Your Name: _____

FHSU's Expectations of YOU
Your Individualized Plan of ACCESS and Success

College is a big deal. Four years of time; countless hours in class & studying; dollars spent on tuition, books, and housing. It is possible for all students to succeed at Fort Hays State University, particularly when you take advantage of the resources available to you. Get ahead by creating a plan to give yourself ***ACCESS*** *to Success:* ***A****dvising,* ***C****onnections,* ***C****ircle of Support,* ***E****ducation, and* ***S****ense of* ***S****elf.*

ADVISING: *Every FHSU student has been assigned an academic advisor. An advisor is a faculty member or trained professional with whom you have the opportunity to meet and talk one-on-one about your academic program and your career/life goals – but you need to take the initiative.*

- ☐ Learn your advisor's name/office hours/contact information. This can be found in TigerTracks (right hand corner at www.fhsu.edu), under Online Services.
  - My advisor's name is _____.
  - Office location is:
    _____.
- ☐ Meet with your academic advisor during the first two weeks of the semester (August 20-31, 2012).
  - My appointment is scheduled for (date, time, location):
    _____.
- ☐ Meet with your academic advisor to review your mid-term grades (October 18-26, 2012).
  - My appointment is scheduled for (date, time, location):
    _____.
- ☐ Ask your advisor about: requirements you need to complete your degree; information about add/drop procedures and deadlines; questions about "what can I do with a degree in this field?"
  - What other questions do you have? _____

    _____.
- ☐ Meet with your academic advisor to create a worksheet for next semester prior to your pre-enrollment date.
  - My appointment is scheduled for (date, time, location):
    _____.

CONNECTIONS: *YOU have the opportunity to make a difference, gain valuable experience, meet interesting people and participate in activities that have a lasting impact on campus. There are many chances to get connected and involved, in a student organization, a study group, or in conducting research.*

- ☐ Learn more about co-curricular opportunities: Center for Student Involvement, 014 Memorial Union; Center for Civic Leadership, 201 Custer Hall; Intramurals and Recreation, 128 Cunningham Hall; Undergraduate Research Experience, URE@fhsu.edu
- ☐ Make sure to connect on Tiger[Link] to create your co-curricular transcript and find out what opportunities are available! http://tigerlink.fhsu.edu/
- ☐ I want to get connected in these involvement opportunities: _____

  _____.

CIRCLE OF SUPPORT: *In addition to the support provided by friends and family, FHSU offers a variety of services designed to provide support & increase your skill set. Each of these services are FREE to students!*

- ☐ It's okay to need help! Utilize the FHSU Writing Center (20 Forsyth Library) for help writing papers or get free tutoring (http://www.fhsu.edu/kellycenter/asp/Free-Tutoring/) for general education courses through Academic Success Programs (111 Picken Hall; (785) 628-4401).
- ☐ Learn more about campus, test-taking, stress & time management, and finding a major through the T.I.G.E.R.S. Series Workshops (http://www.fhsu.edu/kellycenter/Workshop-Schedule/).
- ☐ Have a question? Just don't get it? Meet with your instructors anytime you begin having problems during the semester. Office hours are posted on instructors' doors and on your syllabus.
- ☐ When I am struggling in a class, I will get help by: _____

  _____.

EDUCATION: *Why are you at FHSU? To get an education! For each course in which you are enrolled:*

- ☐ Buy the required course materials.
- ☐ Print your syllabus; Write all due dates in your personal planner / calendar / organizer.
- ☐ Go to class every day—make it a point to meet each professor.
- ☐ Read assigned materials before class; complete all assignments on time.
- ☐ Review assigned materials after class; take notes as you read.
- ☐ Participate in class discussions—raise your hand!
- ☐ Don't cut corners--don't cheat or plagiarize.
- ☐ Know how you're doing in your classes. Check Blackboard, and use the GPA calculator at: http://www.fhsu.edu/registrar/gpa-calculator/#
  - My GPA goal for this semester is: _____.
- ☐ Activate your Careers for Tigers account (http://www.fhsu.edu/career/cft/). Build your resume throughout your time at FHSU.

SENSE OF SELF: *College may be the first time you've ever been on your own. It's a chance to learn how to survive and thrive as an individual. Sometimes you may need help—that's okay!*

- ☐ If you are unsure about your major, visit the Academic Advising and Career Exploration Center (AACE) in 311 Picken Hall.
- ☐ Expand your horizons by attending a cultural event, a campus activity, or a hall program. This semester I would like to learn something new about myself by: _____

  _____.
- ☐ A healthy body helps maintain a healthy mind! Check out the Wellness Center and the free fitness classes, located in Cunningham Hall.
- ☐ Learn how to manage your finances & become financially literate. Find out more about loans and scholarships through Financial Assistance (202 Picken Hall); and if you must work (no more than 20 hours / week!), check out Job X for on-campus employment: http://www.fhsu.edu/finaid/Student-Employment/
- ☐ When I am feeling overwhelmed by everything going on, I will manage my obligations by:

  _____

  _____.

HINT: Share this page with your academic advisor for more support in achieving your goals!