



FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY



First Class of FHSU Schmidt Scholars Announced

A new scholarship program at Fort Hays State University is making the dream of a college education an affordable reality for hard-working high school seniors with the grit and determination to change their lives through education. Thanks to the generosity of the Robert E. and Patricia A. Schmidt Foundation, FHSU now awards five new full-ride scholarships in the amount of \$14,900 each academic year.

The five Schmidt Foundation Scholars selected in this inaugural year of the program are:

- Edwin Garcia-Arreola- Lakin, KS
- Bianca Bultman- Elkhart, KS
- Makenna Bartholomew- Gypsum, KS
- Julina Wall- Ingalls, KS
- German Hernandez- Leoti, KS

Preference in awarding these scholarships goes to first-generation students from Kansas planning to major in healthcare, education, business, entrepreneurship, arts or communication programs. The Schmidt Foundation Scholars scholarship includes 30 hours of tuition and fees for fall and spring courses, books, room and board.

Each of the students selected for this scholarship demonstrated strong academic ability, high levels of confidence and the leadership skills necessary to make significant contributions to the university, the community of Hays and the state of Kansas.

FHSU shotgun sports team wins 7th national title

The FHSU shotgun sports team completed a whirlwind season last month by finishing in the top three of two national competitions in a span of 10 days – in two different cities, more than 1,300 miles apart.

The Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) Collegiate national tournament, normally held during the fall semester, was postponed because of COVID-19 protocols until March 19-21, 2021 – just one week before the annual spring national event, the Association of College Unions International (ACUI) Clay Target Championships on March 25-27.

After winning the overall national championship in Division II at the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) Collegiate national tournament, Fort Hays State finished third overall in the Association of College Unions International (ACUI) Clay Target Championships in San Antonio. At the SCTP competition, FHSU not only claimed its seventh national title in program history, but it scored higher than all the Division I teams as well.

Dr. Duane Shepherd, the team’s coach, said he was impressed with how the team stayed focused while practicing so many hours when all the meets during fall 2020 were canceled because of the pandemic.

“The students are a great bunch of young people, and we are blessed with their commitment to the program and to excellence,” Shepherd said. “They just do what it takes to make it work.”

FHSU works to make transfer process easier

Fort Hays State University created the Transfer & Military Center in the summer of 2020 to deliver enhanced and more personalized services to support two growing non-traditional college student populations. The center's extensive and ongoing work in the area of curriculum guide development focuses on making the transition to FHSU more seamless.

The curriculum guides help students fully understand which of their courses transfer into the FHSU program. By increasing transferrable courses, students complete their degrees faster and with a lower total cost.

FHSU has articulation agreements with many regionally accredited institutions of higher education and Kansas two-year colleges.

FHSU has recently announced that two new curriculum guides are now in place to make the path to a four-year degree easier for transfer students from Barton Community College and North Central Kansas Technical College. Learn more about the Transfer & Military Center and curriculum guides at [FHSU.edu/transfer-military-center](https://www.fhsu.edu/transfer-military-center).

Online learning at FHSU weathers a global pandemic

Much has been written about the pandemic-related challenges to teaching and learning at all levels of our nation. FHSU, however, was uniquely positioned to keep students focused on their educational goals because of the university's legacy as an innovative leader in online education for more than 20 years.

The power of the FHSU Online learning model lies in two distinct characteristics:

- Time and place flexibility and autonomy are built into the course design. Online experiences are not designed to emulate a face-to-face classroom.
- FHSU Online learning programs are built by instructional designers and content experts (faculty), who create diverse and creative ways for students and professors to interact and communicate beyond a traditional classroom context.

Since 1902 FHSU has delivered learning solutions that fit the student's circumstances. The FHSU Online experience is and will continue to be a superior choice for self-directed students long after this global pandemic is history.



Alexandra Hart

Current FHSU Student Athlete

Alexandra Hart finished an undefeated freshman season by winning the national championship in the high jump. The Rolla, Kan. native established the seventh-best mark all-time in the NCAA DII indoor high jump championship, held March 11-13, 2021 in Birmingham, Ala., and the best by a Division II athlete since 2015.



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