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Noyce Scholarship grant expands program at FHSU

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.

The ultimate aim of the program, said Dr. Paul Adams, dean of the College of Education at Fort Hays State, 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 math and science programs for young people.



NCK Tech, FHSU join forces to offer seamless transition for students

Fort Hays State University and North Central Kansas Technical College entered into a memorandum of understanding on March 27, creating a seamless transfer for students who want to continue their education beyond NCK Tech and obtain a bachelor's degree from FHSU.

Six main career paths were articulated: organizational leadership, technology leadership, nursing, health studies, tourism and hospitality management, and technology studies. This agreement is a win-win for the colleges and students alike.

"FHSU and NCK Tech have had a long-standing, successful partnership based on our shared focus on student success," said Dr. Tisa Mason, president of Fort Hays State.

"It took the collaboration of so many to make this day a reality," said NCK Tech President Eric Burks.

Students in over a dozen different associate degree programs – from the arts to technology – will now be able to transfer seamlessly to Fort Hays State.



Final free hearing screenings of semester conducted by Herndon Clinic students

Graduate students from Fort Hays State University in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders conducted the final two free hearing screenings of the semester in Syracuse and Coldwater.

"The FHSU Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic is continuing into the second semester of its second year of providing hearing screenings sponsored by a grant from the Kansas Masonic Foundation," said Marcy Beougher, instructor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders.

The grant provides opportunities for people in western Kansas, and in areas of eastern Colorado, southern Nebraska and northern Oklahoma, to receive important health screening services.

The screenings, available to all ages, are provided by graduate students from the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders under the supervision of an FHSU Herndon Clinic instructor.



Safety measures abound at FHSU

Safety for its students and the campus community is a top priority for Fort Hays State University, and students and staff alike help in keeping it that way. Those measures have drawn the attention

of others as FHSU has been ranked as one of the safest colleges in America by the National Council for Home Safety and Security.

Fort Hays State, No. 42 on the council's top 100 list, is in the midst of a multi-phase exterior lighting project. A group drawn from several campus entities conducts a safety walk each year. The walk is sponsored by the Student Government Association.

Another student-driven initiative at Fort Hays State is a mobile communications safety application called LiveSafe that was launched in 2016. The app, which is free, can be downloaded to a mobile device from the App Store or Google Play.

Users can select several options from the app, including requests for emergency assistance through quick, easy access to emergency phone numbers. The app also includes a safety map, which tells people their location in relation to campus buildings. A "GoSafe" feature also provides phone numbers to call Safe Ride or local taxi services.

Did you know?

- Students in the Department of Informatics earned seven first-place awards at the annual Kansas Association of Broadcasters competition.
- Dr. Mohammad Riazi-Kermani was ranked No. 1 in the world for the week of March 12, and is currently ninth for the year to date, in the Mathematics Stack Exchange, a question and answer problem-solving website that has over 500,000 members, including academics and professionals in related fields.
- Allison Railsback, agricultural business and agricultural education major from Mankato, received five 1st or 2nd place honors in the Kansas Phi Beta Lambda Awards of Excellence Program competition.
- Russell Krug, geosciences major from Hays, won the 2018 Best Undergraduate Poster Presentation award at the Geological Society of America South Central Section meeting.



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