



FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY  
**COMMENCEMENT**

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# FALL 2023 Commencement

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# THE BEGINNING

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“Twas built by the toil of our fathers:  
To its glory our voices swell.  
Hail to old Fort Hays State!”

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## This is our Heritage: This is Fort Hays State

Fort Hays State University (FHSU) is a state, tax-assisted liberal and applied arts university established and maintained by the state to serve the people of Kansas.

The university was established to satisfy a need felt by the early settlers for educational facilities in the new region. Martin Allen, a horticulturist who came to Hays in 1873, and other Hays residents, conceived the idea of using the Fort Hays Military Reservation land, about to be abandoned by the government, for experimental and educational purposes.

The fort was abandoned in 1889. From that time until 1900, the proposal for its use was repeatedly presented to Congress by farseeing residents of the area. In 1900, the federal government enacted legislation granting the land to the state of Kansas for a state college, an agricultural experimental station, and a state park. In 1901, the Kansas legislature accepted the grant.

On June 23, 1902, the university opened with 34 students, two faculty members, and 19 courses. For two years, sessions were held in two old buildings on the fort grounds. In 1904, the first stone building was completed on the “flats” adjacent to Hays and the young institution was moved to its present location.

The university opened as the Western Branch of the Kansas Normal School of Emporia. The curriculum for the first two years consisted of the upper two years of high school supplemented by courses in teaching methods.

After 1910, the first degree, A.B. in Education, was authorized at this time, although the degree was later changed to B.S. in Education. Liberal arts degrees of A.B. and B.S. were authorized in 1930. Graduate work leading to the master’s degree was first offered in 1929; in 1958 the university was given permission to grant the specialist in education degree. A doctoral program in nursing practice was approved May 2015 for Fort Hays State University by the Kansas Board of Regents. It is the university’s first doctoral program.

During its years of educational service, the university has had several changes in its name. In 1914, the Hays Normal was made independent of the Emporia Normal School and its name became Fort Hays Kansas State Normal School. In 1923, the name of the university was changed to Kansas State Teachers College of Hays.

The right to confer liberal arts degrees was approved by the Board of Regents early in 1931 and the Legislature authorized the change to the name of Fort Hays Kansas State College in the same year. In 1977, the name of the university was changed to Fort Hays State University.



*Opening Day of the Western Branch of Kansas State Normal School on the grounds of the old Fort Hays Military Reservation.*



*Left: Picken Hall, the first academic building on campus.*



*Right: South side of Industrial Building with greenhouse.*



*Left: People skate on Big Creek with Sheridan Hall in the background.*



*Right: Snow covers the fountain in front of Picken Hall.*

# FOR OUR GUESTS

## SEATING

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Upon entering Gross Memorial Coliseum (GMC), guests will be immediately directed to balcony seating. The elevator is accessible by Gate 3. There will be no general seating on the GMC floor. Exceptions will be made for guests unable to use balcony seating. A commencement staff member will escort the individual(s) and one guest to the accessible seating area on the GMC floor. Seating in this area is in high demand and available on a first come first served basis. An ASL interpreter will be shown on screen, visible from any seating area.

## COURTESY TO GRADUATES

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The university wishes to express its appreciation to the audience for extending courtesy to each graduate. Please be reminded that previous graduates have expressed their appreciation for the audience remaining seated and courteous. This allows the names of all our graduates to be heard by family and friends. We ask that you please turn off your cell phone and remain seated until the end of the ceremony. Please allow all graduates of a college to return to their seats before applauding.

## PHOTOS

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Photographers from GradImages will take individual photos as each graduate crosses the stage and with the university president. Proofs and forms for ordering will be mailed by GradImages to each candidate after Commencement. Please allow up to five business days for mailing. There is no obligation to purchase photos.

Only press and official university photographers with passes will be allowed to take photos in front of the stage.

## FIRST AID

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FIRST AID, courtesy of the Ellis County EMS, is located on the lower level at Gate 2.

## LOST AND FOUND

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The lost and found is located in Room 170, on the lower level near Gate 3. Call 785-628-4199 if you discover a missing item post-Commencement.

## AFTER THE CEREMONY

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Due to multiple ceremonies taking place on the same day, the university is requesting all graduates and guests exit the Coliseum promptly after the ceremony. This will allow the event staff to begin cleaning the area and set up for the next event.

# CEREMONY

December 15, 2023

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## Robbins College of Business and Entrepreneurship, College of Health and Behavioral Sciences, and Werth College of Science, Technology and Mathematics

8:30 AM - Gross Memorial Coliseum

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### Platform Party

Craig Karlin	Registrar and Mace Bearer
Tisa Mason	President
Jill Arensdorf	Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs
Diana Mendoza	Regent, Kansas Board of Regents
Joey Linn	Vice President, Student Affairs
Wesley Wintch	Vice President, Administration and Finance
Melissa Hunsicker Walburn	Interim Dean, Robbins College of Business and Entrepreneurship
Jeff Briggs	Dean, College of Health and Behavioral Sciences
P. Grady Dixon	Dean, Werth College of Science, Technology and Mathematics
Angela Pool-Funai	Assistant Provost and Dean of the Graduate School
Brenda Meder	Reader of Names

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## College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences and College of Education

11:00 AM - Gross Memorial Coliseum

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### Platform Party

Craig Karlin	Registrar and Mace Bearer
Tisa Mason	President
Jill Arensdorf	Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs
Diana Mendoza	Regent, Kansas Board of Regents
Joey Linn	Vice President, Student Affairs
Wesley Wintch	Vice President, Administration and Finance
J. David Macey	Dean, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
Paul Adams	Dean, College of Education
Angela Pool-Funai	Assistant Provost and Dean of the Graduate School
Brenda Meder	Reader of Names

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C.D. Clark, Seth Kastle, and Shane Schartz	Event Marshals
James Balthazor, Kimberly Chappell, Paul Nienkamp, Blake Roth, Kevin Splichal, Dosse Toulaboe, and Whitney Whitaker	Graduate Marshals
Matthew Clay, Kelly Cole, Cole Engel, Randall Jordan, Kimberly Perez, Kent Rohleder, David Schmidt, Janet Stramel, Anita Walters, and Brett Zollinger	Undergraduate Marshals
Elodie Jones, Eric Leuschner, Todd Moore, Karmen Porter, Kevin Shaffer, Masakatsu Watanabe, and Valerie Zelenka	Flag Bearers

## Commencement Order of Exercises

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### Prelude

Trumpet Voluntary	Jeremiah Clarke
Rondeau	Jean-Joseph Mouret
Sonata Bankelsangerlieder	Anonymous
Three Pieces	Ludwig Maurer
Largo from Xerses	G.F. Handel
Amazing Grace	Traditional (arr. Luther Henderson)
America the Beautiful	Samuel Ward

### Processional

Pomp and Circumstance	Edward Elgar
Star Spangled Banner	John Stafford Smith, Francis Scott Key
A Song for Fort Hays	Donald Stout

### Introductions

Jill Arensdorf	Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
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### Greetings

Diana Mendoza	Kansas Board of Regents
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### Welcome

Tisa Mason	President
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### Recognition of Candidates

Jill Arensdorf	Presentation of Candidates for Education Specialist Degrees
Tisa Mason	Conferring of Degrees
Jill Arensdorf	Presentation of Candidates for Master's Degrees
Tisa Mason	Conferring of Degrees
Jill Arensdorf	Presentation of Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees
Tisa Mason	Conferring of Degrees
Jill Arensdorf	Presentation of Candidates for Associate Degrees
Tisa Mason	Conferring of Degrees

### Closing

Alma Mater	Jack Juergens
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Note: The audience will stand during the platform party processional and remain standing for the National Anthem.



# GRADUATE SCHOOL

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The Graduate School at Fort Hays State University coordinates degree programs across all five academic colleges. Graduate faculty members have attained a significant level of achievement in their instructional and scholarly activities and are committed to excellence in graduate education. The professional staff of The Graduate School prides itself on excellent service in assisting graduate students from the point of inquiry to Commencement. On behalf of the graduate faculty and staff of The Graduate School, I congratulate you on your achievement here today.

Angela Pool-Funai  
Assistant Provost and Dean

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## ROBBINS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

### BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION – MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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**Jennifer Lynn Barone**, Elmwood Park, NJ

Health Care Management

**Cynthia Beachy**, Birmingham, AL

Management Information Systems

**Joshua Benjamin Beiker**, Hays

Health Care Management

**Ilnor Boucicaut**, Orange Park, FL

Operations Management

**Ismail Bouziane**, Hays

Business Administration

**Ying Chang**, Hays

Business Administration

**Mengchan Chen**, Hays

Digital Marketing

**Akib Chowdhury**, Visalia, CA

Tourism and Hospitality Management

**Angela Renee Cloud**, Holden, MO

Leadership Studies

**Cyril D. DeSalvo**, Garden City

Leadership Studies

**Jamie Elizabeth Fergus**, Greene, NY

Digital Marketing

**Esther Oluwabusayo Folorunso**, Hays

Management Information Systems

**Xavier Grainger**, Andover

Sports Management

**Jessica Henry**, Paw Paw, MI

Digital Marketing

**Jalen Alexander Ibarra**, Dodge City

Business Administration

**Kylie A. Ibarra**, Sutter Creek, CA

Human Resource Management

**Souleymane IlandaAffo**, Hays

Finance

**Alyssa Michelle Johnson**, Wichita

Agribusiness

**Cameron David Karlin**, Hays

Accounting

**Duo Li**, Zhengzhou, Henan, China

Business Administration

**Pinru Li**, Hays

Business Administration

**Ariel McFadden**, Kenner, LA

Leadership Studies

**Rebecca Diane Mccray**, Salina

Business Administration

**Michaela Marye Mills**, Unadilla, NY

Human Resource Management

**Cameron Murray**, Hays

Accounting

**Shena Mary Anne O'Brien**, Lewis

Marketing

**Cecilia Owolawi**, Greensboro, NC

Business Administration

**Daniel John O'Connor**, Lafayette, CO

Business Administration

**Megan Marie Pletcher**, Eskridge

Corporate Communication

**John Alexander Phipps Plimmer**, Hays

Business Administration

**Kimberly Ann Royster**, Gonzales, LA

Business Administration

**Aaron J. Satran**, WaKeeney

Finance

**Kurt J. Siejkowski**, West Hills, CA

Operations Management

**Jon David Stephenson**, Viroqua, WI

Business Administration

**Zhicong Tian**, Zhengzhou, Henan, China

Business Administration

**Jamie Tyler**, Girard

Leadership Studies

**Jordan Thomas Walshaw**, Rotherham, England

Finance/Sports Management

**Aboubakry Wane**, Bergenfield, NJ

Finance

**Zhongjiao Yang**, Lowell, IN

Digital Marketing

**Jing Yuan**, Hays

Digital Marketing

# COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

## SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY – EDUCATION SPECIALIST

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**Allen J. Zollinger**, Hays  
School Psychology

## HEALTH AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE – MASTER OF SCIENCE

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**Amari Ingram**, Hays  
Sport Administration  
**Douglas K. Boucher**, Hays  
Movement/Sports Studies  
**Griffin Paul Brunson**, Garden City  
Sport Administration  
**Jessica Marie Dale**, Hays  
Health and Human Performance  
**David C. Heck**, Marysville  
Exercise Science  
**Kaitlyn M. Holmes**, Harrah, OK  
Sport Administration  
**Kyle Scott Hull**, Woodston  
Sport Administration

**Brandon Edward Lawrence**,  
Winston-Salem, NC  
Sport Administration  
**Donovan D. McJunkin**, Visalia, CA  
Movement/Sports Studies  
**Brad Moehring**, Las Vegas, NV  
Health and Human Performance  
**Robert Douglas Smith**, Washington  
Sport Administration  
**Cheryl Wood**, Bel Air, MD  
Sport Administration  
**Hailey Nicole Zulkoski**, Hays  
Exercise Science

## NURSING – MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

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**Katherine Baum**, Olathe  
Nursing Administration  
**Katlyn Camenisch**, St. Louis, MO  
Nursing Administration  
**Sandra Grubb**, Chapman  
Nursing Education  
**Erin I. McDonnell**, Alexandria, VA  
Nursing Administration

**Mark J. Russell**, Indian Trail, NC  
Nursing Education  
**Tiffany L. Trapp**, Otis  
Nursing Administration  
**Erin L. Waggoner**, Baldwin City  
Nursing Education

## PROFESSIONAL STUDIES – MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

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**Gregory Edward Abood**, Monroe, MI  
Criminal Justice  
**David W. Atkins**, Topeka  
Organizational Leadership  
**Laurelle Augustine**, Hays  
Criminal Justice  
**Raul Cedeno**, San Juan, Puerto Rico  
Organizational Leadership  
**Rene M. Gallipeau**, Charlotte, NC  
Instructional Design

**Anna C. Hodge**, Ewa Beach, HI  
Organizational Leadership  
**Joshua W. Holuska**, Great Bend  
Cyber Security  
**Stephanie Isbel**, New Tazewell, TN  
Social Entrepreneurship  
**Ahmed Salad Jama**, Columbus, OH  
Public Health Administration  
**Lindsey Johnson**, Gretna, NE  
Sport Management

**Harlan D. Kefalas**, Waynesville, MO

Organizational Leadership

**Kelsey Lynne Leinmiller-Renick**, Lawrence

Human Resource Management

**Jennifer Salas Lopez**, San Antonio, TX

Organizational Leadership

**Tylor D. Lovette**, Derby

Information Assurance Management

**Ryan N. McCarthy**, Foxboro, MA

Criminal Justice

**Stephen Roddy Norton**, Cameron, NC

Human Resource Management

**Jacob E. Pavlica**, Colorado Springs, CO

Criminal Justice

**Jessica Pleasant**, Larned

Organizational Leadership

**Tiffany R. Reval**, Enid, OK

Public Health Administration

**Nasharee Zantel Thomas**, Union, MO

Organizational Leadership

**MaryEster Todd**, Roswell, NM

Organizational Leadership

**Tonia K. Toon**, Williston, FL

Organizational Leadership

**Timothy Vizzi**, San Clemente, CA

Sport Management

**Desiree Patterson Wade**, Commerce City, CO

Human Resource Management

**Sian Marie Weekley**, White, GA

Organizational Leadership

**Ryan Patrick Williams**, Kingston, TN

Organizational Leadership

## PSYCHOLOGY- MASTER OF SCIENCE

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**Emily Claire Allen**, Salina

School Psychology

**Brandi Anderson**, Wichita

Clinical Psychology

**Samantha Carolina Baires**, Lexington, NE

Clinical Psychology

**Jennifer Cord**, Castle Rock, CO

School Psychology

**Kauthar Daud**, Kansas City, MO

School Psychology

**Danielle Leigh Forbes**, Wichita

Clinical Psychology

**Sarah E. Foster**, Wichita

Clinical Psychology

**David Andrew Gordon**, Harrisburg, PA

Clinical Psychology

**Alyssa Danielle Guza**, Harbor Beach, MI

School Psychology

**Kali Harvey**, Concordia

Clinical Psychology

**Lindsay Hudson-Hubbs**, Millsboro, DE

School Psychology

**Jessica Sue Medina**, Lamar, CO

Clinical Psychology

**Raina M. Ochoa**, Shawnee

School Psychology

**Hannah Mae Pingetzer**, Hill City

School Psychology

**Shelby Danae Stouffer**, Leavenworth

Clinical Psychology

**Jaime Suzanne Thomas**, Live Oak, TX

School Psychology

## SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY- MASTER OF SCIENCE

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**Laura M. Langhofer**, Russell

Speech-Language Pathology

**Laura D. Sanchez**, Great Bend

Speech-Language Pathology

# WERTH COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND MATHEMATICS

## BIOLOGY- MASTER OF SCIENCE

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**Connor Joseph Champney**, Clay Center

Biology

**Mackenzie Grace Reh**, Pratt

Biology

**Loryn M. Smith**, Russell

Biology

# COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

## ART – MASTER OF FINE ARTS

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**Chelsey Renee Augustine**, Hays  
Graphic Design

**MaKinlie Jade Hennes**, Scott City  
Inter-Media

**Bethany Panhorst**, Quinter  
Ceramics

**Olivia Shayle Stinson**, Hays  
Ceramics

## ENGLISH – MASTER OF ARTS

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**Tanner Cole Callis**, Hays  
English

**Maleigha Andrea Siglinger-Albers**, Hays  
English

**Anthony David Strickling**, Ottawa  
English

## HISTORY – MASTER OF ARTS

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**Toby A. Baker**, Lebo  
History

**Rebecca E. Balzan**, Fort Irwin, CA  
History

**Rebekah M. Cempe**, Staunton, VA  
Public History

**Alexander E. Derosier**, Carlsbad, CA  
History

**Elizabeth Marie Dobmeyer**, Sheridan, IN  
History

**Dustin Garrett Earl**, River Heights, UT  
History

**Christopher C. Grace**, Vancouver, WA  
History

**Rachel C. Jones**, Bern  
Public History

**Summer Renee Kemp Arredondo**,  
Sacramento, CA

History

**Joanne P. Richard**, Charleston, ME  
History

**Chad T. Vanleuven**, Orem, UT  
History

**Colton A. Wagner**, Paola  
History

## LIBERAL STUDIES – MASTER OF LIBERAL STUDIES

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**Andy L. Davis**, San Diego, CA  
Public Administration

**Amber M. Flamer**, Monroe, NC  
Literary Arts

**Thomas Philip Godfrey**, Worcester, MA  
Global Studies

**Jeannette L. Grundstrom**, Corrales, NM  
Art

**Emily E. Kohls**, Hutchinson  
Art

**Wanwan Liu**, Lorena, TX  
Art

**Alexis Raiford**, Tamarac, FL  
Political Science

**Benjamin Henry Rao**, Garden City, NY  
Political Science

**Keith Shockley**, Yorktown, VA  
Teaching and Learning

**Ashley Carolyn Smith**, Hoisington  
Global Studies

**Garrett Bret Thompson**, Las Vegas, NV  
Political Science

**Ann M. Witte**, St. Louis, MO  
Art

# COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

## ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL STUDIES – EDUCATION SPECIALIST —

**Kate Bremerman**, Moundridge  
Education Innovation and Leadership  
**John Casey Buchanan**, Overland Park  
Education Innovation and Leadership  
**Paul Eicher**, Tulsa, OK  
Education Innovation and Leadership  
**Jennifer D. Gatz**, Fairview  
Education Administration  
**KC B. Higley**, Johnson City  
Digital Leadership

**Justin Howe**, Olathe  
Education Administration  
**Regin Johnson**, Valparaiso, IN  
Education Administration  
**Michael Kester-Haynes**, Lenexa  
Education Innovation and Leadership  
**Christopher Korbe**, McPherson  
Education Administration  
**Kristina A. Oborny**, Hays  
Leadership in Reading

## COUNSELING – MASTER OF SCIENCE

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**Alyssa Anne Anderson**, Goddard  
School Counseling  
**Kelly Ankrom**, El Dorado  
School Counseling  
**Karli C. Bauman**, Phillipsburg  
Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
**Kelsey Nechelle Cole**, Salina  
School Counseling  
**Fallon M. Craig**, Washington  
School Counseling  
**Megan Crain**, Garden City  
School Counseling  
**Kristine N. Culbertson**, Gardner  
School Counseling  
**Stacy L. Dennison**, Rock Falls, IL  
School Counseling  
**Andre Edgarian**, Leonia, NJ  
Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
**Pepper Elliot**, Kamas, UT  
School Counseling  
**Barbara Folcini**, Arlington, VA  
Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
**Ali C. Golden**, Topeka  
School Counseling  
**Amanda Gray**, Kansas City, MO  
School Counseling  
**Delaney J. Hamel**, Fairbury, NE  
School Counseling  
**Jodi R. Howard**, Solomon  
School Counseling  
**Serenity Johnson**, Ulysses  
School Counseling  
**Teresa L. Kearn**, Linn  
School Counseling

**Kimberly Marie Keiser**, Pratt  
School Counseling  
**Leann M. Krier**, Fowler  
School Counseling  
**Ashlyn Elizabeth Krigbaum**, Washington, IN  
School Counseling  
**Alice C. Kroh**, Kansas City, MO  
Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
**Stacy Kathryn Little**, Calcium, NY  
School Counseling  
**Danzel Major**, Violet, LA  
Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
**David Miller**, Glenpool, OK  
Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
**Michelle M. Mohr**, Springfield, VA  
School Counseling  
**Mayra Pacheco**, Goodland  
School Counseling  
**Alison Mae Rempe**, Smith Center  
School Counseling  
**Lindsay B. Sabala**, Topeka  
Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
**Jade M. Schaffer**, Dodge City  
School Counseling  
**Hailey Showalter**, Moundridge  
School Counseling  
**Becky S. Smith**, Coffeyville  
Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
**Sierra Nicole Thomas**, Sabetha  
School Counseling  
**Patricia L. Wageman**, Thornton, CO  
School Counseling

## EDUCATION – MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

**Shanie Faye Adams**, Meriden  
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching

**Leslie K. Alinor**, Holton  
Curriculum and Instruction

**Kerry N. Allen**, Colony  
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching

**Shealeen Faith Aton**, Dallas, PA  
Higher Education Student Affairs

**Liliana Ayllon Tapia**, Milford, DE  
Curriculum and Instruction

**Anna Barnum**, Wichita  
Curriculum and Instruction

**Seungeun Barron**, Columbia, SC  
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching

**Lauren Bass**, Atwood  
Curriculum and Instruction

**Erika Nichole Bench**, Baldwin City  
Elementary Education

**Erin Halligan Blocker**, Lincoln, NE  
Elementary Education

**Dylan Brazell**, Wichita  
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching

**Ashley Marie Briand**, Ransom  
Elementary Education

**Emily R. Burd**, Ellis  
Library Specialist

**Cynthia L. Burrows**, Lenexa  
Reading Specialist

**Melissa K. Calvin**, Topeka  
English for Speakers of Other Languages

**Meghan Cason**, Mankato  
Elementary Education

**Renee M. Cason**, Russell  
Curriculum and Instruction

**Tiffany Collins**, Mankato  
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching

**Wesley D. Cooper**, Leoti  
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching

**Paul Courter, III**, Valley Falls  
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching

**Crystal Renee Davis**, Wichita  
Mathematics

**Lydia Kate Chappell Deckert**, North Newton  
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching

**Karen Drake**, Newkirk, OK  
Elementary Education

**Ricky S. Duff**, Fruitland, ID  
English for Speakers of Other Languages

**Lisa Edwards**, Summerville, SC  
English for Speakers of Other Languages

**Jaime Fahlgren**, Tonganoxie  
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching

**Ryan D. Field**, Wichita  
Curriculum and Instruction

**Mary Elizabeth Flanagan**, Colby  
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching

**Wendy Elizabeth Garcia-Andrade**, Dodge City  
English for Speakers of Other Languages

**Kristen Lynn Goertzen**, Dodge City  
English for Speakers of Other Languages

**Danielle Gomez**, Topeka  
Curriculum and Instruction

**Michael M. Gossett**, Olathe  
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching

**Kinsey Marie Harlan**, Madison  
Elementary Education

**Bailey M. Hensley**, Manhattan  
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching

**Cherie B. Herredsberg**, Smith Center  
Elementary Education

**Kirsten Mohyde Hickey**, Goddard  
Elementary Education

**Madisen Elizabeth Holtzen**, Enterprise  
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching

**Taylor Nichole Hop**, Hutchinson  
Chemistry

**Kayla Marie Horning**, Wichita  
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching

**Jerod M. Horsch**, Mount Hope  
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching

**Ashley P. Hughes**, Topeka  
Reading Specialist

**Sophie Immen**, Parker, CO  
Reading Specialist

**Blaine R. Joonas**, Linn  
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching

**Chandler Del Kitchen**, Russell  
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching

**Julie Kristin Koch**, Burdick  
Curriculum and Instruction

**Keyanna M. Kocher**, Axtell  
Chemistry

**Holly L. Lang**, Hays  
Library Specialist

**Naomi Langager**, Tokyo, Japan  
English for Speakers of Other Languages

**Amy Lanski**, Wichita  
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching

**Sulian S. Larmond**, Wayne, MI  
Higher Education Student Affairs



**Bradley J. Long**, Beatrice, NE  
Elementary Education

**Eric Alan Lowe**, Derby  
Elementary Education

**Danielle Yvette Lucas**, Wichita  
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching

**Shannon Elizabeth Lutz**, Andale  
Library Specialist

**Pamela Mahannah**, Wichita  
Transition to Teaching

**Hailee L. Manwaring**, Salina  
Elementary Education

**Alessandro Marnoni**, Garden City  
Transition to Teaching

**Sara M. Martinez**, Wichita  
English for Speakers of Other Languages

**Cruz Evangelina Morningstar**, Johnson City  
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition To Teaching

**Joshua Nelson**, Salina  
Secondary Education

**Andrea Odendahl**, Bentley  
English for Speakers of Other Languages

**Kenneth T. Parks**, Atlanta, GA  
JROTC Instructor Prep -  
Education Leadership - Army

**Kiron Patterson**, Wichita  
Transition to Teaching

**Lesly Bianey Paz**, Arkansas City  
English for Speakers of Other Languages

**Jacqueline T. Penney**, Doha, Qatar  
Elementary Education

**Natividad Pineda**, North Bergen, NJ  
Curriculum and Instruction

**Michelle R. Ponce**, Winfield  
Higher Education Student Affairs

**Ashlynn Corrine Pounds**, Overland Park  
Curriculum and Instruction

**Kaitlyn Ralston**, Liberal  
English for Speakers of Other Languages

**Meghan Regehr**, Olathe  
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition To Teaching

**Laura Nicole Reichert**, Olathe  
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition To Teaching

**Daniel A. Reyes**, Garden City  
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition To Teaching

**Kyle Risner**, Claremore, OK  
English for Speakers of Other Languages

**Elizabeth Michelle Rogers**, Ulysses  
Curriculum and Instruction

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The Werth College of Science, Technology and Mathematics combines complementary academic programs to meet the ever-growing national need for science graduates. As a college, we have a shared mission of contemporary science education, novel educational opportunities, applied research and technical training, and community outreach. The combination of traditional and applied academic areas in a single administrative unit allows students to directly experience the connections across science disciplines. This kind of cross-pollination creates a deeper understanding as they gain foundational knowledge and technical skills.

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The faculty and staff of the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences congratulate all December 2023 graduates. We join in celebrating your achievements and in thanking you for your work as students, scholars, and artists throughout your time at Fort Hays State. Your energy, insight, and creativity have had a transformative effect on our university community, and your accomplishments fulfill our shared mission to prepare engaged global citizen-leaders. We look forward to watching you transform the world.

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Each student graduating with academic honors must have attended and completed at least 30 credit hours from Fort Hays State University. Honors are based on both the candidate's cumulative and Fort Hays State University grade point average (GPA).

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Hutchinson  
Kayenta Morgen Frye, Marysville  
Talya A. Killingsworth, Derby  
Michelle M. Klecan, Odell, NE  
Emily L. Koenigsman, Tipton  
Hannah Marie Kvasnicka,  
Goodland  
Erin M. Lange, Brookville  
Peyton Faye Lazzaro,  
Golden, CO

Audrey Elizabeth Manry,  
Larned  
Kendra A. Maydew,  
Smith Center\*  
Luke D. Nachtigal, Hutchinson  
Valerie Nguyen,  
Macedonia, OH  
Abbey E. Oborny, Hays  
Gracie N. Pfannenstiel,  
WaKeeney  
Kimberly Ramos,  
Coldwater, MI

Justin Lee Stewart,  
Wentzville, MO  
Michelle A. Tadefa, Hays  
Courtney L. Tinkham, Hays  
Christopher B. Vankooten,  
Phillipsburg  
Katherine Elizabeth Wagner,  
Wichita  
Harly Taybor Watkins,  
Hoisington  
Jaysa A. Wichers, Hays  
Zachary R. Zahner, Goddard

## CUM LAUDE

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Johnangel Alba, Wichita Falls, TX  
Margaret Virginia Allen, Derby  
Angela C. Altomare,  
California, MD  
Clifford W. Anderson,  
South Bend, IN  
Kayla Nicole Apuan, Wichita  
Javier Aragon-Lopez, Derby  
Mackenzie Leann Augustine,  
Hays  
Vanessa Rae Ballard, Mulvane  
Sydney Elizabeth Barrett, Beloit  
Dakota Dean Beals, Clay Center  
Jacob A. Buckman, Hays  
Scott Carlson, Lawrence  
Riley Christian Champney,  
Topeka  
Laney Raelynn Clark,  
Glen Elder  
Madison E. Crabtree,  
Spring Hill  
Megan Taylor Crist, Wichita  
Whitney June Dill, Portis  
Crystal Dorn, La Crosse  
Taylor Nichole Drees, Hays  
Grace M. Dressman, Frankfort  
Margarita Zuley Escobedo,  
Dodge City  
Lexxi J. Espada, Solomon  
Jennifer L. Ewing, Topeka  
Emma Grace Faulkner, Wamego  
Mackenzie J. Foos, Spearville  
Josiah W. Fouts, Wilcox, NE  
Mallory E. Gabriel, Cypress, TX  
Quinn Alan Glaser, Mulvane

Jimmy W. Hailey,  
Chesapeake, VA  
Patrick Hammond,  
St. Marys, GA  
Kaleigh Marie Harbaugh, Hays  
Wyatt D. Hessman, Spearville  
Rebecca Horton, Cushing, OK  
Jonah Levi Huehl,  
Sylvan Grove  
Danytra Leann Hughes,  
Greenwood, MO  
Nicole D. Hull, Ogallala, NE  
Julien Nimai Illo, Hays  
Maiko Ishida, Portland, OR  
Lindsey Jimenez,  
Clemmons, NC  
J'Vohn Fhalen Johnson,  
Independence  
Jett D. Jurgens, El Dorado  
Brian Koerwitz, Windsor, CO  
Beth L. Kohler, McKenzie, ND  
Laura A. Krohn, Wheaton  
Hannah Litke, Manhattan  
Willow A. Ludwig,  
Littleton, CO  
Alexis C. Lundahl, Hays  
Holly E. Maska, Gardner  
Rachel Elaine Matal, Derby  
Meagan Clare McCarty,  
Arlington, TX  
Sochivornmonineath Meas,  
Phnom Penh, Cambodia  
Myles A. Menges, Hays  
Iran G. Mesta, Ness City  
Brianna K. Miller, Spearville  
Christian Reid Murray, Larned

Andrew M. Neuman, Cimarron  
Omar Omer, Lackawanna, NY  
Cindy Orrantia, Liberal  
Hyojin Park, Buford, GA  
Morgan D. Polson, Isabel  
Anna Katherine Potter, Wichita  
James Pow, Portland, ME  
Lisa M. Rawie, Olathe  
Emma Kay Reif, Hoisington  
Abigail Isha Rhodes,  
Mohnton, PA  
Kylee M. Ricke, Cunningham  
Danielle M. Shade, Salina  
Keagan L. Shubert, WaKeeney  
Geoffrey Robert Soneson, Ellis  
Chelsea M. Sosebee, Spring Hill  
Gretchen M. Stephens,  
Fort Leavenworth  
Kevin Te, Henderson, NV  
Rietta Brooke Thomas,  
Medicine Lodge  
Willem Traupel, Windsor, CA  
Miah Sara Valdez, Kansas City  
Karisma Joy Vignery,  
Minneapolis  
Laken C. Vondracek, Hays  
Jessica May Walker, Topeka  
Michaela Elizabeth Wetter,  
Concordia  
Amanda Kaye Whissen, Wichita  
Jacey J. Wideman, Minneola  
Keshia D. Williams, Wakefield  
Alexandria Nicole Wilson,  
Salina  
Hayden Robert Wiltfong,  
Edmond  
Paris B. Wolf, Hays  
Terry Lee Yowell, Guymon, OK

# AWARDS

## PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AWARD

The President's Distinguished Scholar Award was first awarded in 1989. All unclassified employees of the university are eligible for consideration each year and are evaluated for this honor by analysis of their performance in the categories of research/creative activities, service, and instruction. Acceptable levels of performance must be demonstrated in service and instruction, with the primary focus of this award being on research/creative activities. Applications are reviewed by an evaluation committee and a recommendation is forwarded to the president of the university.

The honoree presents a scholarly lecture during the President's Distinguished Scholar program. The awardee is recognized on a plaque displayed in the Memorial Union, given a certificate, specially-designed medallion and receives a monetary acknowledgment.

2023	Laura Wilson	2005	Jerry Choate
2022	April Terry	2004	Steven Trout
2021	Hendratta Ali	2003	Paula Boire
2020	Rick Edgeman	2002	Linda Ganstrom
2019	P. Grady Dixon	2001	Thomas T. Jackson
2018	Mary Martin	2000	Ruth Firestone
2017	Jennifer Bonds-Raacke	1999	Kenneth Neuhauser
2016	S. Christopher Bennett	1998	Kathleen Kuchar
2015	Chapman Rackaway	1997	Paul R. Krutak
2014	Dosse Toulaboe	1996	Michael F. Jilg
2013	Chris Crawford	1995	Nancy S. Vogel
2012	Richard Packauskas	1994	Albert J. Geritz
2011	Amy Schmierbach	1993	Weldon F. Zenger
2010	Greg Farley	1992	Raymond Wilson
2009	Paul Adams	1991	Lewis M. Miller
2008	John Heinrichs	1990	Eugene Fleharty
2007	Norman Caulfield	1989	Stephen B. Klein
2006	Richard Zakrzewski		



## NAVIGATOR AWARD

The Navigator Award was established in 1998 by the Student Government Association to recognize an outstanding academic advisor based on how closely the advisor adheres to the university goals for academic advising. All academic advisors are eligible for this award. Past award recipients will become eligible after a five-year waiting period. Candidates are nominated, interviewed, and selected by graduating seniors.

2023	David Fitzhugh	2014	Karrie Simpson Voth	2005	Jill Stafford
2022	Nanette Fitzhugh	2013	Scott Jones	2004	Karrie Simpson Voth
2021	Kris Munsch	2012	Cole Engel	2003	Joleen Briggs
2020	Keith Bremer	2011	Nanette Fitzhugh	2002	Roland Neseth
2019	Troy Terry	2010	Greg Farley	2001	Debbie Mercer
2018	Craig Smith	2009	Mary Martin	2000	Shala Bannister
2017	Cheryl Duffy	2008	Beth Walizer	1999	Louis Caplan
2016	April Terry	2007	Mark Stutz	1998	Dale McKemey
2015	Jessica Heronemus	2006	Jennie Straight		

## LIGHTHOUSE AWARD

The Lighthouse Award was established in 2018 to recognize an outstanding graduate (master's level or above) student. FHSU faculty members nominate the candidates, and a committee of faculty and administration, chaired by an alumni administrator, selects the recipient.

2023	Diane Nuñez
2022	Alison Helget Mary Kathy Robb
2021	Blaine Wertz
2020	Stacie Rupp
2019	Jessica Johnson
2018	Herrick Smith

## PILOT AWARD

The prestigious Pilot Award, established by the Alumni Association in 1974, annually recognized two outstanding faculty members, one male and one female. Full-time teaching faculty became eligible after two years of continuous service on the campus of Fort Hays State University. In 1997, the awards committee of the Alumni Association Board of Directors revised the criteria so that any teaching faculty member would be eligible after three years of continuous service to FHSU. The award was to be given to one faculty member irrespective of gender rather than two. Candidates are nominated by members of the graduating senior class on the basis of professional excellence and commitment to outstanding teaching. The recipient is chosen by a committee of seniors, faculty, and Alumni Association Board members.

2023	Ziwei Qi	1990	Sharon Barton
2022	Kenneth Windholz		Paul Gatschet
2021	Eric Gillock	1989	Katharine Ninia Smith
2020	Robert Keener		John D. Klier
2019	Mitchell Greer	1988	Ellen Veed
2018	Robert Channell		Lawrence Gould
2017	Stacey Smith	1987	Martha A. Claflin
2016	Christie Brungardt		William E. Claflin
2015	Keith Dreiling	1986	Nancy Vogel
2014	Cheryl Duffy		Keith Campbell
2013	Gene Rice	1985	Sandra S. Rupp
2012	Jill Arensdorf		Gary K. Hulett
2011	Jeff Burnett	1984	Wilda M. Smith
2010	Fred Britten		Donald B. Slechta
2009	Mark Bannister	1983	Judith Vogt
2008	Beth Walizer		Arris Johnson
2007	Greg Farley	1982	Alice R. McFarland
2006	Shala Mills		Ronald J. Fundis
2005	Carol Patrick	1981	Donna Harsh
2004	Germaine Taggart		J. Dale Peier
2003	John Heinrichs	1980	Kathleen Kuchar
2002	Raymond Wilson		Samuel Warfel
2001	Sharon Wilson	1979	Patricia Rhoades
2000	Stephen Tramel		James Costigan
1999	Clifford Edwards	1978	Suzanne Trauth
1998	James L. Murphy		Wilmont Toalson
1997	Thomas T. Jackson	1977	Clarice Peteete
1996	Robert B. Luehrs		Alex Francis
1995	Michelle Hull Knowles	1976	Maxine Hoffman
1994	Michael Slattery		Robert Dressler
1993	Kenneth Neuhauser	1975	Rose Arnhold
1992	Stephen Tramel		Harold D. Choguill
1991	Eugene Fleharty	1974	Lorraine Machan
			Dan Rupp

## TORCH AWARD

The coveted Torch Award was established in 1974 by the Alumni Association to recognize one male and one female outstanding senior. In 1991, the awards committee of the Alumni Association Board of Directors revised the criteria to recommend the selection of one senior recipient. Candidates are nominated by members of the faculty on the basis of leadership and academic excellence. A committee of faculty, administrators, and Alumni Association Board members selects the recipient.

2023	Emily Reitz	1990	Doris Lang
2022	Alec Bevis		Mordecai Boone
2021	Grace Wasinger	1989	Darcey Lee Deines
2020	Adam Flax		Lee Alan Fisher
2019	Remington Behrends	1988	Tammy Eilert
2018	Keshawn Sewell		Joe Dinges
2017	Giles Fox	1987	Connie Brachtenbach
2016	Arianne Fisher		Lee M. Gross
2015	Cody Scheck	1986	Diane Erker
2014	Jordan Voss		Robert Amerine
2013	Jessica Tormey	1985	Gerilyn M. Giebler
2012	Layne Krizek		Mark Bannister
2011	Michelle Webb	1984	Betty Burk
2010	Andrew Leiker		Kenton Kersting
2009	Katie Edwards	1983	Cheryl Knabe
2008	Joan Dreiling		Kevin Faulkner
2007	Diane Becker	1982	Katherine K. Jellison
2006	Jason Crist		Steven J. Hess
2005	Mitch Hall	1981	Geralyn Kraus
2004	Jennifer Mayers		Robert Wilson
2003	Rigo Ramirez	1980	Jennifer Thorns
2002	Rebecca Blocksome		Jeffrey Peier
2001	Julie Ann Brull	1979	Sharon Meyer
2000	Lena Sidders		Michael Pauls
1999	Mardy Robinson	1978	Ramona Weigel
1998	Karen E. Meier		Timothy Doughty
1997	Travis Crites	1977	Matasha Otte
1996	Stacia Gressel		Richard Bauer
1995	Mary Desch	1976	Barbara Broeckelman
	Karla Wagner		John Dorsch
1994	Tammy Brooks	1975	Kathy Bahner
1993	Grant Bannister		Rick Kellerman
1992	Coy Martin	1974	Cynthia M. Hartman
1991	Marlys Gwaltney		Marcus Bassett

# ACADEMIC HISTORY

## HISTORY OF COMMENCEMENT

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The First Annual Commencement took place on July 2, 1903 at the Grand Army of the Republic Hall in Hays, after being postponed from May 1903 because one of the graduates could not get back to Hays from Emporia. Flooding prevented the train from making its trip.

Freda Schwaller, Fred E. Lindley and Ida Shaffer were the first graduates of the Western Branch of the Kansas State Normal School.

Final exams and commencement were canceled in May 1951 after a flood hit the campus on May 22. The graduates were honored at the summer school commencement later that year.

Through the years, commencement exercises have been held in Sheridan Coliseum, Lewis Field, Gross Memorial Coliseum, and virtually

## HISTORY OF THE ACADEMIC MACE

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The mace has an ancient history as a symbol of authority. In medieval times it was a studded, club-like weapon. Made of iron and capable of breaking armor, these giant clubs were chiefly used by knights. They were also often borne by a royal bodyguard to protect the king in processions.

By the 14th century, maces assumed more ceremonial functions and lost their warlike appearance. They were often decorated with jewels and precious metals. The ceremonial mace stands for lawful power and regal authority.

Eventually the mace also became a symbol for academic institutions, an emblem of order and authority in the pageantry of ceremonial occasions. The first dated record of the

ceremonial academic mace goes back to 1385 at the University of Vienna.

An academic mace is traditionally carried in procession and mounted on stage whenever degrees are granted or when the faculty is assembled in formal academic dress. During commencement ceremonies at Fort Hays State University, a mace is carried by the University Registrar before the president and other dignitaries in the platform party.

The Fort Hays State University mace was designed and crafted by Mr. Dale Ficken, Associate Professor of Art, in late August - September 1969 for the inauguration of Dr. John W. Gustad, the fifth president in the history of Fort Hays State University, on October 5, 1969.

## THE SONGS OF FHSU

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In the history of FHSU, there have been five different songs that were adopted by general usage.

The words and music of the first song, the Kansas State Teacher's College Hymn, were written by Pearl Sidenius, who was a member of the faculty from 1915 to 1917.

Some years later, Dr. Rob Roy Macgregor, 1928-1935 faculty member, wrote the words of a College Anthem which was sung to the tune of "Men of Harlech." Jack Juergens, a music faculty

member from 1948 to 1951, wrote the words and music of the University Anthem, the third of the songs to be used as the Alma Mater.

The fourth song is the University Hymn written by Dr. Donald Stout, who conducted choirs at FHSU for 36 years. The song, originally titled "A Song for Fort Hays," is sung and played by the choirs and bands of FHSU.

The fifth song, University Fight Song, used in athletic contests, is an adaptation of the Northwestern University fight song.

## UNIVERSITY COLORS

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Soon after President Lewis came to the campus, he suggested that since the official color of the school was old gold (from the previous connection with the Normal School at Emporia) the school ought to adopt an additional color to distinguish it from Emporia.

The color suggested was black. This would give the school the colors of gold and black, which would enable it to adopt the tiger as its athletic symbol. President Lewis was from Missouri, where he was, of course, loyal to the Missouri "Tigers."

## ACADEMIC REGALIA

The academic apparel worn at commencement ceremonies has its origins in the 12th and 13th centuries when scholars (whether student or teacher) at European universities wore hoods and gowns as their customary, daily attire. The long gowns may have been necessary for warmth in unheated buildings. Since there was a close tie between early universities and the Church, it is not surprising that academic gowns resembled cassocks and elaborate clerical vestments. The American fashion of academic caps and gowns derives mainly from the gowns worn at Oxford University.

The traditional cap is the mortarboard with black cloth cover. The tassel worn at some institutions reflects the color representing the degree earned. The tassel worn at Fort Hays State University represents the traditional colors of the university: black and gold.

The bachelor's gown is primarily distinguished by its long pointed sleeves. The master's gown is similar, except for having oblong sleeves from which the forearm protrudes through a slit near the elbow. The doctoral's gown has rounded sleeves and also has velvet panels around the neck and down the front of the gown, as well as three velvet bars on the sleeves.

Hoods are typically worn with the master's and doctoral gowns. Hoods are permitted to be worn with the bachelor's gown, but it is customary in many large institutions to dispense with the hood.

Originally, the hood was used as a cowl, cape, and—when hung from the shoulder—a sack to collect alms. It is said that when large wigs were in fashion, the cap section of the hood then fell back clear of the wig. This hood style continues to today, with the narrow end of the hood shaped as a neckband connecting the two halves of the cape.

Like the gown, the hood differs for the various degrees. The doctoral's hood is the longest and is a fuller shape than the master's hood and is usually bordered with velvet, the color of which indicates the kind of degree. The hood is lined with silk in the colors of the institution that granted the degree. The edging of the hood is velvet or velveteen, three inches wide for the master's hood and five inches wide for the doctoral's hood. The traditional rule is that a candidate for a degree should not wear the hood of that degree until it is actually conferred.

The assignment of colors to signify certain degrees was a later development and was standardized in the United States in the late 19th century.

In 1932 the American Council on Education (ACE) reviewed and approved the code of academic dress. In 1959 and 1986, the ACE reviewed the costume code and made several changes.

These colors are associated with the different academic disciplines. Fort Hays State University's hoods and tassels are the university colors: black and gold.

Agriculture - Maize	Journalism - Crimson	Public Health - Salmon
Arts, Letters,	Law - Purple	Science - Golden Yellow
Humanities - White	Library Sciences - Lemon	Social Work - Citron
Commerce, Accountancy,	Medicine - Green	Theology - Scarlet
Business - Drab	Music - Pink	Veterinary Science - Gray
Dentistry - Lilac	Nursing - Apricot	
Economics - Copper	Oratory (Speech) - Silver Gray	
Education - Light Blue	Pharmacy- Olive Green	
Engineering - Orange	Philosophy - Dark Blue	
Fine Arts, Architecture - Brown	Physical Education - Sage Green	
Forestry - Russett	Public Admin., Foreign Service	
Home Economics - Maroon	- Peacock Blue	

## SYMBOLS

### UNIVERSITY SEAL

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The circular seal was originally adopted in 1934. The artist who designed it was Marjorie Meade Jacobs.

The college was established on the old Fort Hays military reservation. The building depicted in the seal is the old stone block house, which was a part of the fort. In typical fashion for the building, the seal features a flag pole and hills in the background.

The university seal is exclusively reserved for official documents such as diplomas, transcripts, certificates and ceremonial recognition gifts.



### PRESIDENT'S MEDALLION

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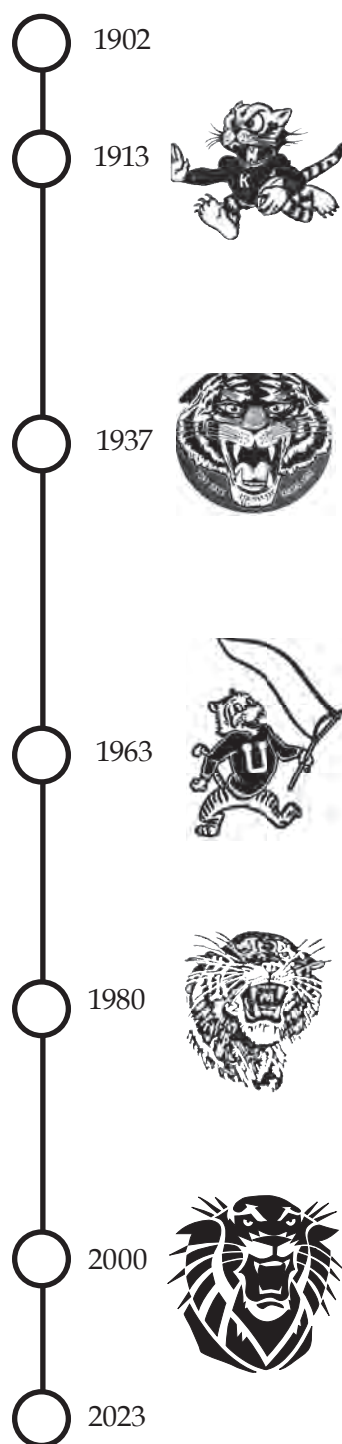
In 1969, Dr. John W. Gustad approached Mr. John Thorns, art faculty member, concerning FHSU's lack of symbols connected with the formality of office, such as a medallion or mace. To rectify this, Gustad commissioned the Department of Art and Design to create three items for his presidential inauguration: a mace, a relief statue and a presidential medallion.

The mace, created by Mr. Dale Ficken, is typically used for ceremonial purposes. More information on the mace can be found in previous sections of the program. Mr. Jim Hinkhouse designed the relief sculpture, second of the three symbols, which was placed at the back of the room during Gustad's inauguration. This sculpture has since been destroyed.

The presidential medallion was fashioned by Mr. Olli Valanne. Made of silver, this piece of jewelry features a unique design. According to Thorns, the medallion was created "in recognition of the individual who is president." It is to be used in conjunction with all academic affairs and is worn any time the president of the university wears the academic regalia. In 2014 Todd Voth, FHSU graduate, created a special chain from which the medallion hangs. The chain is adorned by nameplates engraved with the names of former presidents of the university.

The medallion has been passed down to each consecutive president after Gustad and will continue to represent the leadership and FHSU in the future.

## UNIVERSITY MASCOT



No one knows for certain how the Tiger came to be FHSU's mascot, but it may have been the brainchild of W.A. Lewis, the president of the Western Branch Normal School (FHSU).

What is certain is that the FHSU symbol made his debut in 1914, when tiger head insignias were first sewn onto school jerseys. In that same year, Ralph Archer, a sports reporter for the *Leader*, first referred to FHSU students as "Tigers."

The image rapidly gained popularity on campus. In 1919, the yearbook published the first drawing of the mascot. He wore a soldier's cap, and one of his paws rested on a German war helmet to symbolize the defeat of the Kaiser in World War I.

However, that image changed in 1924 and the tiger took on a more powerful pose. It was used to introduce the sports pages, and the athletic department used it as a symbol of aggressiveness.

The Tiger retained his fierce look through the 1930s, perhaps as a symbol of the tough economic conditions of the Depression. And in the 1937 yearbook, the Tiger served as a background for the top four football players of the year. However, the mascot did regain his fighting image in the early 1950s when car decals featured him in a uniform from Custer's Seventh Cavalry.

In 1963, the best known version of the mascot appeared – a tiger carrying the school banner. This cat was used to add personality to school shirts, steins and stationery. He could also be seen on road signs just outside Hays and Manhattan pointing the way to his home campus.

The Tiger returned to his more serious nature in 1978, when he was featured in a circular logo designed by Jackquie Harris Meitler, Palco art student. The Tiger was drawn as though he were a photographic negative; that is, his black stripes were white, and vice versa.

In 1999, a new Tiger graphic was designed by Mary Ridgway, University Relations Creative Director, and it was tested with students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the university. A few tweaks were made. President Hammond unveiled the first original mascot in the university's long history in a public ceremony April 3, 2000.

A few months later, based on suggestions from students, the new mascot was given his name, Victor E. Tiger.

Alumnus Larry Dreiling, who played the role of the FHSU Tiger mascot as a student, purchased the first Victor E. Tiger mascot suit for the university.

## ABOUT OUR STUDENTS

### ON-CAMPUS STUDENTS

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Fort Hays State University's physical campus is home to a mix of traditional and non-traditional students from a variety of ethnic, social and cultural backgrounds. Many of the approximately 3,631 on-campus learners are from Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska and the Midwest with a number of international students helping to enrich the traditional learning environment.

### FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS

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Fort Hays State University prides itself on first-generation college students. An individual can claim first-generation student status if neither one of their parents, guardians or siblings possess a four-year degree.

### FHSU ONLINE STUDENTS

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Fort Hays State has been dedicated to distance education since 1911 when Kansas teachers in one-room schools began the first free correspondence courses. In 1997, the FHSU Virtual College brought distance education online, and after more than two decades of innovation and experience, the Virtual College became FHSU Online in 2020.

Now with 200 fully-online programs, FHSU Online is an award-winning leader of online education, and one of only six institutions certified by the United States Distance Learning Association. The students of FHSU Online share much with those one-room teachers of yesteryear: work experience, previous education, an ambition to advance, and a desire to give back to their communities. By providing these students with an exceptional and affordable education, FHSU Online continues the university's long legacy.

### MILITARY/VETERAN STUDENTS

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FHSU provides educational opportunities to students from every branch of the armed forces including the United States Army, United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard, United States Air Force, the National Guard, and various Reserve units.

These students may attend courses either online or on-campus as veterans or current military members. The flexible programs and delivery options allow our service members, veterans, and their families to pursue their education no matter where they are stationed or what their current mission might be.

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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Fort Hays State University welcomes international students each year from over 47 countries. International students bring a cultural richness to our campus and community as well as adding a global perspective to our classrooms. FHSU is a leader in providing education for international students both on-campus and online.

### INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

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FHSU serves students on campus, online and at our partner universities in mainland China. In Fall 2000, FHSU began offering in-person courses to Chinese students at Zhengzhou Sias University in Xinzheng, Henan, China which is the sister city to Hays, Kansas. In Fall 2003, FHSU expanded to Shenyang Normal University in Shenyang, Lioaning, China. FHSU has graduated over 10,000 Chinese students with similar graduation ceremonies conducted each Spring in China. FHSU's global footprint extends to several international partners whereby FHSU recruits study abroad students and visiting scholars.



## RETIREMENTS 2023

### FACULTY

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**Rick Edgeman** Chair, Department of Management

### STAFF

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**Michael Drees** Controller, Office of Administration and Finance

**Beverly Unruh** Senior Administrative Assistant, Department of Mathematics

## IN MEMORIAM 2023

**Ron J. Diehl** Custodial Crew Leader, Physical Plant

**Lawrence (Mac) Reed** Associate Professor, Forsyth Library

**Louis L. Robinson** Carpenter, Physical Plant

**Thomas A. Schenk** Custodian, Physical Plant

**Herbert Zook** Assistant Professor, Department of Technology Studies

# CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations, Class of 2023, from your FHSU Alumni Association!

We're here to support you as you take the next steps on your journey by connecting you with classmates, professors, and fellow alumni. Visit [www.FHSUalumni.com](http://www.FHSUalumni.com) to get involved in a community of more than 75,000 alumni worldwide.

The Alumni Association wishes you well in future endeavors wherever your career may take you. As a graduate of Fort Hays State, you are always close to Tiger alumni and friends, and we want to keep you connected with your alma mater. For more information, please reach out to the FHSU Alumni Association at [alumni@fhsu.edu](mailto:alumni@fhsu.edu) or 785-628-4430.

Again, congratulations on your graduation, and best of luck in the future! Go Tigers!

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Congratulations, Class of 2023, from your FHSU Foundation – the fundraising arm of Fort Hays State!

We, along with thousands of FHSU donors who generously support scholarships and university needs, are proud of your accomplishments.

Throughout these next several years, please consider thanking an individual who supported you in some capacity during your time at Fort Hays State University by paying it forward to a future Tiger.

We wish you the best!

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Congratulations on your achievement. We are so proud you chose Fort Hays State University for your degree.

As you move forward in your life's journey, don't forget we have many online degrees that are available to pursue. Check it out at [www.fhsu.edu/online](http://www.fhsu.edu/online) for a complete listing. Once a Tiger, Always a Tiger!!

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A special thank you to all who have helped make this commencement ceremony a success.

Your assistance ensures that our ceremony runs smoothly and efficiently.

We thank you for your time and dedication in making this a memorable event for the graduates.

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Every effort has been made to include all FHSU graduates in today's program. However, if a graduate has selected the privacy setting on their record in Workday, the university takes this selection seriously.

# A SONG FOR FORT HAYS

DR. DONALD STOUT

STANDING TALL ON THE WESTERN PLAIN,  
BORN OF THE SUN, AND WIND, AND RAIN,  
WESTERN KANSAS GIVES YOU PRAISE,  
ALMA MATER, FORT HAYS!

FROM THE PAST OUR FUTURE WE DESIGN,  
LET THE LIGHT OF OUR KNOWLEDGE SHINE!  
OUR SONG OF PRAISE WE BRING TO YOU;  
ALMA MATER, ALMA MATER, FORT HAYS.

## ALMA MATER

JACK JUERGENS

ON THE PLAINS OF WESTERN KANSAS  
STANDS A SCHOOL WE ALL LOVE WELL.  
'T WAS BUILT BY THE TOIL OF OUR FATHERS;  
TO ITS GLORY OUR VOICES SWELL.

CHORUS:

HAIL TO OLD FORT HAYS STATE!  
LET YOUR VOICES RING.  
PRAISE FOR THE BLACK AND GOLD  
WE WILL EVER SING.  
LONG MAY OUR VALOR LAST  
THROUGH THE FUTURE DAYS,  
HON'RING AND PRAISING  
DEAR FORT HAYS.

IN THE YEARS THAT LIE BEFORE US  
WE FORESEE OUR LAND'S MANY NEEDS.  
THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF NEW GENERATIONS,  
WE'LL GO ON TO MORE NOBLE DEEDS.

