

## **February 2022**

### **Abby Kennemer**

Abby Kennemer, a senior from Hays, Kansas, is one of our February Students of the Month. She is working towards a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership and a Minor in Psychology. Abby chose Leadership Studies because Dr. Seth Kastle spoke about the Leadership Studies Certificate in a gen ed course. Abby's favorite class has been LDRS 670 Leadership and Personal Development with Dr. Donnette Noble. Abby plays the trumpet in the Tiger Marching Band, Tiger Pep Band, FHSU Jazz I, FHSU Symphonic Winds, and FHSU Wind Ensemble and is the Trumpet Section Leader for the Tiger Marching Band. Congratulations, Abby!

### **Niassa HarrisWazoua**

Niassa Harris Wazoua, a West Palm Beach, Florida junior, is our February Student of the Month. She is working towards a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership. Niassa chose Leadership studies after having the privilege of being a student research assistant that focused on the lived experiences of women leaders who identify as BIPOC. During her research, Niassa was inspired by the different women leaders she had learned about and wanted to join their ranks. Niassa's favorite class has been LDRS 310 because it has given her a platform to develop her service-learning project. Niassa is involved in the Fort Hays Honor Society and the Black Student Union. Outside of school, Niassa enjoys baking, dancing, and being a mom of two. Congratulations, Niassa!

### **Trisha Sylvester**

Trisha Sylvester, a master's student from Washington, Utah, is our February Student of the Month. She is in her second year of pursuing a Master of Professional Studies: in Organizational Leadership. Trisha got involved with the Department of Leadership Studies after a conversation with Dr. Brent Goertzen. She chose the program because it focused on the HUMAN side of an organization and provided her with opportunities to engage with others through the field of leadership. Trisha's favorite classes have been LDRS 801 and LDRS 802 because they have given her a solid foundation for everything she has been exposed to in leadership studies. She has been involved in the FHSU virtual senate and is active in her church and local high school. Trisha enjoys cooking, working in her yard, going to car shows, and spending time with her furry friends Sophie, a Silky Terrier, and Ace, a teacup Yorkie. Congratulations, Trisha!

## **March 2022**

### **Slater Heglin**

Slater Heglin is one of our March 2022 Students of The Month. Slater is a junior from Ulysses, KS, and is majoring in Business Education with a Concentration in Talent Development. Slater is also receiving certificates in Leadership Studies, Human Resource Management, Business Management, Banking and Marketing. He is involved in FHSU Society for Human Resource Management, FHSU Foundation & Alumni Association Tigers Forever, Circle K, Collegiate 4-H and Encounter. Slater has always had a passion for servant-leadership. Through his passion, he wanted to learn more about leadership in general. Slater's favorite class has been LDRS 300 because it provided him with an overview of leadership. Slater's hobbies include singing at various events with his family. Congratulations, Slater!

### **Katrina Barragree**

Congratulations, Katrina!

### **Neshanne Dean**

Neshanne Dean is one of our Students of the Month from Portland, Oregon. Neshanne is a senior working to obtain her Bachelor of General Studies degree with a concentration in education and Human Resources and a Certificate in Leadership Studies. Neshanne is involved with multiple organizations within the Air Force, including the Top Three Organization in her squadron that helps build leadership skills and provides mentorship to lower ranks. She enjoys signing up for half marathons around the world, including running in Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, England, Ireland, and her next race will be in Chicago. Neshanne also enjoys reading, specifically fantasy or sci-fi. Neshanne's favorite Leadership class has been LDRS 310 Field Work in Leadership Studies because she has been able to implement the leadership and behavioral theories she has learned in the previous courses in a project that benefits her community. Congratulations, Neshanne!

### **Henry McVeigh**

Congratulations, Henry!

## **April 2022**

### **James Budge**

James Budge is one of our April Students of the Month. James is a junior from Haven, Kansas, majoring in Marketing with a minor in Music and working towards a Certificate in Leadership Studies. James has been involved with Marching Band, Pep Band, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Winds, Jazz Ensemble I, Low Brass Ensemble, and the Honors College. Outside of school, James enjoys working on cars and riding his motorcycle. James said his favorite leadership course has been LDRS 300 Intro to Leadership Concepts because “it changed my perspective on leadership, showing that it is a process constantly being more thoroughly understood.” Congratulations, James!

### **Seth Dewey**

Congratulations, Seth!

### **Yilin (Evelyn) Wang**

Congratulations, Yilin (Evelyn)!

## **September 2022**

### **Annzia Howard**

Annzia Howard is an on-campus freshman pursuing a degree in Music Performance-sound programming. Annzia became interested in leadership studies because it is a trait she could take anywhere, no matter what she chooses. Annzia enjoys her Discovering Leadership course because of the conversations she gets to have with many students from different walks of life. These conversations allow her to see concepts from many different perspectives other than her own.

Annzia is involved in the Black Student Union and FHSU's Jazzband. Outside school, she enjoys painting, writing songs and poetry, hanging out with friends and family, and learning new skills. Congratulations, Annzia!

### **Shawna Sheaman**

Shawna Sheaman is a virtual senior graduating with her Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership this fall. Shawna is an adult learner, returning to college nearly 30 years after starting her journey at Kansas State University. Her son, who recently graduated from Colorado State University, inspired her to return to school part-time in 2018. In 2020, after facing unemployment caused by the pandemic, Shawna decided to return to school full-time. Shawna has held many leadership roles in the last 30 years. She discovered that she loves leading others, creating lasting relationships, and learning something new daily. What Shawna loved most about her Leadership courses were the Blackboard conversations that provided insight into different corporate cultures' challenges, unique approaches, and exciting outcomes. Shawna also enjoys her leadership professors because of their supportive, encouraging nature and dedication to teaching.

In her community, Shawna has volunteered at Presbyterian St. Luke's oncology floor, Habitat for Humanity- Denver, Missions Ministry, Extreme Community Makeover, and the local grade school as a reading tutor. Shawna's hobbies include trail riding on dirt bikes, gardening, watching movies, cooking, camping, and any time outdoors. Congratulations, Shawna, we are so proud of you!

### **Yifei (Warden) Huang**

Congratulations, Yifei!

**October 2022**

**Tarah Stockebrand**

Tarah Stockbrand is a junior from Chanute, KS majoring in Organizational Leadership. Tarah chose Organizational Leadership because she is passionate about working with communities and is excited about the civil leadership opportunities and the skills she will learn. Her favorite part about Leadership Studies classes is her interactions with her classmates and instructors. On campus, Tarah is involved in Christian Challenge. Tarah enjoys music and making art with watercolors and ink. Congratulations, Tarah!

**Christina Linn**

Christina (Chrissy) Linn is a senior majoring in General Studies-General Business and Leadership. Chrissy's favorite class so far has been Leadership and Personal Development because it has given her a chance to self-reflect on who she is as a leader and a follower. Chrissy would like to be someone who inspires others, and taking Leadership, and Personal Development has helped her in that journey. After finishing school, Chrissy would like to work with the youth in her community and be an influential guide and supporter. Outside school, Chrissy enjoys traveling, fishing, crafts, scrapbooking, junk journaling, crocheting, quilting, baking, and gardening. Congratulations, Christina!

**Christina Haselhorst**

Christina Haselhorst is a 2nd-year master's student from Dodge City studying Organizational Leadership. Christina was drawn to the MPS program because she wanted an outlet for improving her leadership skills and professional development and growing her understanding of the unique challenges of organizations. Christina has enjoyed all her Leadership classes because they provide new insights into the leadership process, theories, and ideas she had never thought of before enrolling. Christina is a Director of Foundation and Community Relations at Dodge City Community College. Christina is involved in the Miss Kansas Organization, New Chance, Inc. Board of Directors, and The Ford County Historical Society. She performs as Miss Kitty at the Boot Hill Museum. Christina enjoys gardening, vacationing, meditation, decorating, and spending time with her three children and husband outside school and work. Congratulations, Christina!

**Miaomiao Mia Ding**

Congratulations, Mia!

**November 2022**

**August Nilsson**

Congratulations, August!

**Elizabeth Sutherland**

Elizabeth is a junior from Mulvane, KS, majoring in Leadership Studies and minoring in Sociology. Elizabeth chose the Leadership Studies department because she enjoys learning about leadership and its career opportunities. Elizabeth's favorite class has been Women in Leadership. She loves this class because it eye-opening the realities of women in leadership positions. At Fort Hays, Elizabeth is a student ambassador and is involved in the Society for Human Resource Management. Her hobbies include working on art projects and spending time with friends and family. Congratulations, Elizabeth!

**Elizabeth Traut**

Elizabeth is a senior from Wichita, KS majoring in General Studies with a concentration in Organizational Leadership. Elizabeth returned to school to finish her degree and apply what she learned in class to her career. Her favorite class would be Leadership and Personal Development because she uses the tactics she learned from class and applies them to the real world. As an online student, Elizabeth does not get to participate in FHSU activities, but that doesn't stop her. She is involved with Junior Achievement and teaches sessions in several elementary school classrooms. When Elizabeth is not volunteering, she makes cupcakes for her friends and family. Congratulations, Elizabeth!

**Curtis Lindsey**

Congratulations, Curtis!