION

Larry Anderson, DO (COM 1978)

#### ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR AWARD

Joseph Yasso, DO (COM 1977)

#### ALUMNI LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Gary L. Slick, DO (COM 1969)

#### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

*Robyn Oro*



Fiscal Year 2025 was a year of strong financial performance for the University, reflecting growth across tuition, contributions and investments. Strategic program expansion, combined with robust market conditions and generous philanthropic support, helped drive the University's financial strength.

### FY25 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

**NET SURPLUS:** \$65.8 million for the year.

**REVENUE GROWTH:** Total revenue increased by \$30 million.

**EXPENSE GROWTH:** Total expenses rose \$10 million, primarily due to additional hiring in the College of Dental Medicine.

**TUITION REVENUE:** Up 11%, driven by the addition of the second cohort in the College of Dental Medicine.

**CONTRIBUTIONS & GRANTS:** Increased 71%, including approximately \$18 million in estate gifts.

**INVESTMENT INCOME:** \$26.5 million, up \$8 million from the prior year, supported by strong equity markets and rising interest rates.

## Sustaining Our Mission

### FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

## Financial Statement Summary

*in millions of dollars*

	FISCAL YEARS ENDING JUNE 30				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash & Cash Equivalents	36.3	40.4	19.9	24.0	9.3
Accounts, Contributions & Loans Receivable, Net	13.1	11.6	9.7	6.7	6.1
Other Assets	3.7	3.8	4.3	6.8	8.6
Investments	176.2	173.0	199.0	241.3	322.9
Property & Equipment, Net	144.9	167.0	193.3	193.7	194.7
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$374.2</b>	<b>\$395.8</b>	<b>\$426.2</b>	<b>\$472.5</b>	<b>\$541.6</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Accounts Payable, Accrued Expenses & Other Liabilities	10.1	12.3	13.1	13.1	14.9
Deferred Tuition & Fee Revenue	5.5	17.8	20.8	22.7	25.5
Refundable Government Student Loan Programs	2.1	2.2	2.2	1.4	1.4
Long-term Debt, Net	37.3	35.9	34.5	33.3	32.0
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$55.0</b>	<b>\$68.2</b>	<b>\$70.6</b>	<b>\$70.5</b>	<b>\$73.8</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
Without Donor Restriction	266.8	272.2	325.0	365.6	429.4
With Donor Restriction	52.4	55.4	30.6	36.4	38.4
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$319.2</b>	<b>\$327.6</b>	<b>\$355.6</b>	<b>\$402.0</b>	<b>\$467.8</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$374.2</b>	<b>\$395.8</b>	<b>\$426.2</b>	<b>\$472.5</b>	<b>541.6</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Tuition & Fees	86.9	91.0	92.7	109.9	121.5
Contributions & Grants	23.1	15.8	7.3	13.9	23.8
Investment Income	29.3	-19.6	12.0	18.7	26.5
Other	1.6	1.6	1.8	2.3	2.6
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 140.9</b>	<b>\$88.8</b>	<b>\$113.8</b>	<b>\$144.8</b>	<b>\$174.4</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Instructional	37.9	42.4	47.4	53.8	59.7
Academic Support & Student Services	9.7	12.3	11.6	12.7	13.2
Operation & Maintenance	7.1	7.7	8.0	8.9	9.6
Fundraising Costs	1.3	1.5	1.9	2.0	2.1
Institutional Support	14.9	16.5	16.8	21.1	24.0
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$70.8</b>	<b>\$80.4</b>	<b>\$85.7</b>	<b>\$98.5</b>	<b>\$108.6</b>
<b>INCREASE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$70.1</b>	<b>\$8.4</b>	<b>\$28.1</b>	<b>\$46.3</b>	<b>\$65.8</b>



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