



FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY



From the Desk of President Mason

A night of storms in August demonstrated the resilience and dedication of Fort Hays State University and the Hays community. Mike Barnett, vice president of administration and finance, and his team (university police, energy plant personnel,

and the facilities and ground employees) worked throughout the night to make sure our students were safe, actively conducting assessments, and managing vulnerabilities.

The storm imploded a wall at the Akers Energy Center. Campus personnel and Midwest Energy worked to restore electricity and ensure our students had access to hot water. Many reports came in of water damage and trees down. Our crews were busy well into the next day removing debris and making repairs. Cleaning up all the branches and litter took several days more.

By early morning, just hours after the storm, the campus was fully operational. We were ready to get new students into the residence halls and welcome our faculty and staff to a new academic year.

The university as an institution, as well as its people, was also prepared, and we were able to absorb the cost of cleanup and repair. Here in Western Kansas, we believe in the value of hard work and preparedness.

Go Tigers!

Dr. Tisa Mason
President

Fort Hays State earns top-5 national ranking for educating adult learners

Fort Hays State University, with almost a third of its enrollment over the age of 25, has been recognized for being among the best four-year colleges in the United States for adult learners.

It is the second consecutive year the university has earned top-10 honors in The Washington Monthly magazine's annual Best Colleges for Adult Learners rankings.

Fort Hays State University President Tisa Mason believes this recognition is again the result of the university's keen focus on meeting the needs of the modern adult learner.

"Serving the needs of the non-traditional learner has long been the focus of our university," she said.

Fort Hays State University is the only public university in Kansas to earn a top-100 ranking.

The magazine considers eight primary criteria in reaching its adult learner rankings, including ease of transfer or enrollment, flexibility of programs, services such as financial aid counseling and veterans services, and the percentage of enrollment that is students 25 or older.



FHSU was also the top institution in Kansas in its category, Master's Universities, which covered 606 colleges that offer a "significant number" of master's degrees but few or no doctorates.

Former Regent named new general counsel

Joe Bain, a former member of the Kansas Board of Regents, a trial lawyer and litigator with wide experience in civil law, criminal law, estate matters, dispute resolution and more will now bring all this experience to his new post as general counsel of his alma mater, Fort Hays State University.



"I say often, and honestly, that FHSU had a transformative effect on me," said Bain. "This university has a history of providing access to a quality higher education for many first-generation, lower income and diverse-background students."

Bain grew up in Ness City and graduated from Ness City High School. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in political science from FHSU in 2002, graduating summa cum laude. His Juris Doctor, 2005, is from the University of Kansas School of Law.

His career includes a judicial clerkship in the Seventh Judicial District of Kansas and working as a summer associate for a Kansas City law firm before his graduation from the KU School of Law.

After graduation, he was an associate at Warden, Triplett, Grier, PA, in Overland Park. From 2009 to 2011 he was a senior attorney for the Black & Veatch Corp., Overland Park.

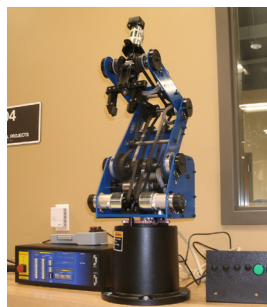
Since 2011, he has been a member, vice-president, attorney and co-manager for Cure & Bain, P.C., in Goodland. He is licensed in Kansas, Missouri and Colorado. He was a member of the Kansas Board of Regents from 2014 to 2018, and since 2017 he has served as Ness City Municipal Court Judge.

Dane G. Hansen Foundation supports industrial robotics at FHSU

A grant of \$22,000 from Logan's Dane G. Hansen Foundation enabled the Department of Applied Technology at Fort Hays State University to acquire new industrial robotic arms this spring.

The grant brought the acquisition fund up to a total of \$62,000 to purchase five ScorBot ER4U educational robots to replace aging Rhino units from the 1980s.

Joe Chretien, associate professor of applied technology and the author of the grant, said manufacturers in Norton, Phillipsburg, Hays and other towns already use these technologies and need employees trained to operate, program and maintain them.



The Hansen Foundation grant was supplemented by funds from the Peter and Pamela Werth STEM initiative account and the FHSU Foundation.

King Challenge

A major fundraising goal of FHSU's Journey campaign is \$8 million to support several student life initiatives. A major beneficiary is the Fischli-Wills Center for Student Success, set to open in 2021. It will put an array of student service organizations in one place. Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Dennis King and his wife, Melanie, believe so strongly in the project and its potential benefit for students at Fort Hays State, they have dedicated up to \$15,000 of their own money as a personal contribution in a \$50,000 matching challenge to FHSU Foundation Board members.

Did you know?

9%

The only KBOR university that has expanded the number of Kansans enrolled over the past four years.

Journey Campaign Fundraising at a Glance



\$88 million raised towards the \$100 million goal

\$23,856,600 in scholarships



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