



Tiger International

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From the Desk of the Advisor

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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 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 17th at 6:00 pm. Graduation for Undergraduates (Bachelor's degree) will be held on Saturday, May 18th 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!!
- **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 2013 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 stop by the office.
- **ALUMNI SURVEY** - I know you are all busy with school and other activities, but I would ask that you take a few minutes to complete this very short survey. Dr. Tim Crowley, Dean of the Graduate School is trying to collect information from you, our current international students. Please go to the survey web site listed below and it will give you a brief description of the survey and ask 4 very short questions. If you have problems with the link or have questions about the survey, please contact any of us in the International Student Services Office.
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2013intlalumnisurvey>

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.

Convenient, Direct Flights From Denver To Hays On Great Lakes Airlines

After a long international flight, the last thing you want is to get in a vehicle and drive another five hours or more to reach Hays. Consider a short, one-hour direct flight to Hays from Denver International Airport instead. Hays Regional Airport offers daily flights on Great Lakes Airlines to and from Denver with your choice of

convenient arrival and departure times throughout the day. The non-stop flight saves car rental, gas, hotel and parking expenses – not to mention another five hours on the road. Booking your ticket is easy, too. Just have a Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover credit card ready and you can book online, or by

phone, using one of these convenient methods:
www.orbitz.com
www.expedia.com
www.priceline.com
Call your local travel agent (in Hays, the number is 785-625-7515, Moore Tours)
For reference purposes when booking your ticket, the Hays airport code is HYS.

Immigration Information —Optional Practical Training

Are you graduating this May 2013 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/registrar/Spring-2013-Finals-Schedule/>

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

International Group Picture

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 17, 2013 immediately after graduation in the chair back seating area, section K

Undergraduate pictures will take place on

Saturday, May 18, 2013 immediately after graduation in the chair back seating area, section K

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 17 and the Undergraduate commencement will be held at 10 a.m. in Gross Memorial Coliseum on Saturday, May 18.

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 18 day and night. This will include helping out with orientation week, driving trips to Wal Mart & Bank of America, airport pick-ups, and other duties.

Option #3—Volunteer - If you cannot commit to working from August 1-18 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.

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.

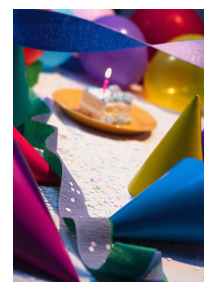
Commencement Will Be Available Live On The Internet



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 17. For the Internet option, use Windows or Mac OS X v. 10.3.9. Graduate broadcast will be May 17 at 6pm CST and the Undergrad broadcast will be May 18 at 10am CST.

End Of The 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 is planning an end of the year party before the semester ends. The event date, time, and location will be sent out by email. **Remember, this may be the last opportunity to meet some of your friends who graduate this semester!**



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

Tiger Enroll

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 2013 have already started. Please visit the following website for a tutorial on how to use Tiger Enroll. <http://www.fhsu.edu/tigerenroll/>.

Pre-Enrollment & Payment

The deadline to complete Enrollment/Payment through Tiger Enroll for pre-enrolled classes is **August 7, 2013**. 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/

Rotary Scholarship Recipients

The International Student Services Office would like to congratulate Ms. Juan (Tina) Ren, Ms. Yao (Cassie) Cheng, Ms. Petra Poznic, & Mr. Andres Torres-Caballero on their accomplishment of receiving a Rotary Scholarship for 2013-2014. Congratulations!

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 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.

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. Must complete an application 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.



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.

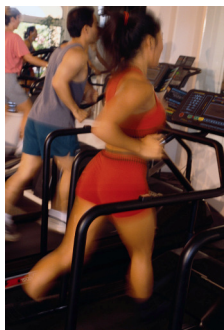
Shuttle Services from Kansas City, Missouri Airport

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 28 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 Intercession - May 20- June 2

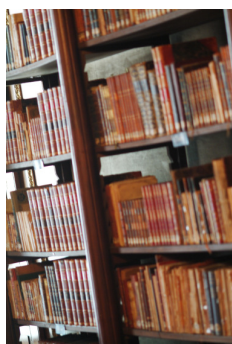
Monday – Thursday	7:00 am to 5:30 pm
Friday, Saturday & Sunday	Closed
**Closed Monday, May 28 for holiday	

Summer School Session - June 3 – July 26

Monday – Thursday	7:00 am to 5:30 pm
Friday	8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Saturday & Sunday	Closed
**Closed July 4 for holiday	

Summer Intercession - July 27 – August 4

Monday – Thursday	7:00 am to 5:30 pm
Friday, Saturday & Sunday	Closed



Summer Office Hours

Please note that office hours on campus for various buildings and services will be modified starting May 20. The International Student Services Office hours will be as follows for this summer:

Monday – Thursday 7:00 am – 5:30 pm

Friday – Office will be closed

The Student Health Center office will be open **BUT WILL NOT BE SEEING PATIENTS** starting June 3 and reopen on August 6.

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

Changes In Health Insurance Requirements

The Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) is the governing board of the state's six universities. One small part of what this board handles is health insurance. This spring semester they announced that they will be changing the health insurance requirements that is currently part of the waiver forms you complete if you have your own private health insurance.

Those of you who will be purchasing your own health insurance for the fall 2013 semester are asked to wait on purchasing health insurance until the new requirements have been finalized. If you purchase insurance with the old 2012-2013 requirements it may not meet the new requirements and therefore **WILL NOT** be accepted. Once the new requirements are finalized and sent to us, I will email you what the new requirements are along with the new 2013-2014 waiver forms. If you have any questions regarding health insurance, PLEASE call Marnie at 785-628-4276.

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.

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. **I will not 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 19, 2013**. 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.

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			1 Diversi-Tea 2:00pm Sunset Lounge Tigers Series Workshop @ 5pm, Stouffer Lounge, Memo- rial Union	2 Conversation Cerner @ 7pm in Chuck's Place, Wiest Hall	3	4 Community Connection 5:30pm Tippy's home @ 703 Fort St
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Graduate Graduation @ 6:00pm Gross Memori- al	18 Undergraduate Graduation @ 10:00am Gross Memorial
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	