



FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY



FHSU and Enertech Partner To Create Top-Notch Internship Experiences

Wichita-based Enertech provides structural audit, public awareness, and damage prevention support to more than 140 liquid and gas pipeline companies in the U.S. and Canada. Mark Allen, Enertech's president, believes students in FHSU's geosciences program are the most professionally literate college students in the state. "What makes these students stand out from others is the faculty at FHSU. They are deeply engaged in offering real-world professional connections and challenging real-world learning opportunities for their students," said Allen. Enertech hosts two FHSU interns each summer, and five former FHSU student interns now work for Enertech.

Working closely with FHSU Faculty, including Geosciences Professor Dr. Richard Lisichenko, Allen created a highly immersive summer internship experience for students interested in exploring Geographic Information System (GIS) applications. Allen and Lisichenko have also collaborated on curriculum development to ensure geosciences coursework connects students to essential and emerging technical skills that make FHSU graduates stand out in the job market.

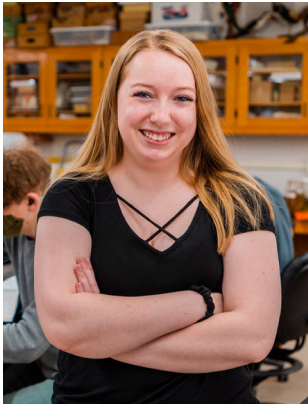
A veteran of the Kansas Air National Guard, Allen built upon his experience as a database marketing expert to create a company that puts complex databases to work for the pipeline industry and their customers in North America.

An Unlikely Global Cybersecurity Warrior

While much of the efforts to combat data theft and ransom attacks are conducted in carefully guarded laboratories and top-secret military facilities, FHSU alum Dallas Haselhorst believes the path to defeating these kinds of cyber-attacks is through public engagement and collaboration. The unbridled optimism and technical expertise Haselhorst brings to this work fuels what he calls an "open-source" approach to defeating this global threat-one that focuses on uniting the good guys and turning potential victims into the first line of defense in the battle against cyber-attacks.

With 20+ years of IT/cybersecurity experience and prior success starting an IT service company, Haselhorst launched TreeTop Security in December of 2016. The primary focus of TreeTop is providing robust cybersecurity to small businesses that might not have the huge budgets often associated with cybersecurity solutions.

Haselhorst is also an accomplished non-profit entrepreneur. In 2017, he and several partners created a non-profit organization designed to advance information security knowledge across the profession. The BSidesKC event the team created is an annual conference held in Kansas City that serves as a source of education, collaboration, and continued conversation for both seasoned security engineers and new entrants into the field.



FHSU Honors College Student Named a Goldwater Scholar

FHSU Honors College student, sophomore Brynn Wooten, has been named a 2021 Barry Goldwater Scholar. Wooten is the first FHSU student to receive this

nationally competitive scholarship, which will fully fund her final two years of undergraduate study.

“From the moment Brynn arrived on campus, her excitement about learning and focus on the future of scientific knowledge in paleobiology deeply impressed me,” said Honors College Director Dr. Kevin Amidon.

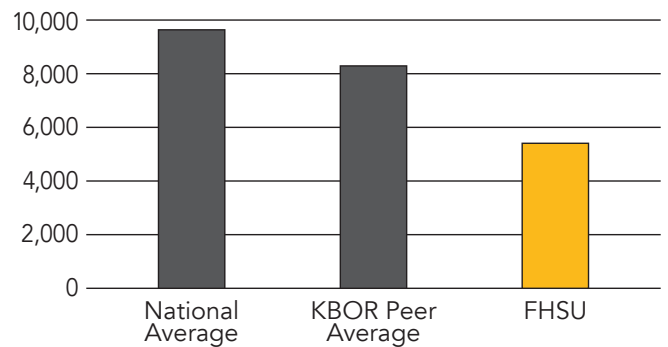
Wooten credits several FHSU faculty members for helping her secure this scholarship. “I am extremely proud to bring this honor to FHSU, and I could not have gotten to this point without the amazing faculty and staff who work here,” said Wooten. “I would like to especially thank Dr. Kevin Amidon and Dr. Lexey Bartlett, Dr. Lorelei Patrick and Drs. Jeanne and Jonathan Sumrall, and Dr. Laura Wilson. All of them were instrumental in helping me realize this dream.”

FHSU Holds Fast on Tuition and Fees

The best value in higher education anywhere will remain unchanged this coming academic year. Fort Hays State University currently offers the most affordable college tuition and fees schedule in Kansas. On campus, online, and worldwide, no other university can compete with the value of an FHSU education.

FHSU’s 2021-22 proposal to the Kansas Board of Regents includes no increase in tuition or fees this academic year. Annual tuition and fees at FHSU will remain just over half the national average and close to \$2,900 less per year on average than our sister KBOR universities.

Tuition and fees per year for full-time, in-state undergraduate students*



*Sources: U.S. News and World Report, KBOR University Comprehensive Fee Schedule for Academic Year 2021



Grace Wasinger

Class of 2021, B.S. Psychology

Grace Wasinger was named the winner of FHSU’s Torch Award as the outstanding graduating senior from 2021. She received a Bachelor of Science in psychology and has engaged in scholarship throughout her career. Some of her accomplishments include presenting at numerous regional and national conferences, publishing, and assisting in teaching classes for the department.



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