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BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back! We hope you had a refreshing and rejuvenating summer break. As we gear up for another academic year, we are filled with excitement and anticipation for the opportunities, growth, and success that lie ahead. Whether you are a returning student or joining our campus community for the first time, we are absolutely thrilled to have you with us.

Our vibrant and diverse community is what makes our campus a truly special place to learn and grow. The start of a new academic year is always a time of renewal and possibility. It's a chance to set new goals, embrace new challenges, and make new connections. We encourage you to take full advantage of everything our campus has to offer, from academic resources and extracurricular activities to support services and social events.

So, as we welcome you back to campus, let's embrace the new academic year with enthusiasm and determination. Let's make it a year of growth, exploration, and achievement. Together, we can create a community where everyone thrives and succeeds. Welcome back, and let's make this year our best one yet!

Engage, Empower, Excel: Inside the world of Jaden Rahe

Jaden Rahe embarked on her FHSU adventure in January, bringing with her a wealth of experience from Emporia State University, where she earned her undergraduate degree. At Emporia, she worked in the Office of Admissions, served as an academic advisor, and eventually led the fraternity and sorority life office. With a master's degree in higher education student affairs from FHSU, Jaden returned to the campus she once called home, eager to make a significant impact.

"Fort Hays is a wonderful campus that deeply cares about students and their experiences. The beautiful campus and the focus on student success outside the classroom drew me here," Jaden shared enthusiastically. Since her arrival, Jaden has found FHSU to be an incredibly welcoming and supportive environment. "There were already fantastic initiatives in place when I arrived, and I've been fortunate to have an amazing team to work with," she said. Her transition has been smooth, thanks to the collaborative spirit and dedication of her colleagues. Jaden's passion for student engagement is palpable

When asked what motivates her to be so involved in campus life, she emphasized the importance of relationships and experiences beyond the classroom. "Getting involved in activities outside the classroom is what makes a campus experience memorable. Building relationships is crucial, and the connections students make here will stay with them for life," Jaden explained.

Discussing the broader impact of student engagement, Jaden highlighted the dual benefits for individual students and the university community. "Student engagement provides opportunities to develop leadership skills and fosters a sense of community. By participating in organizations and events, students become civically and globally engaged leaders, ready to represent FHSU positively in the world," she noted. Looking ahead, Jaden has ambitious goals for the new academic year.



"We aim to increase student participation in events, create more leadership opportunities, and host fun activities that foster community spirit," she shared. A key initiative is the introduction of the Leadership Academy, a student-led program designed to enhance leadership skills.

Jaden is excited about several new projects on the horizon. "We're launching the Leadership Academy this fall, where students will lead sessions to share their skills. Additionally, we're planning an alternative service weekend to give back to the broader Northwest Kansas community," she revealed.

Another anticipated event is "Friday Night Lights," set for August 23rd, featuring yard games, free food, live music, and more. Jaden's advice for new students is simple yet powerful: "Get involved. Start with one organization and see where it leads. Pushing your comfort zone just a little can open up a world of opportunities and friendships that will define your college experience," she advised

For those looking to explore options, TigerLink is a valuable resource for finding student organizations and events. Jaden also emphasized the importance of engaging international students, noting the mutual benefits of cultural exchange. "Student organizations like the International Student Union help bridge cultural gaps, enriching both international and domestic students' experiences," she explained. As we gear up for an eventful year, Jaden Rahe's leadership promises to bring new energy and enthusiasm to student engagement at FHSU. Stay tuned for more updates and be sure to participate in the exciting events planned!



For more information on student organizations and how to get involved, visit TigerLink. A Look Ahead: Fall Events Calendar

Mark your calendars for an array of exciting events planned for the upcoming semester:

Event	Date	Time	Location
Back-To-School Picnic	Monday, Aug. 19	4:30 - 7:00 pm	MU Quad
Alternative Weekend	Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 13-14	Visit Tigerlink	Visit Tigerlink
Comedic Magician	Tuesday, Sept. 24	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Beach Schmidt
Homecoming	Oct. 2 - 5	Varied	Varied
Color Run	Saturday, Oct. 19	8:00 - 10:00 am	Around Campus
Fall Fest	Thursday, Oct. 31	5:00 - 7:00 pm	The Quad
Leadership Academy	Wednesday, Nov. 20	5:00 - 8:00 pm	Memorial Union
Tree Lighting	Thursday, Dec. 5	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Beach Schmidt
Late Night	Monday, Dec. 9	7:00 - 10:00 pm	Memorial Union



Support

As the new academic year begins, Fort Hays State University is excited to welcome both returning and new students to campus. We understand that navigating university life can be challenging, but remember that you are not alone. FHSU offers a wide range of student resources designed to support your academic, personal, and professional growth. Whether you need help with course planning, career guidance, health services, or simply someone to talk to, we have you covered. Don't hesitate to reach out to these invaluable resources to ensure you have a successful and fulfilling year

Fort Hays State University is committed to providing comprehensive support to all students. The Academic Advising and Career Exploration Center helps you plan your courses and explore career options, while Career Services offers resume assistance, mock interviews, and job search resources. Health and Wellness Services provide medical care and counseling for mental health concerns, and Accessibility Services ensure that students with disabilities receive the accommodations they need. Additional support includes Student Engagement opportunities, Diversity Affairs programs, Drug and Alcohol Counseling, Testing Services, and the Writing Center. Utilize these resources to make the most of your time at FHSU and achieve your goals.

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ACADEMIC ADVISING AND CAREER EXPLORATION CENTER

Located on the first floor of the Fischli-Wills Center for Student Success, the Academic Advising and Career Exploration Center at Fort Hays State University (FHSU) is a vital resource for all students. Each student is assigned an advisor who is a faculty member or trained professional. These advisors assist with course planning, career exploration, and more. To make the most of this resource, students should proactively contact their advisors, who can be reached via email, phone, or in person during office hours. Before each semester, it's essential to review the FHSU Catalog and plan your academic journey with your advisor's guidance.

Contact Information:

- Phone: 785-628-5577
- Email: advising@fhsu.edu



HEALTH AND WELLNESS SERVICES

Your time at FHSU is filled with exciting experiences and opportunities for personal growth. Health and Wellness Services, located on the third floor, Room 301, of the Fischli-Wills Center for Student Success, offer comprehensive support to help you stay healthy and ready to meet new challenges.

Medical Services

FHSU provides convenient and affordable medical services to ensure that students can maintain their health while pursuing their academic goals. The medical services include routine check-ups, treatment for illnesses and injuries, vaccinations, and health screenings. The medical team is dedicated to providing high-quality care to address your physical health needs, so you can focus on your studies and campus life.

Counseling Services

When you need a different perspective or support, FHSU's counseling services are here to help. Professional counselors offer therapy for a wide range of mental health concerns, including stress, anxiety, depression, college transition, drug and alcohol use, grief, and relationship issues. Counseling services also provide support for victims of dating, domestic, sexual, interpersonal, or stalking violence, helping with decision-making, safety issues, and individual healing. Sessions can be scheduled in person, by phone, or through telehealth.

Appointments:

- To schedule an individual counseling session, contact the office directly.
- Telehealth services are available for remote consultations. Visit the Telehealth Informed Consent Page for more information

Accessibility Services

FHSU offers reasonable accommodations to students with documented learning, physical, and/or psychological disabilities. If you have one or more documented disabilities that affect your ability to learn or participate in a campus program or service, we are here to help support your needs.

How to Access Services:

- Register with the office and provide documentation of your disability.
- The office will review your documentation and work with you to determine effective accommodations.

Contact Information:

- Phone: 785-628-4401



Career Services

Located in Room 142 of the Center for Student Success, Career Services is dedicated to helping students and alumni achieve their career goals. From resume and cover letter assistance to mock interviews and networking opportunities, Career Services provides the tools necessary for success in the job market. Students can also explore internship and job listings through Handshake and access global job search information via GoInGlobal. Additionally, FHSU offers a clothing closet in partnership with Master Cleaners to help students dress professionally for interviews and career fairs.

“SORTING OUT RACE” EXHIBITION

“Sorting out Race” is a traveling exhibit designed to encourage discussions about racial stereotypes past and present and is currently on display at the Hays Public Library and will remain until September 29th. The display was made possible through a Humanities Kansas grant and is co-sponsored by the FHSU Department of History and Philosophy, Hays Public Library, and the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences. The Kaufman Museum at Bethel College created the display, which includes vintage and contemporary objects readily found in thrift stores that include depictions of race and ethnicity. Through interactives and guided discussions, visitors can consider whether these items should remain in circulation or be “sorted out” from the retail environment. If you are not in Hays but still want to visit the exhibition, here is a link for online viewing:

[:https://kauffmanmuseum.org/exhibitions/travelingexhibits/sortingoutrace/](https://kauffmanmuseum.org/exhibitions/travelingexhibits/sortingoutrace/)

Please sign the digital guestbook if you view it online.

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Unlock Your Potential: Apply for Experiential Learning Innovation Grant by November 11th

Fort Hays State University faculty and staff are invited to apply for the Experiential Learning Innovation Grants through Info Ready. These grants support innovative projects that enhance experiential learning across the university.

Applications are due by the close of business on Monday, November 11, 2024.

Join us for Event

Experiential Learning Coffee & Brainstorming



Prairie Room at Memorial Union

Tuesday, October 8, 2024 from 8 - 9:30 AM

Please join members of the Experiential Learning Committee for coffee and conversation about Experiential Learning Innovation Grants that are available through the Office of the Provost!

“Sorting Out Race” Speaker Series

Dr. Alex Red Corn, "Which Box Should I Check? American Indians, Stereotypes, Imagery, and Educational Systems"

Associate Professor, Associate Vice Chancellor, Director of Graduate Studies, Indigenous Studies at the University of Kansas

August 27 at 6:30 PM at the Fox Theater
Reception at 5:30. Following his discussion, attendees are invited to the Hays Public Library to view the exhibit



Stay tuned for our September newsletter, where we'll introduce even more inspiring speakers who will be sharing their insights with the community!




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