



FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY



Largest KAMS class ever at Fort Hays State honored in completion ceremony

Thirty-two students were recognized in a high school commencement ceremony May 5 at Fort Hays State University. This was the largest of eight classes that have completed requirements for the Kansas Academy of Mathematics and Science.

But the students still have to finish their FHSU finals and attend graduations at their sending high schools. One of them, Patrick Cook, Derby, holds a perfect 4.0 grade point average at Fort Hays State. He said he thinks it will be an easy transition into full-time college life after attending classes on campus the past two years.

Jed Werner from Plainville will make another adjustment when he heads to Manhattan to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering at Kansas State. However, he said he wouldn't be where he is today without KAMS.

"In high school I didn't have great study habits because I'd get bored," he said. "I liked the challenge here." Werner has been looking forward to attending KAMS since he was in fourth grade at Plainville Elementary School.



Partnership between city, FHSU & NCK Tech key in getting pavilion built

In a demonstration of "collaboration," the Downtown Hays Development Corporation planned a 46-by-86-foot outdoor pavilion, a class at Fort Hays State University designed it, and an electrical technology class from North Central Kansas Technical College installed the wiring and lighting.

FHSU's building construction class built it with some guidance from Commercial Builders Superintendent Geoff Withington. Union Pacific Park's Downtown Pavilion was dedicated April 27.

FHSU senior Caden Schulz said the project was a valuable learning experience.

"I've been really excited about getting it done and seeing what people think," said Schulz, a construction management major from Wray, Colo. "I had never done a tile roof before, so I was glad to be able to be a part of that."

"It's a very visual project for the community," said Kris Munsch, assistant professor of applied technology and instructor of FHSU's building construction class. "It's a community investment."



FHSU'S Ag Day on campus deemed a success

The Collegiate Farm Bureau chapter at Fort Hays State University enjoyed a great day in April advocating for agriculture.



This year, about 450 people, a record number, ate hamburgers and hot dogs cooked by members of the board of the Ellis County Farm Bureau.

"Our club is involved in all types of agriculture, including public policy," said Brianna Stefan, president of FHSU's Collegiate Farm Bureau. "I thought it was a great turnout."

Steph Eckroat, coordinator for Ellis County Farm Bureau, agreed. "We wanted to bring more awareness to agriculture and all the commodities, to showcase what we do in our state," she said. "We want to educate about agriculture's impact on the consumers and the economic value of agriculture in Kansas."

More than 20 organizations set up booths, representing entities ranging from water conservation to crops, from pollinators to beef, pork, dairy and poultry.

The event featured live demonstrations, including cow milking and simulated calf pulling. Potential future FHSU students represented FFA chapters from two area schools.

Fraternities, sororities collect 8,000 nonperishable items, raise almost \$2,000 during Greek Week activities

The fraternity and sorority community at Fort Hays State University collected over 8,000 non-perishable food items and raised nearly \$2,000 during its annual Greek Week.

This year's competitions were a food drive and a penny war, both won by sororities.

Delta Zeta won the penny war, which raised a total of \$1,924.90. Half went to Jana's Campaign, Options and Circle of Sisterhood, a Panhellenic philanthropy that promotes equality and gives everyone the chance for a rewarding life.

Alpha Gamma Delta won the food drive with an average of 133 items per member, 4,153 items in total. The items were donated to three food pantries around Hays and the food pantry on the FHSU campus.



Did you know?

- This year, 4,533 students are receiving degrees at FHSU (summer 2017 through spring 2018), 11% more than last year and the largest graduating class in university history.
- The student chapter of the Technology and Engineering Education Collegiate Association won three national championships: 1) VEX Robotics Competition, 2) Live Manufacturing Competition, and 3) Transportation Competition.
- Starting this fall, students who want to earn a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a major in finance can complete all their coursework online through the Virtual College.
- The FHSU Shotgun Team's American Skeet shooters scored 499 out of 500 at the recent Association of College Unions International Clay Target Championships in San Antonio. It was the best score in the history of the competition.



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