

Higher education is critical to Kansas' future



HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES KEEP STUDENTS IN KANSAS



- ★ Enrollment at the state's 32 public colleges and universities has increased 9% in the past five years.
- ★ Enrollment at the state's public colleges and universities surpasses 180,000 students.
- ★ State university enrollment has grown by 6% over the past five years, now more than 93,300 students.
- ★ 72% of state university students are Kansas residents.

HIGHER EDUCATION CREATES JOBS & PROSPERITY

- ★ More than 33,000 degrees and certificates are earned each year at the state's public universities and colleges.
- ★ Over 380,000 state university alumni live and work in Kansas.
- ★ 73% of today's fastest growing occupations require some level of higher education.
- ★ Kansas businesses can't reach their full potential without the highly-skilled workers produced by the Regents system.



HIGHER EDUCATION IS AN ENGINE FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH



- ★ 92% of Kansas voters believe that higher education is critical for economic development.
- ★ For every \$1 Kansas invests in higher education, it receives at least \$3 in return.
- ★ In 2008, \$883 million in state funding leveraged another \$1.9 billion from other funding sources.
- ★ The state should invest in its higher education system in order to lay the foundation for the state's economic recovery.
- ★ **Now is the time to invest in the future of Kansas.**