



FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY



FHSU posts another record spring enrollment, increasing 474 students

Record enrollments at Fort Hays State University have continued for a 17th consecutive spring with a 20th-day enrollment of 13,127, which is 474 students higher than last spring's 12,653.

The overall increase, 3.7 percent, was on the strength of increases in all three components of Fort Hays State enrollment: on-campus enrollment increased by 23 to 4,280; Virtual College enrollment increased by 92 to 6,744; and enrollment at the university's international partner universities increased by 359 to 2,103.

The number of Kansas students also increased, to 7,334 this spring from 7,205 in spring 2017.

The numbers break down to 10,561 undergraduate, 2,532 graduate students and 34 students in the Doctor of Nursing Practice program.

The string of record enrollments began in 2002, when both spring and fall enrollments set all-time highs. Each semester since has been higher than the corresponding semester from the previous year.



Kelly Center, Manhattan Vets to bring expanded veteran services to Hays area

The Fort Hays State University Kelly Center has partnered with the Manhattan Vet Center to bring veteran services to FHSU and the Hays community.

Beginning in March, a staff of counselors and military veterans will offer free services, including such services as individual counseling, group and family counseling, VA medical benefit referrals and many others. All services will be available at the Kelly Center during the first Monday of each month.

"The core purpose of the partnership is to promote access to care by helping veterans and families overcome barriers that impede them from using those services," said Dr. Seth Kastle, assistant professor of leadership studies.

Currently, Hays' veterans services are limited to a Community Based Outreach Clinic. The partnership will increase services and accessibility for the entire Hays-area military community, including veterans, service members, dependents, and survivors regardless of eligibility for VA benefits.



Doctor of Nursing Practice program to see first grads

The Doctor of Nursing Practice program at Fort Hays State University will graduate its first six students this spring. The program is designed to train doctoral-level nurse practitioners who will put academic nursing research to use in treating patients and who will be change-leaders in the hospitals and communities where they work, said Dr. Colleen Paramesh, assistant professor of nursing.



The culmination of the DNP program is the project. Each student designs and conducts a project that must be sustainable, said Paramesh, so that the work can be maintained and continue to improve care.

The doctoral projects of two of the first six students, Callea Breiner, a nurse practitioner focusing on ostomy care in Manhattan, and Abbie Weatherley, an emergency room nurse practitioner in Kansas City, will present their work at the Midwest Nursing Research Society conference in April.

Breiner's project seeks to improve the quality of life for ostomy patients. Weatherley's project is aimed at improving care and treatment for patients coming into the emergency room with severe infections.

Long-term benefits result from short-term class

An international class in Fort Hays State University's leadership studies program allowed virtual and on-campus students from across disciplines to meet in London.

A total of 22 students, including six who take classes exclusively online, and four faculty members participated in the week-long trip. Students from the departments of Psychology and Criminal Justice joined students from the Department of Leadership Studies.

"The three main departments participating in this trip have large virtual student populations," said Kaley Klaus, instructor of leadership studies and trip coordinator. "It was important for us to give them the opportunity to participate in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

Students and faculty explored the history of London, ranging from its constitutional monarchy and historical figures to historical sites that included houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, the Tower of London and Buckingham Palace, among others.



Did you know?

- The National Council for Home Safety and Security has rated Fort Hays State as the safest campus in Kansas.
- ACCESS to Success, FHSU's student success plan, was awarded the 2018 National Student Affairs Technology Emerging Practice Award.
- Tailored for Tigers – a closet that provides students with clothing appropriate for professional activities – was officially launched in February.
- The Department of Leadership Studies is among 12 academic departments from around the nation recognized by the Association of American Colleges & Universities as models of how to make civic responsibility an integral part of a major course of study.
- Twelve students from FHSU's Department of Biological Sciences showcased their research at the annual Kansas IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence in Overland Park.



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