



FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY



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President's Comments



"There is no place like home." I spoke that from my heart when I was announced as the 10th president of Fort Hays State University. I have a strong affinity for Fort Hays State University and the community. Home isn't just where you live. It is where the heart dwells, where we feel our best. It is a safe place, where I feel free to be myself, to live and lead authentically.

Home is also about relationships with people in an atmosphere of being part of something truly wonderful — people I trust, valued colleagues who care deeply about students and serve with a spirit of positive restlessness, people who are always evolving and innovating in ways that matter.

FHSU's leadership team has synergy and vision, the faculty thrive on excellence and engagement with students, and the staff removes barriers to student success and celebrates students' personal transformation. I love the fact that FHSU so clearly focuses on students. As a first-generation student myself, the learner-centered approach is important to me.

The presidential profile described Fort Hays State as a "distinctive university that follows its own path rather than modeling another institution"; a hands-on, sleeves-rolled-up work ethic; competent students, faculty and staff who are committed to high quality, creativity and efficiency in all endeavors; collegial faculty who are invested in the institution and community and know their students by name; and an institutional culture of "we can get it done."

I smiled as I read those descriptors because for me, they were not just marketing words on a brochure but the true essence of the people and place I always have admired and loved. My husband, Bill, and I are very grateful for the enthusiastic homecoming we have received from the campus and the community.

What a joy to be back home.

-DR. TISA MASON

Education In Action



The Robbins Banking Institute

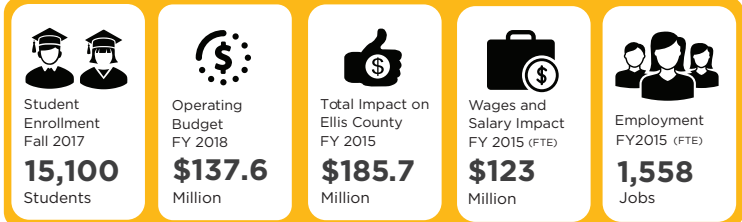
Fort Hays State University has established the Robbins Banking Institute to serve the banking community of Kansas by expanding the professional workforce available to Kansas banks. The Institute recruits students into Kansas' most complete banking curriculum and then places them in banking internships to prepare them for employment in professional roles.



Doctorate in Nursing Practice

The Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) is the first doctoral program in the university's history. DNP graduates are trained to work in a variety of health care settings as Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) and prepared to assume key leadership roles in health care.

University Economic Impact



NEWS

Fort Hays State selected as a participant in Rudd Foundation scholarship program

Kansas high school students who choose Fort Hays State University will be eligible for a scholarship program from Wichita's Rudd Foundation. Incoming full-time students who qualify for Pell Grants are eligible, with preference given to first-generation and underrepresented students. The scholarship covers any remaining costs - including tuition, fees, books, supplies and room and board - after all other aid, grants and scholarships are applied.

"Chosen scholars are expected to achieve a high level of excellence on campus in preparing themselves to be leaders in their profession and in their communities," the Rudd Foundation said in a news release.

Scholars will also participate in developmental activities outside the classroom, network with leaders in their future professions, build strong relationships among themselves, and serve to help the next generation of scholars through an active and connected alumni association after graduation.

Quick Facts

FHSU President: Dr. Tisa Mason

Founded: 1902

Campus: 200 acres

University Farm: 3,825 acres

Accreditation: Higher Learning Commission

Mascot: Victor E. Tiger

Athletics: NCAA Division II, Mid-America

Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA)

Enrollment: 15,100

On-Campus Headcount: 4,648

Virtual College Headcount: 6,882

China Program Headcount: 3,570

Kansans Served by FHSU: 8,904

Hispanic Enrollment: 1,090

Graduates: 3,372 in 2016-17 academic year

(SU2016, FA2016, SP2017)

Placement Rate: 96% job placement

FHSU Virtual College again named a gold-level Military Friendly® school

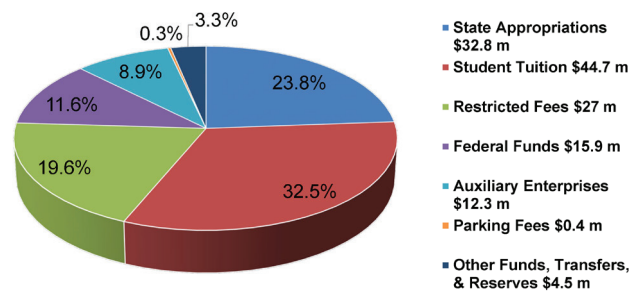
Fort Hays State University's Virtual College has once again been named a Military Friendly® Gold School by Victory Media, originator of a family of Military Friendly employment, entrepreneurship and education resources for veterans and their families. Fort Hays State was also Military Friendly-Gold for 2016-2017.

Military Friendly is the standard by which Victory Media measures an organization's commitment, effort and success in creating sustainable and meaningful benefit for the military community.

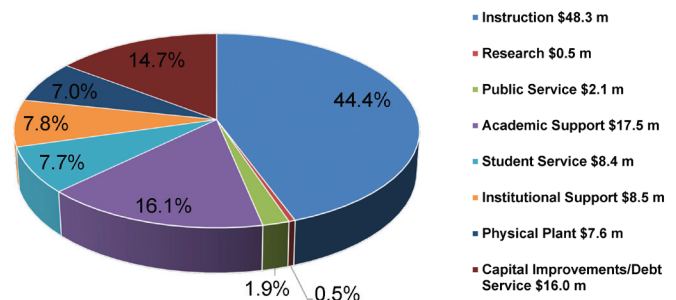
More than 1,300 schools participated in the 2017-2018 survey with 849 earning the Military Friendly designation, said Victory Media. Less than 200 earned gold-level recognition across the 11 categories.

Institutions earning the Military Friendly School designation were evaluated using public data sources, responses from a proprietary survey completed by the school, and, for the first time, a student satisfaction survey.

Funding Source (FY 2017-18) (\$137.6 million)



Budget by Program (FY 2017-18) (\$108.9 million)



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