

## **KIOGA Energy Education Program Reaches 10,000<sup>th</sup> Kansas Student**

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Recognizing that better energy education will be of critical importance to our state, nation, and industry in meeting future energy challenges, KIOGA continues to reach out to Kansas schools through our Petroleum Professionals in the Classroom “Petro Pros” program. With over 50 industry volunteers, KIOGA has reached over **2,200** Kansas students from **59** presentations during calendar year **2009 alone!** The cumulative total number of Kansas students impacted by KIOGA classroom education programs is now over **10,000!** Since January 1, 2009, KIOGA Petro Pros presentations have been made to students in Wellington Middle School, Bethel College, Hesston College, Friends University, Kansas State University at Salina, Newton Bible School, Robinson Middle School in Topeka, Ross Elementary School in Topeka, McCarter Elementary School in Topeka, Landon Middle School in Topeka, Silver Lake Junior High School, St. Marys Grade School, WaKeeney Elementary School, Great Bend High School, Hoisington High School, and Silver Lake High School.

### **Petro Pros**

Petro Pros are trained Kansas oil and gas industry professionals who volunteer their time and effort to visit Kansas schools and educate students about the science and business aspects of the Kansas oil and gas industry. Petro Pros use rocks, fossils, drill bits, maps, and other learning tools to demonstrate how oil and gas are formed, discovered, and produced and why oil and gas is so important to our economy and way of life. By leveraging the intellectual capital of the Kansas oil and gas industry, KIOGA is able to deliver a uniquely qualified educational experience to Kansas students. Participate in the next Petro Pros training session and join the energy education effort!

“The KIOGA Petro Pros program is a worthy investment of time especially when speaking to a classroom full of curious children,” said Edward Cross, KIOGA President. “Thanks to the many industry professionals who volunteer their time and effort, the KIOGA Petro Pros Program is developing a strong presence in Kansas schools.”

### **Story of Petroleum**

KIOGA began developing an energy education program in 2001 when the KIOGA Educational Foundation was formed. KIOGA has been building the program since 2001 with phenomenal success. During 2004-2005, KIOGA developed teacher workshops, classroom presentations, and curricula designed to address energy issues teachers and educators in Kansas need to meet Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) learning standards for both science and social science. The KSDE have advocated the KIOGA energy education program for use in Kansas schools. KIOGA is providing standards-based energy education, specifically aligned to KSDE learning standards, needed for utility in Kansas schools.

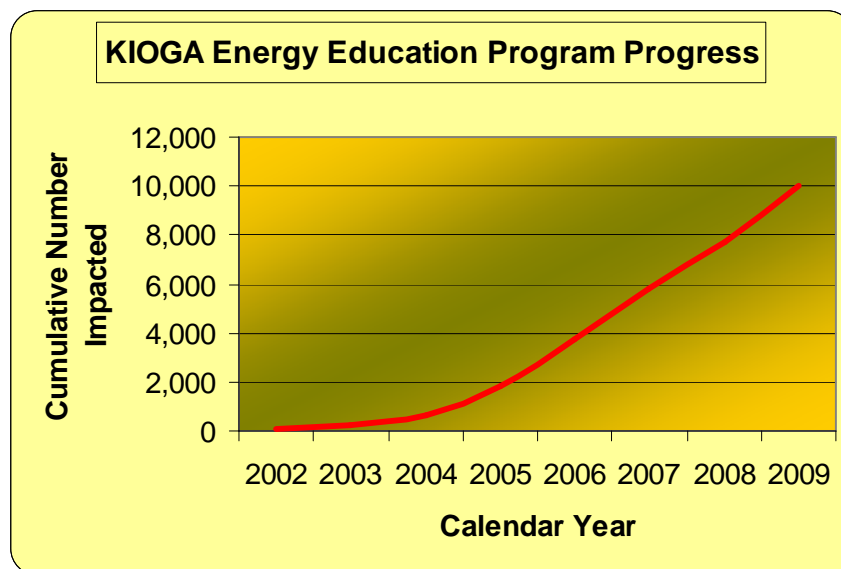
The “Story of Petroleum” education series of classroom presentations and curricula developed by KIOGA describes how oil and gas are formed, discovered, and produced in Kansas and the uses of petroleum. KIOGA developed primary and secondary curricula and lesson plans that allow

K-12 students to learn how oil and gas is found and why nearly every person uses some product from petroleum in their daily life. The curricula also details in a fun and exciting way the resolve of the Kansas oil and gas industry to protect the environment and how petroleum resources help keep our state and nation healthy and make our lives so much easier and better.

### Better Energy Education

KIOGA continues our quest to provide better energy education to all people of Kansas by producing and distributing youth-oriented media. Better energy education material is disseminated on a wide range of oil and gas and energy issues through a variety of media including brochures, booklets, posters, coloring books, CD's, VHS/DVD videos, lesson plans, and more.

KIOGA's energy education program teaches students the truth about the Kansas oil and gas industry, dispelling misconceptions about important environmental and economic issues and explaining what the Kansas oil and gas industry is doing to make the future of Kansas brighter. For the first time, thousands of Kansas students, teachers, and citizens are learning the truth about the Kansas oil and gas industry.





**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students at Silver Lake Junior High School in Silver Lake, Kansas  
Mark 10,000<sup>th</sup> Kansas Student Reached by KIOGA Energy Education Programs**



**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students at Robinson Middle School in Topeka**



**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students at St. Marys Grade School in St. Marys, Kansas**



**High School Science Students at Perry-Lecompton High School in Perry, Kansas**