

TIGER INTERNATIONAL

A monthly newsletter brought to you by International Student Services

FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY

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From the Desk of the Director. Carol Solko-Oliff

Happy Fall in Hays! It is hard to believe that the fall semester is passing by so quickly. November is an exciting month as we will celebrate **International Education Week November 13th-17th**. This is a great time to share your culture with the campus and Hays community and for us to celebrate YOU!!! Since the newsletter has a lot of **important information**, I would ask that you take a few minutes to read through it all.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **CHECK YOUR PASSPORT & I-20 OR DS-2019:** If your passport, I-20 or DS-2019 is expiring, **you must renew and get a new one BEFORE the expiration date**, even if you will not be traveling outside the United States! Come in to see Angie or myself if you need information on how to get a new passport, I-20 or DS-2019.
- **FALL BREAK:** Remember that fall break is November 20–24. This is a great time to take a break from your studies before finals week and the end of the semester. If you are traveling, please be safe, watch the weather conditions and plan ahead. It is always a good idea to make sure someone knows where you are traveling in case an emergency arises.
- **Feeling Stressed?** Stress around this time is not uncommon. This is the time of year when students might experience culture shock, adjustment issues, or anxiety about exams and the end of the semester. If you are having difficulty with classes, relationships, disliking the food, or feeling homesick or ill, and would like someone to talk to, **please contact the International Office, we would be happy to provide you a listening ear and support you in any way that we can!** Living in a different culture can be challenging. **It WILL get better**, but adjustment takes time. Please let us know what we can do and have a great November and Happy Thanksgiving!!

GET EXCITED ABOUT INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

The Global Affairs and International Student Services Offices have been planning for the **2023 International Education Week!** This week is an opportunity to celebrate our FHSU international students and the value of international education and exchange worldwide.

The International Student Services Office will host a series of on-campus celebrations showcasing an array of events & activities the week of November 13-17 to highlight our FHSU international students, exchange students, and students who have studied abroad. **To stay up to day on the events for this week, check out our International Education Week [list of events!](#)**

SPRING 2024 CLASSES

Get registered for the Spring 2024 semester! Log into Workday > myFHSU icon to register for classes. For instructions on how to register for courses, visit this website <https://www.fhsu.edu/workday/student-resources> and scroll to the Student Registration Activities Section.

Make an appointment with your academic advisor to discuss classes! Early registration has already started. Refer to the University calendar for registration date based on classification (graduate, senior, junior, sophomore, and freshman) and family name. If you have any questions about when you can enroll or who your academic advisor is, do not hesitate to contact the International Student Services Office. As a reminder, you can only enroll in one (1) three credit hour virtual college course to count toward your full-time enrollment.

FALL BREAK

Fall break will be November 20-24, 2023. During this time, there will be no classes! The Thanksgiving holiday is observed on Thursday, November 23, 2023. Traditionally, people gather together to reflect on blessings and acknowledge gratitude with family and friends during this holiday. They also eat lots of delicious food! During Fall break we encourage you to take a break from your studies, but also leisurely work on any special projects, papers, prepare for finals, etc. as the end of the semester is just a few days after we return from break. We also suggest that you explore the community of Hays during the break! Follow The Bricks in Downtown Hays, Hays Convention and Visitor Bureau, and other social media sites to stay updated on events that might take place during the break: www.visithays.com/calendar.aspx and www.downtownhays.com.

Many downtown businesses will be preparing for the holiday season and having sales, etc. Watch for more information on events. If you must travel, please be safe, monitor the weather, and take your I20/DS-2019 and passport with you. Please contact our office if you have any questions.

Many on-campus services will have modified hours of operations during Fall Break. Campus will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 23 through Sunday, Nov. 27.

RESIDENCE HALLS OVER FALL BREAK

For those students who plan to stay in the residence halls over fall break, you will need to complete a **Fall Break Housing Application** form. This form can be found in the email that Residential Life sent to all students living in a residence hall. The application will be open from Nov 1-10. For questions, visit with your CA or Hall Director of the hall you live in. **Students MUST sign up to stay in the residence hall over Fall Break no later than November 10!**

DINING OPTIONS OVER FALL BREAK

If you are planning on staying in Hays during Fall Break, please view the dining options available on campus and in the community below.

ON-CAMPUS FOOD SERVICE

	11/17	11/18	11/19	11/20	11/21	11/22	11/23	11/24	11/25	11/26
McMindes Cafe	Closes after lunch	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open for dinner
Hoagies	Open 11am to 8pm	Closed	Closed	Open 11am to 2pm	Open 11am to 2pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Starbucks & The Student Stash	Open 7am to 8pm	Closed	Closed	Open 7am to 5pm	Open 7am to 5pm	Open 7am to 5pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open 1pm to 10pm
Tiger Pizza in Victor E Village	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open normal hours

HAYS DINING OPTIONS

Select the links below to view dining and order options in Hays!

Restaurants in Hays: <https://www.visithays.com/94/Dining>

Downtown Hays Dining: <https://www.downtownhays.com/dining>

Hays Order To Go: <https://www.visithays.com/DocumentCenter/View/2960/Order-to-GO-in-Hays>

TIGER TRANSPORT

Tiger Transport **will** be running its regular schedule during Fall Break. You can ride Tiger Transport to Wal-Mart.

Tiger Transport Schedule:

Fridays Nov. 17 & 24 12:00pm—5:00pm
Saturdays Nov. 18 & 25 12:00pm—5:00pm
Wednesday Nov. 22 12:00pm—5:00pm

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT UNION



2023-2024 ISU Officers

President: Olamide Awosika
Vice President: Damilola Atanda
Secretary: Cory Cimaglia
Treasurer: Anshul Bansal
Social Media: Diana Angarita

ISU Meetings are held every Thursday at 4:30pm
McMindes Hall 2R

GREEN CARD LOTTERY

The Diversity Immigrant Visa Program (DV Program) makes up to 50,000 immigrant visas available annually, drawn from random selection among all entries to individuals who are from countries with low rates of immigration to the United States. The DV Program is administered by the U.S. Department of State (DOS). www.uscis.gov/greencard/diversity-visa

PLEASE NOTE--There are many scams out on the web. If the site asks you to pay for the service it is a scam as this is free through the government. Also, if the site does not have .gov at the end it probably is not a legitimate site. A scam is something dishonest and used to trick people.

2024-2025 GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The 2024-2025 Scholarship application is available at www.fhsu.edu/financialaid/scholarships/ . The priority deadline to apply for scholarships for 2024-2025 is November 15, 2023. The final deadline is February 15, 2025. If you have questions, please contact the Scholarship Services Office in Picken Hall 202 or call 785-628-4408.