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### **New Kansas Higher Education Data Available at [kansasregents.org](http://www.kansasregents.org)**

(Topeka, Kansas) - Published each January, the latest progress report on the 10-year strategic agenda for the state's public higher education system, *Foresight 2020*, was released today and is available online at: [http://www.kansasregents.org/about/foresight\\_2020](http://www.kansasregents.org/about/foresight_2020).

*Foresight 2020* addresses three strategic goals:

- Increase Higher Education Attainment Among Kansans
- Improve Alignment of the State's Higher Education System with the Needs of the Economy
- Ensure State University Excellence

Alongside the published report are appendices providing institution-level data for a variety of metrics, including: graduation and retention rates, race/ethnicity demographics, and each university's comparison to peers on select metrics. The Kansas Higher Education Reporting System has also been updated with new interactive data sets reviewing institution-level data on the number of awards granted (credential production), student success index rates, and employment and wage data for graduates working in Kansas.

Also made available this month is the 2016 State University Data Book, which provides over 50 tables of data addressing areas such as operating expenditures, tuition expenditures, student enrollment (including residency, gender, age, and ACT scores, among other things), faculty positions and salaries, and facility utilization: [http://www.kansasregents.org/data/system\\_data/higher\\_education\\_data\\_books](http://www.kansasregents.org/data/system_data/higher_education_data_books). The 2016 Technical College Data Book has also been published, and a Community College Data Book will be published in February 2016.

Coming soon (February 2016), the Kansas Board of Regents will be launching "Kansas DegreeStats," an interactive online tool reviewing cost and earnings data from real graduates for each undergraduate degree program offered at a public university in Kansas. Users will be able to see cost and investment data including tuition, fees, room and board, books and supplies, scholarship and grants awarded, and student loan amounts borrowed by former students. Current employment and wage data for graduates from each specific bachelor's degree program, as well as calculated loan repayment information will also be displayed. Lastly, users can compare costs between degree programs, and among public universities.

"Transparent access to these data will help students and their parents make informed decisions," stated Blake Flanders, President of the Kansas Board of Regents.

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#### **About the Kansas Board of Regents:**

The nine-member Kansas Board of Regents is the governing board of the state's six universities and the statewide coordinating board for the state's 32 public higher education institutions (six state universities, one municipal university, nineteen community colleges, and six technical colleges). In addition, the Board administers the state's student financial aid, adult education, high school equivalency, and career and technical education programs. Private proprietary schools and out-of-state institutions are authorized by the Kansas Board of Regents to operate in Kansas, and the Board continues to administer Kan-Ed, a program for facilitating and promoting distance learning and telemedicine in schools, libraries and hospitals. Visit the Kansas Board of Regents online at [www.kansasregents.org](http://www.kansasregents.org).