K-State Olathe: Expanding Greater KC’s Potential

2025 Update
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Areas of Focus

Education
- Degrees
- Certificates
- Workshops
- Courses

Research
- Applied & translational research
- Industry partnerships
- Multi-disciplinary teams

Engagement
- Businesses
- Professionals
- K-12 Education
- Community
Theme 1: Research

- Since opening its doors, more than $5 million in research funding at K-State Olathe.
- The campus provides an important connection to KSU resources.
- The Consumer & Sensory Research Center continues to grow academic research and private services.
- Home to the KSVDL Microbial Surveillance Lab.
Theme 1: Research

• Held the Urban Food Systems Symposium
• Continued farm-to-fork research through collaborations with the Olathe Horticulture Farm
• Ongoing research on the shelf-life of food, children’s meals in schools
• Food Innovation Accelerator
  – Supports food science research
  – Pet food research and innovation
Theme 2: Undergraduate

- K-State Olathe is partnering with the College of Human Ecology to bring hospitality management to KC, which would be the first undergraduate degree offered here.
- To support the university’s recruiting, K-State Olathe is now home to the new Kansas State College Advising Corps.
Theme 3: Graduate Experience

- The K-State Olathe campus offers:
  - 11 graduate degrees
  - 4 graduate certificates
  - Emphasis in food safety and security, animal health
- Enrollment continues to grow across programs.
- Efforts are underway to work with KSU departments/colleges to identify new programs for this campus.
Theme 3: Graduate Experience

- The newest offering is a Professional Science Master’s degree.
  - A mix of STEM skills, professional skills and a Capstone experience
- The campus now offers IMSE credit and professional development options.
- Student services are available.
- Scholarships are offered ($50,000 for Johnson County residents thanks to JCERTA).
Theme 4: Engagement & Outreach

Supporting K-12 Education:

- STEM outreach activities to more than 17,000 students since 2011
- Partnering with area school districts to enhance teaching and learning in the STEM areas
- On-site lab experiences and internships
- Veterinary Careers and Cases lectures and online courses
Theme 4: Engagement & Outreach

- Enhanced communication and marketing initiatives
- Community events:
  - Open House
  - Presidential socials
  - Watch parties
- Offer space for meetings
- More than 15,000 people have visited in 2016.
Theme 4: Engagement & Outreach

• On-site Business Partners:
  • Ceva
  • Merck
  • SmartVet
  • SORA Medical Solutions

• Educational Partners:
  • JCCC, KU Edwards, UMKC
Partnerships with KSU colleges have resulted in the hiring of professors of practice.

Adjunct professors are utilized to meet demand.

A joint hiring strategy was used to bolster the marketing communication department.

An active community building committee has created a welcoming environment for all employees.

- Wellness activities are an emphasis area.
- Team-building events are held.
Theme 6: Facilities and Infrastructure

- As responsible stewards, a recommissioning project was conducted.
  - Annual utilities were reduced by 35%.
  - Technology resources continue to be upgraded in order to support teaching and learning.
    - Includes audio systems, projectors and video projectors and displays.