



# FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY



## FHSU announces new provost

Dr. Jill Arensdorf, current chair of the Department of Leadership Studies, has been named as FHSU's next provost and vice president for academic affairs.



"Dr. Arensdorf brings more than 17 years of higher education experience to the position with a candid knowledge of our university," said President Tisa Mason.

"Most importantly, she thoroughly understands the complex and distinctively innovative nature of Fort Hays State," said the president. "The leadership studies program she currently leads serves as an example of our approach to delivering high-quality programs in all three of our principal modalities – on campus, online and cross border."

President Mason said that the university's success depends on finding new ways to recruit, retain and successfully graduate an increasingly diverse global population of students.

"Fort Hays State University is a phenomenal university that has given me and so many others opportunities to learn and grow," said Arensdorf.

Arensdorf's research interests include youth leadership development, service-learning, civic engagement, program assessment and leadership behaviors. She has published extensively on the effects of service-learning on youth leadership skills.

## FHSU, BCC pilot enhanced transfer program to provide more help, earlier

Fort Hays State University has partnered with Barton Community College to launch a pilot for a new kind of two-year-to-four-year school transfer program.

Transfer Connect is an innovative modification to the current articulation process that provides more help and guidance earlier in the process.

"Transfer Connect differs from the standard articulation – two-plus-two – agreement in that a Transfer Success Coach fosters a partnership with students and their community college advisors before the students are admitted to FHSU," said Erica Fisher, articulation coordinator and recruiter at FHSU.

Prospective transfer students can work directly with a success coach at FHSU while they are completing their associate degrees. For the pilot program, FHSU is only accepting transfers from Barton Community College, but the hope is that eventually the program can be expanded across Kansas, said Fisher.

Other services are also provided while the student is completing the associate degree. These services include developing a plan of study, making course recommendations, providing up-to-date

information on deadlines (admission, scholarships, financial aid, housing, and others), engaging in semester check-ins, and setting educational goals.



## FHSU, Leo Burnett design for success

Leo Burnett Worldwide, an advertising company with headquarters in Chicago and offices around the globe, recently celebrated the 25th year of its relationship with Fort Hays State.

The celebration involved handing out \$25,000 of company money in the form of 14 individual scholarships and \$10,000 to support the graphic arts program. The top prize of the evening in the Robbins Center was the \$10,000 Pencil Project Award scholarship presented to Blue Springs, Mo., junior Rayvon Lewis.

Other scholarships ranged from \$250 to \$1,000. Two of the three Leo Burnett executives who judged this year's competition in Hays and awarded the scholarships were FHSU alumni, a testament to what has become an enduring and innovative collaboration that annually delivers skilled graphic design talent for the agency and unmatched financial and creative support for our students.



Leo Burnett's support began when an FHSU design student walked his portfolio into the Chicago offices and impressed its executives with his own talent and the graphic design program at the university.



## Olliff named Counselor of the Year

Dr. Kenton Olliff, assistant vice president for student affairs at Fort Hays State University, was named Counselor of the Year by the Kansas Counseling Association.

The award is indicative of the quality and commitment of the professionals in the university who provide personal and confidential mental health and counseling services for our students, faculty and staff.

Dr. Olliff is a career educator on issues of mental health and counseling and a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, a Licensed Clinical Addiction Counselor and a National Certified Counselor.

He is a founder of the Olliff Family Educational Symposium on mental health among students from kindergarten through college. It is an annual event at Fort Hays State University, sponsored by the College of Education.

During his professional career, Olliff has performed personal, drug and alcohol wellness and substance abuse counseling as well as worked with students in groups and as individuals.

## Did you know?

- Thanks to our state legislators and the Kansas Board of Regents, Fort Hays State will not increase tuition for the next academic year. Our tuition will remain among the lowest in the nation.
- Kaytee Wisley, a Wichita junior in FHSU's Honors College, was recently selected as a Truman Scholarship finalist. Wisley is a political science major and hopes to complete a master's degree before beginning a career in public service. She is one of only four students in Kansas recognized as a finalist and in the top 25 percent of the applicant pool.
- After winning the Scholarship Clay Target Program national title in the fall, FHSU's shooting team in April won a second national championship this year at the ACUI Clay Target Championships, finishing the season 10-0.
- University Police Officer Jonathan Rupp received the Silver Life Saving Award from the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police for his action to save a 3-year-old at the Hays FrostFest Parade last fall. Rupp, on bicycle patrol assisting Hays PD with the parade, inserted himself between the child and a truck when the child suddenly darted out into the street.



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