



# Tiger International

From the Desk of the Advisor.....Carol Solko-Oliff

Happy New Year and Welcome!!

I hope everyone had a great break and you are rested and ready to start the spring semester. A **special welcome** to all new students, we are glad you are here at FHSU! The staff in the Office of International Student Services is available to assist you. If you have questions or need help, please know you are always welcome to stop by! We want you all to have a successful semester and experience. You may speak with either me, Angie Roth, Marnie Kohl, Helen Robson, Mehran Shahidi or Cenyeea Williams. The ISS staff is here to help!

**PLEASE READ THE WEEKLY EMAILS, MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS and FACEBOOK.** The weekly email and monthly newsletter are an important way we try to keep in touch with you, but more importantly to share valuable information with you that may help you avoid making a costly mistake.

- Each Monday you will receive an email that contains information about weekly events, deadlines and important information. This email will be sent out by Marnie.
- At the beginning of each month you will receive a newsletter that will also come to you by email. You can always access it at the international website: [www.fhsu.edu/international/newsletter](http://www.fhsu.edu/international/newsletter)

Please pay attention to these emails as they contain important information. Students who come to our office with questions most times would already know the answer, if they had only read their newsletter or the weekly email. Of course if you need further clarification we certainly want you to ask. Relying on your friends advice is sometimes not the best option as each student's situation is unique to them. You can also find out important information and reminders by checking out the International Facebook page.

**Just a reminder,** Immigration law requires all international students to enroll and remain in a full course load which constitutes 12 credit hours for undergraduate and 9 hours for graduate students. It is also important to note, that only one virtual class can count toward full time enrollment AND if it is your last semester and you plan to apply for OPT, you cannot be a virtual only class. If you or your advisor has questions about this, please contact our office. Also, if it becomes necessary to withdraw from a course, which will put you below full time status, you must see me or Angie. Checking before you drop a course will alleviate problems for you and your immigration status.

Also, remember that while school is in session, you are only allowed to work 20 hours per week on campus. Please do not let work interfere with your academic course work. We will again monitor the number of hours students work during the spring semester.

Please get involved on campus and in the International Student Union. If you like sports, the Intramural Department has lots of activities you can become involved in. If you like music and theatre, checkout the Encore Series and Music Department as there is a great performing arts calendar, which is very affordable for students. The monthly newsletter tries to highlight activities both on campus and in the Hays community as well as Marnie's weekly emails. These activities are a great way to take a break from your studies and relieve some stress!

Have a great semester and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call, e-mail or make an appointment to see me.

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*I am a Tiger.*

*I belong to a strong  
unique family  
Who strives for  
greatness and  
success.*

*I instill  
integrity and  
confidence within  
Others as well as  
myself.*

*I incorporate  
Honesty and respon-  
sibility in all I do.*

*I am the  
future.*

*~FHSU Tiger Pact*

## ADDRESS UPDATES & STUDENT STATUS

All International Students should inform the International Student Office (Sheridan Hall 204) of any address or phone number changes. It is very important that we have your current information at all times.

USCIS (U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services) requires our office to maintain student records in SEVIS (Student Exchange Visitor Information System). This program requires all schools that issue I-20's and DS-2019's, to report all international students enrolled at their school, the number of credit hours, current address, phone number and if the student is in status with immigration. For this reason it is very important for you to remain in status and always have your current address and phone number on file with the International Student Services Office. If you have had an address change, please let our office know within 10 days.

Also, please be advised that while you may be allowed to enroll in "less than fulltime" schedule with approval of the International Office in your last semester, this is an exception that is *strictly monitored* and reviewed by Immigration. You are not allowed to have numerous "less than fulltime" semesters; this is typically a one time allowance to be used truly during your last semester. Be sure when you request a "less than fulltime" enrollment exception, that it is truly your last semester and you can provide verification of this from your academic advisor.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION UPDATES

With the SEVIS regulations that are in place, the International Student Services Office is required to have current information on **all students on an F-1 or J-1 visa.** This includes address, phone number and e-mail address. If you have not provided Marnie with your current contact information, please see her in Sheridan Hall 204 within ten days of moving. This is required by SEVIS and we must have current information on all F-1 or J-1 visa holders at all times. You may still change your information on the TigerTracks through the internet, **BUT YOU MUST ALSO NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES.**

## TIGERTRACKS & FHSU UNIVERSITY EMAIL

TigerTracks is Fort Hays State University's Web portal. TigerTracks provides centralized single sign-on access to student university e-mail, the Blackboard course delivery system, announcements, and other FHSU Online Services through your own customizable homepage! The **Online Services** section of **TigerTracks** provides access to the TigerEnroll system, class schedules, advisor contact information, financial aid status, grades, personal contact and emergency notification information, and more! The International Student Services Office uses the university email to communicate with international students. **Please make sure you are checking your university email account everyday and delete emails you no longer need.**

## INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER

The International Student Services Office has a cell phone that can be called after normal office hours or on the weekend for emergency purposes. We would ask that if you have questions that can be answered during normal office hours that you call the office number at 785-628-4176. If an emergency situation such as sickness, problem or an accident happens outside of office hours, please use the cell phone number 785-259-0005 and someone from the ISS will try to assist you.

## GRADUATE SCHOOL DEADLINES

Here are some deadlines that the Graduate School would like you to know about:

- Intent to Graduate form must be filed by February 4 if you plan to graduate this spring.
- Comprehensive Exam deadline to sign up is March 4.
- Comprehensive Exam results are to be turned in by April 29.
- Thesis/Field Study final copy is due April 29.

Please contact the Graduate School at 628-4236 if you have any questions regarding deadlines or you can visit the following website for deadline information <https://www.fhsu.edu/academic/gradschl/deadlines/index>

## GRADUATE STUDENT ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP

Rotary District 5670 is once again providing an opportunity for graduate students to apply for a scholarship for the next 2019-2020 academic year. I would encourage **all** graduate students who have at least one full year starting fall 2019 of academic courses to look into this opportunity. If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, or would like additional information, you can access the application at the following web site: <http://www.fhsu.edu/international/Scholarships/rotary> **DEADLINE for applications is Monday, February 11.** An interview is required and that date is to be determined. Additional details will be provided once completed applications have been reviewed and students have been selected for interviews.

## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Do you have at least one more academic year at FHSU to complete your degree? If the answer is yes, you might want to think about applying for scholarships for the next academic year 2019-2020. A variety of scholarships are offered at FHSU. Visit the website and submit applications online at <http://www.fhsu.edu/finaid/Scholarships/>. You would need to create your account first and then start to apply for the scholarships that you may be qualified to. **The final deadline for applying for the scholarships is February 15, 2019.**

*Go! you Hays  
Tigers,  
Fight with all your  
might.  
With your  
colors flying,  
we will cheer you all  
the time!  
FORT, HAYS,  
STATE!!!*

*Go! you Hays  
Tigers,  
Fight for victory.  
Fight for the fame  
defend our name.  
Go! Hays tigers,  
WIN THIS GAME!*

*~FHSU Fight  
Song*

## **International Student Services Office staff:**

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Cenyeea Williams

## WRITING ASSISTANCE CENTER

Remember that the Writing Center is an excellent place to write or to go for feedback on any kind of writing. Located on the main floor of Forsyth Library, it features a computer lab and trained writing consultants. There are a limited number of walk-in times available so appointments are preferred well before the due date of your paper. Please visit the web site at <https://www.fhsu.edu/WritingCenter/> for information.

## TAX INFORMATION: W-2 & 1042-S FORMS

1. You may be receiving a W2 form from your employer, a 1042-S if you received a scholarship, and/or a statement of your interest income from your bank. Not everyone will have all of these forms. **Please keep them and do not throw them away. Please make sure your current mailing address is updated in TigerTracks through the Online Services tab.**
2. If you worked in 2018 and did not receive a W2 form or you received a scholarship in 2018 but did not receive a 1042-S, (mail in March) you will need to check with Marnie in the International Office in Sheridan Hall 204 to see if she has a form for you.
3. If you worked for Chartwells in 2018 and did not receive a W2, please visit with the Chartwells office in McMindes Hall. The International Office **does not** receive W 2's for students who worked for Chartwells.
4. You will be able to fulfill your tax requirements by using online tax software. Check you weekly emails for when and how to access this software.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT UNION (ISU) MEMBERSHIP

International Student Union (ISU) is a social and educational organization for international and domestic students at FHSU. ISU provides an opportunity for international and domestic students to come together to learn new perspectives, to expand their worldview, and to learn from one another. It promotes social activities on campus and off campus field trips.

All new international students and returning students that have not signed up yet are welcome to be a part of the International Student Union (ISU). We encourage you to be a member of ISU and get involved in these activities. It will help you get acclimated to an environment different from your own country more quickly. The cost for the spring 2019 semester is \$5 CASH ONLY. Come to the International Office in Sheridan Hall 204 to sign up.

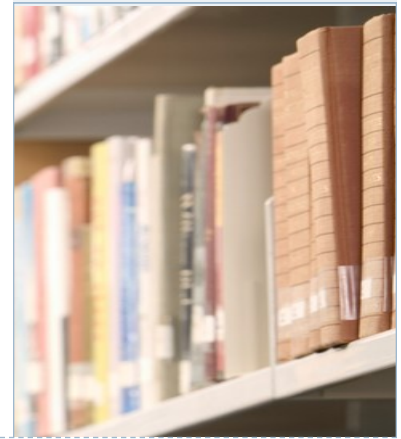
## SPEAKERS BUREAU

Area elementary and high schools are interested each semester in having international students come to their school and talk about their country, culture and experiences. If you receive a call or email from Marnie or Cenyeea asking you to be a speaker, please accept the invitation. Speaking to these groups is very easy, so don't be nervous. Students always have lots of questions, so most times a rehearsed speech is not necessary. This is a great way to "educate" Americans about other parts of our world.

## TIGER TRANSPORT

A FREE Van transportation service taking students throughout Hays each Wednesday, Friday, & Saturday. The times Tiger Transport runs is 2:00–7:00 pm on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. Tiger Transport will pick up students on campus across the street from Victor E. Village on the corner by the Kiosk .

Stops include: Big Creek Crossing (mall) and Wal-Mart. Pick ups are at the beginning of every half hour and the route is repeated every half hour. For more information about Tiger Transport, please visit the website, <http://www.fhsu.edu/international/Tiger-Transport/>



*The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you. ~B.B. King*

## TRANSPORTATION IN HAYS

Public transportation options the Hays community offers are as follows:

### Convenience Cab

785-301-2221

7:00am to 10:00pm Monday – Thursday

7:30am to 3:00am on Friday and Saturday

\$5 a ride/each way

### Access Van

785-628-1052

Sunday thru Saturday

6:00am to 10:00pm

\$1.50 for one way trip

### Safe Ride

Wednesday through Saturday

10pm to 3am

Call (785) 621-2580

### BMB Cab/Shuttle Service

785-639-1899

UBER—1.308.920.1393 or

[jennieatwell63@gmail.com](mailto:jennieatwell63@gmail.com)

## GRADUATE ASSISTANT—CENYEAA WILLIAMS

Hello! My name is Cenyeea Williams and I am a Graduate Student from Kansas City, MO. I am majoring in Higher Education Student Affairs and in my second year of Grad School. I received my Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing with a minor in Theology from the University of Saint Mary in Leavenworth, Kansas.

I decided to major in Higher Education because of my heavy involvement on campus as a student leader. I was involved in several clubs and organizations such as student senate, residence life, and campus ministry.

I love interacting with students and creating positive environments to learn and have fun. I believe that being involved on campus is the best way to experience all that FHSU has to offer. I look forward to serving both the international and domestic students of FHSU. I am delighted to be a member of the tiger family!

Thank you, Cenyeea



***“Live as if you  
were to die  
tomorrow.***

***Learn as if you  
were to live  
forever.”***

***~Mahatma  
Ghandi***



## HAYS MEDICAL CENTER'S CONVINIENT WALK-IN CLINIC

Hays Medical Center offers a Convenient Care Walk-In Clinic. It is open 7 days a week and located at 3216 Vine St, Suite 20 in Hays, Kansas located close to Big Creek Crossing. You can ride Tiger Transport to Big Creek Crossing then walk to the clinic.

Monday—Friday 8:00am to 7:30pm  
Saturday 9:00am to 4:30pm  
Sunday 11:00 to 4:30pm  
Closed Thanksgiving Day & Christmas Day

This walk-in clinic is for minor injuries and illnesses. They will treat conditions that require immediate attention but are not considered to be life threatening or severe enough to be cared for in the hospital emergency department.

\*If the Student Health Center on campus is open, you should seek treatment there. The Walk-In Clinic is a great place for you to get medical help when the Student Health Center is closed.

Web site is [www.haysmed.com/convenientcare](http://www.haysmed.com/convenientcare)

## HOW TO WRITE YOUR ADDRESS

For information on how to write your Residential Life mailing address and shipping address, please visit the following web site.

<http://www.fhsu.edu/reslife/families/addresses/index.html>

**NOTE: DO NOT PUT FHSU, Fort Hays State University or 600 Park Street in any part of your address. This is the school's address, not your mailing address!**

The local Hays Post Office is located at 8th & Fort St. You can send mail, buy stamps, hold mail, forward mail, change your address, ship packages from this location.

The shipping address is different that your physical mailing address. Please make sure you use the mailing address for everything EXCEPT to have packages shipped to you.

## SEMESTER ACADEMIC CALENDAR & TIGERLINK

For information on important dates, deadlines, and breaks for the spring 2019 semester, please visit the following web site:

<https://www.fhsu.edu/registrar/spring-semester-2019-academic-calendar/index>

For a listing of campus events & activities, please visit Tiger Link at <https://tigerlink.fhsu.edu/>

**Jan/Feb 2019**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	Jan 14	15	16 International Orientation	17 International Orientation	18 International Orientation	19 International Orientation
20	21 Martin Luther King Jr Day	22 CLASSES BEGIN	23	24 FHSU women's & men's basketball; 5:30 & 7:30pm; Gross Memorial Coliseum	25 International Welcome Party; 6pm; McMIndes Hall 2R	26 FHSU women's & men's basket- ball; 2 & 4pm; Gross Memorial Coliseum
27	28 The Culdresac Kids; 11:30am; Cody Com- mons; UNION	29	30	31	Feb 1 ENCORE Pre- sents: RENT; 7:30pm; Beach/ Schmidt PAC	2
3	4	5 DIY boho yarn wall haning; 11am; Pioneer room; UNION  Times Talks: adults & obesity; 12pm; Forsyth Library	6	7	8	9
10	11 Zuzu African Acrobats; 8pm; Beach/Schmidt PAC	12 DIY Valentines Day canvas art; 11am; Trails Room; UNION	13	14 Valentine's Day  FHSU women's & men's basketball; 5:30 & 7:30pm; Gross Memorial Coliseum	15	16 FHSU women's & men's basket- ball; 2 & 4pm; Gross Memorial Coliseum
17	18	19	20 Spring Career & Internship Day; 10am; Ballroom, UNION  Times Talk: Cyber Security; 12:30pm; For- syth Library	21	22 Karaoke Night; 7pm; Cody Commons; UNION	23
24	25	26 Steven Brund- age; Magician; 8pm; Beach/ Schmidt PAC	27	28 FHSU women's & men's basketball; 5:30 & 7:30pm; Gross Memorial Coliseum		

For a complete list of events, please go to the TigerLink web site at <https://tigerlink.fhsu.edu>

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\*\*\*Don't forget to  
bring your  
Tiger Card  
to athletic events\*\*\*



**INTERNATIONAL  
FACEBOOK PAGE**

Please like our page at  
[www.facebook.com/FHSUISS](http://www.facebook.com/FHSUISS).  
We will be posting pictures and  
news about various events that we will  
have throughout the year.