

If this sounds like an event you think your community would like to host, first check if you're in an E-Community already, and if not, you can apply to become one. If you are not a part of an E-Community and would just like to be involved in an entrepreneurship competition, local competitions are always in need of judges, volunteers and support and encouragement. You can find more information at their website www.networkkansas.com to find out how to become an E-Community or register for these types of competitions.

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Kansas Small Business Development



Are you interested in starting your own business but have no idea how to get started? There is now an amazing opportunity for individuals who are interested in or are already apart of starting a small business.

The Kansas Small Business Development Center (Kansas SBDC) is a statewide small business advising, consulting, and training service funded by federal, state, and local partners. Funding through your tax dollars allows the Kansas SBDC to provide advising and training to businesses across the state at low or no-cost. They also provide free workshops on "How to start a business".

Washburn University is one of many universities that have a small business development center who provides no cost business consulting service and free seminars to

help northeast Kansas entrepreneurs start, develop and grow their business. If you are interested in locating a SBDC near you, check out their website at www.kansasbdc.net and explore their page for numerous opportunities offered to communities throughout Kansas.

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An Interview with Jaime Menon



The Kansas PRIDE Program receives a lot of questions about our organization and what we can do to help your community. I decided to sit down and interview my supervisor, Jaime Menon, who is the Program Coordinator for Kansas PRIDE, and ask her some basic questions about the program.

What is the main goal of the Kansas PRIDE Program?

The main goal is to assist community volunteers to make their community a better place to work and live.

How many communities are involved in the program?

There are anywhere from 65-70 each year that enroll into the Kansas PRIDE Program.

If a community wants to be in the program, what are the first steps they need to take?

They should contact the PRIDE Office at 785-532-5840 and coordinate a community a visit. They should also complete a community readiness assessment which can be obtained by our office.

What can a community do to earn money for their local projects?

The Kansas PRIDE Program has numerous funding opportunities. New communities can apply for a startup/out-of-pocket grant and more established communities with the designation of “Community of Excellence” can apply for Partners of PRIDE funding. You can also check with Kansas Department of Commerce for extra funding opportunities.

What are some examples of projects that a community could do?

Projects are as unique as the community. You can find ideas on our social media pages such as the Kansas PRIDE Facebook, Pinterest, and even our yearly Annual Review which can be found on our website <http://kansasprideprogram.k-state.edu/>.

What is Week of PRIDE?

Week of PRIDE is a community call-to-action that has replaced the traditional ‘Day of PRIDE’ and ‘PRIDE Day’. It is a state wide community improvement event in which communities work on projects that benefit the places that they work and live in. Most recently we have partnered with 4-H through 48 Hours of 4-H to assist communities with forging new partnerships, as well as provide leadership and volunteer opportunities to youth that also take pride in their communities.

Where can I find more information about the Kansas PRIDE Program?

You can find more information at our website, by calling the PRIDE Office (PRIDE@ksu.edu or at 785.532.5840) or by contacting your local regional project manager with the Kansas Department of Commerce.

What are some good way to get the community involved?

A good idea is to host a community survey and a community meeting to get the word out.

Communities are encouraged to have partnerships. For example :

The Kansas PRIDE Program is a partnership of K-State Research and Extension, the Kansas Department of

Commerce, Kansas PRIDE, Inc. and as of March of 2016, the Kansas Masons.

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Mark your Calendars for 484H!



Remember: Mark your calendars for October 8-9, 2016 – that is when 4-H Groups across Kansas will be participating in 48 Hours of 4-H (484H). Your local groups just may be looking for volunteer opportunities, so don’t hesitate to contact them to see if you can help them flesh out projects or invite them to participate projects that you might already have planned!

Events Calendar

October 8-9 - MARK YOUR CALENDARS – 484H

October 15 – Community of Excellence Applications Due

October 15 – Quarterly Reports Due