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# Quarterly Report

Q3  
2021



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#### COVER PHOTO:

The former home of Wolfe's Camera Shop will now become the home for the ASTRA Innovation Center.

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Attendees at The Forge VIP Tour: Washburn Indoor Athletic Facility were able to make connections and strengthen the partnership between Forge and Washburn University.

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Momentum 2022 focuses on five key elements to make Topeka & Shawnee County a better place to live, work, play and do business.

KEY



Develop  
Homegrown  
Talent



Create Vibrant  
& Attractive  
Places



Grow a  
Diverse  
Economy



Promote  
a Positive  
Image



Collaborate  
for a Strong  
Community



# TOPEKA & SHAWNEE COUNTY VITAL STATS

Updated 10-29-2021



## DEVELOP HOMEGROWN TALENT

### GRADUATION RATE

STATE OF KANSAS  
88.2%

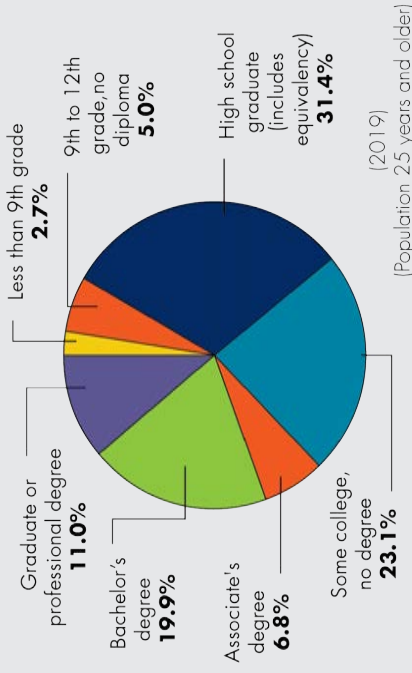
SHAWNEE COUNTY  
87.7%

Fouryear adjusted cohort formula  
(all Schools 2019-2020) (1)

### STUDENT-LEVEL METRICS (2019)



### EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT



### CERTIFICATES EARNED

1,106

(Less than a 2-year degree)  
(2020)

## CREATE VIBRANT & ATTRACTIVE PLACES

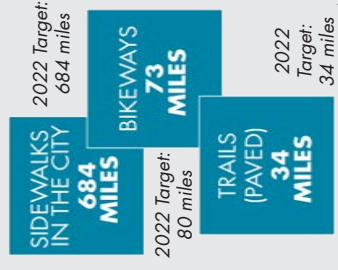


### LIVABILITY

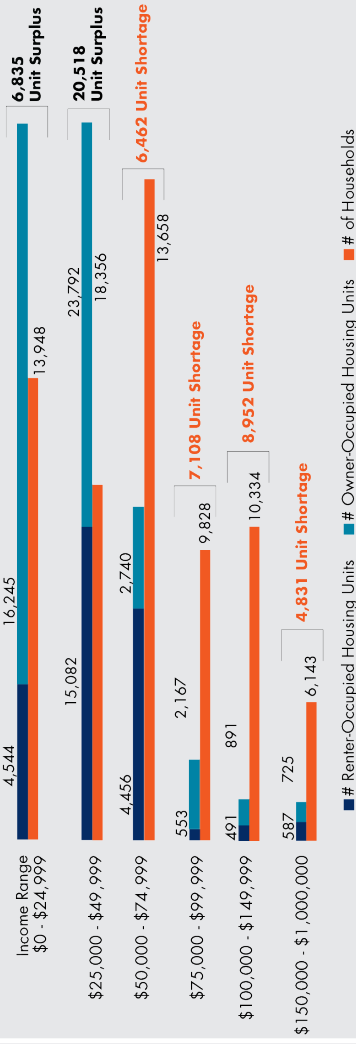
This score rates the overall livability of Shawnee County on a scale from 0 to 100. It is based on the average score of seven livability categories—housing, neighborhood, transportation, environment, health, engagement, and opportunity—which also range from 0 to 100.



### PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLINESS (2021)



### AFFORDABLE HOUSING (2019)



\*The analysis does not account for age or quality of housing units, and there is the possibility that upper income households are likely outcompeting lower income households for the same housing units.

### ATTENDANCE AT ATTRACTIONS (2020)

367,099 PEOPLE

Total attendance of the following Shawnee County Attractions:  
Tapeka Zoo, KS Children's Discovery Center, TPAC, Old Prairie Town, KS State Capitol, TCT, Sunflower Soccer, Mulvane Art Museum, Brown vs Board NHS, Evel Knievel Museum, Museum of KS Nat'l Guard, Combat Air Museum, Jayhawk Theater, Ritchie House, Great Overland Station

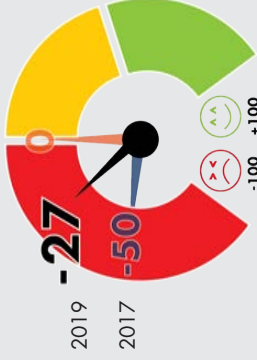
2022 Target: 750,000 people



## PROMOTE A POSITIVE IMAGE

### NET PROMOTER SCORE (NPS)

An index ranging from -100 to 100 that measures the willingness of customers to recommend a product or experience to others.



2022 Target: 0 NPS

(7)



## GROW A DIVERSE ECONOMY

### SHARE OF EMPLOYMENT AT NEW BUSINESSES

6,739 OR 8.8% PEOPLE WORK AT A NEW BUSINESS

(New business is any that has been open less than five years)(2020 Q2)

2022 Target: 7,093 people

(8)

### ANNUAL MEDIAN WAGE IN TOPEKA

\$39,290

(2020 MSA)

2022 Target: \$39,000

(6)

## GLOBAL METRICS

### GDP OF DOLLARS

\$10.5 BILLION IN 2019

\$10.655 BILLION IN 2017

Gross domestic product (GDP) is equal to the sum of personal consumption expenditures, gross private domestic investment, net exports of goods and services, and government consumption expenditures and gross investment.

2022 Target: \$11.500 GDP in billions of current dollars

(10)

### NUMBER OF PEOPLE WORKING, BUT NOT LIVING IN SHAWNEE COUNTY

39,277 OR 38.4%

2022 Target: 33%

(8)

### PER CAPITA INCOME IN SHAWNEE COUNTY

\$47,991

2022 Target: \$50,000

(10)

### STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR REDUCED LUNCHES

51.4%

(2021)

2022 Target: 48%

### POVERTY RATE IN SHAWNEE COUNTY

9.8% TOTAL POVERTY RATE

13.3% CHILD POVERTY RATE

2022 Target: 10%

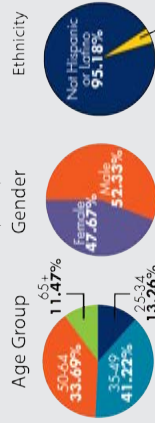
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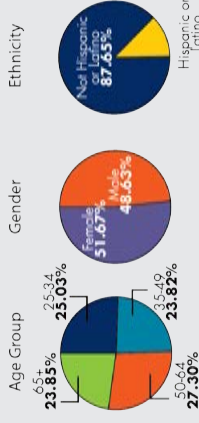
## COLLABORATE FOR STRONG COMMUNITY

### NON-PROFIT BOARD DIVERSITY

(2019)

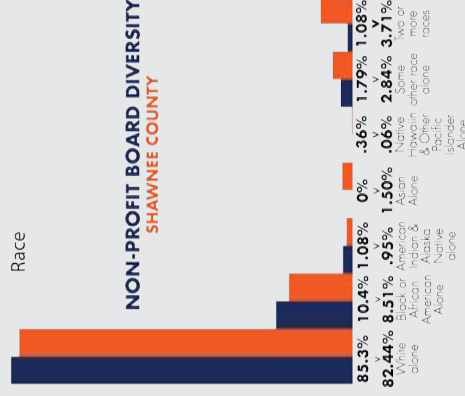


### CURRENT SHAWNEE COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS



It is intended that non-profit boards are reflective of the community as a whole. To that end, the graphs above should mirror the graphs at right.

### NON-PROFIT BOARD DIVERSITY SHAWNEE COUNTY



2022 Target: 2.7 Physical | 3.2 Mental

### INFANT MORTALITY RATE

(2021)

7.0 WITHIN 1 YEAR, PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS

(9)

### PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

(2021)

3.7 POOR PHYSICAL HEALTH DAYS  
4.2 POOR MENTAL HEALTH DAYS

Average number of physically/mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted)

### TOTAL PRIVATE JOBS

72,823

(Mar 2021)

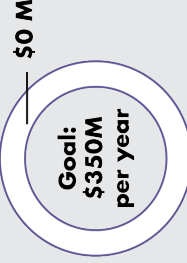
(Private = Non-Government jobs)

(5)

2022 Target: 79,000 jobs

### PRIVATE CAPITAL INVESTMENT (JANUARY 2021)

(7)



\$0 M

Capital investment is the amount of money new or current businesses spend to create, expand or improve facilities. For this report, capital investment is captured by GO Topeka during regular communications with companies or when companies work with GO Topeka to receive an incentive for an investment. The numbers are self-reported and exclude the cost of maintenance. GO Topeka makes every attempt to gather this info for all companies in Shawnee County, however some will not be captured due to lack of awareness of the investment.

2022 Target: \$350M

All metrics refer to Shawnee County unless otherwise stated. Sources: **1** Kansas State Department of Education, **2** U.S. Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year Estimates, **3** AARP Livability Index, **4** City of Topeka Planning Department, **5** Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, **6** Occupational Employment Statistics, **7** Momentum 2022 Survey, **8** U.S. Census Bureau, Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics, **9** County Health Ranking, **10** Bureau of Economic Analysis, **11** U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates

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# Business Attraction



GO Topeka works continuously to bring awareness of the business assets in Topeka and Shawnee County to site selectors and companies looking to relocate or expand. Currently, the new business attraction portfolio holds 23 active projects in various industry sectors: 11 manufacturing, six aviation, three food processing, one general office, one education/health services and one technology.

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## ACTIVE PROJECTS



**Manufacturing**

# 11



**Office**

# 1



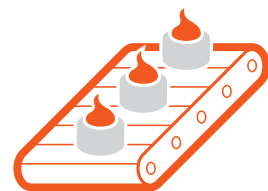
**Aviation**

# 6



**Education/Health Services**

# 1



**Food Processing**

# 3



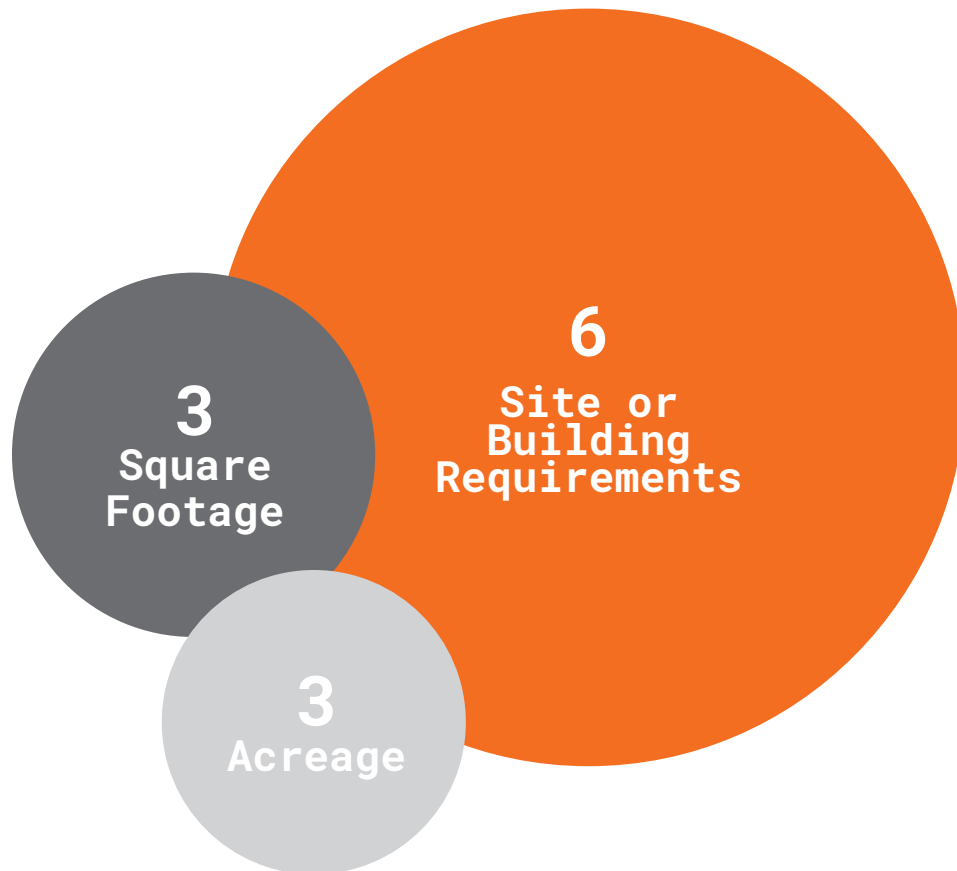
**Technology**

# 1





Some inquiries from companies interested in relocating or expanding have criteria Topeka and Shawnee County does not meet. Details around requests Go Topeka was unable to compete for are below:



## ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC REQUESTS

- 40 Minutes from airport
- Energy capacities
- Large shovel-ready tract with direct runway access
- Previously a bakery

# Business Retention & Expansion

During the 3rd quarter a survey was sent out to the human resource contacts of the largest companies here in Topeka. The goal was to get a pulse on the businesses in our community and find out what their current and/or future goals are. GO Topeka staff will use this information to inform strategies and work directly with companies to remove barriers and help ensure continued growth in our community.







## Reaccreditation as AEDO



The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) announced that GO Topeka has once again been recognized as one of the 64 economic development organizations accredited by IEDC as an Accredited Economic Development organization (AEDO). Originally accredited in February 2018, the organization was reaccredited by IEDC following three successful years of activity as an AEDO member.

GO Topeka remains the only economic organization in Kansas to receive this accreditation.

**"GO TOPEKA DISPLAYS THE PROFESSIONALISM, COMMITMENT, AND TECHNICAL EXPERTISE THAT IS DESERVING OF THIS HONOR," SAID IEDC PRESIDENT AND CEO JEFF FINKLE.**

# Small & Minority Business Development



## Small Business Incentives

THROUGH Q3 OF 2021

62

Incentives  
Issued,  
Totaling

\$441,564

LIFE OF PROGRAM

467

Incentives  
Issued,  
Totaling

\$1.99M

Some companies may have been awarded more than one incentive.

4

Q3 New  
Businesses

38

Q3 Existing  
Businesses

## Incentive Types

6

Construction

11

Marketing

4

Architecture

17

Equipment





## JEDO Small Business Grant Relief Program

The Joint Economic Development Organization (JEDO) approved the funding for JEDO Small Business Grant Relief Program. The JEDO Small Business Grant Relief Program is a grant program of GO Topeka and JEDO to provide relief to businesses suffering financial losses due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Grants range from \$5,000-\$30,000 and are dependent on the small business' employee count. The funding for the JEDO Small Business Grant Relief Program was approved in quarter one of 2021, The results below are up to date as of Q3 of 2021.

### Applications Received

91

7

INELIGIBLE

6

DID NOT  
COMPLETE

### Approved Grants

78

333

FULL TIME EMPLOYEES SUPPORTED

\$700,000

Distributed



# Kansas PTAC



(Procurement Technical Assistance Center)  
February 1, 2021 - October 22, 2021

# \$77,977,751

Total Contract Awards for KS PTAC Sub-Center Topeka <sup>1</sup>

**\$77,214,357**

Federal

**\$77,500**

State & Local

**\$685,894**

Subcontracts

**17**

CONTRACTS AWARDED  
TO SHAWNEE COUNTY  
BUSINESSES TOTALING  
\$9,603,007 <sup>2</sup>

**\$1,169**

RETURN ON INVESTMENT  
(ROI) FOR EVERY \$1  
JEDO INVESTS <sup>3</sup>

## SOCIOECONOMIC STATS ON FEDERAL CONTRACT AWARDS

94

Small Disadvantaged Business

50

Woman-Owned  
Small Business

21

HUBZone

9

Service Disabled Veteran-Owned  
Small Business

**81**

NEW CLIENTS  
81% of Goal

**495**

COUNSELING HOURS  
82% of Goal

**9**

EVENTS HELD IN SHAWNEE  
COUNTY  
113% of Goal

**203**

CONTRACT AWARDS <sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Service area covers 32 counties in NE KS

<sup>2</sup>Out of the Total Awards Amount shown above

<sup>3</sup>JEDO was requested to invest \$66,689 in the KS PTAC program for FY2021. This is the number used to calculate ROI.

<sup>4</sup>This Procurement Technical Assistance Center is funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the Defense Logistics Agency. It is funded additionally by Wichita State University, Pittsburg State University, GO Topeka, and Johnson County Community College.





# KS PTAC: TOPEKA SUBCENTER



## New Clients

Guided 53 new small businesses through the process of becoming registered to do business with the federal government.

## Counseling

Held 446 hours of one-on-one counseling sessions with existing and new small businesses.

## Events

Held eight training events covering various topics on Government Contracting.

## Upcoming Training Events

Oct. 14- Top 10 Legal Mistakes and Upcoming Changes for Government Contracting

Steve Koprince and Nicole Pottroff, Koprince McCall Pottroff LLC will present information about the complexity of government contract law outlining some of the rules that are not intuitive. The presentation will focus on items from making sure that the SAM registration is completed correctly to making sure the proper information is provided on business size. Koprince and Pottroff will also take a look at some of the proposed changes that Congress is presently considering so attendees can be watching for those changes that may affect their business as they do business with the federal government.

## Value

Assisted KS PTAC Clients across the state with obtaining a total of 167 Federal Contract Awards worth \$70.5 million. These contracts have been awarded between 2/1/21-9/27/21. Of the total of contract awards 15 contracts worth \$10 million, was specifically awarded to Shawnee County businesses.



➤ The ASTRA District will be developed as a multi-block startup and entrepreneurial hub intentionally located in downtown Topeka to take advantage of the Innovation Center, state of Kansas resources, corporate innovation partners, as well as dining and entertainment amenities.



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# Innovation & Entrepreneurship

## Innovation Campus Update:

GO Topeka has continued to collaborate and make progress on standing up the \$14.5 million innovation campus coming to downtown Topeka. It was announced in September that the campus, dubbed the ASTRA Innovation Center, would occupy the former home of Wolfe's Camera Shop, as well as multiple adjacent storefronts. We now have two renderings – one interior rendering and a rooftop rendering – to give us an idea of what the campus may look like. Those will be ready for publication soon, once a final exterior rendering is complete. GO Topeka is also working to compile marketing materials, including window wraps, that will allow the organization, in partnership with real estate development firm BioRealty, to further market and promote the downtown building. We hope to start construction early next year, with the goal of opening in 2023. The 60,000-square-foot innovation center is expected to retain retail space on the ground floor.



### Plug and Play events update:

#### OCTOBER 7

On Oct. 7, Plug and Play hosted a virtual mentor networking event to introduce 10 startups in the Topeka accelerator program's latest cohort to various resources Topeka and the region have to offer

#### OCTOBER 20

Topeka's Plug and Play team presented before the local Innovation Advisory Board and members of the GO Topeka board to report on successes of the program thus far and what's to come. The following was brought up:

Collaboration between Topeka and Plug and Play

Potentially getting involved with annual Washburn University Pitch Competition

Traveling with a Topeka group to the organization's Silicon Valley headquarters

#### NOVEMBER 10

The Plug and Play Expo Day event will be held virtually from 10 a.m. to noon and is open to the public, though registration is required. Expo Day celebrates the graduation of those startups in the most recent cohort that have successfully completed Plug and Play's three-month-long accelerator program. It is also a chance for community members to get the inside scoop on participating startups and learn more about their objectives.

## Plug and Play Selects Next 10 Startups

Plug and Play has selected the next group of 10 startups to join the 3-month program this fall. They represent a broad range of new innovation focused on areas including packaging, food safety, pet and livestock health and energy.

"Each selected startup is based on our partner's needs, so we are able to include incredible companies in a variety of areas such as B2B sales, sustainable packaging, mobility, and our animal-health vertical," says Lindsay Lebahn, program manager for the Plug and Play Topeka animal-health accelerator. Here is the lineup:

- Aegis Packaging
- Birdstop
- ISO Thrive
- Kenzen
- Lumin
- Maven
- Nanox
- Pepperi
- Sniffypet
- Tarot Analytics



# Workforce & Talent



## 2021 Q3 Workforce Data

### Total Population

**228,567**  
TOPEKA

**174,358**  
SHAWNEE COUNTY

KS 2,240,295  
US 261,615,000

### Labor Force Participation

**122,397**  
TOPEKA

**93,961**  
SHAWNEE COUNTY

KS 1,524,075  
US 161,999,000

### Employment

**116,083**  
TOPEKA

**90,089**  
SHAWNEE COUNTY

KS 1,457,417  
US 153,618,000

### Jobs

**104,914**  
TOPEKA  
▲ 0.9% FROM 2020

**93,426**  
SHAWNEE COUNTY  
▲ 1.2% FROM 2020

KS 1,326,849  
US 139,387,384

### Average Wages

**\$48,532**  
TOPEKA  
▲ 3.9% FROM 2020

**\$49,995**  
SHAWNEE COUNTY  
▲ 4.0% FROM 2020

KS \$51,720  
US \$64,921

### Labor Force Participation Rate

**53.5%** TOPEKA

**53.9%** SHAWNEE COUNTY

KS 68.03%  
US 61.92%

### Employment-Population Ratio

**50.8%** TOPEKA

**51.7%** SHAWNEE COUNTY

KS 65.05%  
US 58.72%

### Unemployment Rate

**5.2%** TOPEKA

**4.1%** SHAWNEE COUNTY

KS 4.4%  
US 5.2%

\*Total Civilian Non-institutionalized Population





# DEI Summit

## Inaugural DEI Summit

The Equity and Opportunity initiative within the Topeka Partnership hosted an inaugural virtual DEI Summit in late September. The goal of the Summit was to provide insight and education to professionals and practitioners who deal with Diversity, Equity and Inclusion daily. Nearly 100 businesses were represented at the Summit.

The Summit pulled some of the most talented and knowledgeable leaders in the field of diversity, equity and inclusion to speak. Eugene Kelly from Colgate-Palmolive, Kuma Roberts Iom from Arrowhead Consulting, Dr. Jarik Conrad from UKG, and others helped to delivered a clear message about the business case for DEI.

Jarik Conrad of UKG shared that before you can move your organization forward it is important to acknowledge your organization's faults or challenges; abate inequities by doing no further harm; atone for past offenses by being intentional about achieving diversity, equity and inclusion; augment DEI efforts by integrating diverse initiatives in all areas of your business; and constantly assess progress by reflection on results and measuring impact.

The sessions were recorded and can be found on [topekapartnership.com/dei-summit/](https://topekapartnership.com/dei-summit/)



**Eugene Kelly** is the VP, Global Diversity, Equity & Inclusion for Colgate-Palmolive, a \$15.2 billion consumer products company serving people in more than 200 countries and territories. In this role, Eugene provides leadership to the Corporation's focus on and execution of Colgate's Global Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Strategy. He actively supports its commitment to its' Managing with Respect principles and ensuring that Colgate operates with a most inclusive work environment for all people.



**Kuma Roberts Iom** is the Senior Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Consultant for Arrowhead Consulting and has over 10 years of organizational development and change management experience specializing in the business case for diversity, equity & inclusion, cultural competence, implicit bias, as well as other elements of diversity, equity and inclusion. As a graduate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Institute of Organizational Management she has spoken to hundreds of businesses, non-profits and chambers of commerce on the best practices for developing a strategic plan related to DEI.



**Dr. Jarik Conrad** is the VP of the Human Insights and Human Capital Management Advisory team at UKG, one of the world's largest and most innovative human capital management and workforce management companies. He also serves as the Executive Director of the UKG-sponsored Equity at Work Council, composed of an interdisciplinary group of HR thought-leaders and practitioners dedicated to developing evidence-based strategies to eliminate workplaces inequities.

## Events and Activities

### JULY 27

Strategies and Achievements –  
Best Practices Panel Discussion:  
Actionable Steps to Move the DEI  
Needle CEO DEI Roundtable  
(Invitation Only)

### AUGUST 24

Design or Redesign Your DEI  
Strategy Workshop

### SEPTEMBER 21

DEI Summit

### OCTOBER

Minority Students Corporate  
FAM Tour

## Seat at the Table

Launched in September 2020, A Seat at the Table has hosted 8 Seat at the Table Events and 72 participants (3-4 per group per meetings). More than 150 pre- and post-event surveys have been completed and speak to the need to continue the conversation about the importance of DE&I.



# Choose Topeka Relocation Incentive



## 2,150+

CALLS TO DATE  
(FROM CANDIDATES & EMPLOYERS)

## 7,000+

SUBMISSIONS WITH  
RESUMES OR QUESTIONS

## 650+

REMOTE WORKER  
SUBMISSIONS

## 38

EMPLOYER CANDIDATES  
ACCEPTED, EQUALING

## 23

REMOTE WORKERS  
ACCEPTED, EQUALING

## \$218,250

IN MATCHING JEDO  
FUNDS COMMITTED

## \$175,000

IN RELOCATION  
INCENTIVES

## \$393,250

IN TOTAL COMMITTED FUNDS FROM THE EMPLOYER  
MATCHING FUNDS AND REMOTE WORKER OPTIONS

## ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

## 61

CANDIDATES

## \$89K

AVERAGE SALARY

## 12x

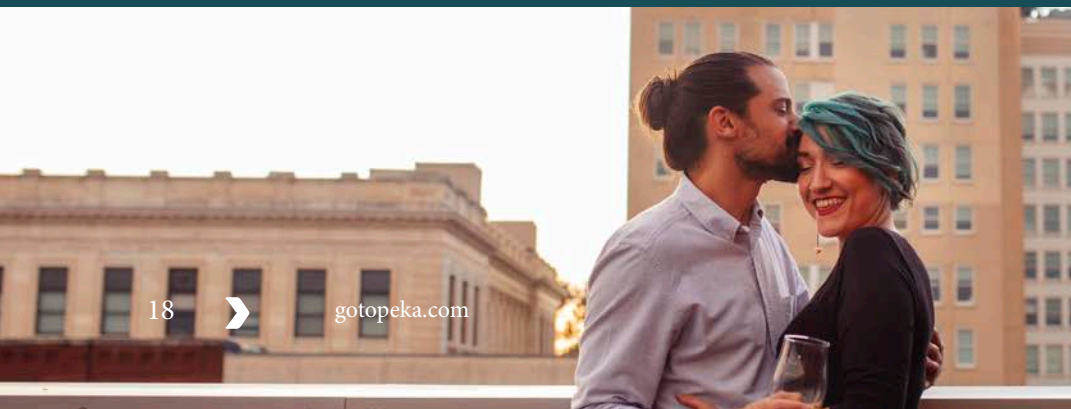
RETURN ON INVESTMENT

## \$5M

IN ECONOMIC IMPACT,  
YEAR ONE

## CHOOSE IN THE NEWS

GO Topeka uses several public relation tools and have cultivated relationships with regional and national media to help maintain brand awareness through earned media. Overall, 86+ pieces of coverage were read by approximately 4.9M people and generated over 52,000 social media shares. This totals an earned media value of \$400,000.



Building off the momentum that we built from ForgeFest, Forge's events have continued to see growth and positive engagement. The Forge VIP Tour: Washburn Indoor Athletic Facility showcased the strengthening of the partnership between Forge and Washburn University. 20+ Forge members and students received a behind the scenes tour of the state of the art facility and learned about the design, construction, funding and operations of the building. All attendees received free tickets to the Washburn Football game as a bonus offering to Forge members.

Another event put on through a collaboration of 3 different Forge Herds (committees) was the Forge Family Field Day on Saturday September 25. With the goal of highlighting Topeka's family-friendly quality of life amenities to the Forge demographic the Health, Play and Inspire Herds teamed up to host Forge members and their families at Lake Shawnee for a day filled with games, snacks, music, Kona Ice, Henna Tattoos and more. Around 50 parents and kids attended the event, they made connections and friends while enjoying one of Topeka's top attractions.

## Looking Ahead

Forge Leadership Team is in the process of nominating new Leadership team members to fill vacancies. The nomination process is currently underway and the committee is still accepting nominations. The Leadership team is also working on nominations for the diversity and inclusion oversight committee. That committee will help ensure that all voices are included, heard and respected in all aspects of the organization.





# Go Topeka Staff



CEO, Greater Topeka Partnership



President of Economic Development



Chief Equity & Opportunity Officer



SVP of Innovation



Senior Economic Advisor



Executive Director of Forge Young Talent



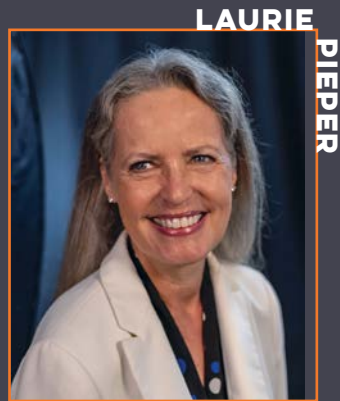
Business Development Manager



KS PTAC Subcenter Director



Director, Business & Talent Initiatives



VP, Entrepreneurship & Small Business





# Welcome Our Newest Go Topeka Staff Members

## **RHETT FLOOD** **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FORGE YOUNG TALENT**

Rhett joined the Greater Topeka Partnership in 2017 as a marketing account manager, providing direct support to GO Topeka's Business Attraction and Retention, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, and Minority & Women Business Development programs. A graduate of Wichita State University, Flood holds a degree in Integrated Marketing Communication.

"I'm thrilled to take up the helm of leadership for Forge Young Talent. Alongside our fantastic volunteer team, I will endeavor to help young talent find their community, advance their careers and develop themselves here in Topeka & Shawnee County," said Rhett Flood, executive director of Forge Young Talent.

## **TRINA GOSS** **DIRECTOR, BUSINESS & TALENT INITIATIVES**

Trina earned the Director, Business & Talent Initiatives position and proved to be the best fit for the role after many rounds of interviews and mock scenarios with a tough interview panel including two senior HR leaders from the community and a consultant we work with for GO Topeka incentive contracts. Trina stood out for her variety of relevant skills, ability and eagerness to learn, her passion for Topeka and her positive attitude!

Her professional background includes 18 years of business management and administration experience, including four years as a small business owner. Goss previously served as executive assistant to GO Topeka and the Greater Topeka Partnership since 2020.

## **LAURIE PIEPER, PH.D.** **VP, ENTREPRENEURSHIP & SMALL BUSINESS**

Laurie will manage programming designed to support entrepreneurs and innovators and support the SVP Innovation to establish and foster relationships with local, regional and national partners.

Pieper comes to GO Topeka from the Washburn University BRITE Center, where she served as Director. Prior to this she was the Assistant Director of America's Small Business Development Center at Washburn University. Pieper possesses extensive experience in small business development in addition to multiple years of experience as a university professor at Kansas State University, University of Oregon and University of California, Los Angeles. She received her B.A. at Clark University and her M.A. and Ph.D. at UCLA. Pieper received her title as a Certified Global Business Professional from NASBITE International.

# HERE. GROW. GREAT.

Positioned as an industry leader, the new GO Topeka will strive to innovate, collaborate and boldly move Topeka and Shawnee County into the future.

Great. Grows. Here.

Visit [GoTopeka.com](http://GoTopeka.com).

# 2021 Go Topeka Board of Directors

## Elected Directors

Don Beatty	Hill's Pet Nutrition
Linda Briden	Sunflower Realtors
Kevin Hahn	Tri-Source Pharma
Wade Jueneman	McElroy's Inc.
Jim Klausman	Midwest Health
Treena Mason	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas
Shane Sommars	Briggs Auto
Jacob Wamego	Prairie Band Pottawatomie Nation
Scott Anderson	HAMM Co.
Steve Anderson	University of Kansas St. Francis
Abbey Frye	Kansas Gas Service
Renita Harris	My Company, Inc.
Dr. Bob Kenagy	Stormont Vail Health
Martha Piland	MB Piland
Marsha Pope	Topeka Community Foundation
Marvin Spees	Capital City Oil
Tammy Dishman	Capitol Federal
Dan Foltz	KBS Constructors
Calla Haggard	Community Bank
Shane Hillmer	Southwest Publishing
Kurt Kuta	CoreFirst Bank & Trust
Jeff Russell	Resers Food
Daina Williams	L&J Building Maintenance

## Directors Appointed

## at Large

Diana Ramirez	Express Pros
Cassandra Taylor	HTK Architects
Doug Wolff	Security Benefit
Sarah Girard	Central National Bank
Brittany Crabtree	Topeka Collegiate
Scott Hunsicker	Kansas Financial Resources
Manny Herron	Haus Property Partners

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