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David J. Cook, Ph.D. is a member of the University of Kansas leadership team, serving as the vice chancellor for the KU Edwards Campus in Overland Park, Kan. Cook assumed his role in April 2013. Dr. Cook is also a professor with tenure serving in faculty positions in the communication studies and the health policy and management programs.

Under Dr. Cook's leadership, the Edwards Campus will continue its 21-year history to bring the high-quality academic programs, research and public service of the University of Kansas to Greater Kansas City.

With a focus on building strong partnerships with community colleges, K-12, government and industry leaders, the campus has launched eight new degree programs, and new graduate certificates in business and international studies since Dr. Cook's short time as vice chancellor. One of Dr. Cook's most significant achievements is the addition of KU's Continuing Education division to the Edwards Campus. The integration of Continuing Education to the campus creates a regional hub for undergraduate, graduate and continuing professional development and training.

While serving as associate vice chancellor for community engagement at The University of Kansas Medical Center, Dr. Cook led a statewide infrastructure dedicated to working with communities, business partners, and regional leaders to advance the health of Kansas and beyond. Dr. Cook also served as the associate director of the Institute for Community and Public Health, an entity dedicated to developing a new School of Public Health at the University of Kansas.

Dr. Cook completed a highly selective American Council on Education Fellowship where he was mentored by the provost at the University of North Carolina Chapel-Hill.

Dr. Cook serves on several community boards including Overland Park Chamber of Commerce, United Community Services of Johnson County and KidsTLC.

A graduate of the University of Kansas, Dr. Cook holds a master's degree and doctorate in organizational communication. He completed a Bachelor of Arts from Iowa State University.

He lives in Olathe, Kan., with his wife Katie and three children, Gage, Peyton and Ella.