

## 2016-2017 VALUE Scholars Announced

- Rachel Guillot (Salina, KS)
- Taylor Hanus (Salina, KS)
- Jarid Malick (Dodge City, KS)
- Colin McIver (Council Grove, KS)
- Marisol Regalado (Liberal, KS)
- Megan Rust (Leavenworth, KS)
- Brianna Schuck (Hastings, NE)
- Kaylie Towles (Wichita, KS)

“My project really pushed me out of my comfort zone and has made me apply the leadership skills I have previously learned in the program.” -Jade Singleton-Reich 2015-2016 VALUE Scholar



Pictured are the 2015-2016 VALUE Scholars.

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# NEWS

## LEADERSHIP

Fall 2016

### Fort Hays State University Department of Leadership Studies

**Greetings** Fall is my absolute favorite season. Not only am I enjoying the cool evenings and warm sun during the day, but also observing the changing colors of nature. Another reason I love fall is that the first semester of the academic year begins, which brings new freshmen to campus, new virtual students to our on-line courses, and new international students to our leadership programs at SNU and SIAS in China. Along with new students, we also welcome back faculty and students who are returning to our programs. Collectively in these programs, we have approximately 2,900 students in our leadership courses this fall. We celebrate this growth and change. This newsletter will highlight changes that have taken place in the department, including the hiring of seven new faculty members to teach leadership in China, travel to a leadership conference in Ohio, and the announcement of the next VALUE class. Also featured are study abroad and internship experiences from our students. We are grateful that you take the time to stay connected with the department's opportunities and accomplishments. Our departmental website ([www.fhsu.edu/leadership](http://www.fhsu.edu/leadership)) features a 'giving' tab through which you can learn more about ways in which you can support our students. Thank you for your tremendous support of the Department of Leadership Studies. Have a phenomenal fall season.

*Jill Arensdorf*, Ph.D., CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF LEADERSHIP STUDIES

## Welcome to the Department

Leadership Studies welcomes seven new faculty members who are teaching Organizational Leadership at FHSU partner schools in China for the 2016-2017 academic year. Pictured here is the 2016-17 Leadership Studies faculty and staff team. (Not pictured are Pandora Rupert, Jon Piszczek, and Shelby Stewart.)

DR. BILL ALLEN is looking forward to working with students, the challenges that will professionally strengthen him, and the rapport he will build with faculty in the department. Bill says he is “grateful to serve FHSU at SIAS.”

DR. BRENDON FOX is enthusiastic to face the challenge of delivering a new teaching method to students and seeing how other faculty members do the same. Brendon plans to travel between semesters to visit Thailand, Cambodia, Malaysia, and Taiwan.

MR. JARED NIELSEN looks forward to building relationships with friends and coworkers and working with a department that really cares about students. Jared says he is excited to join the department as a full-time faculty member.

MR. RYAN OLSEN wants to contribute to the department by continuing to make the program greater and is ready to be impressed with his students and help them realize their potential.

DR. RICK ROCHESTER is inspired by the opportunity to interact with students. He says he is “eager to gain a global perspective and continue learning about China’s varied and rich culture.”

MR. JEFF SCHLITZKUS is ready to work with and learn from Leadership Studies faculty, to learn about the culture in China, and work with students to grow their understanding of the importance of leadership.

MS. MARG YAROSLASKI says she is thrilled to be a part of a dynamic leadership program and to work with students and learn about their culture. She can’t wait to explore China and learn what teaching methods work in Kansas and China and which methods don’t translate well.



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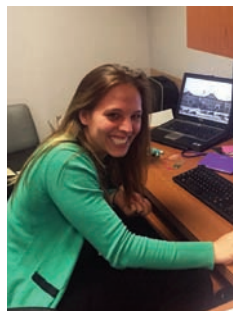
## Student Intern Spotlights

Tiffani Clark will finish her Bachelor's degree in Organizational Leadership in December 2016. A few months ago, she completed her internship with Make-A-Wish Foundation at their national office in Phoenix, Arizona. While there, she worked with the Grants and Scholarship Program which provides additional funding to the 62 chapters across the country. Tiffani used information from her Grant Proposal Writing Certificate to create a best practices document for grant proposals that could potentially go to all 62 chapters. Tiffani said her education allowed her to complete the project on her own and gave her skills to network and communicate effectively with people in the organization. She has also used skills she learned to be an effective follower in her position with Make-A-Wish.



Jon Longbine will finish the Organizational Leadership program in May 2018 with a minor in Justice Studies. His summer internship was at the Sedgwick County Fire Station in Maize, Kansas. He developed and conducted training over various topics including search and rescue and fire behavior. He also created a program to monitor hydrogen cyanide (HCN) which has become deadly to firefighters in recent years. Jon says the HCN program is essential for the safety of firefighters and the project was a great opportunity to make a difference for all emergency responders. His background in Organizational Leadership gave him the confidence to step into a leadership role and push his crew to be better.

Jeina Stoumbaugh is a recent graduate who interned with Student Affairs at Fort Hays in the summer of 2016. She had the opportunity to develop a program for FHSU faculty working with Title IX and high school students on campus. She played a key role in developing an orientation program for the North Central Kansas Technical College (NCKTC) Gateway Program which gives students attending NCKTC access to amenities to which FHSU students also have access. Jeina says she has used skills she learned from her degree in Organizational Leadership to make effective changes with all of her projects. She is currently pursuing a Master's degree in College Student Personnel Administration. Her goal is to eventually become an Orientation Director.



Each year the Pat Tillman Foundation selects 60 U.S. service members, veterans, and military spouses as **Tillman Scholars**. **Seth Kastle** was recognized with this prestigious scholarship on June 8, 2016.



Graduating seniors are given the opportunity to recognize and thank faculty who impacted them during their time at Fort Hays. They do this by recommending faculty for the **Pilot Award**.

**Dr. Christie Brungardt** was honored with this award on May 13, 2016.

To see more faculty spotlights visit our Facebook page!

## Harry Truman and the Second World War

Harry Truman and the Second World War was taught in fall 2015 by Dr. Curt Brungardt, Department of Leadership Studies and Dr. Kim Perez, Department of History. The course had 14 students enrolled majoring in Organizational Leadership, History, and Political Science. In this course, students learned about the decision-making process President Truman used at the end of World War II when dropping the atomic bombs on Japan. As part of the class, students traveled to Independence, Missouri. In Independence, students toured the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum and participated in a 3-hour decision-making scenario about dropping the atomic bombs during which each student played a key figure in the process.



## Passport to Leadership



In May 2016, twenty students participated in the interdisciplinary study abroad experience that was offered jointly through the Department of Leadership Studies and the Department of Communication Studies. This experience lasted 13 days and took students to Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, and France. Students had the opportunity to visit historical sights and locations accompanied by a local tour guide for each major city visited on the trip. The purpose of this experience and the class that preceded it was to afford students an experiential learning opportunity to help them embrace the global aspect of their studies. Students who participated in the study abroad trip were: Serena Baetz, Macy Becker, Jordanna Beikman, Jessica Bryant, Brooke Hanzlicek, Tracy Hemphill, Lindsey Hurford, Faith Kohl, Emily Leiker, Kylie Mowery, Emily Neises, Melissa Olguin, Emilie Pearson, Marisol Regalado, Megan Rust, Carlie Snethen, Lauren Solzman, Haley Stickel, Graham Swartzell, and Cristal Ugarte. Faculty members for the trip were: Seth Kastle, Marcella Marez, and Korby Boswell.

Student Highlights



Dr. Brent Goertzen traveled to the **McDonough Leadership Conference** in Ohio with students Nancy Handley, Brittney Squires, and Morgan Lawrence-Vogel. At the conference Dr. Goertzen, Morgan, and Brittney presented *Collaborating Across the Campus to Foster Civic Engagement*. Morgan and Nancy shared their poster *Way\$ to Water Wi\$dom Calendar*.

Kendahl Garrett, Kevin EarthSoul, Ashley Templeton, Russell Mortinger and Kylee Loneker took second place in the college division at the **Washburn Leadership Challenge** in Topeka, Kansas on April 4, 2016.



Current Organizational Leadership student, Shelby Stewart, describes the relationships she has formed in the department as meaningful. She stated, "the faculty have really encouraged me in all of my classes and helped me to be a stronger, more dedicated student. I know they truly care about me and that alone means a lot. The relationships between all of the students in this department are so strong! We know each other by name and have naturally formed into a little family in and outside of the classroom."