



# FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE DEAN

Academic year 2017-18 is rapidly coming to a close as I write this note. Classes finish this week, graduation next week, and then into summer coursework. I am proud to say that your College has been very successful in preparing professional educators. During this year, the College of Education has been working hard on developing innovative programs to support the needs of our school partners. Dr. Haynes, our Assistant Dean, has had the opportunity to learn more about Kansas as she has traveled out to school districts to discuss partnerships and collaboration to help address the needs in the districts. COE takes pride in effectively leveraging resources to address identified needs. Examples of our efforts and reach can be found in the pages of the newsletter. While the preparation of education leaders for public schools or leadership in higher education is the core of what we do, we continue to provide unique opportunities for students in our programs and those who have completed the programs. One of these efforts is an expansion of the Tiger Teacher Nation by developing a virtual career fair to increase opportunities for students and schools to connect – every school deserves to have a Tiger and become part of the Tiger Teacher Nation. COE has also expanded its outreach in STEM education by the addition of a STEM/Maker van that is now rolling out across the state for Tiger Teachers to use in their classrooms and meet the community needs for STEM learning. During the spring, we also expanded our outreach through professional learning conferences and working with teachers in Saudi Arabia. Your College is dedicated to not just preparing educational leaders but continuing that growth throughout your career. Enjoy the sampling of what COE is doing featured in the newsletter, let us hear of your accomplishments, and, as always, feel free to contact us.

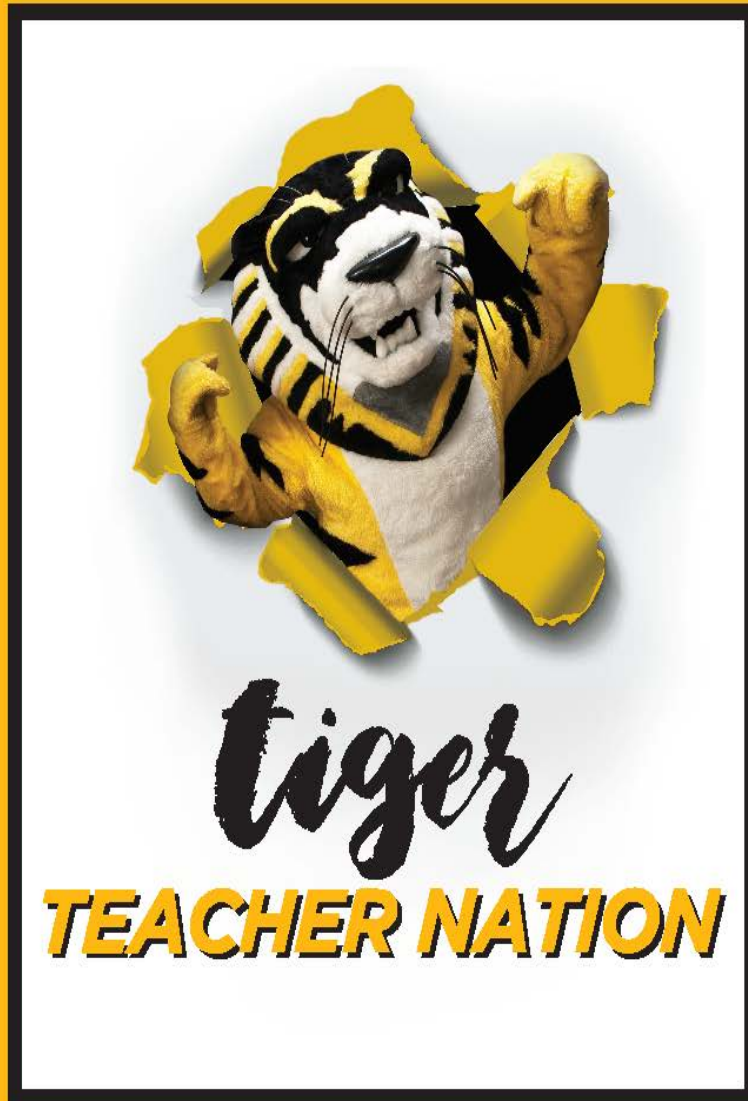
A special opportunity for you. I would like every Tiger Teacher receive a copy of our Tiger Teacher Nation poster shown in the image on the following page. If you would like to receive a full size poster (11 X 17) please send an email to Maureen Mindrup at [m\\_mindrup@fhsu.edu](mailto:m_mindrup@fhsu.edu) and a mailing address. Display your Tiger Pride!

Be safe, be well.



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## FROM THE ASSISTANT DEAN

The College of Education is well on its way to building new university and school districts partnerships. During the past two months, Dr. Haynes, Assistant Dean of the College of Education, has visited superintendents in more than 12 school districts in southwest and northwest Kansas to develop a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA's). The MOA is a co-constructed document that cites responsibilities of both the university and the school district who will mutually agree upon the following areas: communication and public relations; program development; pre-service preparation of teachers; professional development of in-service teachers; grants and research; recruitment and hiring and data sharing. The MOA includes technology-based collaborations for clinical preparation and shared responsibility for continuous improvement of teacher candidate preparation.

This collaboration between the university and school districts will help to improve teacher preparation. If your school is interested in forming a partnership with the College of Education, please contact us.



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## ADVANCED EDUCATION PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT

The Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) has approved a two-year Pilot Apprentice License program to begin in the fall of 2018 for High Incidence Special Education. Eligible participants will hold a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college, have been a Special Education Para-Professional for at least a year and be recommended by their employing school. The Advanced Education Programs Department High Incidence Special Education Program looks forward to working with candidates in this pilot program to provide the skills and abilities required to effectively teach K-12 students in High Incidence Special Education Programs.

Dr. Jacqueline Lubin, Assistant Professor in the Special Education Program will be presenting at the Council for Exceptional Children Division of International Special Education and Services Conference in Cape Town, South Africa in July of 2018. Dr. Lubin will be discussing evidence-based culturally and linguistically responsive practices that may be incorporated in K-12 classrooms to assist culturally and linguistically diverse students attain greater success.

Dr. Betsy Crawford and Dr. Elodie Jones, Assistant professors in the Advanced Education Programs Department will be leading a group of students to the Costa Rican Language Academy in San Jose, Costa Rica in June of 2018. Drs. Crawford and Jones and selected FHSU students will be conducting research regarding the intercultural effectiveness of short-term programs. The research conducted by this program will utilize the collection of pre and post surveys and student blogs/journals to better understand intercultural adaptability within short-term study abroad programs.

The Olliff Family Educational Symposium was held on April 5, 2018. This year's theme was "K-12 Mental Health: Caring for Students, Faculty and Staff." The symposium was attended by approximately 150 Kansas K-12 educators, FHSU Faculty and FHSU students. Dr. Bernard Franklin was the Keynote presenter. Dr. Randy Watson, Kansas Commissioner of Education also presented during the lunch break.



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## TEACHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The Teacher Education (TE) Department at FHSU continues to prepare quality teachers through on-campus and virtual programs, which has enabled our department to reach students within the state of Kansas and throughout the country. As we started the spring 2018 semester, the total enrollment among on-campus and virtual students was 944, which was an overall increase of 7% from the spring of 2017.

Our growth and success is related to the hard work and dedication of the excellent faculty and staff who are committed to student success and retention. During the spring 2018 semester, each member of the TE Department participated in Student Recognition Programs held throughout Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado. These programs are unique to FHSU and enable our faculty to personally award future Tigers well-deserved scholarships while meeting with families and answering questions.

Teacher Education continues to meet the staffing needs of Kansas schools through innovative initiatives. The Para Pathway Program enables para-educators the opportunity to maintain their employment and pursue their elementary education degree online while providing scholarship support from a Kansas Board of Regents' grant. The Scholarship Program, In Place, under the direction of Dr. Teresa Woods, is in its second year and continues to attract students throughout the state.

We are also proud to announce a new initiative, "Fort Hays to Home", which will work with school districts in Kansas to identify potential students who, after completing their education degree at FHSU, can return to their home district and provide service as a quality educator. We look forward to announcing additional details as they become available.

The Teacher Education Department continues to benefit from the generous support provided through the FHSU Foundation. In January, we received a \$120,000 gift from the L. Eileen Broberg estate, honoring her late sister, Hazel Broberg, who was a FHSU graduate and elementary teacher. In addition, we continue to receive valued support from alumni within Kansas and throughout the country. During the spring 2018 semester, all student teachers will once again be eligible for the Teacher Certification Scholarship, which offsets the cost of the Kansas Performance Teaching Portfolio (KPTP), a requirement for teacher licensure in Kansas. Currently, all full-time faculty within the department contribute to the Teacher Certification Scholarship fund through payroll deductions.



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## OFFICE OF FIELD EXPERIENCES AND LICENSURE

Office of Field Experiences and Career Services teamed up to implement the first ever online teacher career fair on March 5 -- Tiger Teacher Nation Employment and Education Virtual Fair. Karen McCullough, Director of Career Services, Shawn Henderson, Director of Field Experiences, and Kerry Schuckman, Licensure Officer, developed the online teacher career fair as a way to reach online students and far-reaching districts. "Our goal was to create an experience to connect our students with potential employers," Henderson said. "We wanted to try something new and try something different, so those connections can be made." McCullough researched companies and found a good fit with CareerEco, a Georgia company that plans and coordinates virtual career fairs. CareerEco provided technical support for the fair to connect job-seekers and students to school employers.

Sixty-seven school districts participated in the Fair, more than twice the participation of thirty-two of a year ago at the on-campus teacher education fair. Nearly 225 job-seekers registered for the Tiger Teacher Nation event. Henderson shared, "School districts are getting more aggressive in recruiting for open positions and I feel they are appreciative of anything that can be one more tool in their recruiting toolbelt that also saves them time." Henderson encouraged current student teachers to join in, even if they already had accepted jobs, as a way to keep making professional connections and to be aware of the supply and demand for teaching positions in the state.

"We heard from faculty and staff that with our large number of virtual students, new ways to connect online students to employers should be explored," McCullough said. "Hosting the virtual fairs this spring is a step toward supporting online students in helping them reach their career destinations."



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## WELCOME TO NEW STAFF IN THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

**Sarah Patterson** joined the Office of Field Experiences and Licensure as Senior Administrative Assistant on February 11th. Sarah is a resident of Hays and graduated from FHSU in 2007 with a degree in Business Management and a second degree in Organizational Leadership. In 2011, she graduated from FHSU with her MBA. She and her husband have a little boy, Finley who just turned 1 year old. Sarah also enjoys running and has a goal to run a marathon in all 50 states. Currently she has run 42 marathons in 31 states. Sarah is a true Tiger and very excited to be here! Please take a moment to welcome her.



**Kristi Cranwell** joined our Science and Mathematics Education Institute (SMEI) group as our Science Outreach Coordinator early this semester. In her position as Science Outreach Coordinator, she maintains the STEM Makerspace Van with presentations, provides tours and science demonstrations to students in outlying area schools in western Kansas. Kristi has spent most of her career working with 4-H youth through the Kansas State Extension and Cornell Cooperative Extension while also teaching as an adjunct



in agricultural courses at various colleges. In addition, she has a BS in Agribusiness and a MS in Ag Leadership, Education and Extension. Kristi is married, and she and her husband have five daughters. She has spent 11 years in New York but loves being back in Kansas closer to family. Please take a moment to welcome her to FHSU.

## FACULTY AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS/HAPPENINGS

### KATS KAMP 2018

Dr. Paul Adams attended the KATS KAMP 2018 held at the Rock Springs Conference Center in Junction City, KS April 20-22, 2018. The theme was *"Never Science Alone."* Adams presented as part of a panel on the theme, *"Never Science Alone."*

Dr. Paul Adams, Dean College of Education, attended the Association of Science Teacher Educators (ASTE) in Baltimore. He had two presentations. "National Survey on the Preparation of Preservice Teachers," and "Preparing Preservice Teachers for 3D Learning to Support the Framework for Science Education." Adams also serves on the ASTE Board representing the National Science Teachers Association.

### Our Tiger Tots Hard at Work!



### Kansas Teacher of the Year Team Visits FHSU

Fort Hays State University and the College of Education hosted the Kansas Teacher of the Year team on Tuesday, February 27. The visit was coordinated by Dr. Janet Stramel. The 2018 Kansas Teacher of the Year, Samantha Neill, and Regional Teachers of the Year Jamie Manhart, Megan Nagel, Angie Powers, Sarah VenJohn, and Brad Weaver presented to faculty and students who are majoring in education.

The team said teachers must reach the whole child, both socially and emotionally – not just teach content. They encouraged FHSU pre-service teachers to serve as an advocate for students, work with business and community leaders, and use technology to connect with educators all over the world.

The Kansas Teacher of the Year program, sponsored by the Kansas State Department of Education, identifies, recognizes and utilizes representatives of excellent teaching in the elementary and secondary classrooms of the state. The mission of the Kansas Teacher of the Year program is to build and utilize a network of exemplary teachers who are leaders in the improvement of schools, student performance and the teaching profession. The Kansas Teacher of the Year and state finalists serve as ambassadors for education in Kansas.

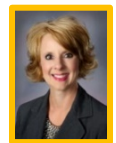


**KSDE FHSU Joint NGSS Workshop** -- The College of Education at Fort Hays State University recently conducted a workshop in conjunction with the Kansas Department of Education at the Sternberg Museum of Natural History. The Workshop was led by both Dr. Gary Anderson, FHSU Assistant Professor in the Advanced Education Programs Department, and Lizette Burkes, Science Education Consultant for KSDE.



"A Deeper Dive into the Three Dimensions of the NGSS" was designed to give professionals a look at the Next Generation Science Standards and some of the most advanced work that is used by teachers to guide their teaching. The workshop provided approximately 60 teachers with a full day of exploring and applying the NGSS framework of disciplinary core ideas, practices of science and engineering and cross cutting concepts to teaching science.

**Congratulations Dr. Sarah Broman** on receiving her doctorate degree. Sarah Broman, Instructor, Teacher Education, successfully defended her dissertation at Kansas State University. She has earned a PhD in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in Reading. Great job, Dr. Broman!! We are fortunate to have you on our staff. Please join us in congratulating Sarah on her accomplishment.



**Outreach to Teachers in Saudi Arabia** -- Dr. Gary Andersen, Assistant Professor in the Advanced Education Programs (AEP) department at FHSU has been providing monthly professional development for over 50 teachers in Saudi Arabia on



the topic of creating cultures of thinking in classrooms without ever leaving his home. Because of a 9-hour difference in the time zones, Dr. Andersen rises at 3:30 AM one Saturday a month and uses the FHSU Zoom video conferencing tools to conduct the sessions with several locations in Saudi Arabia. Sessions have been conducted since September of 2017 and will continue through May 2018. The professional development is at the request of the Association of Professional Educators Abroad (APEA) and FHSU graduate student, Raynor Roberts, who currently teaches in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The sessions are inspired from a book by Dr. Ron Ritchhart of Harvard University, *Creating Cultures of Thinking: The 8 Forces We Must Master to Truly Transform Our Schools*. Each session consists of an introductory screencast presentation followed by a discussion using

Zoom and the web-based classroom app Socrative. Participants discuss questions such as "Talk about some ways that you have invested time up front to make time for richer thinking by students later." or "Think about how you might become more aware of language in the classroom. Think about and share a specific way that you intentionally show a clear alignment between intention and word choice that helps nurture a culture of thinking in your classroom." The response of the Saudi teacher participants has been very positive and they have expressed appreciation for the opportunity to engage in rich dialog about good teaching and learning.

**Interview with Eagle Communications** -- Congratulations to Teresa Woods, who was recently interviewed by Mike Cooper of Communications at Eagle Communications. Dr. Woods discussed the highlights of the Teacher Education program. Additionally, she also talked about her presentation she did at the recent Association for Science Teacher Education (ASTE) Conference held in Baltimore, MD. If you would like to hear the interview in its entirety, please access the following link:

<https://www.hayspost.com/2018/01/29/community-connection-teresa-woods-steven-tam/>



**Congratulations Dr. Janet Stramel:** Associate Professor in Teacher Education as she began her term as President of the Kansas Association of Colleges for Teacher Educators. She also was recently appointed as the President-Elect of the Kansas Association of Teachers of Mathematics. In addition, she was selected to present "Integrating the Eight Standards for Mathematical Practice into Your Daily Lessons," – a two-part online presentation for AbleNet, which provides free live and recorded webinars for current teachers. She also presented "SMP 4 – Modeling with Mathematics" at the Kansas Association of Teachers of Mathematics annual conference in the fall of 2017.



**Dr. Chris Jochum, Chair and Associate Professor of Teacher Education and Mr. Shawn Henderson, Director of Field Experiences:** Presented "Developing and Sustaining Positive Relationships through Stakeholder Engagement" at the Academic Chairpersons Conference in February.

**NSTA National Conference in Atlanta** -- Dr. Paul Adams and students – Katie Ellegood, Hutchinson; Ashley Strathman, Hill City; Raquel Tomsic, Goodland; Emalee Ratliff, Holcomb; and, Breanna Meier, Lincoln– attended the National Science Teachers' Association National Conference in Atlanta, GA. March 15<sup>th</sup> through March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Adams presented at the meeting during the NSTA distinguished teachers' share-a-thon. Adams is a member of the NSTA Board serving as the preservice teacher division director, [www.fhsu.edu/noyce](http://www.fhsu.edu/noyce). Each of the students that attended are part of the FHSU/Noyce scholar program that is partially supported through a National Science Foundation to provide scholarships to support preservice science and mathematics teachers for rural schools.



**Congratulations:** To the FHSU Transition to Teaching Educator, Heidi Albin, who won the very prestigious \$25,000 Milken Educator award in November. She was one of only 45 honorees across the nation receiving this award for 2017-2018. She is a biology teacher at Complete High School in Maize, KS. Previously, Albin received the Kansas Horizon Award for first year teachers in 2011. She completed the Transition to Teaching program through FHSU in 2013.



**KEEN STATE CONFERENCE, TOPEKA, KS** -- Congratulations to our Teachers of Promise, Samantha Villerreal and Laura Leonard, who were selected to attend and participate in the 2018 KEEN Conference in Topeka. During this conference, Teachers of Promise have the opportunity to learn from top professional educators who are engaged in innovative practices, participate in a community conversation focused on how teachers must be involved in leading the Board's vision for Kansas education, and to be recognized during an Awards Luncheon. Also attending this conference was Dr. Jerri Haynes, Assistant Dean and Sue Boldra, Instructor in Teacher Education. Please join us in congratulating our Teachers of Promise.

If you know of any Tiger Teachers that deserve recognition, please contact the College of Education so they can be featured in our next newsletter! Please contact Maureen Mindrup at [m\\_mindrup@fhsu.edu](mailto:m_mindrup@fhsu.edu) or 785-628-5866.





***Congratulations and Best Wishes to our Retirees: Dr. James Barrett and Sherry Spangler.  
Thank you very much for your contributions and years of service. You will be missed!***

## NOYCE SCHOLARSHIP GRANT EXPANDS PROGRAM AT FHSU INTO 2023



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HAYS, Kan. – Scholarships for the Noyce Teacher Leader program at Fort Hays State University have been granted an additional \$1.45 million from the National Science Foundation to extend the program into the spring of 2023. The award will support eight \$13,000 scholarships for future mathematics or science teachers each year.

Combined with the grant awarded in 2012, the Noyce funding for FHSU totals almost \$2.7 million to provide scholarships for junior or senior education students majoring in a science or mathematics field.

“This is a great award for expanding STEM educator scholarships,” said Dr. Paul Adams, Dean of the College of Education at Fort Hays State. “In addition, the award will assist in recruiting students from community colleges who aspire to a career in science or mathematics teaching.”

Adams noted that FHSU’s Noyce program also has funding to provide scholarships for students transferring from community colleges in Barton County, Colby, Dodge City, Garden City and Seward County.

The ultimate aim of the program, said Adams, is to expand the workforce in the STEM fields – science, technology, engineering and mathematics – by training teachers of science and mathematics for middle and high schools.

Funding for the program comes through the NSF from the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program, created by the family of Noyce, who was a co-founder of Intel.

At FHSU, the program also funds a variable number of Noyce Summer Scholars for the university’s Science and Mathematics Education Institute. The scholars receive a stipend of \$550 per week for five weeks to work in summer programs for area youth – summer camps for math and science in various contexts.

Directors of FHSU’s Noyce Program are Adams; Dr. Gavin Buffington, chair of the Department of Physics; Dr. Janet Stramel, associate professor of teacher education; and Dr. Bill Weber, assistant professor of mathematics.

Information on the Fort Hays State Noyce Teacher Leader program, including links to application and reference forms, can be found at [www.fhsu.edu/smei/noyce/](http://www.fhsu.edu/smei/noyce/).



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2018 COLLEGE OF EDUCATION GRADUATES WHO WERE HONORED DURING A SPECIAL CEREMONY FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2018. BEST WISHES TO YOU IN YOUR TEACHING CAREER!**