



FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY



FHSU launches Transfer & Military Center

As part of an initiative funded through the University's Strategic Enrollment Planning (SEP) process, a new Transfer & Military Center opened this summer in time for the fall 2020 semester. Led by director Erica Fisher, the work of the center's staff focuses on serving transfer and military students even before they apply via a quicker, and more personalized experiences, including a comprehensive evaluation of transfer credits and military experience for service members and veterans to determine how both can apply towards FHSU majors and programs of study. A similar prior-credit evaluation process is in place for transfer students. "We are dedicated to creating innovative pathways and partnerships to enhance the success of our transfer and military-connected students," Fisher said.

Dr. Seth Kastle, assistant professor of leadership studies and the director of military program innovation for the University, is well aware of the challenges military students can face. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army with a military service record that includes two tours of duty in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"Non-traditional students tend to approach selecting a college very differently than traditional students. They tend to be at a point in their lives where the need to balance work and family commitments plays a major role in their decision-making process," Kastle said. "I think our students will really benefit from the support network our new center provides."

More information about the center can be found at [FHSU.edu/transfer-military-center](https://www.fhsu.edu/transfer-military-center).

FHSU introduces Esports

The fall season of competition for Tiger student-athletes was canceled late last month, but a new team of very different competitors is getting ready for an exciting fall season. Beginning this month, FHSU's Esports team of sixteen varsity players will compete in four video game titles during the team's inaugural year.

Fort Hays State has fielded competitive teams in its Esports Club for several years. The creation of this first varsity team comes as part of an initiative funded through the University's Strategic Enrollment Planning (SEP) process approved this past spring.

Any FHSU student can join the Esports Club. The varsity team will be comprised of gamers who are enrolled as full-time, on-campus students (12 hours for undergraduates and nine hours for graduate students).

A portion of the varsity program's funding provided 14 new gaming computers, which will be built



by FHSU's own Tiger Tech, the university's information technology team. This will bring to 20 the number of gaming computers in the lab. The Esports Club members built six new ones last year with funds provided by the Student Government Association.

2021 Hansen Internship Program now accepting applications

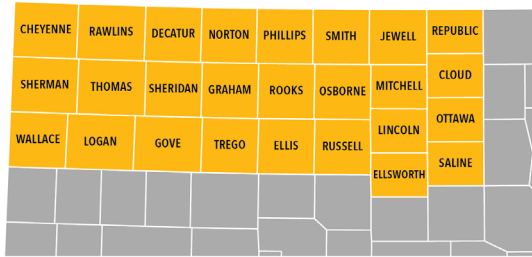
Businesses and organizations in northwest Kansas can now apply for a spring 2021 or summer 2021 intern from Fort Hays State University through the FHSU/Dane G. Hansen Internship program. A grant from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation made 25 paid internships possible for next spring and summer. Applications from employers will be accepted through September 18, 2020.

Eligible employers must be located in the Hansen Foundation's 26-county service area. Students do not have to be from the northwest Kansas area to apply.

A participating employer invests \$500 toward the student intern's wages, and the remaining funding is provided by the Hansen Foundation grant. Each internship lasts for one semester or a full summer. Spring interns will work 240 total hours and summer interns will work 300 total hours.

For more information, go to FHSU.edu/career/employers/hansen-internship-program.

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KWEC partners with Kansas educators to deliver virtual wildlife educational programs

The Kansas Wetlands Education Center (KWEC) overlooks Cheyenne Bottoms, the largest inland marsh in the United States and a Ramsar designated Wetland of International Importance.

The KWEC is managed by Fort Hays State University in cooperation with the Kansas Department of Wildlife Parks and Tourism. The Center's state-of-the-art exhibits tell the story of Cheyenne Bottoms from its ancient geological formation to the management challenges of the future.

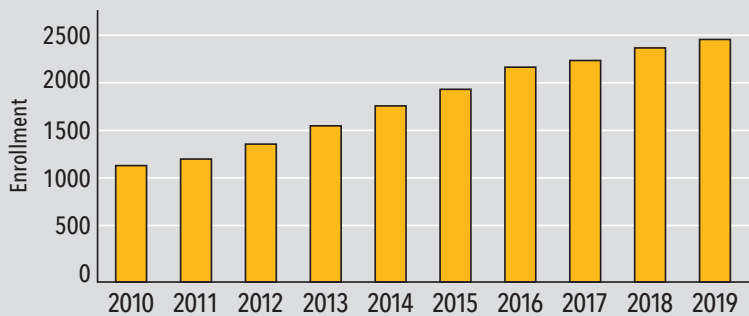
Over the summer, KWEC staff worked closely with Kansas teachers to offer more than 30 virtual programs in April and May. The highlight was a Zoom-based program delivered by KWEC educators during the Environment for the America's World Migratory Bird Day LIVE event in May.

The Kansas Wetlands Education Center is dedicated to educating the public about wetland communities, their importance and the need for conservation and restoration, with emphasis on the Cheyenne Bottoms and the Quivira National Wildlife Refuge.

For more information and to view the new KWEC website, go to: wetlandscenter.fhsu.edu.

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