

TIGER INTERNATIONAL

A monthly newsletter brought to you by International Student Services

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From the Desk of the Director. Carol Solko-Olliff

Happy Autumn! I hope your semester is going well and that you are enjoying the fall semester here at FHSU! I thank each of you for being a part of the Tiger Family. It is so great to see the excitement and activity on campus!

As you continue to live and study on campus we wanted to remind you to be safe. If you are walking from class, the library, or a friend's house, be sure to pay attention to your surroundings and if possible, walk with a friend. Fort Hays is a safe campus but it is always important to be aware of your surroundings! **Here are a couple tips to stay safe:**

- Carry your cell phone with you if you have one, and if you see something suspicious call 911.
- If you or a friend are a victim of a crime, please call 911 or contact the University Police Department as soon as possible. You can also call the international after hour cell phone for an emergency 785-259-0005.

With midterms and projects approaching, students who need help with time management or tutoring can contact the Center for Student Success and Retention at (785) 628-4260. The Fischli-Wills Center offers free tutoring services and student support, while the Health & Wellness Center on the third floor provides confidential medical and counseling services. The Writing Center on the first floor of Forsyth Library is also available for assistance with written projects!

Although midterms are approaching, don't forget to get outside and do something fun! October in Hays is beautiful. The weather gets cooler and the trees begin to change colors. It is also a time to visit a local pumpkin patch. Pumpkins are used in fall decorations and to make jack-o-lanterns to celebrate Halloween. If this is something you are interested in learning more about please, contact us!

Good luck as you get ready to take mid-term exams. If there is anything we can do to assist you, please let us know. Have a fun and safe October! Go Tigers!

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT UNION (ISU) STUDENT ORGANIZATION



All students, new and returning, are invited to sign-up for International Student Union (ISU)! The International Student Union (ISU) is a student organization of international and American students who represent their diverse backgrounds and countries. We empower students through social mixers, workshops, and cultural education trips. For more information or to join, stop by the International Student Services Office in the Memorial Union 014 and talk with Diane Hernandez or email dmhernandez.se@fhsu.edu. ISU meetings will be held every Wednesday at 4:30pm. Connect with Diane or any ISU officer for each weeks location. Membership fee for the academic year is \$10.

UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION IN WORKDAY

All international students are required to provide a current mailing address and phone number. It is important that your information stay current at all times as USCIS (U. S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement) requires our office to maintain student records in SEVIS (Student Exchange Visitor Information System).

Here are some steps to take to make sure your mailing address and phone number are current in workday:



1. Log into Workday
2. Click your picture or round circle in the top right corner.
3. Select the "view profile" button; this will bring you to a page with a blue navigation bar on the left.
4. Click the "Contact" link.
5. Select the "Edit" button, "Change My Home Contact Information", and edit your address.
6. Select the pencil icon at the top right of the box; do not change or delete your permanent address from this space. Click the check mark at the right corner of the address box when finished.
7. Finally, click "Submit" in the bottom left corner.

To update your phone number, make edits in the "Phone" box below the address box. Follow the steps above to finalize these changes.

INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER



The International Student Services Office has a cell phone that can be called after normal office hours or on the weekend for emergency purposes ONLY. We would ask that if you have any questions that can be answered during normal office hours that you call the office number at **785-628-4176**. If an emergency situation such as sickness, or an accident happens outside of office hours, please use the cell phone number **785-259-0005** and someone from the International Office will assist you.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK



International Education Week (IEW) will be celebrated on the FHSU campus and in the Hays community starting Monday, November 13 through Friday, November 17, 2023. This is a week to celebrate and an opportunity to learn; to learn about each other, to learn about opportunities to globalize our view of the world, to discover opportunities to travel and learn, and to continue fulfilling the mission of FHSU to DEVELOP ENGAGED GLOBAL CITIZEN LEADERS. Our office is currently planning events for this week. If you have ideas about types of programs, events, and activities that can be presented for this week, or want to help with activities this week, please let us know. The International Student Services Office appreciates your involvement and any help you can provide to us to celebrate your week!

ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT



Remember that as an F-1 or J-1 visa holder you are only allowed to work 20 hours per week **on-campus** for all jobs when school is in session. Graduate Assistantships are considered a job and counted toward the 20 hours per week. Please note that off-campus employment is not allowed unless approved as part of OPT or CPT. Our office verifies with the Student Employment Office and Union Catering the number of hours students are working. If you have questions regarding this, please stop by the International Office. We want you to be successful academically and don't want work to interfere with your coursework.

For instructions on how to find a job on-campus or information about the social security card application process, view this website:

<https://www.fhsu.edu/international/employment/>

CURRICULAR PRACTICAL TRAINING (CPT) WORKSHOP



Are you an international student looking for **internship** opportunities as a requirement for your academic program of study? If so, you will want to attend one of the CPT Workshops to learn about the requirements of CPT and ask questions. Students must be enrolled full-time for at least nine consecutive months prior to application and maintain status.

- Employment **must** be related to the program field of study **and** enrollment in a course associated with the internship.
- Students must be enrolled in associated course during CPT.
- Intensive English Program (ESL) students are NOT eligible for CPT.

CPT Workshop dates are as follows and you only need to attend one:
October 18 from 3:00pm-4:00 pm in the Trails Room, Memorial Union
October 19 from 9:00am-10:00am in the Trails Room, Memorial Union

GETTING A KANSAS DRIVER'S LICENSE



Many of you may be thinking about getting a driver's license in the United States. If you are interested in obtaining a license, please read the driver's license handbook to understand the process and materials needed to get a license (www.ksrevenue.org/pdf/dlhb.pdf).

The last step needed to receive your license is the completion and passing of a written exam. You will go to the DMV Office at 1222 Canterbury Rd, Hays KS to take this exam. The DMV office is the same place that you will eventually receive a driver's license. For general information about the Kansas Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) please visit this website: www.ksrevenue.org/dovlicenses.html

RENTING A CAR



The United States is a large country with many cities, sites, and other tourist attractions worth visiting! The question is: How can you travel to see these places? The best answer might be renting a car. Car rental is definitely the best choice if you are thinking of a short or medium distance trip. It is relatively easy to do and economically convenient, especially if you are going on a trip with 3-4 people that can share the expenses.



There are two different car rental agencies in Hays: Enterprise and Hertz. In order to rent a car, you need to have a valid driver's license. You can rent a car on the company's website or by giving the company a call. Theoretically, you have to be over 25 years of age to rent a car, however, Enterprise will allow you to rent a car if you are 21 years old, but they will charge you an additional fee. You can rent smaller or mid-size cars from either of these businesses during the week and weekends. You can also choose larger and more luxurious vehicles to rent, but these vehicle would be more expensive. Please note that renting a car on the weekdays tends to cost about 2-3 times more than the weekends. Do not forget to buy the car insurance that the rental company offers as well! This is important in case of an accident.



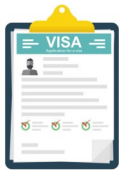
Please note that gas is also an expense to consider when you are traveling. You are responsible for the purchase of gas while renting a vehicle. Please also note that in most places in America, individuals pump their own gas, there will not be an attendant to pump your gas.

To rent a car or learn more about renting a car in Hays, view these websites:

Enterprise: <https://www.enterprise.com/en/car-rental-locations/us/ks/hays-516m.html>

Hertz: <https://www.hertz.com/rentacar/location/unitedstates/kansas/hays/HYSC01>

DIVERSITY VISA PROGRAM



The [Diversity Visa Program](#) (DV Program) is a program that gives away up to 50,000 immigrant visas each year to people from countries with low rates of immigration to the United States. The DV Program is administered by the U.S. Department of State (DOS).

It's important to be aware of scams when applying for the program. A scam is something dishonest that people use to trick others (ex: a fake email to get your personal information). If the site asks you to pay for the service, please know that it is a scam as this program is free through the government. Also, make sure that the website ends in .gov, as this is a sign that it is a legitimate government website.

TIGER TRANSPORT



Tiger Transport is a free van transportation service for FHSU students that runs on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 12pm to 5pm. This service has a fixed route that begins across the street from Victor E Village on the corner by the Kiosk, and goes to Wal-Mart and Big Creek Crossing. Check out the Tiger Transport website for more information: www.fhsu.edu/international/tiger-transport/index.

2024-2025 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Apply **now** for the 2024-2025 FHSU scholarships!

Priority Deadline: November 15, 2023

Final Deadline: February 15, 2024

You may sign in with your TigerNet ID at <https://fhsu.academicworks.com/> to view and begin applying for scholarships. The online scholarship application will automatically match and recommend scholarships for which you are eligible, as well as allow you to search for and select scholarships for which you wish to apply.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS EVERYONE FROM?

 Angola: 1	 Georgia: 1	 Myanmar: 2	 Senegal: 26
 Austria: 1	 Germany: 7	 Nepal: 3	 Serbia: 2
 Bangladesh: 1	 Ghana: 11	 Netherlands: 1	 South Korea: 6
 Brazil: 3	 Hungary: 1	 New Zealand: 1	 Spain: 3
 Cambodia: 1	 Iceland: 2	 Nigeria: 7	 Togo: 1
 Cameroon: 1	 India: 4	 Norway: 1	 United Kingdom: 6
 Canada: 4	 Ireland: 2	 Panama: 2	 US/Senegal: 2
 China: 41	 Israel: 1	 Paraguay: 8	 Venezuela: 2
 Columbia: 1	 Jordan: 2	 Poland: 1	
 Costa Rica: 1	 Kenya: 1	 Portugal: 1	
 Denmark: 1	 Mexico: 1	 Saudi Arabia: 1	

STAY CONNECTED TO THE ISS OFFICE!



Like us on Facebook at [FHSU International Student Services!](#)



Follow us on Instagram [@FHSU_International!](#)

STAY ENGAGED WITH THE CORQ APP!



Corq is the app for TigerLink created by CampusLabs to help you stay up to date with everything that is happening on campus. Logging in with your TigerNetID account will give you access to everything the app has to offer on your favorite mobile device. It allows you to find events near you based on your location, organization, and category. Keep up to date with Corq to stay involved on campus!

From sporting events to club meetings, dance lessons, and even paining events, Fort Hays has events for all types of people and interests!



ISU Officers left to right:
Vice President: Damilola Atanda
President: Olamide Awosika
Secretary: Cory Cimaglia
Treasurer: Anshul Bansal
Social Media: Diana Angarita (not pictured)