



FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY



Hispanic College Institute wraps up

Seventy-eight students of either Hispanic or Latino origin from three different states attended the four days and three nights of Fort Hays State University's third annual Hispanic College Institute for students heading into their junior or senior years of high school. The students experienced campus life and some instruction on such things as how to apply for admission and for financial aid. They also had the opportunity to improve their public speaking skills.

Two FHSU alumni, who were first-generation students, were among the featured speakers.

Rigoberto Ramirez, a 2003 graduate of Fort Hays State University and that year's winner of the Torch Award as the outstanding graduating senior, was born in Mexico but grew up in Great Bend. He is now completing his final two years of training in clinical cardiac electrophysiology in Kansas City, Mo.

Sonia Esquivel, also a native of Mexico, moved to Garden City when she was young. She earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Fort Hays State, studying and working as a single mom. She went on to earn her Ph.D. and is now an assistant professor and counselor at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.



Psychology, pre-law form partnerships



Fort Hays State University has entered an articulation agreement with Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences, Kansas City, Mo., that will

guarantee reserve acceptances into the university's clinical psychology program. The program is for students seeking the degree of Doctor of Psychology in clinical psychology.

Students who earn a bachelor's degree in psychology from FHSU with at least a 3.25 grade-point average and who have research or apprenticeship experience are guaranteed reserve acceptance into the doctoral program.

Qualifying students in FHSU's pre-law programs can now get an early start on earning a law degree from Washburn University. The signed memorandum of understanding for the Law Early Admission Program will allow undergraduate students at Fort Hays State to matriculate after three years to Washburn Law, where the first semester or two semesters of law school will transfer to complete the students' undergraduate degrees at FHSU.

The Three-plus-Three model, as it is called, was developed to reduce the students' total legal education costs. The LEAP program will also allow these students to enter the job market earlier and begin developing relationships with Washburn University law professors while they are still enrolled in FHSU's undergraduate programs.

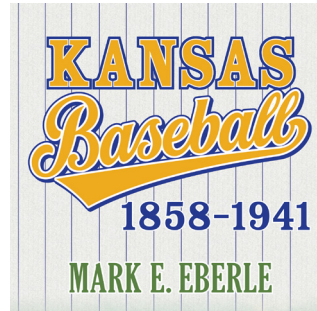
FHSU student chosen to provide multimedia journalism coverage for national convention

Kadrae Smith, Derby senior at Fort Hays State University in the informatics digital media and journalism program, shot, edited, tweeted, snapped and Facebooked his way to top honors for the 2018 National Association of Broadcasters Broadcast Education Association "War on the Floor" competition in Las Vegas, which regularly draws more than 100,000 attendees from around the world.

Smith, the 2017 KFHS radio station manager, promotions director, program manager and on-air host, assembled a body of work for the Kansas Association of Broadcasters annual student media competition, and five of his submissions took first place in the state contest. One placed first in the national student media contest.

Smith, recounting the experience, said, "I was nervous because I had never been to Las Vegas before, especially to attend one of the largest conventions in the world. However, I knew that I was ready for this position."

"I learned so much from this experience," he said. "I have never felt more alive than when I was working this event."



Biologist wins honor for book – on baseball

A biologist's book about baseball has been placed on the 2018 Kansas Notable Books list by the state librarian. Fort Hays State University's

biological sciences lab coordinator Mark Eberle wrote "Kansas Baseball, 1858-1941."

"Kansas Baseball," published in April 2017, describes the nature of early baseball, a subject that first interested Eberle in grade school.

"I was just curious about which ballparks in Kansas were the oldest, and it grew from there."

"I was just doing the baseball research for the pleasure I derived from it, with no intention of writing a book, so it is humbling to have that work recognized," said Eberle.

Larks Park in Hays, one of the oldest ballparks in Kansas, got him started.

"Larks Park, completed in 1940 and officially dedicated in 1941, was No. 10 on the list of oldest ballparks when I started looking three years ago, and became No. 9 after Independence demolished their 1919 grandstand," he said. "Larks Park will soon become No. 8 after Wichita tears down Lawrence-Dumont Stadium, which was built in 1934."

Did you know?

- FHSU recently signed agreements with Barton Community College and Colby Community College for seamless transfer of course credits in 19 majors from each institution.
- Starting this fall, Amy Schmierbach, professor of art, and students in the Department of Art and Design will collaborate with Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas to provide art workshops to the clients of DSNWK's Reed Center and Employment Connections.
- Seventeen Fort Hays State University Master of Business Administration students scored in top percentiles on three nationwide exams, placing them among top graduates in the nation.
- Dr. Kenton Olliff, assistant vice president for student affairs, received the Chamberlain-Rapp Exemplary Leadership Award from the Kansas Consumer Advisory Council for Adult Mental Health.

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