



Tiger International

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

I hope your semester is going well and that you are managing the unpredictable Kansas weather! It is important to **dress warmly** and be cautious of the weather. We never know when the weather will turn bad, so please be careful especially when walking, driving and traveling!

Midsemester is fast approaching, so be sure to visit with your academic advisor and prepare your worksheet in Tiger Tracks in order to pick your classes for the fall 2018 semester. **Remember**, if you plan to take an On-line course, you should make sure that you are enrolled in at least nine (9) hours of on-campus classes for undergraduate, and six (6) hours of on-campus classes for graduate students. **SEVIS regulations only count 3 hours of On-line coursework toward a student's full-time enrollment.** If you have any questions regarding this, please stop by the ISS Office. You should be sure to review your mid-term grades so you have an idea how you are doing academically in your classes. Mid term grades can be checked on Tiger Tracks around March 12th. If you have questions regarding how to do this, please let us know.

A number of you will be graduating and may wish to have your family attend graduation in May. If you would like an invitation letter from the ISS Office we would be happy to provide that. Please stop by the office and complete a request form. If you have questions about this, please let me know. Also, plan ahead and do not wait until the last minute to request this letter. It will take several days to process your invitation letter (s) and you will be contacted when it is ready.

AS A REMINDER, officers from Homeland Security can visit campus at any time. They will make personal contact with students to verify that current address and personal information is accurate with the SEVIS record. These visits are always unannounced. Always let ISS Office know of any address changes that need to be made.

Finally, as I always mention, **DO NOT LET WORK** interfere with your studies! International students are only allowed to work 20 hours a week while school is in session. We will once again be monitoring this and if you are found to be working more than 20 hours a week, this benefit may be suspended (taken away). I would also remind you that **working off campus is strictly prohibited** unless you have permission. If you are reported or caught working off campus, the employer risks receiving a large monetary fine, and you risk losing your students status and could be deported and permanently barred from the U.S. *Do not put yourself in this position.* Remember, you are here on a Student Visa and not a Work Visa. If you have any question, please contact the ISS Office.

Good luck as you get ready for mid term exams and have a **Safe and Restful Spring Break!**

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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
responsibility in
all I do.*

I am the future.

~FHSU Tiger Pact

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Stouffer Scholarship

The Stouffer Scholarship provides an opportunity for one international undergraduate & one international graduate student to be awarded a scholarship for one academic year only. These scholarships are non-renewable. You must be a currently enrolled international student at FHSU to apply. If you accept a scholarship and do not return to your home country after graduation, the scholarship becomes a loan and must be repaid within six months after graduation or a rate of 7% annual interest will be added to the loan. Information and application can be found at this web site <http://www.fhsu.edu/international/Scholarships/> All students who have at least one full year of academic courses are encouraged to apply for this scholarship. **Deadline for applications is Monday, April 8, 2019.**

Solko & Olliff Family International Student Scholarship

The Solko & Olliff scholarship provides an opportunity for international students to be awarded a scholarship for one academic year only, this scholarship is non-renewable. Criteria includes: attended FHSU or another institution of higher education in the US for at least one semester and are currently enrolled international students at FHSU, and a minimum of 3.0 GPA. Stop by the International Office for more information or to pick up an application. **Deadline for applications is Monday, April 8, 2019.**

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.**

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

The Student Government Association (SGA) exists to serve, protect, and promote the interests and rights of the students at FHSU. It is a representational form of government with Senate seats available by major and by student organizations. The SGA serves as a means for students to examine, discuss, and take action on campus issues. If you are interested in being involved in SGA as a Student Senator, or just want more information, stop by the Student Government Office located in the lower level of the Memorial Union, or you can call them at 628-5311 or visit www.fhsu.edu/sga.

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/english/Writing-Center/> for information.

SPEAKERS BUREAU—SCHOOL LECTURING PROGRAM

Local elementary and high schools are looking for international students to do presentations on their culture. This is **a great opportunity for you to speak about your country, culture, traditions, the language**, etc. We may be contacting you to participate in this program. If you are interested in this activity, please contact Marnie at 628-4176. The International Office will provide transportation for students participating in this program if needed. Exposing and teaching elementary aged children the diverse cultures of the world will expose them to a wealth of knowledge.

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.**
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, 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 your weekly emails for when and how to access this software, information will come out shortly. Unfortunately, the International Student Services staff are not tax experts and are unable to provide tax help or advice. We have partnered with Sprintax, an online tax solution, so you can complete your Federal taxes for free. Sprintax can also complete your State taxes for a small fee. International students should **NOT** use Turbo-Tax!

HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR PASSPORT/I-20

If your passport is expiring, you must get a new one, even if you will not be traveling outside the United States! Come in and see Carol, Angie or Marnie if you need information on how to get a new passport. Remember, you must always have a current passport and I-20 or DS-2019 to remain in status with immigration.

*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*

*Education
is the most
POWERFUL
WEAPON
which we can
use to change
the world.*

*~Nelson
Mandela*



WHAT IS A 'SCAM'

Scams – A “scam” is defined as a “dishonest scheme” and often times occur by people contacting you by phone or email. If you are contacted and asked to provide personal information **or** money to avoid going to jail, be deported or any other type of penalty, **PLEASE DO NOT give ANY information or MONEY.** Hang up on the caller! The police, Homeland Security, Internal Revenue Service or other agencies will not contact you by phone or email. Please let the International Student Services Office know as soon as possible and we will help you report this to the local police.

MID-TERMS ARE COMING UP, DO YOU NEED HELP?

Do you need assistance (tutoring) in a class? Please check with the Kelly Center (Picken Hall – first floor, 628-4401) and see if they can help you. Tutoring is available for most general education classes and is FREE. Also remember the Writing Center on the main floor of the Forsyth Library is also available to review your written papers. You can always ask your professors for help or clarification of information if you do not understand it. These are all great resources and are here to help you be successful. It is always best to plan ahead and make an appointment.

ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT

This is once again a reminder that while school is in session, international students are only allowed to work **20 hours a week total**. If students work for Chartwells and also have another on-campus job, the total number of hours worked between both jobs **cannot** exceed 20 hours a week. We will be monitoring the number of hours students are working, and if students are working more than 20 hours a week, they will receive a letter from the ISS Office. If a student continues to exceed the 20 hours a week, they could be in jeopardy of losing their on-campus job. **Please remember** you are here on a student visa and not a work visa, so do not let work interfere with your academic coursework.

FHSU INTRAMURALS

Hello! I hope you are all having a fantastic start to the school year! I want to take this opportunity to encourage you to check out the opportunities that you have through intramurals. Intramurals provides numerous opportunities to get involved ranging from Easter Egg hunts, to ping pong, to Lego building! A list of all the activities offered can be found at <http://www.fhsu.edu/intramurals/activities/> All you have to do to register is go to <http://www.fhsu.edu/intramurals/registration/> and follow the directions. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact the International Office at international@fhsu.edu.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Sepe van't Westende—All-Central Region performers in the distance medley relay for FHSU track.

Mirena Goncalves—All-Region mention in the 5,000 meters & placed in the runner-up at the conference championship in the 5,000 meters. She also has All-Academic honors.

NEW HAPPENINGS IN CHARTWELLS

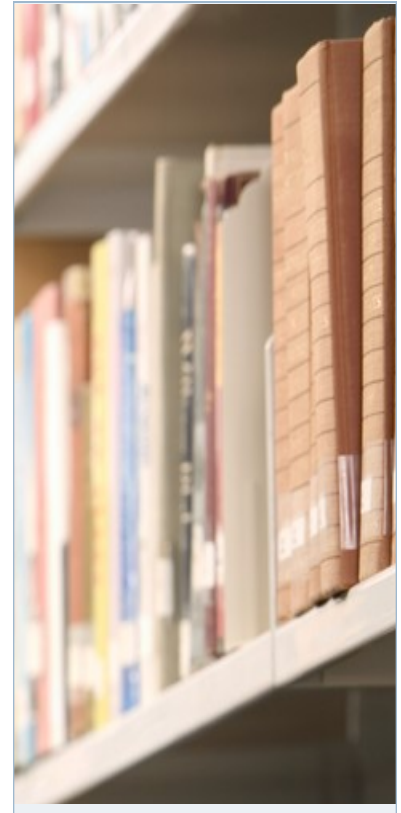
Chartwells Dining Services has some new and exciting news to share with you! Dine on Campus is your one stop shop to see what's on the menu at each location on campus and to get a glance of nutritional information of what we are serving. Whether it is retail or resident dining, it is now all on line at www.dineoncampus.com/forthays/. Please be sure to get our Dine on Campus app for apple & android users.

The McMindes Hall Café has a dining events calendar that is located by the entrance and is a great place to learn what's coming next. Chartwells will feature two to three monotony breakers a month along with our own Chartwells special events to celebrate our monthly focuses & superfoods.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with Chartwells at 785-628-4476 if you have any questions. Follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/chartwells.fhsu/ & Twitter @fhsudining for the most up-to-date information.

RESIDENCE HALL OVER SPRING BREAK

If you plan to stay in the residence halls over spring break, you will need to complete a Spring Break Housing Request Form found on the Residential Life web site, <https://fhsu.edu/reslife/Forms/> **no later than March 6**. If you have questions regarding this, please visit with your RA or the Residence Hall Director of the hall you live in.



"EDUCATION IS THE PASSPORT TO THE FUTURE, FOR TOMORROW BELONGS TO THOSE WHO PREPARE FOR IT TODAY." ~MALCOM X

COMMUNITY SERVICE: WHAT IT IS & WHY IT IS IMPORTANT

A few weeks ago I had the chance to talk to a few international students about community service, why it is important and places to serve our Hays community. Below you will find some brief information that will hopefully inspire you so go out and serve.

What is community service?

Community service is volunteer work that is aimed to help people in need.

Why is it important?

You become active members in the community, leave a positive impact on your community, learn compassion and understanding, make a difference, make connection, and build social skills.

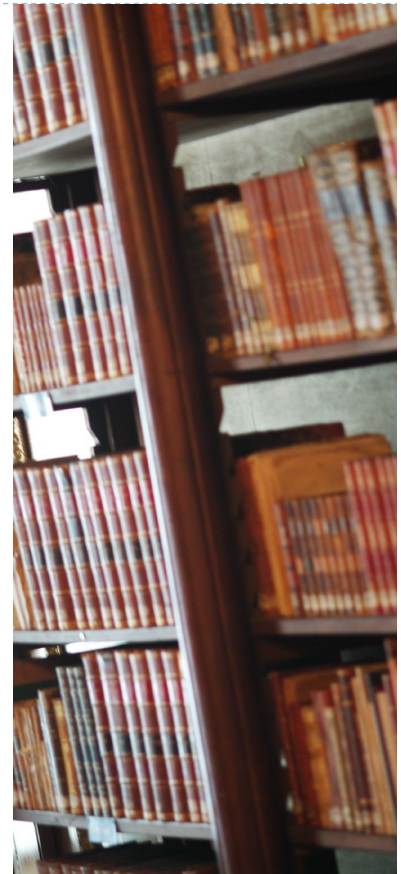
Places to serve in Hays:

Area elementary schools and classrooms by presentation and hosting activities through the International Speakers Bureau; email Cenyeaa or Marnie to participate.

FHSU Tigers in Service, ARC Thrift Store, Habitat for Humanity, and Breathe Coffee House.

If you have questions or have ideas about a possible community service opportunity, please do not hesitate to email me at ccwilliams4.se@fhsu.edu

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SPRING BREAK INFORMATION—PLEASE READ!

For those of you who travel out of Hays for the Break, as well as for those who stay here, we have some important safety suggestions and some tips on what you can do. These tips are based on the fliers from the Kelly Center and personal experience. Please, read them!

Some of important tips and rules:

1. When you drive, **DRIVE SAFELY!** Respect the speed limit (if you don't, you will be caught and you may pay hundreds of dollars for it!).
2. **FASTEN YOUR SEATBELT! SEATBELTS SAVE LIVES!**
3. When you fly, **LISTEN TO THE SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**, read them, and locate the emergency exits around you. **KNOWING THE SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS AND LOCATING EMERGENCY EXITS SAVE LIVES.**
4. When you are in a club, **BE SAFE!** Stay out of trouble. You may be surprised how many people can have a gun in a club, for example, in Denver. If you don't feel comfortable somewhere, leave. But **NEVER LEAVE ALONE**, or leave your friend alone! And remember, if you're not 21, you cannot drink alcohol in bars & clubs. Do you think it is a stupid rule? Well, we all have an opinion, but it is law, and the law should be respected. If we don't respect it, we can get into big trouble (a big fine, jail, deportation...).
5. **BE SMART AND BE YOURSELF!** We are sure your parents have taught you many smart things, and maybe it is not such a bad idea to follow their advice. It is important not to give up on values. It's not cool to smoke marijuana or to get drunk to the point you can't walk.

Restaurant options and Food Delivery

This is a listing of restaurants that you call with your order (what you would like to eat) and they will bring your meal to your residence hall room or apartment when it is ready. When you are placing your order over the telephone, the restaurant employee will tell you how much your meal is going to cost so you can have your money ready when they bring you your meal. Also, remember to give the restaurant employee your address so they can deliver your meal to you! We have also provided web addresses to most of the restaurants to you can view their menu online and have your order ready when you call them.

Restaurants with Delivery in Hays

Chinese

China Garden – 628-2280
Chinese Food Express – 628-9999

Mexican

Taco Grande – 625-1413
Taco Shop – 625-7114 -- www.tacoshop.net

Pizza

Domino's Pizza – 625-2311
www.dominos.com
Lomato's Pizza – 623-2888
Pizza Hut – 628-1777 -- www.pizzahut.com

Sandwiches

Jimmy Johns—621-2227

Restaurants within Walking Distance

We have a list of restaurants that are within walking distance of FHSU. If you need a list, please stop by the International Student Office.

Food Delivery App

There is an app that can be downloaded from the App Store or Play Store for food delivery called *MyTown2Go*. (FREE APP)

We partner up with your local restaurants and independent contractors to get you hot, fresh, and delicious food quickly and conveniently.

MyTown2Go is a restaurant food delivery marketing service. Our online site and mobile *app* allow you to order food hassle-free and to coordinate for your food to be delivered directly to you.



SPRING BREAK INFORMATION—PLEASE READ!

Spring Break at FHSU is right around the corner. For those of you new to FHSU this semester, spring break is a week in March when classes are not in session, March 11-15. Many students chose to travel during this break time. If you are planning on staying in Hays, below is the schedule for on-campus services such as Forsyth Library, the Wellness Center and food service. Information about Tiger Transport and restaurants within walking distance of campus are also below.

Forsyth Library

The library is CLOSED these dates:

Sat. March 9 & 16
Sun. March 10 & 17

The library is OPEN these dates:

Mon. March 11 – Fri. March 15 – 8:00am – 4:30pm
Sat. March 23 – 10:00am – 5:00pm
Sun. March 24 – 12:00pm - Midnight

Wellness Center

The Wellness Center will be open during spring break week. Hours have not been determined, so you will need to check times during this week.

On-Campus Food Service

McMindes Hall Cafeteria:

Fri. March 8 4pm – Sun. March 17 through lunch – NO MEAL SERVICE
Fri. March 8 no dinner
Sun. March 17 dinner will be served

Memorial Union:

Union Station Tiger Market—Closed

Mondo's Subs

Sat. March 9 & 16—Closed
Sun. March 10 & 17 – Closed
Mon. March 11 – Fri. March 15 – 11:00 am—2:00 pm

Grab 'n Go:

Sat. March 9 – Sun. March 10 - 7:00am—10:00pm
Mon. March 11 – Fri. March 15 - 8:00 am—10:00 pm
Sat. March 16 – Sun. March 17 - 7:00am—10:00pm

Starbucks

Sat. March 9 – Sun. March 10 - 7:00am—10:00pm
Mon. March 11 – Fri. March 15 - 8:00 am—10:00 pm
Sat. March 16 – Sun. March 17 - 7:00am—10:00pm

Tiger Transport & the Access Van

Tiger Transport WILL be running its regular schedule during Spring Break. You can ride Tiger Transport to Big Creek Crossing & Wal-Mart. You can shop, eat or watch a movie.

Tiger Transport Schedule:

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| Friday, March 8 & 15 | 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm |
| Saturday, March 9 & 16 | 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm |
| Wednesday, March 13 | 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm |

When Tiger Transport is not running, call Convenience Cab—785-301-2221, BMB cab/shuttle Service—785-639-1899, or Uber.

The International Student Services Office is open during Spring Break! Stop by and see us if you have questions.

March 2019

| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
|---|----|--|---|--|---|---|
| | | | | | 1 Writing Circle 4pm Forsyth Library Rm 133 FHSU Theater Dept pre- sents: Barefoot in the Park 7:30pm Felten-Start Theater, Malloy Hall | 2 FHSU women's & men's basket- ball, 2 & 4pm, Gross Memorial Coliseum FHSu Jazz Quartet perfor- mance, 7:30pm, Beach/Schmidt FHSU Theater Dept pre- sents: Barefoot in the Park 7:30pm Felten-Start Theater, Malloy Hall |
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| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| S p r i n g B r e a k W e e k | | | | | | |
| 17 St. Patrick's Day | 18 | 19 CPT Workshop 11am, Prairie Room, UNION Deathly Des- serts, 6:30pm, Ballroom, UN- ION | 20 CPT Workshop 3pm, Prairie Room, UNION | 21 ISU Meeting 7:30pm McMindes Hall 2R | 22 Writing Circle 4pm Forsyth Library Rm 133 | 23 Helber Fer- nandesriberio Graduate Recit- al, 4:30pm, |
| 24 ENCORE: Havana Club All-Stars, 7:30pm, Beach/ Schmidt PAC | 25 | 26 Dueling Pianos 7pm, Ballroom, UNION | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
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bring your
Tiger Card
to athletic events***

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

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INTERNATIONAL FACEBOOK PAGE

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