

# K-State 105

A STATEWIDE ECOSYSTEM

## K-State 105 newsletter



### A message from the director

As we celebrate [K-State Extension and Engagement Week](#), I'm reminded of the core strength that sets K-State apart: our commitment to integrating engagement across everything we do.

From supporting local businesses to advancing community development, K-State 105 is leading the charge to drive economic growth and prosperity across Kansas.

Many of our [K-State 105 projects](#) led by K-State Research and Extension highlight this mission in action, such as the [Digital Ambassador program](#) or collaborative work with [Douglas County CORE](#). Each of these programs brings us closer to building a brighter, more connected future for our state.

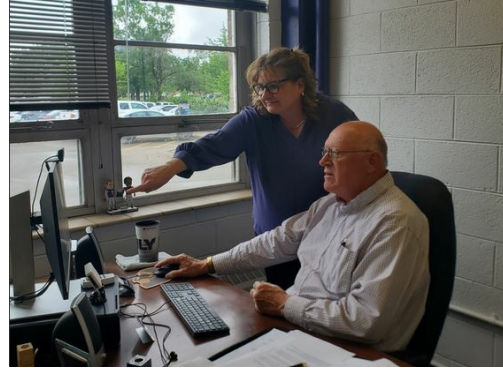
I encourage you to read on or watch our [K-State 105 video](#) to learn more about our programs and discover how you can get involved.

All the best,  
Jessica Gnad

## K-State launches effort to heighten digital literacy in Kansas

The [Digital Ambassador program](#) — a K-State Research and Extension and K-State 105 program to improve broadband access for thousands of Kansans — is being piloted in three state extension districts:

- West Plains Extension District — Scott and Finney counties.
- Central Kansas Extension District — Ottawa and Saline counties.
- River Valley Extension District — Republic, Washington, Cloud and Clay counties.



The program emphasizes helping rural and otherwise underserved people utilize internet applications in a beneficial way. It involves more than 14 partners across the state.

Read more about the Digital Ambassador program.

## K-State 105 entrepreneurship project in Douglas County advances economic growth



A K-State 105 project is boosting economic growth in Douglas County by [building an entrepreneurship ecosystem](#).

K-State Research and Extension — Douglas County is partnering with [Douglas County CORE](#) to help local entrepreneurs start and grow businesses in Douglas County. Work so far has focused on establishing quarterly programs to attract entrepreneurs, including a competition to pitch ideas and award funds to the winners as well as monthly meetings, fellowships, advisors, capital and microgrants.

Learn more about the Douglas County collaboration.

## Upcoming events

### Learn more about upcoming events from K-State 105 partners

**Kansas Rural Health Association Webinar: Introduction to K-State 105 and Extension**  
Thursday, Oct. 31 | Virtual

**Partner:** Kansas Rural Health Association and Kansas State University/K-State Research and Extension

[Learn more about this event.](#)

**First Friday e-Call: The economic impact of public trails**

Friday, Nov. 1 | Virtual

**Partner:** Kansas State University/K-State Research and Extension

[Learn more about this event.](#)

### Online grant writing workshop

Nov. 5 and 7 | Virtual

**Partner:** Kansas State University/K-State Research and Extension

[Learn more about this event.](#)

### NetWorked November Virtual Convening

Tuesday, Nov. 12 | Virtual

**Partner:** NetWork Kansas

[Learn more about this event.](#)

### First Friday e-Call: Child care innovations in Hays

Friday, Dec. 6 | Virtual

**Partner:** Kansas State University/K-State Research and Extension

[Learn more about this event.](#)

## K-State 105 in the news

### K-State partners, NetWork Kansas continue K-State 105 collaboration for statewide Kansas Entrepreneurship Challenge

Oct. 7 | Salina Post

[Read more.](#)

### Newstalk K-State Technology Development Institute

Oct. 17 | KWCH 12 News

[Watch the TV segment.](#)

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