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Labor Secretary Karin Brownlee recognized for JCERT leadership

Olathe — On Tuesday, April 26, Kansas Labor Secretary Karin Brownlee was acknowledged for her leadership and involvement with the Johnson County Education Research Triangle. This special recognition was presented to Secretary Brownlee as part of the opening festivities at the new Kansas State Olathe Innovation Campus.

Brownlee served on the Johnson County Education Research Triangle (JCERT) Authority as one of the original members, and was the honorary co-chair for the campaign to support the establishment of JCERT. A requirement for Authority members is to hold elected office. Brownlee could no longer serve in this capacity when she was named by Governor Brownback earlier this year to head up the Kansas Department of Labor.

"It was an honor to represent my alma mater on this board. K-State is a world leader in the specialty areas which this new campus houses. The education and research to be done here will be a tremendous asset to food safety and animal health companies in this area and beyond."

The Kansas State Olathe Innovation Campus includes the K-State Olathe International Animal Health and Food Safety Institute, and makes up one leg of the Johnson County Education and Research Triangle; along with the KU Cancer Clinical Research Center in Fairway, and the KU Edwards Campus Business, Engineering, Science and Technology Center in Overland Park.

The Kansas State Olathe Innovation Campus is located just east of K-7 on College Boulevard, and will provide tremendous opportunities for students to obtain their master's and doctorate degrees in the biosciences and biotechnologies fields; including animal health and food safety.

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