



Tiger International

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

Congratulations to all the students who will be graduating this May and also in the Summer. We wish you the best of luck for a successful future! Please keep in touch with the International Office and let us know what you are doing. **Thank you** for choosing FHSU for your program and as your second home. For all continuing students we hope you had a great spring semester!!

With the end of the spring semester fast approaching I wanted to mention a few items:

- **FINALS WEEK**—Good Luck for a very successfully finals week! We realize this is a stressful time and that you have been working very hard. We have confidence that each of you will do well. **GOOD LUCK!**
- **GRADUATION** - Graduation will be held on Friday, May 17th at 9:00 am and Saturday, May 18th at 9:00 a.m. Specific information on which Academic Colleges will be held on Friday and Saturday can be found on page 4 of this newsletter. Both graduation ceremonies will be held at Gross Memorial Coliseum so please try to attend and congratulate the many new graduates on their accomplishment!!
- **TRAVELING**—If you are leaving the U.S. for the summer you will need to get your I-20 or DS-2019 signed so you can return in August. Don't wait until the day before you plan to leave Hays to get this done, as it may take a day for you to get your signed documents back. **Plan ahead now**, students waiting until the last minute before they leave is not considered an emergency for calling the after hour cell phone.
- **CHECK YOUR DOCUMENTS**
If your visa is, or will be expiring you should plan to renew it while you are home. Stop by the International Office and we can provide you a list of the documents you may need for renewing your visa.
- **IMMIGRATION INFORMATION: OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING**—Are you graduating this May 2019 semester or during the summer? If you are and want to apply for optional practical training please stop by the International Student Office **as soon as possible** and pick up the paperwork. Practical training applications can take 90+ days to be processed and returned from UCIS. **REMEMBER, you cannot start a job until you receive this work authorization.** Also, you are required to keep the International Office informed of your current job status, whether you do or do not have a job. This must be reported in the SEVIS system until the end of your OPT.
- **MOVING??** - It is important if you are moving out of the residence halls or an apartment in Hays that you follow the check out procedures that are in place. Please check with the hall director or your landlord if you do not know what the proper way to check out is. Checking out correctly can save you from having to pay unexpected additional charges.
- **ADDRESS UPDATES**—All International Students are required to inform the International Student Office of any address or phone number changes. It is very important that we have your current information at all times. If you know your summer address and phone number please stop by the office.

FINALLY - Have a great summer! Take some time to relax, travel and take a break from your studies. If you will be staying in Hays this summer, please feel free to stop by the International Office, we are always happy to make time to talk to you. Enjoy your summer 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

HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR PASSPORT?

PASSPORT

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 or Angie 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.

VISA

You can be in the US on an expired visa, but if you are planning to leave the US, you will have to renew your visa in your home country before returning to the US.

RESIDENCE HALLS FOR THE SUMMER

For students wanting to live in the Residence Halls, Stadium Place, or Wooster Place for the summer, please visit with the Student Residential Life office in McMIndes Hall. That office can provide you with information and costs associated for the summer. Please note that not all the Residence Halls are available to live in this summer. **PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OF YOUR RESIDENCE HALL PROPERLY IF YOU WILL NOT STAY IN THE HALLS THIS SUMMER.**

OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING (OPT) & CURRICULAR PRACTICAL TRAINING (CPT)

OPT

Are you graduating this May 2019 semester? If you are and want to apply for Optional Practical Training (OPT) please stop by the International Student Office **as soon as possible** and pick up the paperwork. Practical training applications can take up to 90 days or more to be processed.

CPT

Are you planning an internship this summer? Then you must submit a CPT application. Do you have questions about CPT? Please visit the International Office for more information.

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Please look up your final exams schedule to make sure that you are not going to miss them. You can check the schedule at <https://www.fhsu.edu/registrar/finals-schedule-spring-semester-2019>

Good Luck! You have worked hard to get to this point. Practice good study skills as you prepare!

TRAVELING ABROAD OR GOING HOME FOR THE SUMMER?

F-1, F-2 and J-1 students must come into the International Student Services Office to get the proper paperwork in place before leaving the U.S. and returning. If you have changed status, OR if your visa has expired, you must get a new visa before re-entering the U.S. To get a new visa you will need to have your I-20 signed and additional information. Stop by our office if you have any questions.

HOME STAY OPPORTUNITY

The International Office has information on a possible home stay opportunity for international students. Included in the home stay are meals, laundry facilities, wireless internet, fully furnished, large shared loft space and bathroom. It is close to campus. You must like small children and want to participate in family life. There is an application you must complete and provide a deposit. A summer, six month or one (1) year contract may be available. If you are interested in this home stay opportunity, please contact Amanda at 785-259-8475, or stop by 703 Fort, or email her at thetippys@gmail.com.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Please note the FHSU office hours on campus for various buildings and services will be as follows for this summer starting May 26: Monday – Thursday 7:30am–5:00pm and Friday 7:30am–11:30am.

The Student Health Center office will be open **BUT WILL NOT BE SEEING PATIENTS** during the summer. The last day to see patients is Friday, May 31. The Student Health Center will reopen on Monday, August 8.

If you need medical assistance, the following health care providers will be available:

First Care Clinic, 105 W. 13th St. Suite 5, (785) 623-6210,
www.firstcareclinic.com

Victoria Family Health Care, 208 Mark Wagner Road, Victoria,
(785) 735-9721

Hays Medical Center Emergency, 2220 Canterbury Drive,
(785) 623-5000

HaysMed Convenient Care Walk-In Clinic, 3216 Vine St Ste 20.,
785-261-7065, <https://www.haysmed.com/walk-in-clinic/>

FHSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

According to Wikipedia, “an alumni association is an association of graduates (alumni) or, more broadly, of former students. In the United Kingdom and the United States, alumni of universities, colleges, schools, fraternities, and sororities often form groups with alumni from the same organization. These associations often organize social events, publish newsletters or magazines, and raise funds for the organization.”

Fort Hays State University has its own alumni organization, and you can become its member! By being a member of the FHSU Alumni Association, you can stay connected to family, friends, the University and the world.

The benefits of membership include free subscription to *FHSU Magazine* (published 3 times annually), Fort Hays State University Bookstore and Tiger Book Shop discounts, access of Tiger On-line Directory to locate classmates, faculty and friends, and automobile rental discounts, and hotel and motel discounts. For more information, check the FHSU Alumni Association website <http://goforthaysstate.com> or call 785-628-4430 or email at alumni@fhsu.edu

*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*

“The highest education is that which does not merely give us information but makes our life in harmony with all existence.”

~Rabindranath Tagore



TIGER ENROLL, PRE-ENROLLMENT & PAYMENT

Tiger Enroll is the way to enroll in classes at FHSU. Tiger Enroll is another feature in your TigerTracks account. Pre-enrollment for Summer and Fall 2018 have already started. Please visit the following website for a tutorial on how to use Tiger Enroll. <http://www.fhsu.edu/tigerenroll/>.

The deadline to complete Enrollment/Payment through Tiger Enroll for pre-enrolled classes is **August 7, 2019**. Pre-enrolled classes will be dropped if Enroll/Payment tab is not completed so make sure you finalize. If you have not made fee payment arrangement by this date, you will be dropped from your classes and will have to set your schedule up again.

Please try to return to Hays before this time if you plan to travel home for the summer, or if you cannot return before this date, make arrangements to pay while you are at home. The following website will help you in finalizing your enrollment. https://www.fhsu.edu/sfs/students_parents/enrollment/

COMMENCEMENT & LIVE BROADCAST

Do you want to see your friends graduate? Do you want to see how a graduation ceremony looks like at Fort Hays State University? Then you can personally attend the graduation (commencement) ceremony this year!

Commencement will take place in Gross Memorial Coliseum on Friday, May 17 at 9:00am for Graduate and Undergraduate degree recipients from: College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and College of Health and Behavioral Sciences.

On Saturday, May 18 at 9:00am for Graduate and Undergraduate degree recipients from: College of Education, Robbins College of Business and Entrepreneurship, and Werth College of Science, Technology and Mathematics

Can't attend commencement in person, no worries! Your family and friends around the world can watch both commencements broadcast live on the FHSU website. Those who wish to view Commencement on a computer should download Windows Media Player prior to May 11. For the Internet option, use Windows or Mac OS X v. 10.3.9.

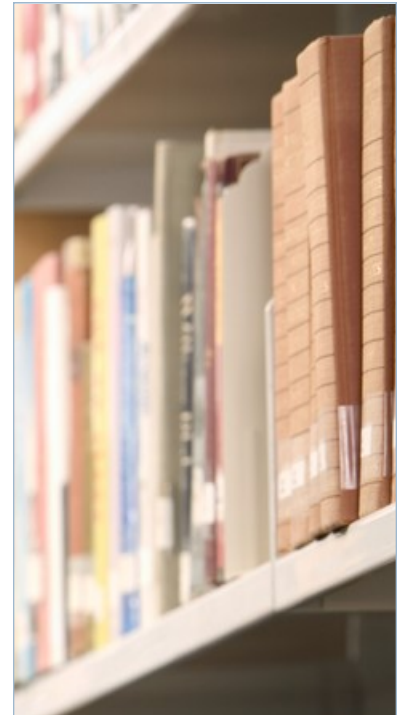
Commencement will also broadcast live on KFHS- TV, Channel 17, in Hays, Ellis, Russell and WaKeeney for anyone local that may want to watch.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

You made it! Congratulations on completing your degree at Fort Hays State University. We wish all graduates **Congratulations** and **Good Luck** as you pursue future endeavors. Please keep in touch with the International Student Office and let us know what you are doing! The schedule of events during commencement week is listed on <https://www.fhsu.edu/commencement/>.

For those of you who are graduating and attending commencement, please check the commencement schedule to see what time you need to arrive. You **MUST** be at commencement earlier than the time it begins. Please make sure you arrive at the correct time for line-up and expect to participate in the ceremony. Check out the web sites for participation information at <https://www.fhsu.edu/commencement/schedule/index> and basic commencement information (degree completion, diplomas, cap & gown, honors) at <https://www.fhsu.edu/commencement/Basics/index>

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

ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The International Student Services Office would like to congratulate the following students on receiving a Rotary District 5670 Scholarship!

The 2019-2020 scholarship recipients are Ms. Yahui Hou, Ms. Nana Wen, and Ms. Wenqi Zhang.

Again congratulations to the recipients on achieving such a great honor!

AIRPORT AND SHUTTLE SERVICE

Airport Service

Hays Regional Airport now offering flights to/from Chicago, Illinois and still offers flights to/from Denver, Colorado. Check out the web site for flight schedules at <https://flyhays.com/>

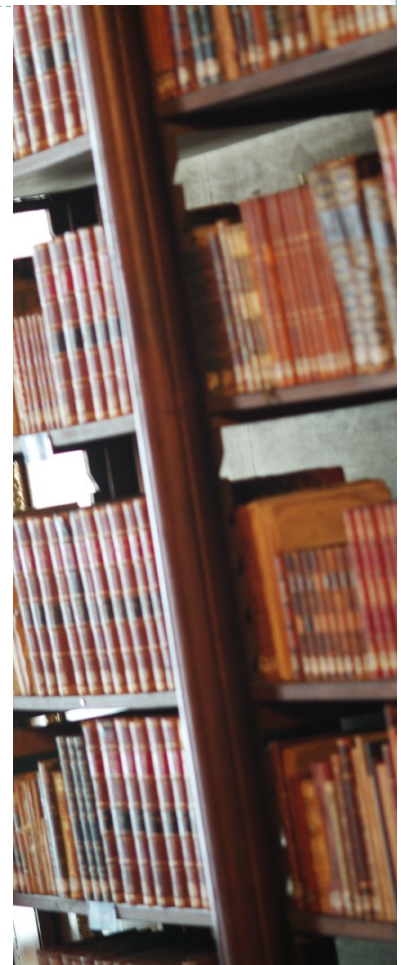
Shuttle service

To/from Fort Hays State University, to/from Kansas City Airport, to/from Denver International, and to/from Wichita Mid-Continent Airport. You will need to call them to make a reservation and ask the cost.

Shuttle services to/from all listed locations
BMB Airport Shuttle Services—785-639-1899

Shuttle Services from Kansas City, Missouri Airport
KCI Shuttle — <https://kansascitytransportationgroup.com/> — Phone Number 1-816-471-1234

Shuttle Service from Wichita Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport
Emu Express, Inc — Telephone number — 316-734-0100



WELLNESS CENTER HOURS DURING SUMMER

Monday - Friday Saturday - Sunday
6:30am - 7:00pm 10:00am - 5:00pm

Hours of the Wellness Center may change during the summer based on usage. Please check the center for changes in hours of operation throughout the summer. The Wellness Center is closed on Monday, May 27 and July 4 as these are holidays.

LIBRARY HOURS DURING SUMMER

The Forsyth library will be open during summer, but with new hours. Here are the summer hours:

SUMMER INTERSESSION - MAY 20 - MAY 31
Monday – Thursday 7:30 am to 5:00 pm
Friday 7:30am–11:30am
Saturday & Sunday Closed
**Closed Monday, May 27 for holiday

SUMMER SCHOOL SESSION - JUNE 3 – JULY 26
Monday – Thursday 7:30 am to 5:00 pm
Friday 7:30am–11:30am
Saturday & Sunday Closed
**Closed July 4 for holiday

SUMMER INTERSESSION - July 29–August 2
Monday – Thursday 7:30 am to 5:00 pm
Friday 7:30am–11:30am
Saturday & Sunday Closed

GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE—FALL 2019

Health insurance is required for all international students. If you are **NOT** purchasing the Kansas Board of Regents insurance plan (which you pay for with tuition), you must turn in the following documents **EVERY SEMESTER**. For the spring semester, the due date is, **August 19, 2019**. Forms & insurance brought in after this date **WILL NOT** be accepted. If you have questions regarding health insurance, please visit with Marnie in the International Office. You do not have to wait until the deadline and it is recommended that you purchase insurance before this deadline as insurance cards can take 7 business days to receive.

****IMPORTANT NOTE:** Please make sure the insurance meets the requirements under section B of the waiver form. Letter L is a new requirement stating that the insurance company must be authorized to do business in the State of Kansas and approved by the Kansas Department of Insurance. If not ALL requirements are met, insurance cannot be waived**

If you need help or have questions regarding health insurance or are receiving medical bills and not sure what to do, please see Marnie in the International Office, Sheridan Hall 204 or Chris Kuhn in the Student Health Center, lower level of the Memorial Union. We are here to assist you.

Below are the steps for the waiver process. You do not have to wait until the deadline to turn the forms in. All forms and documents can also be emailed to me.

Please use the correct forms 2019-2020.

1. Print the **Acceptance/Denial Form** and a **Student Health Insurance Waiver Form** that are attached to this email or at this web site <http://www.fhsu.edu/international/health/> This form has important information as well as deadlines on when forms must be turned in. You will be responsible for printing these forms on your own. You can print forms at the library or in any computer lab. **I will not have copies in the office for students to pick up.**

2. Read and sign the **Acceptance/Denial Form** and turn it in BEFORE the deadline.

3. Read and complete the **Student Health Insurance Waiver Form** and turn it in BEFORE the deadline. Students must provide to following:

1. Copy of your policy's **Summary of Benefits** in English
2. Copy of insurance card or certificate
3. U.S. contact information – phone number & address
4. Student Health Insurance Acceptance/Denial Form

****NOTE--**Please do not wait until the week before insurance is due to purchase insurance coverage. By doing this, you prolong getting all required documents in on time.

May 2019

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1 Affordable Education: Open Educational Resources @ 12:20pm; Forsyth Library, south study area	2 ISU Mtg @ 7:30pm; McMIndes Hall 2R	3 Friday Film Words: Shrek @ 7pm; CSI Lounge, UNION	4
5	6	7 International Office take-a-break; 9-10:30am, SH 204	8 International Office take-a-break; 2-3:30pm SH 204	9 International end of year social; 6:30pm; west side of football stadium on Lewis Dr.	10	11
12 Finals Feeding Frenzy @ 9pm; McMIndes Café	13 Pudding Finals Behind You @ 3pm; Forsyth Library, south study area	14 Spring Finals De-stresser; 8am-4:30pm; Cody Commons, UNION	15	16	17 Commencement 9am, Gross Memorial	18 Commencement 9am, Gross Memorial
F i n a l s W e e k						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

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www.facebook.com/fhsuiss

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



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.

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