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From the Desk of the Advisor — Carol Solko-Olliff

Congratulations to all the students who will be graduating this May and also this Summer. We wish you the best of luck for a successful future! Please keep in touch with the International Office and let us know what you are doing. ***Thank you*** for choosing FHSU for your program and as your second home. For all continuing students we hope you had a great spring semester!!

With the end of the spring semester fast approaching I wanted to mention a few items:

FINALS WEEK

Good Luck for a very successfully finals week! We realize this is a stressful time and that you have been working very hard. We have confidence that each of you will do well. **GOOD LUCK!!**

GRADUATION - Graduation for Master's graduates will be held on Friday, May 16th at 6:00 pm. Graduation for Undergraduates (Bachelor's degree) will be held on Saturday, May 17th at 10:00 a.m. Both graduation ceremonies will be held at Gross Memorial Coliseum so please try to attend and congratulate the many new graduates on their accomplishment!!

TRAVELING

If you are traveling outside the country for the summer you will need to get your I-20 or DS-2019 signed so you can return in August. Don't wait until the day before you plan to leave Hays to get this done, as it may take a day for you to get your signed documents back. **Plan ahead now**, students waiting until the last minute before they leave is not considered an emergency for calling the after hour cell phone. I will be out of town the evening of May 16 -18th attending family graduations.

If your visa is, or will be expiring you should plan to renew it while you are home. Stop by the International Office and we can provide you a list of the documents you may need for renewing your visa.

Remember, Great Lakes is no longer providing air service from Denver to Hays. A new carrier United Express will be providing air service starting August 1st. If you are securing flights back to Hays in August you can start booking with United Express now. The new flight service will have planes that accommodate 50 passengers, so they should have plenty of seats for traveling into and out of Hays starting in August.

MOVING??

It is important if you are moving out of the residence halls or an apartment in Hays that you follow the check out procedures that are in place. Please check with the hall director or your landlord if you do not know what the proper way to check out is. Checking out correctly can save you from having to pay unexpected additional charges.

IMMIGRATION INFORMATION – OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING

Are you graduating this May 2014 semester or during the summer? If you are and want to apply for optional practical training please stop by the International Student Office **as soon as possible** and pick up the paperwork. Practical training applications can take 60–90 days to be processed and returned from UCIS. **REMEMBER, you cannot start a job until you receive this work authorization.** Also, you are required to keep the International Office informed of your current job status, whether you do or do not have a job. This must be reported in the SEVIS system until the end of your OPT.

ADDRESS UPDATES

All International Students are required to inform the International Student Office (Sheridan Hall Room 208) of any address or phone number changes. It is very important that we have your current information at all times. If you know your summer address and phone number please stops by the office.

FINALLY - Have a great summer! Take some time to relax, travel and take a break from your studies. If you will be staying in Hays this summer, please feel free to stop by the International Office. We are always happy to make time to talk to you. Enjoy your summer break!

Have You Checked Your Passport?

If your passport is expiring, you must get a new one, even if you will not be traveling outside the United States! Come in and see Carol or Karen if you need information on how to get a new passport. Remember, you must always have a current passport and I-20 or DS-2019 to remain in status with immigration.

ISU End of Year Party

Finals are fast approaching and the semester is almost over. Let's get together one last time before summer break! The International Student Office has planned an end of the year party before the semester ends and it will take place on Saturday, May 3 from 2-3:30 in Gym 1 of Cunningham Hall. There will be fun games to play and ice cream to eat. **Remember, this may be the last opportunity to meet some of your friends who graduate this semester!**

Congratulations!

Gabriela (Gaby) Saravia-Lopez, a Graphic Design student, was honored with Senior Scholarship Award through the Leo Burnett Co. Congratulations on this accomplishment!

The International Student Services Office would also like to congratulate Ms. Tan "Sharon" Shi and Ms. Xiangxiang "Jura" Ji on their accomplishment of receiving a Rotary Scholarship for 2014-2015. Congratulations!

Immigration Information —Optional Practical Training

Are you graduating this May 2014 semester? If you are and want to apply for Optional Practical Training (OPT) please stop by the International Student Office **as soon as possible** and pick up the paperwork. Practical training applications can take 60-90 days to be processed.

Final Exam Schedule

Please look up your final exams schedule to make sure that you are not going to miss them. You can check the schedule at http://www.fhsu.edu/commencement/schedule/

Traveling Abroad Or Going Home For The Summer?

F-1, F-2 and J-1 students must come into the International Student Services Office to get the proper paperwork in place before leaving the U.S. and returning. If you have changed status, OR if your visa has expired, you must get a new visa before re-entering the U.S. To get a new visa you will need to have your I-20 signed and additional information. Stop by our office if you have any questions.

Job Opportunity—International Student Ambassadors (ISA); Orientation Assistants; Volunteers

The International Office is in need of people to help with New International Orientation. Please network with your friends that you think may want to help out. Below are the job opportunities & volunteer options we have available:

Option #1—ISA—This is a paid position helping international students and being a mentor to them. You will be involved in many international related events including new student orientation and driving students to events or on trips. This position is a scholarship position. The qualifications of this position are (1) having a valid Kansas drivers license (2) being in Hays by August 1 (3) being enrolled as a full-time student (4) having a minimum cumulative or current GPA of 2.75, and (5) being responsible and active. If you are interested in applying for this position, stop by the office to get an application.

Option #2—Orientation Assistants (OA) - This is a paid position with a $150 stipend and you would need to be available from August 1—August 17 day and night. This will include helping out with orientation week, driving trips to Wal Mart, airport pick-ups, and other duties.

Option #3—Volunteer - If you cannot commit to working from August 1-17 day and night but still want to help out when you are available, then you could volunteer. We just need to know what days & times you can help.

These are great opportunities to get some leadership and work experience.

Summer Office Hours

Please note the FHSU office hours on campus for various buildings and services will be as follows for this summer: Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 4:30pm

The Student Health Center office will be open **BUT WILL NOT BE SEEING PATIENTS** during the summer. The last day to see patients is Friday, May 30. The student Health Center will reopen on Monday, August 4.

If you need medical assistance the following health care providers will be available.
First Care Clinic, 105 W. 13th St. Suite 5, (785) 623-6210
Victoria Family Health Care, 208 Mark Wagner Road, Victoria, (785) 735-9721
Hays Medical Center Emergency, 2220 Canterbury Drive, (785) 623-5000
Hays Medical Center ER Fast Track—https://www.haysmed.com/fasttrack

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Residence Halls for the Summer

For students wanting to live in the Residence Halls, Stadium Place, or Wooster Place for the summer, please visit with the Student Residential Life office, McMindes Hall. That office can provide you with information and costs associated for the summer. Please note that not all the Residence Halls are available to live in this summer. **PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OF YOUR RESIDENCE HALL PROPERLY IF YOU WILL NOT STAY IN THE HALLS THIS SUMMER.**

Tiger Enroll, Pre-Enrollment & Payment

Tiger Enroll is the way to enroll in classes at FHSU. Tiger Enroll is another feature in your TigerTracks account. Pre-enrollment for Summer and Fall 2014 have already started. Please visit the following website for a tutorial on how to use Tiger Enroll. http://www.fhsu.edu/tigerenroll/.

The deadline to complete Enrollment/Payment through Tiger Enroll for pre-enrolled classes is **August 6, 2014**. Pre-enrolled classes will be dropped if Enroll/Payment tab is not completed. If you have not made fee payment arrangement by this date, you will be dropped from your classes and will have to set your schedule up again.
Please try to return to Hays before this time if you plan to travel home for the summer, or if you cannot return before this date, make arrangements to pay while you are at home. The following website will help you in finalizing your enrollment. https://www.fhsu.edu/sfs/students_parents/enrollment/

Tiger Transport Information

Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to complete the Tiger Transport survey. We appreciate your feedback, we will be reviewing the results and will determine if any changes should be made to the route, times and stops. Currently the hours for Tiger Transport will remain the same until the start of Summer School in June. **Starting in June, the schedule will be on Saturday's from 2:00pm to 9:00pm ONLY.**

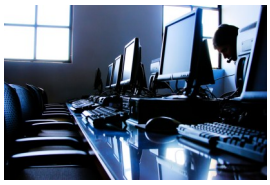
FHSU Alumni Association

According to Wikipedia, "an alumni association is an association of graduates (alumni) or, more broadly, of former students. In the United Kingdom and the United States, alumni of universities, colleges, schools, fraternities, and sororities often form groups with alumni from the same organization. These associations often organize social events, publish newsletters or magazines, and raise funds for the organization."

Fort Hays State University has its own alumni organization, and you can become its member! By being a member of the FHSU Alumni Association, you can stay connected to family, friends, the University and the world.

The benefits of membership include free subscription to *FHSU Magazine* (published 3 times annually), Fort Hays State University Bookstore and Tiger Book Shop discounts, access of Tiger On-line Directory to locate classmates, faculty and friends, and automobile rental discounts, and hotel and motel discounts. For more information, check the FHSU Alumni Association website http://goforthaysstate.com or call 785-628-4430 or email at alumni@fhsu.edu

Commencement Will Be Available Live On The Internet



Your family and friends around the world can watch both commencements live on the FHSU website. Those who wish to view Commencement on a computer should download Windows Media Player prior to May 16. For the Internet option, use Windows or Mac OS X v. 10.3.9. Graduate broadcast will be May 16 at 6pm CST and the Undergrad broadcast will be May 17 at 10am CST.

Congratulations Graduates!!

You made it! Congratulations on completing your degree at Fort Hays State University. We wish all graduates **Congratulations** and **Good Luck** as you pursue future endeavors. Please keep in touch with the International Student Office and let us know what you are doing! The schedule of events during commencement week is listed on http://www.fhsu.edu/commencement/. Please check the time of the rehearsal in order to be ready to attend commencement.

For those of you who are graduating and attending commencement, please check the commencement schedule to see what time you need to arrive. You **MUST** be at commencement earlier than the time it begins. Please make sure to arrive at the correct time for line-up and expect to participate in the ceremony. Here is the website that will tell you the times http://www.fhsu.edu/commencement/schedule/ and all things commencement (cap & gown, activities, basics, can be found at his web site http://www.fhsu.edu/commencement/

Remember we will take a group picture after the ceremony is over, so please come and be a part of the picture.

Commencement Broadcast

Commencement will be broadcast live to campus residence halls and over two area cable TV systems. Eagle Communications will carry the live telecast on KFHS- TV, Channel 17, in Hays, Ellis, Russell and WaKeeney. In addition, Rural Telephone will carry the live broadcast of Commencement to nearly 40 communities in Northwest Kansas. Residents in communities served by Rural Telephone should check their local listings for the channel in their community.

Graduation/Commencement

Do you want to see your friends graduate? Do you want to see how a graduation ceremony looks like at Fort Hays State University? Then you can attend the graduation ceremony (commencement) this year! The Graduate commencement will take place at 6:00 p.m. in Gross Memorial Coliseum on Friday, May 16 and the Undergraduate commencement will be held at 10 a.m. in Gross Memorial Coliseum on Saturday, May 17.

International Group Picture—For graduates only

The International Student Services Office cordially invites you to gather for a group picture with graduating FHSU international graduate and undergraduate students.

Graduate pictures will take place on
Friday, May 16, 2014 immediately after graduation in the chair back seating area, section K

Undergraduate pictures will take place on
Saturday, May 17, 2014 immediately after graduation in the chair back seating area, section K

Airport Shuttle Service To/From Kansas City & Wichita

The International Student Services Office found a shuttle service for you to/from Fort Hays State University to/from Kansas City Airport and Wichita Mid-Continent Airport. Unfortunately, we could not find a shuttle services from Denver International Airport to/from Hays.

Here is some information of the shuttle service companies. You will need to call them to make a reservation and ask the cost.

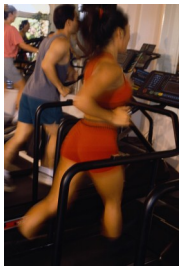
Shuttle services rom Hays to Denver Airport
BMB Airport Shuttle Services—785-639-1899

Shuttle Services from Kansas City, Missouri Airport
KCI Shuttle — www.kctg.com — Toll free number 1-800-258-3826

Shuttle Service from Wichita Mid-Continent Airport
Emu Express, Inc — Telephone number — 316-734-0100

Elite Shuttle — 316-516-5148 — http://www.eliteshuttleandcourier.com/

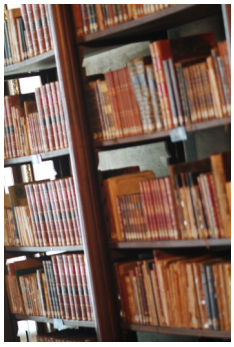
Wellness Center Hours For The Summer



Monday - Friday	Saturday - Sunday
6:30am - 7:00pm	10:00am - 3:00pm

Hours of the Wellness Center may change during the summer based on usage. Please check the center for changes in hours of operation throughout the summer. The Wellness Center is closed on Monday, May 26 and July 4 as these are holidays.

Library Open Hours During Summer



The Forsyth library will be open during summer, but with new hours. Here are the summer hours:

Summer Intersession - May 19- June 1

Monday – Friday	8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Saturday & Sunday	Closed

**Closed Monday, May 26 for holiday

Summer School Session - June 2 – July 25

Monday – Friday	8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Saturday & Sunday	Closed

**Closed July 4 for holiday

Summer Intersession - July 26 – August 4

Monday – Friday	8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Saturday & Sunday	Closed

Group Health Insurance—Fall Waiver Forms

The International Student Services Office has a procedure students must follow if you have your own private insurance. We want to make sure that students are aware of the procedure. You can start completing forms now and turn them in for summer. You can also complete the waiver forms for fall before you leave. You do not have to wait until the deadline to turn the forms in.

First, there is an **Acceptance/Denial Form** and a **Student Health Insurance Waiver Form** that students must complete if they have their own private health insurance. These forms have important information as well as deadlines on when forms must be turned in. You will be responsible for printing these forms on your own from the following website http://www.fhsu.edu/international/health/ Because of the increase in students with their own private health insurance, you must go to the website and print them off yourself. **We do not always have copies in the office for students to pick up.**

Second, students must provide proof of private insurance which includes the card or certificate, explanation of benefits, and US contact information (telephone & address) all in English. The insurance must meet the minimum requirements that are listed on the Student Health Insurance Waiver Form.

Health insurance is required for all Fort Hays State University international students. If you are **not** purchasing the Kansas Board of Regents insurance plan (which you pay for with tuition), you must turn in the Student Health Insurance Waiver Form with a copy of your policy's benefits summary page (in English), and the Acceptance/Denial Form **EVERY SEMESTER**. For the Fall semester, the date is, **August 18, 2014**. Forms & insurance brought in after this date **WILL NOT** be accepted. If you have questions regarding health insurance, please visit with Marnie in the International Office.

If you have any questions or you are not clear on any part of this process, I welcome you to come in to the office to visit with me. Thanks, Marnie

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Home Stay Opportunity

The International Office has information on a possible home stay opportunity for international students. Included in the home stay are meals, laundry facilities, wireless internet, fully furnished, large shared loft space and bathroom. It is close to campus. You must like small children and want to participate in family life. There is an application you must complete and provide a deposit. A summer, six month or one (1) year contract may be available. If you are interested in this home stay opportunity, please contact Amanda at 785-259-8475, or stop by 703 Fort, or email her at thetippys@gmail.com.

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We're on the Web!
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				1	2 Community Connection 5:30pm Tippy's home @ 703 Fort St	3 International End of year Party @ 2pm in Gym 1 of Cunningham Hall
4	5 Cinco de Mayo HAC Wizard of Oz @ 7pm Beach/Schmidt PAC	6	7	8	9	10
11 Finals Feeding Frenzy @ McMindes Hall rom 10:00-11:30pm	12 F	13 i n a	14 l s	15 W e e	16 Graduate Graduation @ 6:00pm Gross Memori-al k	17 Undergraduate Graduation @ 10:00am Gross Memorial
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 University Closed for Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31