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BOARD AWARDS “TARGETING TECHNICAL TALENT” GRANTS

8 Colleges Receive Funding To Help High School Juniors and Seniors Earn College Credit

(TOPEKA) – Today the Kansas Board of Regents announced that eight community and technical colleges will receive “Targeting Technical Talent in the High School” grants totaling \$262,780. The one-year grants will provide new opportunities for high school juniors and seniors to earn college credit in career technical coursework that may lead to an associate’s degree or a technical certificate. Grant funding was made available through Federal sources as part of the five-year Kansas State Plan for Career and Technical Education.

“These grants provide support for institutions to develop or expand learning partnerships with high schools across Kansas,” said Reginald L. Robinson, President and CEO of the Kansas Board of Regents. “Enabling high school juniors and seniors to be actively engaged in postsecondary work that leads to careers in healthcare, construction, manufacturing, and other high-demand fields is valuable for students, the local communities in which they work and study, and the state in general.”

Eleven institutions submitted 12 proposals, totaling over \$450,000 in funding requests. A review committee consisting of representatives from the Board of Regents and the Kansas Department of Commerce reviewed the proposals and made grant recommendations. Upon receiving the review committee’s work and recommendations, the Board made the following awards:

- **Barton County Community College** (Great Bend): \$24,980 to assist in establishing new partnerships with Ellinwood, Great Bend, and Lyons high schools to deliver a Certified Nurse Aid program. This five college credit hour curriculum will enable students to take the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Adult Care Home Nurse Aide examination to become a Certified Nurse Aide (CNA).
- **Coffeyville Community College** (Coffeyville): \$1,620 to assist in developing partnerships with Caney Valley, Frontenac, Girard, Parsons, and Riverton high schools to provide up to 18 college credit hours of articulated National Center for Construction Education and Research core curriculum in construction programs.
- **Dodge City Community College** (Dodge City): \$60,810 to establish six partnerships with high schools in Dodge City, Bucklin, Kinsley, Minneola, South Gray, and Fowler to offer hospitality management/food and beverage management credit coursework leading to a certificate in Hospitality Operations from the American Hotel and Lodging Educational Institute. The college-level coursework offered in the high school could also lead to an Associate of Science degree in Hospitality Management.

- **Hutchinson Community College** (Hutchinson): \$79,818 to extend partnerships in health care and fire science by supporting Certified Nurse Aide, Medical Terminology, and Emergency Medical Technical courses at Hutchinson High School.
- **Independence Community College** (Independence): \$25,600 to establish eight partnerships with Independence, Fredonia, Neodesha, Altoona Midway, Cherryvale, Elk Valley, Sedan, and West Elk high schools to offer a Manufacturing Skills Certificate. The Manufacturing Skills Certificate is recognized statewide as an industry standard for entry-level readiness into manufacturing environments.
- **Johnson County Community College** (Overland Park): \$16,958 to establish a partnership with the Olathe Unified School District 233 to deliver the Emergency Medical Science curriculum to Olathe North High Schools seniors who are students in Olathe District School's Sports Medicine and Athletic Training Program. The EMS-128 First Responder course provides training in emergency medical care for those who are likely to be the first persons responding to an emergency incident.
- **North Central Kansas Technical College** (Beloit): \$25,000 to form a partnership with the Smoky Hill Educational Service Center, which services 70 school districts in central and north central Kansas, and USD 264 Clearwater. The college will offer prerequisite nursing courses in nutrition, human growth and development, general psychology, and anatomy and physiology to high school juniors and seniors via an internet learning system.
- **Salina Area Technical College** (Salina): \$27,994 to develop partnerships with Salina Central, Salina South, Bennington, Smoky Valley, Solomon, South of Saline, Tescott, and Ell-Saline high schools to offer a Medical Assistant program to high school seniors. Up to 21 credit hours could be taken in coursework to support earning a degree and/or certificate in Medical Assisting.

Grants were available to any community or technical college that currently offers approved career and technical education programs. Priority funding consideration was given to proposals promoting partnerships in career technical education programs undergoing the state program alignment process and programs meeting regional and local workforce needs.

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