



WELCOME TO OUR

Monthly Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR - *CAROL SOLKO-OLLIFF*

Happy Spring! I hope you had a relaxing and fun spring break and are ready to finish up the remainder of the spring semester! It doesn't seem possible that it is already April!

As we approach the conclusion of the spring semester, it is essential to stay informed about important information, updates, and events happening on campus. Be sure to read our weekly email communications and the newsletter for the latest news and announcements. If you ever have any questions or concerns, stop by our office in the Memorial Union 014—we are here to help.

Let's make the most of April and finish the semester strong together! Wishing you a productive and successful end to the spring term.

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Summer and Fall registrations have begun. Make sure to register soon especially for the fall semester so you have more course options. If you plan to return home for the summer, make sure to register prior to leaving. Also, make sure you register in full time course load (12 hours undergraduate and 9 hours graduate) and only one online class counts toward full time enrollment.

If your **I-20 is set to expire** May 31 and you will not be graduating, a completed Program Extension form and updated financial statement must be submitted to the office. Contact our office if you have questions or need assistance.

Make sure your **I-20 is signed for travel.** Check page two of the I-20 to see if it has been signed. If so, that date is good for one year. If the I-20 has not been signed or the date it was signed will expire prior to re-entry to the US, you will need to have the I-20 signed for travel. Bring the I-20 in to the office to have it signed. Also, make sure your passport is not expiring.

It is crucial to maintain current I-20 and passport to ensure compliance with immigration regulations.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Stouffer International, Solko & Olliff Family International Student, and Graduate Student Rotary International are scholarship opportunities students can apply to for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Students must be a currently enrolled on campus FHSU student with at least one full year of course work to be eligible.

Further information can be found at www.fhsu.edu/international/international-admissions/international-admissions/financial/scholarships/

Application deadline is April 8, 2024.



SPRING COMMENCEMENT

Spring commencement celebrations will include in-person and virtual ceremonies on May 11 & 12. For those of you who are graduating, pay attention to emails, social media posts, announcements, and notices from other offices regarding details. These are reminders, more than anything. For full details on commencement visit this web site <https://www.fhsu.edu/commencement/>

INTERIM GRADES, ACADEMIC SUPPORT, & TUTORING

Interim grades have been posted and hopefully you have reviewed your grades for the mid point of the semester.

Academic support resources are available for students who need some assistance or struggling or not performing as well as they would like. Here are some steps you can make to improvements:

Attend all of your classes. Reach out to your instructors to schedule time outside of class to meet and discuss ways to improve your performance or if you struggle with content and need clarification.

Make sure to utilize the **Writing Center** for assistance with any stage of writing a paper.

Take advantage of **FREE tutoring** by contacting the Fischli Wills Center for Student Success on the first floor, room 142, call (785) 628-4260, or email success@fhsu.edu.



SEMESTER ACADEMIC CALENDAR & TIGERLINK

Information on important dates, deadlines, and breaks for the semester
www.fhsu.edu/registrar/academic-calendar/

Listing of campus events & activities to participate in, visit Tiger Link
<https://tigerlink.fhsu.edu/>



THE WRITING CENTER

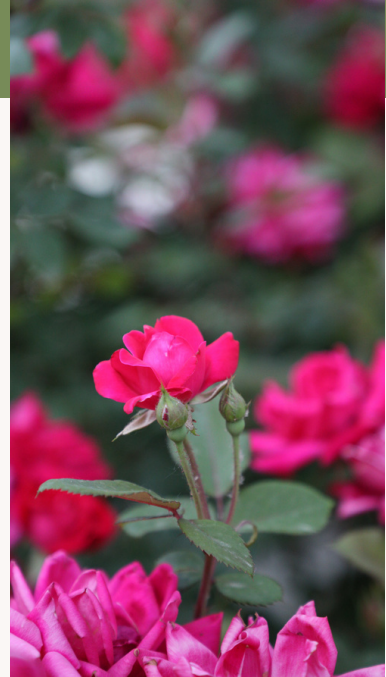
The Writing Center is committed to creating a safe, respectful environment for students, staff, faculty, and alumni. While sponsored by English Programs, they serve the entire campus community and welcome all FHSU students to receive free, individual consultation about writing at any stage of the writing process.

Their team of undergraduate and graduate consultants are trained to provide students with a space to work actively on writing. They offer resources, strategies, and techniques across a variety of disciplines and will converse with you at any stage of your writing process, from reviewing assignment guidelines to offering strategies for revision.

The Writing Center is open 9:00 am-8:00 pm Monday-Thursday and 9:00 am-2:00 pm Friday. Call 785-628-4106 or email writingcenter@fhsu.edu if you need help setting up an account or appointment.

REQUEST FOR INVITATION LETTERS

As you approach graduation, if your family plans to attend the ceremony in May, our office staff is ready to help by providing invitation letter(s) upon request. While these letters are not mandatory for visa applications, we are pleased to create them for each family member attending. Just reach out to us via email at ISSS@fhsu.edu or visit our office in the Memorial Union 014 to request the invitation letter request form. Once you have completed the form, return it to us and allow 48-72 hours for processing. You will be notified once the letter(s) are ready. We look forward to sharing this special occasion with you and your family!



RAMADAN

Ramadan is considered one of the holiest months of the year for Muslims and is a month of intense spiritual rejuvenation with a heightened focus on devotion, during which Muslims spend extra time reading the Qur'an and performing special prayers. Muslims also fast from food and drink during the sunlit hours as a means of drawing closer to God and cultivating self-control, gratitude, and compassion for those less fortunate. A Ramadan Celebration is planned for Monday, March 18 from 6:60-8:30pm in the Memorial Union Ballroom. RSVP at this link <https://forms.gle/yy3NKMjwccK6KwQy5>

SPRINTAX & INCOME TAX RETURN

Remember to be preparing and attending workshops regarding completing your US income tax return. If you have not received your W2 tax form, reach out to Marnie.

If you did not work or earn income in the US, you are still required to file Form 8843 with the IRS if you were in the US during 2023.

FHSU provides FREE access to Sprintax Tax Preparation, which will assist you in preparing and filing your taxes. Be watching for the FREE access code for the Federal filing and instructions and remember, DO NOT complete Sprintax tax filing until you receive the code and ALL tax forms (W2, 1042-S, 1099s, etc.). You will need to pay for the State filing after the review section in Sprintax. Keep your tax documents safe until then.

Working sessions have been scheduled for this month to provide students with dedicated time to work on the Sprintax filing with Marnie being available to help with questions. You must attend these working sessions if you want assistance. You can attend as many of these as you need. Make sure you read emails regarding taxes.