



# FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY



## FHSU soccer gets a national spotlight

The FHSU men's soccer team traveled to Pittsburgh, Pa., to compete for a national championship in the program's eighth year of existence. The Tigers qualified for the NCAA Division II championship week by winning a quarterfinal match on their home field on Nov. 17.



Their season ended with a semi-final loss – on penalty kicks – to the eventual national champion Barry Buccaneers.

The Tigers end their historic season at 17-2-2 overall. Still, a record that included a 14-match winning streak and a trip to the quadrennial NCAA Division II National Championships Festival made it a memorable season.

Tiger Coach Brett Parker and the Tigers got the program's 100th win in the quarter-final match that won them a trip to Pittsburgh, and the coaching staff was named the Region Coaching Staff of the Year by the MIAA. For Parker, it was the second consecutive year as Coach of the Year.

The team's star forward, junior Santiago Agudelo, was the national Player of the Year and the region. He was also the top scorer in all of NCAA II with 26 goals, even though he missed the finals with torn tendons in an ankle, suffered in the quarter-final victory.

Two teammates, Luis Torress and Fernando Pina, earned All-America recognition.

## Wichita student at FHSU receives national conservancy award

Justin Roemer, a Fort Hays State University graduate student from Wichita, was recently awarded the Lance Hedges Conservation Award, named in memory of the former director of conservation for The Nature Conservancy.

The Nature Conservancy is a world-wide organization dedicated to protecting the Earth by conserving the lands and waters on which all life depends. By creating on-the-ground and innovative solutions, the Nature Conservancy helps nature and individuals to thrive together.

"Lance was the driving force behind us establishing our intern program," said TNC director Rob Manes in an article from The Nature Conservancy.

"He recognized that growing the next generation of conservation professionals was a task equal to our current on-the-ground conservation work," he said.

Roemer, a second-year graduate student studying wildlife biology at FHSU, received the award in October 2018 for his passion in conservation.



The scholarship is only available to interns and other student employees of The Conservancy in Kansas.



## Great Bend student gets internship in Disney World

Macy Moyers, a junior majoring in biology, received a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity in March 2018 when she was notified of her acceptance into the Disney College Program at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

"I am beyond lucky to have this opportunity," said Moyers. "I am glad that I have the opportunity to go beyond the usual type of learning experience and learn and work in a place that I would never be able to experience otherwise."

Moyers, from Great Bend, began her internship in May 2018. It will end in January. The program provides participants the opportunity to live, earn and learn while at Disney.

Moyers, on track to graduate in May 2020, is a full-time FHSU virtual student while working her internship. She is seeking a Bachelor of Science in biology with a concentration in health professions and plans to attend dental school after she graduates.

"My experience has been great," she said. "I have always wanted to work for Disney and be part of the magic that guests experience."

"This internship has allowed me to acquire useful on-the-job experiences while working with one of the most reputable companies in the world," said Moyers.

## FHSU signs articulation agreement with Cloud County Community College

Fort Hays State University President Tisa Mason signed an articulation agreement on Dec. 4 with Cloud County Community College, Concordia. The agreement covers 19 degree programs, some with multiple concentrations.

Cloud County was the seventh community or technical college to sign an agreement with FHSU this year.

The articulation agreement means that the credits students earn from gaining an associate degree from Cloud County will transfer to Fort Hays State, where they will count toward the course work for a bachelor's degree.

In the degree programs covered by the agreement, students will be able to know with certainty what courses transfer and can begin degree planning with counselors in Cloud County. Then, when they transfer to Fort Hays State, they can integrate smoothly into a bachelor's degree program.



### Did you know?

- This year's Fred P. Ruda Teaming Up for Tots Day was the 29th year that the Department of Applied Technology at FHSU has hosted volunteers to assemble wooden toys for children aged 2 to 6. This year's Ruda Day produced about 200 piggy banks on wheels.
- Fort Hays State has announced that the Friday Commencement in spring 2019 will be changed, in response to audience feedback, to a morning event to take advantage of cooler temperatures.
- The FHSU Virtual College received four No. 1 rankings this fall for affordability and quality: a BGS in sustainability; the M.A. in history; an MLS in art and the MBA in internet marketing.
- Dr. Jerri Haynes, assistant dean of the College of Education, and Dr. Brooke Moore, interim chair of the Department of Advanced Education Programs, have been awarded a \$75,000 grant to create online professional development training for Kansas teachers.



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