

HONORS COLLEGE



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

COOL BOSS 

BY THE NUMBERS

- Almost **70** Honorables on the Fall 2022 Dean's Honor Roll
- **52** majors represented
- Largest program since inception at 124 students

Dear Friends of the Honors College,
As another year speeds by, we continue to be thrilled with the extraordinary ways in which Honors College students are making a difference on campus and in our community.

From the leadership team of the Student Government Association to Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Kansas, from the FHSU Marching Band and Hays Symphony to regional accounting and information technology firms, Honors College students are energetically serving their fellow students, our fellow citizens, Kansas, and the world.

We are also happy to report that the Honors College's message of service and engagement continues to attract record interest. As of early May, eighty-one students have applied to join the Honors College, which means we have shattered the record sixty-two applications received for Fall 2022. This ongoing increase in applications also means that Honors College enrollment has doubled in five years. This vote of confidence from students is deeply gratifying, and we look forward to continuing to expand academic, career development, research, service, study abroad opportunities, and more.

We cannot do this without increased financial resources, however. We ask you, therefore, to consider a donation or planned gift to the FHSU Foundation that is specifically directed to the Honors College. Please feel free to contact us at any time, and please continue to share with friends, family, and your own communities the ways in which the Honors College and FHSU can serve you.



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STUDY BREAKS

THE FUN STUFF

BYE FOR NOW, FORSYTH LIBRARY

This spring, the Honors College left our Forsyth basement home until fall 2026, relocating to Picken Hall in the meantime. It took a little while to make it feel like ours but we've successfully nested.

In the newly renovated library, the new HC home will be on the second floor, near the library Dean's offices. The plans show a more modern but cozy area to look forward to!



The HC peer mentors hosted another successful set of events this year, including a dino-mite trip to the Sternberg Museum, a colorful tie-dye day, and a smashing sand volleyball session at Sonic.

Not pictured, the peer mentors also hosted Tiger Village tailgates, a picnic, an afternoon of gingerbread house decorating, bowling, snowcones, and more! Fun times are always to be had at Tiger Village or elsewhere, whether they be weekly Dungeons and Dragons sessions or a spontaneous trip to the State Fair with friends.

Follow @fshuhonorscollege on Instagram for more on the latest HC shenanigans.



2023 HC BOOK CLUB

This fall, our Freshman Seminar courses chose a trio of fabricated tales to add houses to your annual Hays Public Library Bookopoly sheet: one science fiction, one dystopia, and one historical fiction novel.

- The Lost Apothecary by Sarah Penner
- Scythe by Neal Shusterman
- The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams

CUTE CORNER

This year Liz S., a 2024 spring graduate, blessed us with our littlest Honorable and Rookie Tiger, Elsie.

Alums, do you have any little ones to show off? Let us know who has joined your family, whether two or four legged:

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NOVEL PURSUITS: ADIA REYNOLDS

ARTS AND SMARTS

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While some students lament their writing assignments, Adia Reynolds, a sophomore English writing major has another goal for her time at FHSU: to write 2-3 books by graduation. At over 80 thousand words, her current work in progress, titled *In the Interim*, is still growing.

Along the way, Adia has challenged herself through “Subtober”—submitting a short work to a literary magazine every day for the month of October,

leading to having her works published in ten separate magazines. Adia has also started an informal rejection club to bond with others over temporary setbacks.



A SURGE FOR SUCCESS: DREW LEGERE

Adia’s editing services and a list of her recent publications can be found at <https://crypticcryptidits.wixsite.com/cryptic-cryptid-edit>

Creating room for diverging opinions amid anti-abortion FHSU student organizations, Drew Legere started a chapter of Students Unite for Reproductive and Gender Equity (SURGE).

This spring, Drew presented her research paper “Frances Thompson: White Delusions of Black Femininity and Masculinity in the Reconstruction Era” at the conference for the Kansas Association of Historians. Drew is also leading a research workshop group applying artificial intelligence to the agricultural sector, such as through increased attention to climatological changes.

Pictured: Drew (left) and Caitlyn Hammack, a Kansas chapter head for URGE (right), tabling in the Memorial Union.



A GALLERY GIG GOING STRONG: LYDIA STEWART

Through a remote internship with the Salina Art Center graphic design student, Lydia Stewart is continuing to pencil herself into the Kansas art scene. To start, she hammered out the mock-up sketches for the 2024 Hammers and Heels Gala, for which ten artists from across Kansas utilized construction materials in their designs.

Though Salina Art Center’s galleries are currently closed, look forward to their reopening in May to see what else Lydia’s creative touch has accomplished.

View more of her graphic design projects, including the process of developing her Onomatopoeia Wine design, at <https://ljstewart2.myportfolio.com/>



Mock-up sketch for the Hammers and Heels Gala. Design: “Edward Faun” by Jessica Vega (Wichita, KS)

