



CAMPUS UPDATE

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Kansas legislature approves \$500,000 ongoing funding for FHSU cybersecurity tech incubator

FHSU’s strategic plan to build community and global engagement will move forward with the development of a technology and cybersecurity incubator on the FHSU campus.

The Department of Informatics will work with the Docking Institute and the Small Business Development Centers through their 12 satellite operations across Kansas to implement the initiative, which will:

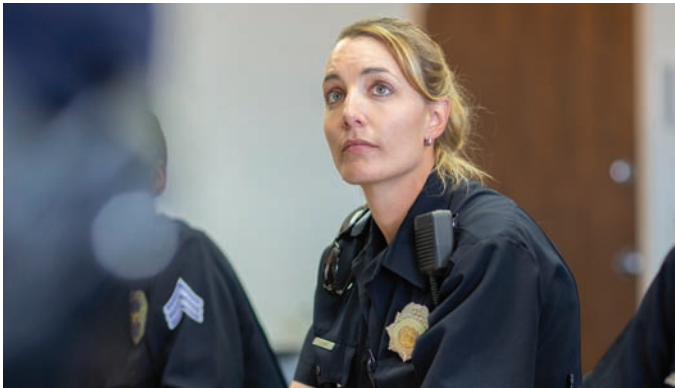
- Strengthen businesses by assisting them in the prevention of cybersecurity breaches
- Leverage FHSU’s cybersecurity program, the first Center for Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense in Kansas
- Implement collaborative efforts with the Kansas Small Business Center network to assist in business and security solution referrals to the incubator team
- Provide critical attention to the issues of electronic fraud, intellectual property theft, and protection of personally identifiable information

Federal grant drives FHSU de-escalation training center expansion

Fort Hays State University’s Department of Criminal Justice was recently awarded an additional \$1.5 million grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) under the Byrne Discretionary Community Projects Grants program to expand operations of the Central Region De-escalation Training Center.

The Department of Criminal Justice plans to use this new funding to:

- Expand the number of law enforcement officers trained in de-escalation, both via online and in-person coursework
- Grow the program’s research capabilities to advance de-escalation as an evidence-based practice
- Host a research and training conference to disseminate lessons learned and best practices
- Support the national network of de-escalation training centers with targeted investments that will drive long-term viability
- Launch a comprehensive advertising campaign to increase the visibility of the center and increase the number of agency training partners
- Establish a prominent location on campus for the center’s offices and training spaces





President Mason’s annual media tour kicks off September 26

The annual president’s media tour was created in 1987 to connect Fort Hays State presidents with broadcast, print and digital news journalists. The tour provides a forum for FHSU presidents to share information on the impact of the university across our state and region.

This year, President Mason will focus on sharing examples of how the university’s work attracts and retains talent in Kansas and in areas of critical workforce needs. She will also discuss progress made in year three of FHSU’s five-year strategic plan and how it aligns with “Building a Future,” the Kansas Board of Regents’ strategic plan. Finally, she will provide evidence on how a unique combination of affordability and quality makes FHSU the best value in higher education anywhere.

The annual media tour also serves as an opportunity for the FHSU president to engage with journalists on top-of-mind educational issues facing our fellow Kansans. The 2022 President’s Media Tour will kick off on September 26 and run through September 30. Scheduled tour stops include:

- Great Bend
- McPherson
- Pratt
- Enid, Oklahoma
- Wichita
- Topeka
- Lawrence
- Kansas City
- Atchison
- Salina
- Russell
- Concordia
- McCook, Nebraska
- Goodland
- Liberal
- Garden City
- Dodge City

FHSU and Kansas Bankers Association announce partnership

The Kansas Bankers Association (KBA) and Fort Hays State University announced a partnership to provide experienced leadership for the university’s Robbins Banking Institute. Through its subsidiary, the 501(c)(3) Kansas Bankers Educational Foundation (KBEF), the KBA will recruit and support the efforts of the Robbins Banking Institute director.

FHSU alum Tommy Powell was recently announced as the new Robbins Banking Institute director and will serve as the liaison between the Kansas Bankers Association (KBA) and Fort Hays State University. He will also represent the KBEF and the Robbins Banking Institute at various KBA functions.

Powell will lead efforts to advance the reputation of the Robbins Banking Institute among current banking professionals and key influencers and assist in recruiting future FHSU students.

Hometown Hero



Tommy Powell
Hays

The Fort Hays State University welcomes alum Tommy Powell to his new role as the Director of the Robbins Banking Institute. Powell most recently served as a commercial lender in the Hays regional office of Commerce Bank.



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