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THE BEGINNING

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

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

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.

COURTESY TO GRADUATES

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

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.

Photo backdrops are available for use by guests and graduates between Gates 2 and 3 on the second level of Gross Memorial Coliseum.

FIRST AID

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

LOST AND FOUND

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

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.

CEREMONIES

December 13, 2024

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

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

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

11:00 AM - Gross Memorial Coliseum

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

C.D. Clark, Seth Kastle, and Shane Schartz Event Marshals

James Balthazor, Christine Hober, Elodie Jones, Graduate Marshals
Robert Moody, Paul Nienkamp, and Dosse Toulaboe

Benjamin Cline, Betsy Crawford, Rachel Dolecek, Undergraduate Marshals
Cole Engel, Kathryn Holecek, Eric Leuschner, Jessica Phelan,
Clark Sexton, Masakatsu Watanabe, and Valerie Zelenka

Jerri Brooks, Jacque Jacobs, Phillip Olt, Jonathan Rehmert, Flag Bearers
Wendy Rohleder-Sook, Kevin Shaffer, and Jonathan Sumrall

Commencement Order of Exercises

Prelude

Trumpet Voluntary	Jeremiah Clarke
Rondeau	Jean-Joseph Mouret
Sonata Bankelsangerlieder	Anonymous
Trumpet Tune	Henry Purcell
Largo from Xerses	G.F. Handel
My Heart, Ever Faithful	J.S. Bach
Just a Closer Walk with Thee	Traditional (arr. Don Gillis)
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

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

ROBBINS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION – MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Ashley Marie Arnold, San Antonio, TX
Human Resource Management

Anshul Bansal, Hays
Business Administration

Jake Campbell, Fort Collins, CO
Finance

KelsiJo Marie Crouch, Dodge City
Finance

Sunny Alexandra Davis, Bluffdale, UT
Human Resource Management

Cloey Denham, Lawrence
International Business

Benjamin Dixon, Conroe, TX
Management Information Systems

Bailey J. Dover, Wichita
Finance

Haotian Geng, Hays
Business Administration

Jared Grieve, Gardner
Business Administration

Sarah A. Growe, Hays
Agribusiness

Eva Verkin Hinrichsen, Westmoreland
Agribusiness

Sonya Rene' Huhn, Hutchinson
Management Information Systems

Chesicka Nicole Jennings, Cypress, TX
Management Information Systems

Loukendy Tamara Joseph, Maplewood, NJ
Human Resource Management

John Timothy Katzen, Santa Monica, CA
Digital Marketing

Ndeye Marie Keita, Dakar, Senegal
Finance

Haysley Kelty, Hays
Business Administration

Ethan James Kickhaefer, Gypsum
Operations Management

Margaret Cole Krominga, Spearville
Leadership Studies

Yang Liu, Hays
Information Assurance

Kimberlyn L. Lynum, Jackson, TN
Leadership Studies

Lesley W. Mackey, Owensboro, KY
Business Administration

Christina Deann Meyer, Tucson, AZ
Health Care Management

Cristina Perez, North Plainfield, NJ

Digital Marketing

Erin Plummer, Olsburg

Health Care Management

Dat H. Quach, Salina

Health Care Management

Dawson Reynolds, Odessa, TX

Business Administration

Audrey Barden Rossetti, Austin, TX

Tourism and Hospitality Management/

Health Care Management

Nicole Renae Roudybush, Hoxie

Health Care Management

Sydney Marie Saunders, Olathe

Business Administration

Sailor-Anne Grace Seiler, Hanston

Sports Management

Charles D. Stieben, Hays

Leadership Studies

Rodney Arion Jaiden Ullah, Anaheim, CA

Tourism and Hospitality Management

Ariela Valdez, San Diego, CA

Management Information Systems

Bohan Wang, Henan, China

Business Administration

Kirsten Renee Weishaar, Lawrence

Corporate Communication

Mengna Zhao, Henan, China

Digital Marketing

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY - EDUCATION SPECIALIST

HEALTH AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE - MASTER OF SCIENCE

Lynette Hawkins, Aurora, CO
Health and Human Performance

Hunter Alvin Hearne, Hays
Exercise Science

Myles A. Menges, Bushton
Health and Human Performance

Jaxson Emmitt Webb, Tonganoxie
Sport Administration

Hayden Robert Wiltfong, Edmond
Sport Administration

NURSING - MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Stephanie Jeanine Banker, Hays
Nursing Administration

Katy J. Barbieri, Abilene
Nursing Education

Jill Berenato, Ocean City, NJ
Nursing Education

Jolene M. Dreher, New Cambria
Nursing Education

Lauren E. Forck, Lenexa
Nursing Education

Natalie Kristin Hernandez, Overland Park
Nursing Education

Allison Hickman, Basehor
Nursing Administration

Jessica M. Hunter, Philadelphia, PA
Nursing Education

Easlyn Elizabeth Koch, Axtell
Nursing Education

Lixiu Lin, Johnston, RI
Nursing Education

Nwamaka N. Okoye, Beaverton, OR
Nursing Administration

Heather Rose Vincequere, Augusta, GA
Nursing Education

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES - MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Claudio A. Abbascia, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Web and Mobile Applications

Walaa Ahmad, Erie, PA
Organizational Leadership

Brynton Joel Anderson, Liberty, MO
Medical Imaging Sciences - Administration

Riana Cherise Bates, Hays
Medical Imaging Sciences - Administration

Arrica L. Braun, Victoria
Medical Imaging Sciences - Education

Jessica Lynn Bryant, Overland Park
Medical Imaging Sciences - Education

Austin Budke, Overland Park
Medical Imaging Sciences - Administration

Nicole Burkhardt, Wichita
Medical Imaging Sciences - Education

Katelyn Marie Burkhart, Hutchinson
Medical Imaging Sciences - Education

Kyle E. Casey, Ogden
Criminal Justice

Shakira Exford, Stone Mountain, GA
Workforce Development

Maci Layne Fraser, Hutchinson
Medical Imaging Sciences - Education

Laurie-Ann Cecile-Blanchet Frazier, Hays
Information Assurance Management

Raneem Ghunaim, Hays
Human Resource Information Systems

Jordan Haan, Elizabeth, CO
Medical Imaging Sciences - Administration

Bryn C. Hafliger, WaKeeney
Human Resource Management

Christina Ann Haselhorst, Dodge City
Organizational Leadership

Lisa Hoppock, Salina
Medical Imaging Sciences - Education

McKenzie Rae Johnson, Topeka
Medical Imaging Sciences - Administration

Abby Nicole Kennemer, Hays
Organizational Leadership

James Kobell, Celeste, TX
Web and Mobile Applications

Samuel Paul Lagle, Shawnee
Cyber Security

Julian Masters, Wichita
Human Resource Management

Shane D. Musgrave, Steamboat Springs, CO
Organizational Leadership

Uyen Nguyen, Orlando, FL
Web and Mobile Applications

Accacia Lee Pedigo, Great Bend
Criminal Justice

Rebecca Lynn Poland, Salina
Medical Imaging Sciences - Education

Ashley Nicole Reider, Paola
Medical Imaging Sciences - Administration

Christian Rivas, Great Bend
Criminal Justice

Lisa Michelle Schwarz, Ajo, AZ
Criminal Justice

Jennifer Shaw, Hogansville, GA
Human Resource Management

Jessica A. Silhan, Salina
Criminal Justice

Dillon Jon Steppe, Riley
Medical Imaging Sciences - Administration

Christiana Thacker, Lincoln, NE
Human Resource Management

Madelyn J. Underwood, Lawrence
Criminal Justice

Jacob Dean Walvoord, Overland Park
Medical Imaging Sciences - Administration

Daniel Walz, Clay Center
Human Resource Information Systems

PSYCHOLOGY- MASTER OF SCIENCE

Rachel Baginski, Burlington, VT
School Psychology

Loren Campbell Beggs, Olathe
Clinical Psychology

Melanie Ana Cruz-May, Peyton, CO
School Psychology

Ellen Gatewood, Kansas City
School Psychology

Alexandria Grant, Manhattan
School Psychology

Tiffany Myers, McPherson
Clinical Psychology

Rhian Kay Patterson, Hays
Clinical Psychology

Ashton A. Pfannenstiel, Hutchinson
School Psychology

Chad Westly Sumner, Casper, WY
School Psychology

Sean Alexander Thomson, Hays
Clinical Psychology

WERTH COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND MATHEMATICS

BIOLOGY- MASTER OF SCIENCE _____

Isaac Yemo Odoi, Accra, Ghana
Biology

COMPUTER SCIENCE- MASTER OF SCIENCE _____

José Nazareno Torres Ambrósio, Hays
Computer Science

GEOSCIENCES- MASTER OF SCIENCE _____

Pike L. Holman, McLouth
Geology

Alec Zaborniak, Archbold, OH
Geosciences

COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

ART – MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Madison Paige Otter, Great Bend
Graphic Design

ENGLISH – MASTER OF ARTS

Stanley Woodrow Blackmore, Lexington, NE
English
Brian Trent Killmon, Junction City
English

Angie L. Koons, Camdenton, MO
English
Erin N. Renard, Russell
English

HISTORY – MASTER OF ARTS

Brendan Chapman, Hays
History
Whitney Hersh, Lawrence
History
Jonathan Matthew Hunt, Ewing Township, NJ
History
Justin Kerns, Greeley, CO
History
Matthew Lamunyon, South Hutchinson
History

Starla Rajavuori, Long Beach, CA
History
Kyle Shelanskey, Orlando, FL
History
Melissa Rae Tunstall, Coffeyville
History
Emory Crebo Wilder, Nederland, CO
History

LIBERAL STUDIES – MASTER OF LIBERAL STUDIES

Ashley Nichole Barrera,
Hamilton Township, NJ
Literary Arts
Gregory M. Butler, Arkansas City
Political Science
Bryan D. Conrad, Nashville, IN
Corporate Communication
Elisabeth Craster, Felton, DE
Art
Bethany Anne Hopson, Wichita
Art
Jayne Johnson, Austin, TX
Political Science
Kemberle Johnson, Clayton, NC
Literary Arts,

Benjamin Kwene Keliojor, Norristown, PA
Public Administration
Ian Stewart O'Banion, Ypsilanti, MI
Music
Oligario Belen Paglinawan, Los Angeles, CA
Gerontology
Ryver Penix, London, OH
Political Science
Kevin M. Quigg, Minneapolis, MN
Global Studies
Sharron Taylor, Fort Riley
Global Management
Maximillian Davin Wilson, Kapolei, HI
Literary Arts

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL STUDIES – EDUCATION SPECIALIST —

Trevor W. Ashcraft, Mayetta
Education Administration
Lindsay Jo Cravens, Belleville
Education Administration
Susan K. Dumler, Hays
Education Innovation and Leadership
Bailey England, Farley, MO
Education Innovation and Leadership
Robyn L. Fowler, Fort Smith, AR
Digital Leadership
Lacey N. Lambermont, St. Peters, MO
Education Innovation and Leadership

Miriam Berennice Rodriguez, Scott City
Education Innovation and Leadership
Carly Elizabeth Rowton, Columbus
Leadership in Reading
Joseph Brandon Royer, Oswego
Education Innovation and Leadership
Joy Beth Schmidt, Pratt
Education Administration
Kaitlin Vogel, Fort Leavenworth
Leadership in Reading

COUNSELING – MASTER OF SCIENCE

Ailysa Aileen Blair, Osborne
School Counseling
Hilary Nash Britting, McPherson
School Counseling
Kourtney May Brown, Newton
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Courtney Campbell, Fort Scott
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Abigail Chaney, Ellis
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Kyle Steven Dolph, Charlotte, NC
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Emily Goodwin, Wichita
School Counseling
Jonathan Gordon, Wichita
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Abdelkrim Hadj Said, Savoy, IL
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Christina S. Hoyt, Brewster
School Counseling
Sarah Marie Johnson, Wichita
School Counseling
Leslie L. Kagle, McPherson
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Lexington Kochanowski, Hays
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Melinda Ann Korte, Gloucester City, NJ
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Madeline Ann Lierz, Baileyville
School Counseling

Heather M. Love, Springville, UT
School Counseling
Esmeralda Larisa Main, Garden City
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Theresa Jeanne Middleton, Bucyrus
School Counseling
Logan Nelson, Hays
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Tina M. Nelson, Junction City
School Counseling
Whitney Niehues, Centralia
School Counseling
Kadey Nordell, Wichita
School Counseling
Alexis Norris, Falls City, NE
School Counseling
Gregory Phelps, Colfax, WA
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Billie Lynn Pinkham, Olathe
School Counseling
Hilary Ann Rombeck, Riley
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Christy Steinfort, Hanover
School Counseling
Amanda Woodard, Courtland
School Counseling
Madalyn Claire Young, Bird City
School Counseling

EDUCATION – MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Lynette S. Abitz, Wichita
Curriculum and Instruction -
Science of Language and Literacy
Garrett Duane Allaman, Kansas City
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Taylor Anne Baalman, Maize
Curriculum and Instruction -
The Effective Teacher
Ashley Michelle Baker, Bird City
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Paula Black, Overland Park
Curriculum and Instruction -
The Effective Teacher
Breann Boggs, Osage City
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Michael Brooks, Topeka
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Alexis Danielle Brown, Paxico
Curriculum and Instruction -
The Effective Teacher
John Burke, Wichita
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Jessica L. Butte, Erie, CO
Chemistry
Christina Byler, Alton
Elementary Education
Emily Child, Whiting
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Gregory M. Cole, Wichita
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Emanuel Contreras, Kansas City
Library Specialist
Cory John Deeds-Rookstool, Topeka
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Courtney Danielle Dold, Cheney
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Jennifer Edwards, Amesbury, MA
English for Speakers of Other Languages
Nathaniel Jacob Fell, Greendale, WI
Curriculum and Instruction -
Exceptional and Diverse Learners
Elise Goddard, Manhattan
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Angela P. Gomez, Topeka
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Leticia G. Gonzalez, Lawrence
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching

Janon Gordon, Garnett
Elementary Education
Marie Kristine Grant, Salina
Elementary Education
Erika Belen Gurnsey, Wichita
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Erin Guthrie, Raytown, MO
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Christian Hatch, Highlands Ranch, CO
Higher Education Student Affairs
Cyrus J. Haynes, Dighton
Secondary Education
Yessenia Hernandez, Basehor
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Chad Michael Hildebrand, Stafford
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Katelyn Hobby, Berryton
English for Speakers of Other Languages
Lisa D. Hoffman, Dodge City
English for Speakers of Other Languages
Thomas Benton Holcomb, Belton, TX
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Emma Holle, Bremen
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Megan Jamison, Fort Collins, CO
Curriculum and Instruction -
The Effective Teacher
Micaela Rose Jellison, Protection
Curriculum and Instruction -
The Effective Teacher
Kevin Jones, Coldwater
Mathematics
Jessica Renee Lang, Hays
Reading Specialist
Michele L. Leibundgut, Campbell, CA
Chemistry
Erika Litson, Hays
Secondary Education
Samuel Talmadge Martin, Fort Riley
Elementary Education
Haydee Martinez-Bretado, Topeka
English for Speakers of Other Languages
Jessica L. McCarty, Lenexa
Library Specialist
Amber N. McKinney, Natoma
Elementary Education
Laura Ruth McLaughlin, Wichita
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching

Kendall Meyer, Manhattan
Higher Education Student Affairs
Kareem Micheli, Partridge
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Shelly Milledge, Mulvane
Curriculum and Instruction -
The Effective Teacher
Bethany R. Miller, Topeka
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Daniel C. Minde, Liberal
High Incidence
Yvette Moritz, Hays
Curriculum and Instruction -
Science of Language and Literacy
Peyton Northcutt, Ensign
Elementary Education
Paige Kaylynn Perry, Hugoton
Reading Specialist
Elizabeth Peterson, Lyons
Secondary Education
Stacy Leigh Porter, Leoti
Elementary Education
Jasmin Pulido, Kansas City
Curriculum and Instruction -
The Effective Teacher
Brooke Elizabeth Reif, Hoisington
Reading Specialist
Alexandrya D. Reynolds, Hays
Higher Education Student Affairs

Jacob Wayne Richardson, Derby
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Kassidy Richardson, Wichita
Elementary Education
Roxanne Lillian Robinett, Manhattan
Elementary Education
Savannah Sailors, Wichita
Reading Specialist
Victor Salazar, Garden City
Secondary Education
Desiree Schwartz, Wellington
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Sierra Marie Smith, Hyogo, Japan
English for Speakers of Other Languages
Vincent Sturgeon, Wichita
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Amanda Thomas, Kansas City
Curriculum and Instruction -
The Effective Teacher
Maureen M. Turczmanovicz, Manahawkin, NJ
Reading Specialist
Amy J. Uloho, Wichita
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Kyle Waters, Merriam
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Chelsey Blake Westerhaus, Lawrence
Curriculum and Instruction -
The Effective Teacher
Amy J. White, Johnson
Elementary Education

EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION – MASTER OF SCIENCE

Brooks Armstrong, Hutchinson
Education Administration
Kelcey Blaho, Timnath, CO
Education Administration
Jordan L. Call, Tonganoxie
Education Administration
Joe E. Campmier, Parsons
Education Administration
Kellie Gatewood, Winfield
Education Administration
Ashlen Hanson, Topeka
Education Administration
Kylah Lynn Hayes, Sterling
Education Administration
Skyler M. Jenkins, Grand Island, NE
Education Administration

Andrew Korte, Goodland
Education Administration
Christina Martin, Milford
Education Administration
Delaney Joan Pollart, Kendall
Education Administration
Matthew Robert Stevens, Yukon, OK
Education Administration
Eryn Ruthann Stokes, Sublette
Education Administration
Jacey Stratton, Carter Lake, IA
Education Administration
Anne M. White, Hope
Education Administration

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY – MASTER OF SCIENCE

Henry Abert, Plains

Instructional Technology

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Instructional Design

Brendan Gerard Clary, Merriam

Instructional Technology

Rebecca Feld, Round Lake, IL

Instructional Technology

Kelli E. Jackson, Sioux Falls, SD

Instructional Technology

Wendy J. Kelly, Silver Lake

Instructional Technology

Taylor Renae Klassen, Omaha, NE

Instructional Technology

Yaa Adoma Obeng, Bamako, Mali

Instructional Technology

Victor Ramiro Rincon, Jr., Wichita

Instructional Technology

Camdyn Blaise Schreiber, Salina

Instructional Technology

Kimberly Brooke Skroblus, Wentzville, MO

Instructional Technology

Mary Smith, Lincoln Park, NJ

Instructional Technology

Matthew Edward Wilper, Hutchinson

Instructional Technology

SPECIAL EDUCATION – MASTER OF SCIENCE

Paola Elizabeth Avila-Franco, Kansas City

High Incidence

Catherine Marie Barker, Fort Riley

High Incidence

Lakeisha Boyice, Kansas City, MO

High Incidence

Jessica R. Brockleman, Inman

Gifted

Chad Evans Brown, Topeka

High Incidence

Leigh Megan Brown, Glen Ridge, NJ

High Incidence

Kalyn Anne Burnett, Stafford

High Incidence

Leanna J. Bussman, Viola

High Incidence

Carly Nicole Campbell, Overland Park

High Incidence

Veronda Carr, Wichita

High Incidence

Erica Dawn Carter, Ulysses

High Incidence

Jennifer Castro, Syracuse

High Incidence

Feleicia Diane Covington, Independence, MO

High Incidence

Esther Robyn Davis, Topeka

High Incidence

Debbie Ellison, Kansas City

High Incidence

Shelly Ann Fletcher, Overland Park

High Incidence

Sharon Kay Goering, Fairview

High Incidence

Jackson Lee Goodmiller, Westmoreland

High Incidence

Cierra Denyse Goodwin, Peabody

High Incidence

Amanda Lee Hackett, Chapman

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Raechel E. Morrow, Rockford, MI
Shelley Lynn Old, Yates Center
Adam Michael Peitz, Olathe
Nathaniel Joshua Peters-
Landlord, Honolulu, HI
Asny Phillips, Deltona, FL
Serenna Kathleen Provost,
Farmington, MO

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Michael Sample, Emporia
Diana M. Scott, Amherst, NY
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Basehor
Matthew J. Stump, Wichita
Nathan Thammavongsa,
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Wichita
Olivia Alise Weems, Wichita
Alexie Brye Welton,
Springfield, MO
Elizabeth Eberly White, Colby
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Tanya Marie Gottschalk, Logan
Brianna Denae Hanson,
Wallace

Brianna Jones-Rupp, Milton
Susan J. Martinez, Wichita
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Schyler Neill, Neosho Rapids
Aanaiyah Ofei-Dodoo, Wichita
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Ava, MO

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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

The College of Education takes great pride in preparing elementary and secondary teachers, school specialists in reading, library media, counseling, school administrators, special education, higher education student affairs, instructional technology and community counselors. We offer bachelor, master and education specialist degrees housed in outstanding departments focused on undergraduate and graduate teaching programs. Innovative programs, such as the Transition to Teaching and the Special Education Limited Residency programs, provide an alternative path to teacher licensure and are helping meet the demand for teachers in Kansas. Partnerships with service centers, community colleges and school districts strengthen the mission of the College. The College has knowledgeable, caring faculty members who love to teach. They continue to share their enthusiasm for our profession while preparing professional educators for success. We are proud of the impact FHSU education graduates make in Kansas schools and beyond.

Paul Adams
Dean

Kimberly Chappell Advanced Education Programs, Chair
Christopher Jochum Teacher Education, Chair

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Kaysi Nicole Armstrong, Salina	Lauren C. Brinkman, Paola	Angela Dianne Heim, Dexter
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	Amy Lien Florea, Concordia	Celeste Annabel Konda, Dodge City
	Isabel Rhea Freisberg, Hays	Tristin Jeanette Kraemer, Randolph

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 Andrea Marie Leiker, Wichita
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 Sage Rene Lohofener, Hays
 Dayton Michelle Long, St. John
 Hattie Jane Lukert, Sabetha
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 Emily Loren Prichard, Wichita
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 Tenley Rae Smith, El Dorado
 Lindsey Kaye Spencer,
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 Candace Taylor, Dresden
 Kristy Lynn Torchia,
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 Anna Grace Towner, Hays
 Claudia Elizabeth Trout,
 Minneapolis
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 Victoria
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HONORS AT GRADUATION

There are three levels of academic honors at commencement. **Summa cum laude** is awarded to graduates achieving a grade point average of 3.90 or above on their cumulative and FHSU coursework, **magna cum laude** to graduates achieving a grade point average of 3.80 to 3.89 on their cumulative and FHSU coursework, and **cum laude** to graduates achieving a grade point of 3.60 to 3.79 on their cumulative and FHSU coursework.

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).

While honors will be listed in the commencement program for those who may reasonably anticipate them, the listing in the program is not a guarantee of receiving honors. The listing and reading of honors for degree candidates are based on the final grade indexes achieved at the beginning of the student's final semester. The official honor awarded based on final grade indexes will be noted on the student's diploma and transcript.

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Kaya Alexandra Adams, Hutchinson	Katie Jo Golemboski, Scott City	Christina Rene Perkins, Howard
Morgan Lerrri Barba, Henderson, CO	Megan Ann Hathaway, Council Bluffs, IA	Rebekah Porter, Hays
Isabella Francheska Blansett, Hays	Tyler D. Heise, Osborne	Zoe Maxine Potter, Claflin
William C. Brown, McPherson	John P. Hotchkiss, Saylorsburg, PA	Jon Quinday, Russell
Karington V. Bryant-Smith, Hill City	Cambree Faith Koehn, Leoti	Hunter Ray Riggan, Robertsdale, AL
Paul Edward Daldegan, Garden City	Jonathan Lyon, St. John	Jonah R. Ruder, Norton
Tim Deser, Hays	Justino Bizzy Macias, Columbus, GA	Charlie Scott Schmanke, Overland Park
Kathryn Marie Dilsaver, Lincoln, NE	Trinity Sunshine Malsbury, Eudora	Morgan Nicole Staab, Victoria
Chloe M. Faurot, Hays	Emma Grace McDermott, Manassas, VA	Kristy Lynn Torchia, Baldwin City
Alicia Marie Feyerherm, Hays	Cassandra Moore, Junction City	Anna Grace Towner, Hays
Mackenzie Freeman, Johnsonburg, PA	Raegan Lenora Neufeld, Inman	Travis Van Doozer, Parker, CO
Isabel Rhea Freisberg, Hays	Betty Ann Oliver, Anderson, SC	Jaycee Ann Vath, Lincoln
	Jesse T. Opie, North Wales, PA	David Vogl, Greeley, CO
	Delanie Grace Patterson, Hays	Julina Alicia Wall, Pierceville
		Jessie R. Watson, Hays

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Maria Anayaritza Aguilar
Mendoza, Wichita
Kyleigh Allen, Hays
Hamna Aslam, Cheras, Malaysia
McKenzie Mark'ee Benbrook,
Haysville
Joel Foster Carberry, Liebenthal
Rubi Chavez Saucedo, Hays
Hellen Brenda Culpepper,
Derby
Kegan Allen Fisher, Benton
Carlee M. Flax, Hays
Nicholas Ford, Fernley, NV
Erica Marie Gahm, Reseda, CA
Tabatha Holuska, Great Bend
Kelli D. Hubbard, Salina
Hazen Tanner Keener, Hays
Kathryn Alberta Kravitz,
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Morgan Isabel Lange,
Independence
Anna Rose Larson, Prairie View
Hattie Jane Lukert, Sabetha
Aubrey Lane Lundblade,
Sublette
Suzann Maddox, Bel Aire
Kelly Mayden, Abilene
Krista McDaniel, Scott City
Deborah Yvonne Medina-
Escalera, Wichita
Makenzie Ann Meschberger,
Garden City
Kaia Noreen Miller, Wamego
Morgan Renee Miller,
Hutchinson
Ciara Ann Moore, Salina
Nikollette Xandria Morrissey,
Winfield

Tasiah Tyree Nunnery, Hays
Harley Page, Protection
Brenda Rocio Peregrino,
Garden City
Alondra Perez, Bird City
Tori Perez, St. John
Haylee Michelle Price, Hays
Brooke Madison Renshaw,
Salina
Jenna Ashten Seabolt, Cimarron
Carolina Srey, Fort Worth, TX
Christopher Lee Talbot,
Melissa, TX
Candace Taylor, Dresden
Nicole Leigh Taylor, Garfield
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Larned
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Juli Anderson, Vass, NC
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Sophia Baumbach, Hays
Kellie Dawn Belleau, Norton
Addie Berens, Tampa
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Cheyenne Elizabeth Brannan,
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Todd P. Bridges, Tipp City, OH
Sierra Jayme Bryant, Wichita
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Hutchinson
Griffin Wilson Davies, Holton
Stacy Dawn Davis, Great Bend
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Amber Marie Dobbins,
Rock Hill, SC
Noah Dorweiler,
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Natalie Jasmine Lee Edwards,
Wichita
Lydia LaDonna Farley,
Winfield
William Dennis Flavin, Esbon
Mirra LeAnne Flesher,
Concordia
Ethan G. Forrester,
Land O' Lakes, FL

Stephen Patrick Gabel, Hays
Joshua Gardner Woods,
Park Forest, IL
Naomi Gardner Woods,
Park Forest, IL
Rebecca Lynn Glahn, Gypsum
Jessica Lynn Goree,
Kearney, NE
Lydia Greenfield,
Hot Springs, SD
Katie Maureen Hale, Hays
Patricia A. Hammar, Parsons
Kristan Joy Hammond, Le Roy
Kennedy Harrington,
Englewood
Bailey Michelle Harris,
Goddard
Amanda Kaye Hart, Grinnell
Angela Dianne Heim, Dexter
Amber Rochelle Hempe,
Augusta
Jennifer Henry, Wichita
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Ernesto Hernandez, Plains
Andria L. Hird, Bella Vista, AR
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Vanda Johnson, Abilene
Celeste Annabel Konda,
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Amber C. Kraft, Gridley
Lyly Ngan Le, Wichita
Nathan G. Leiker, Hays
Dyd Damian Leng,
Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Sage Rene Lohofener, Hays
Kiernan Michael McCarty,
Hays
Abby Diane McDaniel,
Scott City

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Hutchinson
Jaelynn Nichole Moore,
Pleasanton
Bren Elizabeth Peters, Jewell
Kalli Elizabeth Pfeifer, Russell
Hok Puthika,
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Kaitlyn Rasmussen, Pratt
Katalina F. Rivera, Wichita
Sang Ju Ryer, Everett, WA
Piseth San,
Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Elvis K. Sang, Wichita
Rachel Schmidt, Newton
Emily A. Schneider,
Phillipsburg
Suzanna Jo Schneider, Hays
Jade Evan Schroer, Hays
Hannah Marie Seiler, Wichita
Kyler R. Semrad, Goddard
Alyssa Grace Smith, Shawnee
Lauren Rae Spillman, Hoxie
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Benjamin K. Thompson,
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Chhay Serey Vath,
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Gina Marie Vega, Kansas City
Emily S. Wade, Chanute
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Maggie Louise Windholz,
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Salina
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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.

2024	Robert Lloyd	2006	Richard Zakrzewski
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 Toulabo	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

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.

2024	Debra Staab	2015	Jessica Heronemus	2006	Jennie Straight
2023	David Fitzhugh	2014	Karrie Simpson Voth	2005	Jill Arensdorf
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

LIGHTHOUSE AWARD

The Lighthouse Award was established in 2018 to recognize an outstanding graduate student at the master's level or above. FHSU faculty and staff members nominate the candidates, and selection is determined by a committee of faculty and campus administration, chaired by an Alumni Office representative.

2024	Sonja Brandt
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 was established in 1974 to recognize outstanding an outstanding faculty member. Any teaching faculty member is eligible after three years of continuous service to FHSU. Candidates are nominated by members of the graduating senior class based on professional excellence and commitment to outstanding teaching. The recipient is selected by a committee of seniors, faculty, and Alumni Office representatives.

2024	Jonathan Sumrall	1990	Sharon Barton
2023	Ziwei Qi		Paul Gatschet
2022	Kenneth Windholz	1989	Katharine Ninia Smith
2021	Eric Gillock		John D. Klier
2020	Robert Keener	1988	Ellen Veed
2019	Mitchell Greer		Lawrence Gould
2018	Robert Channell	1987	Martha A. Claflin
2017	Stacey Smith		William E. Claflin
2016	Christie Brungardt	1986	Nancy Vogel
2015	Keith Dreiling		Keith Campbell
2014	Cheryl Duffy	1985	Sandra S. Rupp
2013	Gene Rice		Gary K. Hulett
2012	Jill Arensdorf	1984	Wilda M. Smith
2011	Jeff Burnett		Donald B. Slechta
2010	Fred Britten	1983	Judith Vogt
2009	Mark Bannister		Arris Johnson
2008	Beth Walizer	1982	Alice R. McFarland
2007	Greg Farley		Ronald J. Fundis
2006	Shala Mills	1981	Donna Harsh
2005	Carol Patrick		J. Dale Peier
2004	Germaine Taggart	1980	Kathleen Kuchar
2003	John Heinrichs		Samuel Warfel
2002	Raymond Wilson	1979	Patricia Rhoades
2001	Sharon Wilson		James Costigan
2000	Stephen Tramel	1978	Suzanne Trauth
1999	Clifford Edwards		Wilmont Toalson
1998	James L. Murphy	1977	Clarice Peteete
1997	Thomas T. Jackson		Alex Francis
1996	Robert B. Luehrs	1976	Maxine Hoffman
1995	Michelle Hull Knowles		Robert Dressler
1994	Michael Slattery	1975	Rose Arnhold
1993	Kenneth Neuhauser		Harold D. Choguill
1992	Stephen Tramel	1974	Lorraine Machan
1991	Eugene Fleharty		Dan Rupp

TORCH AWARD

The coveted Torch Award was established in 1974 to recognize an outstanding senior. Candidates are nominated by members of the faculty and staff based on leadership and academic excellence. Selection is determined by a committee of faculty and campus administration, chaired by an Alumni Office representative.

2024	Chelsea Kiefer	1991	Marlys Gwaltney
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
			Marcus Bassett

ACADEMIC HISTORY

HISTORY OF COMMENCEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

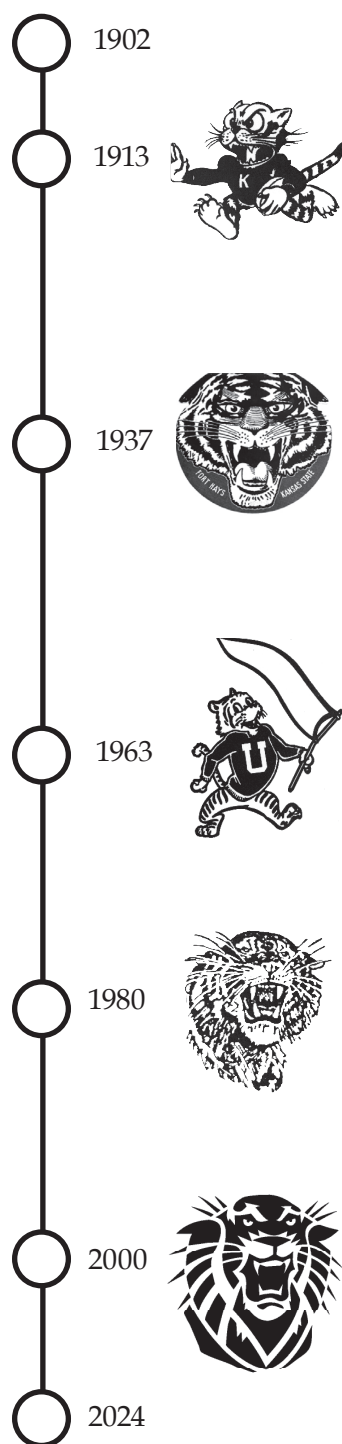
In 1969, Dr. John W. Gustad approached Mr. John Thorns, art faculty member, concerning FHSU's lack of symbols connected with the formality of office, such as a medallion or mace. To rectify this, Gustad commissioned the Department of Art and Design to create three items for his presidential inauguration: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

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 3,742 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

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

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

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

Fort Hays State University welcomes international students each year from various 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

FHSU serves nearly 4,000 students on campus, online and at our partner universities in mainland China, Cambodia, and Africa. In Fall 2000, FHSU began offering in-person courses to Chinese students at Zhengzhou Sias University in Xinzheng, Henan, China. In Fall 2003, FHSU expanded to Shenyang Normal University in Shenyang, Lioaning, China. FHSU has graduated over 17,000 Chinese students with similar graduation ceremonies conducted each Spring in China. FHSU's global footprint extends to several international partners whereby FHSU offers classes online and on-site at partner locations, as well as participating in robust scholar and student exchange via Study Abroad and our Visiting Scholar programs.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations, Class of 2024, from your FHSU Alumni Office!

We're here to support you and keep you connected with classmates, professors, and fellow Fort Hays State alumni. Visit www.FHSUalumni.com to stay up to date with a community of more than 75,000 alumni worldwide.

We wish you well wherever your career may take you. As a graduate of Fort Hays State University, we want to keep you engaged with your alma mater and close to your Tiger Alumni and friends. To learn more, please reach out to our FHSU Alumni Office at alumni@fhsu.edu or 785-628-4430.

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

Congratulations, Class of 2024, 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!

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, remember we have many online degrees that are available to pursue. Check it out at www.fhsu.edu/online for a complete listing. Once a Tiger, Always a Tiger!!

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.

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.