



University of Kansas

William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications

Eudora Times

Lawrence, KS

Partnership

The Eudora Times was founded in spring 2019 to create an online newspaper for a community that had been without a newspaper for 10 years. Students serve as reporters for a community of 6,500 residents.

Lead faculty

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Course name

Eudora Times has operated both outside of the classroom as a “club” and within the classroom through Advanced Reporting and Community Journalism.

Websites

[Eudora Times](#)

Collaborators

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Impacts

Students are able to provide news coverage to a rural area that may otherwise suffer from news drought. During the first three months of 2023, the Times published over 130 stories about the community, had over 48,000 page views, 101,000 post reactions/comments/shares on Facebook, and 13,192 Instagram interactions. The team won 25 reporting, multimedia and advertising awards in the 2022 Kansas Press Association contest, including 12 first-place awards.

Students

23,872 at University of Kansas

757 undergraduates in the School of Journalism and Mass Communications

4 to 15 in the partnership, per semester

Student work

The Times staff meets every Monday for newsroom meetings. Students cover beats including city hall, education, senior citizens, business, sports and features. The faculty member works with students to edit copy before it is published.

Faculty/staff

Teri Finneman works as the publisher for the Eudora Times.

Funding sources

100% donation funded. Donations go into an Endowment account. Eudora residents and journalism alumni primarily donate to the fund.