

UNLOCKING UNTAPPED POTENTIAL

- TO EMPOWER THE WORLD TO GREATER SUCCESS -

The Inauguration of Fort Hays State University President

TISA MASON, Ed.D., CAE



**FORT HAYS STATE
UNIVERSITY**

Forward thinking. World ready.

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At Fort Hays State University, our Kansas roots go deep—but our community and our academic influence span the globe. Since 1902, FHSU has invested everything we have in our remarkable students, creating a culture of ongoing success and support as we walk alongside generations of graduates, preparing them to excel throughout their lives and careers.

Today, as we gather for President Mason's inauguration, we step boldly into an even brighter future, proudly united by a common vision: to unlock students' untapped potential to empower our campus, our community and our world for even greater success. Today, you will learn how our spirit of hard work is bringing dreams to life. Today, you will see the power of the incredible connections forged between staff and student, faculty and parent, university and community. Today, you will experience how FHSU crosses oceans and languages, transforming lives around the world.

"FHSU really helped me find my voice. My professors and mentors took the time to connect with me one-on-one and showed me that I was an important part of everything happening here. They advocated for me and gave me so many opportunities to be successful.

This is a students-first culture. I can call my advisor any time, and she's always ready to help, always willing to walk me through any challenge I face. My time at FHSU is giving me the skills and the confidence to achieve so much more than I ever thought I could."

Denice Lastra-Blanco '21
Organizational Leadership

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TISA MASON, Ed.D., CAE

Dr. Tisa Mason was appointed as the 10th president of Fort Hays State University in November 2017. With more than 30 years of higher education experience covering every aspect of leadership, Dr. Mason has built her career around a core belief in the betterment of people, communities and the world. Previously, she served as President of Valley City State University in Valley City, North Dakota for three years and held office as Vice President for Student Affairs at FHSU from 2008 to 2014.

Dr. Mason earned a doctorate of education from the College of William and Mary, a master's degree from Eastern Illinois University and a bachelor's degree from Transylvania University. In every phase of her educational career, she has used her vision, her energy and her talents to put students first.

DR. TISA
MASON

ORDER OF CEREMONY

PRELUDE | FHSU Wind Ensemble

Conducted by Jeff Jordan, Associate Professor of Music and Director of Bands

FLAG PRESENTATION | FHSU International Students

THE PROCESSIONAL

Craig Karlin - Registrar; Bearer of the University Mace
Delegates from Student Honor Societies
Delegates from other Colleges and Universities
Faculty Marshals
Faculty, Staff and Administrators
Platform Party
Tisa Mason - President

PRESENTATION OF COLORS | FHSU Color Guard

"THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER" | FHSU Wind Ensemble and the Fort Hays Singers

WELCOME | Jeff Briggs

Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

MASTER OF CEREMONIES | Blake Flanders

President and CEO, Kansas Board of Regents

"UNIVERSITY ANTHEM" by Jack Juergens | Fort Hays Singers

Terry Crull, conductor

VIDEO GREETING | University and Community Members

INVESTITURE | Dennis A. Mullin

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"CONSIDER YOURSELF AT HOME" From Oliver! by Lionel Bart | Fort Hays Singers

Conducted by Terry Crull, Associate Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities

PRESENTATION OF MACE AND MEDALLION | Dennis A. Mullin

Chair, Kansas Board of Regents

INAUGURAL ADDRESS | Tisa Mason, President

"A SONG FOR FORT HAYS" by Donald Stout | Fort Hays Singers

Terry Crull, conductor

RETIRING OF THE COLORS | FHSU Color Guard

RECESSIONAL | FHSU Wind Ensemble

Jeff Jordan, conductor

Please remain seated until the platform party has left the stage.

Please join us for a "Celebration on the Quad." Enjoy food, activities and the opportunity to meet President Mason. The quad is located east of the Memorial Union.

Shuttle service will be available between Gross Memorial Coliseum, Gate 2 and the Quad until 1:30 p.m.

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William Samuel Picken 1902–1913	Lyman Dwight Wooster 1941–1949	Gerald Wayne Tomanek 1976–1987
William Alexander Lewis 1913–1933	Morton Christy Cunningham 1949–1969	Edward Henry Hammond 1987–2014
Clarence Edmund Rarick 1933–1941	John Wilbert Gustad 1969–1975	Mirta Maruri Martin 2014–2016

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FHSU SYMBOLS

PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION & PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION CHAIN

The presidential medallion was commissioned in 1969 by then-president Dr. John W. Gustad and fashioned by Olli Valanne. This piece of jewelry features a mosaic of forms signifying FHSU's commitment to the continued growth of intellectual ideas. A special chain was created in 2014 by Todd Voth, FHSU graduate, from which the medallion hangs. It is adorned by nameplates engraved with names of former presidents of the university. It is worn any time the president adorns his or her academic regalia. The medallion has been passed down to each successive president after Dr. Gustad.

ACADEMIC MACE

Also commissioned by Dr. Gustad in 1969, the mace is a traditional symbol for academic institutions and serves as an emblem of order and authority during ceremonial occasions. The FHSU mace was designed and crafted by Dale Ficken, Associate Professor of Art.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

Traditional academic apparel has a centuries-long history at educational institutions. Today, these ornamental gowns represent the academic achievements of their wearers. The bachelor's gown is distinguished by its long, pointed sleeves. The master's gown is marked by its oblong sleeves from which the forearm protrudes through an opening near the elbow. The doctoral gown features rounded sleeves and velvet panels around the neck and down the front of the gown, as well as velvet bars on the sleeves.

Hoods are traditionally worn with the master's and doctoral gowns. The doctoral hood is the longest and is fuller than that of the master's hood. It is often bordered with velvet, the color of which indicates the nature of the degree. The hood is lined with silk, which is dyed with the colors of the institution that granted the degree. The traditional cap, most often worn by graduating students, is the mortarboard. This cap features a long tassel fastened by a button on the top. The tassel worn at FHSU represents the traditional colors of the university: black and gold.

UNIVERSITY HYMN

"A SONG FOR FORT HAYS"

- BY DR. DONALD STOUT -

Standing tall on the western plain,
born of the sun, and wind, and rain,
Western Kansas gives you praise,
alma mater, Fort Hays!

From the past our future we design,
let the light of our knowledge shine!
Our song of praise we bring to you,
alma mater, alma mater, Fort Hays.

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