



FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY
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FALL 2025 Commencement

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THE BEGINNING

“Twas built by the toil of our fathers:
To its glory our voices swell.
Hail to old Fort Hays State!”

This is our Heritage: This is Fort Hays State

Fort Hays State University (FHSU) is a state, tax-assisted liberal and applied arts university established and maintained by the state to serve the people of Kansas.

The university was established to satisfy a need felt by the early settlers for educational facilities in the new region. Martin Allen, a horticulturist who came to Hays in 1873, and other Hays residents, conceived the idea of using the Fort Hays Military Reservation land, about to be abandoned by the government, for experimental and educational purposes.

The fort was abandoned in 1889. From that time until 1900, the proposal for its use was repeatedly presented to Congress by farseeing residents of the area. In 1900, the federal government enacted legislation granting the land to the state of Kansas for a state college, an agricultural experimental station, and a state park. In 1901, the Kansas legislature accepted the grant.

On June 23, 1902, the university opened with 34 students, two faculty members, and 19 courses. For two years, sessions were held in two old buildings on the fort grounds. In 1904, the first stone building was completed on the “flats” adjacent to Hays and the young institution was moved to its present location.

The university opened as the Western Branch of the Kansas Normal School of Emporia. The curriculum for the first two years consisted of the upper two years of high school supplemented by courses in teaching methods.

After 1910, the first degree, A.B. in Education, was authorized at this time, although the degree was later changed to B.S. in Education. Liberal arts degrees of A.B. and B.S. were authorized in 1930. Graduate work leading to the master’s degree was first offered in 1929; in 1958 the university was given permission to grant the specialist in education degree. A doctoral program in nursing practice was approved May 2015 for Fort Hays State University by the Kansas Board of Regents. It is the university’s first doctoral program.

During its years of educational service, the university has had several changes in its name. In 1914, the Hays Normal was made independent of the Emporia Normal School and its name became Fort Hays Kansas State Normal School. In 1923, the name of the university was changed to Kansas State Teachers College of Hays.

The right to confer liberal arts degrees was approved by the Board of Regents early in 1931 and the Legislature authorized the change to the name of Fort Hays Kansas State College in the same year. In 1977, the name of the university was changed to Fort Hays State University.



Opening Day of the Western Branch of Kansas State Normal School on the grounds of the old Fort Hays Military Reservation.



Left: Picken Hall, the first academic building on campus.



Right: South side of Industrial Building with greenhouse.



Left: People skate on Big Creek with Sheridan Hall in the background.



Right: Snow covers the fountain in front of Picken Hall.

FOR OUR GUESTS

SEATING

Upon entering Gross Memorial Coliseum (GMC), guests will be immediately directed to balcony seating. The elevator is accessible by Gate 3. There will be no general seating on the GMC floor. Exceptions will be made for guests unable to use balcony seating. A commencement staff member will escort the individual(s) and one guest to the accessible seating area on the GMC floor. Seating in this area is available on a first come first served basis.

COURTESY TO GRADUATES

The university wishes to express its appreciation to the audience for extending courtesy to each graduate. Please be reminded that previous graduates have expressed their appreciation for the audience remaining seated and courteous. This allows the names of all our graduates to be heard by family and friends. We ask that you please turn off your cell phone and remain seated until the end of the ceremony. Please allow all graduates of a college to return to their seats before applauding.

PHOTOS

Photographers from GradImages will take individual photos as each graduate crosses the stage and with the university president. Proofs and forms for ordering will be mailed by GradImages to each candidate after Commencement. Please allow up to five business days for mailing. There is no obligation to purchase photos.

Only press and official university photographers with passes will be allowed to take photos in front of the stage.

Photo backdrops are available for use by guests and graduates between Gates 2 and 3 on the second level of Gross Memorial Coliseum.

FIRST AID

FIRST AID, courtesy of the Ellis County EMS, is located on the lower level at Gate 2.

LOST AND FOUND

The lost and found is located in Room 170, on the lower level near Gate 3. Call 785-628-4199 if you discover a missing item post-Commencement.

AFTER THE CEREMONY

Due to multiple ceremonies taking place on the same day, the university is requesting all graduates and guests exit the Coliseum promptly after the ceremony. This will allow the event staff to begin cleaning the area and setting up for the next event.

CEREMONIES

December 12, 2025

Robbins College of Business and Entrepreneurship, College of Health and Behavioral Sciences, and Werth College of Science, Technology and Mathematics

8:30 AM - Gross Memorial Coliseum

Platform Party

Craig Karlin	Registrar and Mace Bearer
Tisa Mason	President
Jill Arensdorf	Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs
Diana Mendoza	Regent, Kansas Board of Regents
Joey Linn	Vice President, Student Affairs
Wesley Wintch	Vice President, Administration and Finance
Benjamin Schears	Vice President, Economic and Workforce Development
Melissa Hunsicker Walburn	Dean, Robbins College of Business and Entrepreneurship
Jeff Briggs	Dean, College of Health and Behavioral Sciences
P. Grady Dixon	Dean, Werth College of Science, Technology and Mathematics
Angela Pool-Funai	Assistant Provost and Dean of the Graduate School
Brenda Meder	Reader of Names

College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences and College of Education

11:00 AM - Gross Memorial Coliseum

Platform Party

Craig Karlin	Registrar and Mace Bearer
Tisa Mason	President
Jill Arensdorf	Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs
Diana Mendoza	Regent, Kansas Board of Regents
Joey Linn	Vice President, Student Affairs
Wesley Wintch	Vice President, Administration and Finance
Benjamin Schears	Vice President, Economic and Workforce Development
J. David Macey	Dean, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
Paul Adams	Dean, College of Education
Angela Pool-Funai	Assistant Provost and Dean of the Graduate School
Brenda Meder	Reader of Names

Commencement Order of Exercises

Prelude

Trumpet Voluntary	Jeremiah Clarke
Rondeau	Jean-Joseph Mouret
Trumpet Tune	Henry Purcell
Largo from Xerxes	G.F. Handel
My Heart, Ever Faithful	J.S. Bach
Just a Closer Walk with Thee	Traditional (arr. Don Gillis)
Amazing Grace	Traditional (arr. Luther Henderson)
America the Beautiful	Samuel Ward

Processional

Pomp and Circumstance	Edward Elgar
Star Spangled Banner	John Stafford Smith, Francis Scott Key
A Song for Fort Hays	Donald Stout

Introductions

Jill Arensdorf	Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
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Greetings

Diana Mendoza	Kansas Board of Regents
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Welcome

Tisa Mason	President
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Recognition of Candidates

Jill Arensdorf	Presentation of Candidates for Education Specialist Degrees
Tisa Mason	Conferring of Degrees
Jill Arensdorf	Presentation of Candidates for Master's Degrees
Tisa Mason	Conferring of Degrees
Jill Arensdorf	Presentation of Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees
Tisa Mason	Conferring of Degrees
Jill Arensdorf	Presentation of Candidates for Associate Degrees
Tisa Mason	Conferring of Degrees

Closing

Alma Mater	Jack Juergens
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Note: The audience will stand during the platform party processional and remain standing for the National Anthem.

GRADUATE SCHOOL

The Graduate School at Fort Hays State University coordinates degree programs across all five academic colleges. Graduate faculty members have attained a significant level of achievement in their instructional and scholarly activities and are committed to excellence in graduate education. The professional staff of The Graduate School prides itself on excellent service in assisting graduate students from the point of inquiry to Commencement. On behalf of the graduate faculty and staff of The Graduate School, I congratulate you on your achievement here today.

Angela Pool-Funai
Assistant Provost and Dean

ROBBINS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION – MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Nevada Dawn Acheson, Derby
Marketing

Olubukola Olabisi Ayeleso, Frisco, TX
Management Information Systems/Finance

Dauda Bangura, Hays
Digital Marketing

Michael Wayne Billinger, Salina
Business Administration

Tina Bollinger, Slatington, PA
Business Administration

LeCharles Boyd, Springdale, AR
Operations Management

Marc Edward Caruso, Peabody, MA
Finance

Danielle L. Davis, Kansas City
Leadership Studies

Kayleigh Elise Davis, Taunton, MA
Business Administration

Courtney DeNegri, Olathe
Digital Marketing

Samuel D. DeNike, McAlester, OK
Management Information Systems

Michael Denning, Lenexa
Health Care Management

Kylie Dickerson, House Springs, MO
Human Resource Management

Illay Dvoretz, Overland Park
Management Information Systems/Finance

Deidre Finklea, Pelham, AL
Human Resource Management

Laura Foster, Junction City
Human Resource Management

Marian Christina Frayser, Wichita
Corporate Communication

Niya Teresita Esteves Gaines, Hays
Health Care Management

Marcos German Romero, Hays
Management Information Systems/Finance

Sarah Cathleen Goss, Sterling, CO
Finance

Megan Renee Hackney-Demirci, Haysville
Marketing

Kaleb J. Hammeke, Hutchinson
Finance

Alysia M. Hill, Concordia

Agribusiness

Casey B. Hubbard, Hays

Finance

Julie A. Kanelakos, Arkansas City

Business Administration

Saad Mohacht, Hays

International Business

Abel Akinlaja Olusola Ogunla, Hays

Management Information Systems/Finance

Jeremy Pogue, Wichita

Management Information Systems

Amanda May Powers, Garden City

Health Care Management

Megan Ann Rogers, Garden City

Health Care Management

Jacob Sauls, Kansas City, MO

Accounting

Morgan S. Shorb, Hays

Human Resource Management

Chase Sossi, Overland Park

Operations Management

Bryce R. Thornton, Hays

Management Information Systems

Liliana Vasquez, Dodge City

Marketing

Jeremy K. Wallace, Wichita

Business Administration

Nicholas Wedel, Shawnee

Health Care Management

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

HEALTH AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE – MASTER OF SCIENCE —

Braiden Nicholas Meyers, Hays

Sport Administration

Jessie L. Sallach, Hays

Sport Administration

Rachel Denise Shepherd, Hays

Sport Administration

Travis Sisco, Wamego

Health and Human Performance

Ryan R. Small, Manhattan

Sport Administration

Anais Claire Thompson, Poway, CA

Exercise Science

NURSING – MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING —

Alexandra Rose Frank, Littleton, CO

Nursing Administration

Lisa A. Keck, Loveland, CO

Nursing Education

Taylor Anne Murray, Hays

Nursing Education

Ogulbagt Narova, Hastings, NE

Nursing Education

Lara Anne Pore, Derby

Nursing Administration

Natalie Shea, Olathe

Nursing Education

Savannah Marie Smith, Westminster, CO

Nursing Administration

Genet Wondemseged Teklu, Silver Spring, MD

Nursing Education

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES – MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES —

Hayden I. Albright, Hays

Information Assurance Management

Chance L. Anderson, Hays

Cyber Security

Danikka R. Bateman, Lenexa

Public Health Administration

Kelly M. Bradshaw, Hays

Criminal Justice

Christopher James Brennan,

East Longmeadow, MA

Human Resource Management

Tess Elizabeth Camp, Lamar, CO

Organizational Leadership

Rebecca Monique Cole, Great Bend

Music Performance

Shannon Deines, Great Bend

Medical Imaging Sciences - Administration

Mohamed Didi, Hays

Human Resource Management

Sira Abdoulaye Drame, Hays

Computer Networking

Lisa K. Fischer, Leavenworth

Human Resource Management

Storm James Flores, Cimarron

Criminal Justice

Corey Ganser, Inver Grove Heights, MN

Web and Mobile Applications

Taniya K. Gayle, Brooklyn, NY

Human Resource Management

Kadin M. Heacock, Lenexa

Cyber Security

Saige N. Heizer, Hays

Public Health Administration

Ethan Hernandez-Santiago, Mustang, OK

Computer Networking

Jeffery Todd Johnson, Kingsport, TN

Cyber Security

Jayden Jones, Aubrey, TX
Public Health Administration
Allie Yankay Kargbo, Jr., Newark, DE
Human Resource Management
Sandra M. Koelper, Hawthorn Woods, IL
Public Health Administration
Brenda Kuzba, Mukwonago, WI
Human Resource Information Systems
Mallory Linn, Hays
Medical Imaging Sciences - Administration
Brian Lollman, Ottawa
Music Composition
Katherine Elizabeth Lonergan, Hastings, NE
Medical Imaging Sciences - Administration
Melora Lue, Ontario, Canada
Organizational Leadership
Megan Renee Mullins, Gallipolis, OH
Medical Imaging Sciences - Education
Susan Addaline Ortega, Topeka
Human Resource Management
Alicia Danai Plante, Hays
Organizational Leadership

Julia Anna Planz, Lake Zurich, IL
Public Health Administration
Kristina Reed, Monument, CO
Organizational Leadership
Kiplee Richards, El Dorado
Sport Management
Julie Ann Robben, Hays
Medical Imaging Sciences - Administration
Mervril C. Romain, Brooklyn, NY
Medical Imaging Sciences - Education
Suzanna Jo Schneider, Olmitz
Criminal Justice
Brandon Scott Smith, Hays
Music Performance
Rebecca L. Stegman, Arlington Heights, IL
Organizational Leadership
Altina Y. Taylor, Wichita
Human Resource Management
Danielle Kristian Torgler, Fort Scott
Human Resource Management
Katelyn LeAnn Wilson, Ashland, NE
Medical Imaging Sciences - Administration

PSYCHOLOGY- MASTER OF SCIENCE

Amanda Leigh Boettcher, Powell, OH
School Psychology
Colleen Noelle Brooks, Hays
Clinical Psychology
Shaley Burnham, Salina
School Psychology
Rian Kathleen Carey, Grand Junction, CO
School Psychology
Ryan Rose Dye, Salina
Clinical Psychology
Megan Jo Hare, Hays
Clinical Psychology
Hannah Joy Harris, Kansas City, MO
Clinical Psychology
Britney Ah'Lexus Lewis, Arkansas City
School Psychology
Jonah Keith Luby, Calverton, NY
Clinical Psychology
Laura Martinez Sandoval, Oak Park, CA
School Psychology
Heather Lynn Mathews, Savage, MN
School Psychology
Jared Levi Morales, Wichita
Clinical Psychology

Courtney O'Donoghue, Clearwater, FL
School Psychology
Alexcia F. Proffitt, Overland Park
Clinical Psychology
Ashley E. Raines, Osawatomie
Clinical Psychology
Pamela Casandra Sanford, Lake Stevens, WA
School Psychology
Maela Stevens, Derby
Clinical Psychology
Marie Stone, Winnemucca, NV
School Psychology
Renee VanderPlas, Lewiston, MN
School Psychology
Carly Grace Walker, Gretna, NE
Clinical Psychology
Lisa Weis, Tulsa, OK
School Psychology
Courtney Wren, Shawnee
Clinical Psychology
Jessa Yaussi, Wichita
Clinical Psychology

WERTH COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND MATHEMATICS

BIOLOGY- MASTER OF SCIENCE

Griffin Wilson Davies, Holton

Biology

Amelia Leigh Growe, Hays

Biology

Parker Shane Jones, Hoxie

Biology

Brett M. Koehn, Jetmore

Biology

Demetria L. Sanchez, Hays

Biology

COMPUTER SCIENCE- MASTER OF SCIENCE

Chase Allen Garrett, Galena

Computer Science

Gilberto Andres Guerra Gonzalez, Forney, TX

Computer Science

Álvaro Salvador López, Hays

Computer Science

GEOSCIENCES- MASTER OF SCIENCE

Gabriel Stedman Goncalves, Hays

Geosciences

Israel Jaaziel Rivera-Molina, Hays

Geosciences

COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

ART – MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Kelly J. Chapin-Hagen, Sedalia, MO
Ceramics
Darrel M. Manis, Hays
Painting

Tina Marie Thomas, Wichita
Ceramics

ENGLISH – MASTER OF ARTS

Bridget Frimpomaah Fobi, Hays
English

HISTORY – MASTER OF ARTS

Jason Barr, Harrisonburg, VA
History
Ashley Boggess-Taylor, Bunker Hill, WV
History
Juliet I. Dixon, Oviedo, FL
Public History
Nicholas Chandler Harp, Jefferson City, MO
History
Whitney Hersh, Lawrence
History
William M. Hobbs, Lewis Center, OH
History
Mitchell Blake Holbrook, Norton, VA
History

Blake Huntley, Meridian, ID
History
Jennifer Lynn Jenkins, Honolulu, HI
History
Chelsea Leah Kiefer, Raleigh, NC
Public History
Jake A. Seurer, Kansas City, MO
History
Melissa Rae Tunstall, Coffeyville
History
Rachel Leigh Waddell, Ephrata, PA
Public History

LIBERAL STUDIES – MASTER OF LIBERAL STUDIES

Tom Colman, Ghent, Belgium
Management Information Systems
Erika Tina Greene, Bradenton, FL
Public Administration
Aynalem A. Kebede, Elkridge, MD
Management Information Systems

Julie Marie Sallman, Clifton
Gerontology
Samantha Lyn Torres, Lawrence
Public Administration
Jon Christopher Wiemers, Olathe
Health Sciences

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL STUDIES – EDUCATION SPECIALIST —

Margaret Lynn Bacon, Seymour, TN
Business Education and
Workforce Development

Erica Lynn Bammes, Manhattan
Education Administration

Jennifer Bilyeu, Kansas City
Education Innovation and Leadership

Christopher Michael Boccarossa,
Murfreesboro, TN
Education Innovation and Leadership

Shayla Keosha Brown, Twin City, GA
Business Education and
Workforce Development

Jeana Marie Calloway-Hodson, Moberly, MO
Education Administration

Lisa Marie Crabtree, Fruita, CO
Education Innovation and Leadership

Ryan Crabtree, Fruita, CO
Education Innovation and Leadership

Cody Dunlap, Cunningham
Education Administration

Loquisha Johnson, Antioch, TN
Education Innovation and Leadership

Brianna M. Kear, Gardner
Education Innovation and Leadership

Linda Kelly, Midville, GA
Business Education and
Workforce Development

Noah Joseph Slay, Tecumseh
Education Administration

COUNSELING – MASTER OF SCIENCE —

Megan Lynne Bleier, Peck
School Counseling

Jessica L. Cash, Lone Jack, MO
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Amber Clausen, Grand Island, NE
School Counseling

Amanda Corning, Wichita
School Counseling

Riley Dietz, Wilson
School Counseling

Taylor Ellis, Great Bend
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Chunbo Fan, Warren, NJ
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Lindsey Fankhauser, Hutchinson
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Christopher Fisher, Lakewood, CO
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Zaelynn LeighAnn Foth, Haven
School Counseling

Nicole Gold, Hugoton
School Counseling

Victoria Gutierrez, Hays
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Emily JoHanna Hageman, Kingman
School Counseling

Adrienne Halanick, Sheridan, WY
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Ashley Richelle Haugaard, Salina
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Jeanna Hernandez, Wichita
School Counseling

Molly Christine Johnson, Vancouver, WA
School Counseling

Gena Lynn Kastler, Coffeyville
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Milithza Janet McNeil, Colorado Springs, CO
School Counseling

Logan Nelson, Hays
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Eriene Yen Li Oh, Maricopa, AZ
School Counseling

Jacob Alexander Patterson, Olathe
School Counseling

Taylor Nicole Patterson, Hutchinson
School Counseling

Lindsey Rhea Peterson, Norton
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Lauren Petz, Garden City
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Marcus Relphorde, Overland Park
School Counseling

Rayann Cassidy Remick, Pueblo, CO
School Counseling
Abigail Rundle, Carthage, NY
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Alexandrea Elizabeth Schroeder, La Junta, CO
School Counseling
Michael Stuart, Albuquerque, NM
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Caitlynn Waller, Wichita
School Counseling
Mariah K. Walsh, McFarland
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Kayli Ernest Wasmund, Cary, NC
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

EDUCATION – MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Wendy Barnett, Dodge City
English for Speakers of Other Languages
LaKaito Barr-Miller, Parsons
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Andrew David Baumann, Osawatomie
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Brittiney M. Beery, Parsons
Curriculum and Instruction -
The Effective Teacher
Melissa L. Bohme, Levant
Chemistry
Ashley Marie Breshears, Smith Center
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Curstyn Browning, Lorraine
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Brianna M. Burns, Lakin
Curriculum and Instruction -
Science of Language and Literacy
Kelsie Burr, Wichita
Curriculum and Instruction -
Exceptional and Diverse Learners
Ashley Nichole Cating, Wichita
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Mikala Cortese, Kirwin
Curriculum and Instruction -
Science of Language and Literacy
John Michael Cox, Colby
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Laci Cyr, Clyde
Reading Specialist
Kourtney Lynn Davidson, Park
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Hannah Dlabal, Jewell
Secondary Education
Tiffany Dougan, Topeka
Library Specialist
Anna Draper, Meade
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching

Whitney M. Easterberg, Clay Center
Reading Specialist
Dakota Ejnes, Long Beach, NY
Curriculum and Instruction -
The Effective Teacher
Timothy J. Elsen, Wichita
Curriculum and Instruction -
The Effective Teacher
Brittney C. England, Manhattan
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Pamela G. Feerer, Coffeyville
Higher Education Student Affairs
Bonita Marie Fieser, Wichita
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Megan Fletcher, Wichita
Library Specialist
Hannah Frazer, Bentley
Curriculum and Instruction -
Science of Language and Literacy
Garrett Gaither, San Diego, CA
Curriculum and Instruction -
The Effective Teacher
Haley Glover, Lawrence
Elementary - Transition to Teaching
Maureen Mae Graham, Olathe
Elementary Education
Jessica Brooks Greene, Topeka
Curriculum and Instruction -
The Effective Teacher
Jodi Lynn Grove, Stafford
Library Specialist
James Preston Harrison II, Parker
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Mckenzy Havenstein, Chapman
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Kristina Marie Hecke, Leavenworth
Elementary - Transition to Teaching

Lindsey Michelle Hickman, Council Grove
Elementary - Transition to Teaching
Christine Marie Hobelman, Auburn
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Alan Joseph Holdren, Beloit
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Sherri Irvin, Haysville
Curriculum and Instruction -
Science of Language and Literacy
Joan Lynn Karrer, Wichita
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Leah C. Kerbs, Dodge City
Elementary Education
Dieter Omer Koch, Anchorage, AK
Elementary Education
Makaila Kracht, Carbondale
Elementary - Transition to Teaching
Brian Kane Lewis, Lexington, SC
JROTC Instructor Prep - General Army
Ashley Lynn Loucks, Abilene
Reading Specialist
Andrew Thomas Makings, Kensington
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Courtney Rae Mayer, Valley Center
Curriculum and Instruction -
Science of Language and Literacy
Kylie Elizabeth McCullough, Ottawa
Elementary - Transition to Teaching
Jonathan Mercer, Manhattan
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Cameron Moore, Wichita
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Joel Devon Murray, Orlando, FL
JROTC Instructor Prep - General Army
Ashli L. Nelson, Cairo, NE
Curriculum and Instruction -
The Effective Teacher
Richard Netwal, Kansas City, MO
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Thao Tran Bich Nguyen,
Hô Chí Minh, Vietnam
Curriculum and Instruction -
The Effective Teacher
Kristin Marie O'Connor Barkus, Lawrence
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Kaitlin E. Osbern, Baldwin City
Elementary Education
Olivia Lindsey Pfistner, Fort Drum, NY
Curriculum and Instruction -
The Effective Teacher

Chet Pobolish, Oklahoma City, OK
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Misty Poe, Holton
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Mary A. Popchoke, Olathe
Library Specialist
Akinade Tajudeen Popoola, Olathe
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Megan Reynolds, De Soto
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Joseph Rincones, Wichita
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Kerrigan Arlene Rudolph, Goodland
Curriculum and Instruction -
The Effective Teacher
Anastasia Santiago-Bevan, Wichita
Elementary Education
Marissa Schimke, Leavenworth
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Molly Schneider, Otis
Curriculum and Instruction -
The Effective Teacher
Paige Schrag, Wichita
Curriculum and Instruction -
The Effective Teacher
Emily Smith, Bennington
Curriculum and Instruction -
The Effective Teacher
Peter E. Smith, Wichita
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Shelbi Nicole Spicer, Lawrence
Curriculum and Instruction -
Science of Language and Literacy
Ben Steinlage, Seneca
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Olivia Stewart, Lenexa
English for Speakers of Other Languages
J'Lynne Stolsworth, Harper
Curriculum and Instruction -
The Effective Teacher
Sydney Nicole Thurlow, Wichita
Curriculum and Instruction -
Exceptional and Diverse Learners
Frederick Cole Trent, Dodge City
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Gabriel William Upson, Larned
Curriculum and Instruction - STEM
Madison Renee Urish, Derby
Curriculum and Instruction -
Science of Language and Literacy

Meagan Elizabeth Vliet, Manahawkin, NJ
Reading Specialist
Corey Weibel, Overland Park
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Chloe Marie Whitt, Salina
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Dakota Wilson, Cleveland, MO
Elementary - Transition to Teaching

Madalyn Winter, Wichita
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching
Abigail Marie Wuthnow, Chapman
Curriculum and Instruction -
The Effective Teacher
Bailee Nicole Young, Overland Park
Secondary and PK-12 - Transition to Teaching

EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION – MASTER OF SCIENCE

Rita Becker, Hanover
Education Administration
Taylor Michael Betts, Russell
Education Administration
Baylee Branscum, Skiatook, OK
Education Administration
Nathan J. Broeckelman, Great Bend
Education Administration
William Bain Carpenter, Guymon, OK
Education Administration
Evan Heath Firner, Salina
Education Administration
Isaac Hager, Barberton, OH
Education Administration
Hanna Rae Haraughty, Altamont
Education Administration
Jennifer Cristy Herrmann, Sabetha
Education Administration
Kylee Madison Hipp, Garden City
Education Administration
Emilie Johnson, Silver Lake
Education Administration

Nathaniel Paxton Kirk, Phoenix, AZ
Education Administration
Jerimiah Lavelle, Basehor
Education Administration
Abbey Joe Marie Lax, Kansas City
Education Administration
Caolon McNamee, Cheyenne, WY
Education Administration
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APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

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Plainville

Falcon Claw McDoulett,
Tuttle, OK

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Rodriguez, De Soto

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COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

The faculty and staff of the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences congratulate all December 2025 graduates. We join in celebrating your achievements and in thanking you for your work as students, scholars, and artists throughout your time at Fort Hays State. Your energy, insight, and creativity have had a transformative effect on our university community, and your accomplishments fulfill our shared mission to prepare engaged global citizen-leaders. We look forward to watching you transform the world.

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Autumn Dawn Carroll,
Cherokee
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Steven Chad Herbel,
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Taylor Jorgensen, Topeka
Brookelynn Kinder,
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Syed Viqar Mazher,
Pingree Grove, IL

Rylee Miller, Russell
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Saldana-Rodriguez,
Hugoton
Tatum Leann Sander,
Great Bend
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Colorado Springs, CO

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 Shawn Christopher Gross,
 Lawrence

Lindsay Heathman,
 Lenexa
 Joseph Maxwell Heddin,
 Hesston

Seth M. Hoopingarner,
 Otis
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 Abigail Johnson, Wichita

Andrea Kathleen Jones,
 Council Bluffs, IA
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Adrian P. Broman, Hays	Kinsley	Alta Loma, CA
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Arkansas City	Christina Sue Hubbard, Topeka	Colorado Springs, CO
Landon Wyle Camp,	Jacob M. Long, Lebanon	Jessica Ann Vsetecka,
Waynesville, MO	Heather Marie May,	Great Bend
Monica Anne Cole, Wichita	Poughkeepsie, NY	Kristen M. Waldschmidt,
Eva Olesia De Hoyos, Emporia	Brady D. McAfee, Salina	Phoenix, AZ
Kasey Didier, Wakefield, VA	Garrett Evan Minster,	Jason Isaac Wallace,
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Victoria Elizabeth Hart,	Madison Lynn Stumbough,	
North Las Vegas, NV	Bonner Springs	

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ASSOCIATE OF GENERAL STUDIES

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Manhattan	Jessica LeCount, Hays	Darrian Rhaburn, Herington
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Joaquin Juan Galan,	Paul Damian Miller,	Clarissa G. Sheahan, Lenexa
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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

The College of Education is committed to preparing exceptional educators and school leaders who make a lasting impact in classrooms and communities. Our programs equip future elementary and secondary teachers, reading specialists, library media specialists, counselors, school administrators, special educators, and instructional technology specialists with the knowledge and skills needed for success. We offer bachelor's, master's, and education specialist degrees through outstanding departments dedicated to undergraduate and graduate education excellence. Our innovative initiatives—such as the Transition to Teaching for K-12, Registered Teaching Apprenticeship, and Special Education Limited Residency programs—provide alternative pathways to teacher licensure, helping to meet the growing demand for educators and counselors in Kansas. At the heart of our college is a distinguished faculty of passionate, experienced educators who are deeply committed to their students' success. Their dedication and expertise continue to shape the next generation of professional educators and counselors. We take great pride in the achievements of graduates from the FHSU College of Education, whose contributions enrich schools across Kansas and beyond.

Paul Adams
Dean

Kimberly Chappell Advanced Education Programs, Chair
Christopher Jochum Teacher Education, Chair

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John Alexander Applebury, Aledo, TX	Sara Beth Cronkrite, McPherson	Ella Marie Hart, Bogue
Adriana Arras-Rodriguez, Great Bend	Elsy Noemi Cruz-Sanjuan, Garden City*	Kaylene Denise Haselhorst, Albert
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Alice Juanita Bathurst, Abilene	Alyssa Marie De La Torre, Plains	Jocelyn Renee Ishler, Randall
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Rylee Deanelle Bretton, Phillipsburg*	Riley C. Eveland, Wamego*	Owen Foster Krouch, Hays*
Lacy Noel Brite, Leroy*	Francesca Fantini, Long Branch, NJ	Kasie Leckrone, Dodge City
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Marlene Rubi Chance, Dodge City	Alexis Nicole Franz, Goodland	Kristin Michele Luce, Overland Park
Corinne E. Cole, Phillipsburg*+	Zoe Elizabeth Girard, Osborne	Malea Martinez, Lamar, CO
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	Lizbeth Guardado, Salina*	Emma Carolyn Meisel, Jefferson City, MO
		Zoie Marie Miller, Minneapolis*

Abigail Marie Myers, Russell
 Ayden Myers, Winfield
 Kayla Noller, Victoria
 Emma M. Palmer, Derby
 Sarauniya Zuri Pelts, Lawrence
 Aryssa Peterson-Shea,
 Phillipsburg
 Eemaan Phillips, Cairo, Egypt
 McKenna Brooke Probst,
 Derby
 Kylie Lynn Reimer,
 Phillipsburg
 Ava Mae Reis, Ransom+
 Mckenzie Renken, Little River
 Dyana L. Reynaga,
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 Hoisington*

Laura Elizabeth Robinson,
 Derby
 Abigail Robles, Protection
 Maria Ana Robles De La Torre,
 Dodge City*
 Emily M. Scheuerman, Wichita
 Kobi George Shubert,
 WaKeeney*
 Lili Shubert, WaKeeney*
 Hannah Elisabeth Shults,
 Manhattan
 Elissa Marie Simmons,
 Broken Bow, NE
 Bobbi L. Simons-Smith,
 Haysville
 Brittany Smith, Dodge City
 Codi Layne Spafford,
 St. Joseph, MO

Kaytie Lynn Stejskal, Sublette+
 Colby Michael Stull,
 McCracken
 Victoria Irené Suarez, Tyler, TX
 Elizabeth Paula Thompson,
 Liberal*
 Paige Marie Thompson,
 Belle Plaine*
 Avery Jo Urban, Norton
 Brooklyn A.J. Vasquez, Hays*
 Ashley L. Vilaysing, Hays*
 Ella Shea Voth, Hays
 Derisheae Williams-Belt,
 Wichita
 Megan Shaunn Wingert,
 Woodland Park, CO
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 Wichita

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HONORS AT GRADUATION

There are three levels of academic honors at commencement. **Summa cum laude** is awarded to graduates achieving a grade point average of 3.90 or above on their cumulative and FHSU coursework, **magna cum laude** to graduates achieving a grade point average of 3.80 to 3.89 on their cumulative and FHSU coursework, and **cum laude** to graduates achieving a grade point of 3.60 to 3.79 on their cumulative and FHSU coursework.

Each student graduating with academic honors must have attended and completed at least 30 credit hours from Fort Hays State University. Honors are based on both the candidate's cumulative and Fort Hays State University grade point average (GPA).

While honors will be listed in the commencement program for those who may reasonably anticipate them, the listing in the program is not a guarantee of receiving honors. The listing and reading of honors for degree candidates are based on the final grade indexes achieved at the beginning of the student's final semester. The official honor awarded based on final grade indexes will be noted on the student's diploma and transcript.

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Stephanie Alarcon, Dodge City
 Alice Juanita Bathurst, Abilene
 Emily Christine Bonilla,
 Wichita
 Chelsea Renee Bowen,
 Rancho Cucamonga, CA
 Corinne E. Cole, Phillipsburg
 Caden Bradley Dalinghaus,
 Frankfort
 Brooke R. Delaney, Ness City
 Addison May Emmot, Beloit
 Conner Andrew Duncan
 Erckert, Olathe
 Cole Douglas Feldt, WaKeeney
 Elizabeth Paige Fender,
 Littleton, CO
 Kale J. Funk, Newton
 Hazel Ann Harper, Pittsburg
 Jolie Ann Hielscher, Lyndon

Htet Aung Hlaing,
 Taikkyi, Myanmar
 Isabella Kester, Adams, NE
 Hannah Marie Kitzmann,
 Garden Plain
 Jacob Allen Kolbeck, Spearville
 Riley Dawn Lehnert,
 Turpin, OK
 Rebecca Lingg, Wichita
 Halle F. Mayers, Hays
 Heidy Mercado-Romero,
 Garden City
 Aimee Loree Merrill,
 Trenton, NE
 Garrett Evan Minster,
 Winter Haven, FL
 Kayla Noller, Victoria
 Iris Elizabeth Perry,
 Commerce, OK

Ava Mae Reis, Ransom
 Mckenzie Renken, Little River
 Mikayla L. Rhoads, Tonganoxie
 Sarah Samuels, Wichita
 Joshua Thomas Shaw,
 Fairfield, NE
 Bradley James Smart-Derryberry,
 Hamilton
 Kaytie Lynn Stejskal, Sublette
 Carly Anne Stuke, Topeka
 Alexis Jair Trejo-Hernandez,
 Sublette
 Avery Jo Urban, Norton
 Kathleen Marie Vanstory,
 St. George
 Ashley L. Vilaysing, Hays
 Ella Shea Voth, Hays
 Htet Aung Win,
 Yangon, Myanmar

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Kalem Blake Davis Alspaugh,
Woodbridge, VA
Joshua Daniel Ball, Great Bend
Drew Christian Beam, Mankato
Bryce Allen Bozzo, Peyton, CO
Kieran Burke, Hays
Chan Chivithrokul,
Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Cale Travis Cormaney,
Colorado Springs, CO
Jennifer Forsberg, Salem, OR
Kyle Grill, Maize
Jules M. Heiman, Beloit
Levi Joseph Hickert, Hays
Alayna Grace Irwin,
Great Bend

Camden Iwanski, Stockton
Kathryn Johnson, Basehor
Grace E. Lang, Fowler
Isaac H. Larck, Champaign, IL
Elizabeth M. Leck, McPherson
Emma Carolyn Meisel,
Jefferson City, MO
Chanrattanak Mong,
Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Mok Monyratanak,
Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Marcus Pernat, Andover
Maggie Marie Peterson,
Lebanon
Eemaan Phillips, Cairo, Egypt
Matlin Kathryn Skinner, Wichita

Codi Layne Spafford,
St. Joseph, MO
William Joshua Swanson,
Hugoton
Stevi Teigen, Helena, MT
Kara Nicole Thimesch,
Kingman
William Keaton Tice, Viola
Sanaia Faith Tompkins,
Manhattan
Alexis Turner,
Colorado Springs, CO
Collin Underwood, Topeka
Jessica Ann Vsetecka,
Great Bend
Miranda White, Canton, GA

CUM LAUDE

Emma Elizabeth Adams,
Tescott
Kayanna Marie Adams,
Coffeyville
Jaqueline Amaya-Quintana,
Ashland
Adriana Arras-Rodriguez,
Great Bend
Regan Nicole Awtrey, Park City
Mackenzie A. Barnes, Olathe
Josefina Baro Franco,
Garden City
Satomi Bartow, Kailua, HI
Halle Joan Bohl, Geneseo
Bailey Erin Bontrager, Wichita
Zachary Lelyn Braun, Hays
Jordyn Bredenber,
Champlin, MN
David Campbell III,
Downers Grove, IL
Vanessa Frances Carlos,
Dodge City
Autumn Dawn Carroll,
Cherokee
Choun Chan Nirak,
Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Doch Chanthida,
Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Caren B. Connor, Augusta, GA
Kayla Lynn Cornelison,
Frankfort
Sara Beth Cronkrite,
McPherson
Luis Alberto Cruz Aguilar,
Hugoton
Bryanna Lizbeth Diaz, Hays
Katrina Jane Dvorak, Caldwell
Daniel A. Eck, Ellis
Mariana Alexandra Escobar
Orellana, Kensington
Brian J. Escobedo, Hays
Riley C. Eveland, Wamego
Joseph L. Ferguson, Kensington
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Silvia Lizbeth Granillo Chavez,
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Haylee Ann Hafenstein,
Wamego
Ella Marie Hart, Bogue
Lindsay Heathman, Lenexa

Cheryl A. Hensley,
Cunningham
Ashton Hernandez, Hays
Raelyn Lea Hillmer, Goodland
Kristina Hoelting, Kenesaw, NE
Janelle Holcomb, Derby
Yunkuang Hwang,
North Potomac, MD
Davin Nyarangi Isinta,
Kansas City
Sierra Marie Jellison, Protection
Ayanna Lashae Journey,
Manhattan
Brookelynne Kinder,
Schaumburg, IL
Nicholas Joseph Kitchen, Salina
Gretchen C. Kuffel, Peoria, AZ
Sherri Lessard, Wichita
Tariq Logan, Coffeyville
Fernando Madrigal, Ulysses
Malea Martinez, Lamar, CO
Oziel Martinez Mondragon,
Dodge City
Jacob W. Messan,
Rowelsburg, WV

Stephanie R. Miller,
Kansas City, MO
Jill Mills, Floresville, TX
Men Monyvann,
Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Abigail Marie Myers, Russell
Tayla Naden, Lindsborg
Adetayo Adeyemi Oduwole,
Goddard
Rachel Elizabeth Patterson,
Wichita
Kiana Raelle Pfeifer, Hays
Grace Anne Pope, Hays
Clare Alyse Preisser, Kiowa
Mariana Ramirez, Hays
Pin Reaksmey,
Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Isaac Christopher Reed,
Stockton
Lucyannngeliq Rivera Ramirez,
Junction City

Prairie Rose Elizabeth Robbins,
Brookville
Carrie Ann Runkle, Hays
Martha Mireildy
Saldana-Rodriguez, Hugoton
Dyamon N. Salem,
Dodge City
McKenna Marie Schaller,
Offerle
Jessica Renee Schroeder,
Victoria
Adalie Kate Schroter, Derby
Addison Lynn Sherer,
Mullinville
Grace Marie Shiew, Jetmore
Kobi George Shubert,
WaKeeney
Elissa Marie Simmons,
Broken Bow, NE
Cheung Sok Panha,
Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Sydney Sorell, Salina
Colby Michael Stull,
McCracken
Taylor Sundberg,
Alta Loma, CA
Rhei Thurman, Leoti
Brooklyn A.J. Vasquez, Hays
Tyler M. Voss, Colby
Hope Walton, Post Falls, ID
Bryson Patrick Warner,
Edison, NE
Audrie C. Warnick, Wichita
Zachary Williams, Wichita
Isabelle Rose Willms,
Dublin, OH
Tabitha Eileen Wilson,
Aiken, SC
Toe Aung Win,
Yangon, Myanmar
Emma M. Wrench, Wichita
Kerri Lea Young, Leon

AWARDS

PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AWARD

The President's Distinguished Scholar Award was first awarded in 1989. All unclassified employees of the university are eligible for consideration each year and are evaluated for this honor by analysis of their performance in the categories of research/creative activities, service, and instruction. Acceptable levels of performance must be demonstrated in service and instruction, with the primary focus of this award being on research/creative activities. Applications are reviewed by an evaluation committee and a recommendation is forwarded to the president of the university.

The honoree presents a scholarly lecture during the President's Distinguished Scholar program. The awardee is recognized on a plaque displayed in the Memorial Union, given a certificate, specially designed medallion and receives a monetary acknowledgment.

2025	Rose Helens-Hart	2006	Richard Zakrzewski
2024	Robert Lloyd	2005	Jerry Choate
2023	Laura Wilson	2004	Steven Trout
2022	April Terry	2003	Paula Boire
2021	Hendratta Ali	2002	Linda Ganstrom
2020	Rick Edgeman	2001	Thomas T. Jackson
2019	P. Grady Dixon	2000	Ruth Firestone
2018	Mary Martin	1999	Kenneth Neuhauser
2017	Jennifer Bonds-Raacke	1998	Kathleen Kuchar
2016	S. Christopher Bennett	1997	Paul R. Krutak
2015	Chapman Rackaway	1996	Michael F. Jilg
2014	Dosse Toulaboe	1995	Nancy S. Vogel
2013	Chris Crawford	1994	Albert J. Geritz
2012	Richard Packauskas	1993	Weldon F. Zenger
2011	Amy Schmierbach	1992	Raymond Wilson
2010	Greg Farley	1991	Lewis M. Miller
2009	Paul Adams	1990	Eugene Fleharty
2008	John Heinrichs	1989	Stephen B. Klein
2007	Norman Caulfield		

NAVIGATOR AWARD

The Navigator Award was established in 1998 by the Student Government Association to recognize an outstanding academic advisor based on how closely the advisor adheres to the university goals for academic advising. All academic advisors are eligible for this award. Past award recipients will become eligible after a five-year waiting period. Candidates are nominated, interviewed, and selected by graduating seniors.

2025	Falynn Rogers	2016	April Terry	2006	Jennie Straight
2024	Debra Staab	2015	Jessica Heronemus	2005	Jill Arensdorf
2023	David Fitzhugh	2014	Karrie Simpson Voth	2004	Karrie Simpson Voth
2022	Nanette Fitzhugh	2013	Scott Jones	2003	Joleen Briggs
2021	Kris Munsch	2012	Cole Engel	2002	Roland Neseth
2020	Keith Bremer	2011	Nanette Fitzhugh	2001	Debbie Mercer
2019	Troy Terry	2010	Greg Farley	2000	Shala Mills
2018	Craig Smith	2009	Mary Martin	1999	Louis Caplan
2017	Cheryl Duffy	2008	Beth Walizer	1998	Dale McKemey
		2007	Mark Stutz		

LIGHTHOUSE AWARD

The Lighthouse Award was established in 2018 to recognize an outstanding graduate student at the master's level or above. FHSU faculty and staff members nominate the candidates, and selection is determined by a committee of faculty and campus administration, chaired by an Alumni Office representative.

2025	Allyson Baloga
2024	Sonja Brandt
2023	Diane Nuñez
2022	Alison Helget
	Mary Kathy Robb
2021	Blaine Wertz
2020	Stacie Rupp
2019	Jessica Johnson
2018	Herrick Smith

PILOT AWARD

The prestigious Pilot Award was established in 1974 to recognize outstanding an outstanding faculty member. Any teaching faculty member is eligible after three years of continuous service to FHSU. Candidates are nominated by members of the graduating senior class based on professional excellence and commitment to outstanding teaching. The recipient is selected by a committee of seniors, faculty, and Alumni Office representatives.

2025	Eric Deneault	1990	Sharon Barton
2024	Jonathan Sumrall		Paul Gatschet
2023	Ziwei Qi	1989	Katharine Ninia Smith
2022	Kenneth Windholz		John D. Klier
2021	Eric Gillock	1988	Ellen Veed
2020	Robert Keener		Lawrence Gould
2019	Mitchell Greer	1987	Martha A. Claflin
2018	Robert Channell		William E. Claflin
2017	Stacey Smith	1986	Nancy Vogel
2016	Christie Brungardt		Keith Campbell
2015	Keith Dreiling	1985	Sandra S. Rupp
2014	Cheryl Duffy		Gary K. Hulett
2013	Gene Rice	1984	Wilda M. Smith
2012	Jill Arensdorf		Donald B. Slechta
2011	Jeff Burnett	1983	Judith Vogt
2010	Fred Britten		Arris Johnson
2009	Mark Bannister	1982	Alice R. McFarland
2008	Beth Walizer		Ronald J. Fundis
2007	Greg Farley	1981	Donna Harsh
2006	Shala Mills		J. Dale Peier
2005	Carol Patrick	1980	Kathleen Kuchar
2004	Germaine Taggart		Samuel Warfel
2003	John Heinrichs	1979	Patricia Rhoades
2002	Raymond Wilson		James Costigan
2001	Sharon Wilson	1978	Suzanne Trauth
2000	Stephen Tramel		Wilmont Toalson
1999	Clifford Edwards	1977	Clarice Peteete
1998	James L. Murphy		Alex Francis
1997	Thomas T. Jackson	1976	Maxine Hoffman
1996	Robert B. Luehrs		Robert Dressler
1995	Michelle Hull Knowles	1975	Rose Arnhold
1994	Michael Slattery		Harold D. Choguill
1993	Kenneth Neuhauser	1974	Lorraine Machan
1992	Stephen Tramel		Dan Rupp
1991	Eugene Fleharty		

TORCH AWARD

The coveted Torch Award was established in 1974 to recognize an outstanding senior. Candidates are nominated by members of the faculty and staff based on leadership and academic excellence. Selection is determined by a committee of faculty and campus administration, chaired by an Alumni Office representative.

2025	Ella Burrows	1991	Marlys Gwaltney
2024	Chelsea Kiefer	1990	Doris Lang
2023	Emily Reitz		Mordecai Boone
2022	Alec Bevis	1989	Darcey Lee Deines
2021	Grace Wasinger		Lee Alan Fisher
2020	Adam Flax	1988	Tammy Eilert
2019	Remington Behrends		Joe Dinges
2018	Keshawn Sewell	1987	Connie Brachtenbach
2017	Giles Fox		Lee M. Gross
2016	Arianne Fisher	1986	Diane Erker
2015	Cody Scheck		Robert Amerine
2014	Jordan Voss	1985	Gerilyn M. Giebler
2013	Jessica Tormey		Mark Bannister
2012	Layne Krizek	1984	Betty Burk
2011	Michelle Webb		Kenton Kersting
2010	Andrew Leiker	1983	Cheryl Knabe
2009	Katie Edwards		Kevin Faulkner
2008	Joan Dreiling	1982	Katherine K. Jellison
2007	Diane Becker		Steven J. Hess
2006	Jason Crist	1981	Geralyn Kraus
2005	Mitch Hall		Robert Wilson
2004	Jennifer Mayers	1980	Jennifer Thorns
2003	Rigo Ramirez		Jeffrey Peier
2002	Rebecca Blocksome	1979	Sharon Meyer
2001	Julie Ann Brull		Michael Pauls
2000	Lena Sidders	1978	Ramona Weigel
1999	Mardy Robinson		Timothy Doughty
1998	Karen E. Meier	1977	Matasha Otte
1997	Travis Crites		Richard Bauer
1996	Stacia Gressel	1976	Barbara Broeckelman
1995	Mary Desch		John Dorsch
	Karla Wagner	1975	Kathy Bahner
1994	Tammy Brooks		Rick Kellerman
1993	Grant Bannister	1974	Cynthia M. Hartman
1992	Coy Martin		Marcus Bassett

ACADEMIC HISTORY

HISTORY OF COMMENCEMENT

The First Annual Commencement took place on July 2, 1903 at the Grand Army of the Republic Hall in Hays, after being postponed from May 1903 because one of the graduates could not get back to Hays from Emporia. Flooding prevented the train from making its trip.

Freda Schwaller, Fred E. Lindley and Ida Shaffer were the first graduates of the Western Branch of the Kansas State Normal School.

Final exams and commencement were canceled in May 1951 after a flood hit the campus on May 22. The graduates were honored at the summer school commencement later that year.

Through the years, commencement exercises have been held in Sheridan Coliseum, Lewis Field, Gross Memorial Coliseum, and virtually.

HISTORY OF THE ACADEMIC MACE

The mace has an ancient history as a symbol of authority. In medieval times it was a studded, club-like weapon. Made of iron and capable of breaking armor, these giant clubs were chiefly used by knights. They were also often borne by a royal bodyguard to protect the king in processions.

By the 14th century, maces assumed more ceremonial functions and lost their warlike appearance. They were often decorated with jewels and precious metals. The ceremonial mace stands for lawful power and regal authority.

Eventually the mace also became a symbol for academic institutions, an emblem of order and authority in the pageantry of ceremonial occasions. The first dated record of the

ceremonial academic mace goes back to 1385 at the University of Vienna.

An academic mace is traditionally carried in procession and mounted on stage whenever degrees are granted or when the faculty is assembled in formal academic dress. During commencement ceremonies at Fort Hays State University, a mace is carried by the University Registrar before the president and other dignitaries in the platform party.

The Fort Hays State University mace was designed and crafted by Mr. Dale Ficken, Associate Professor of Art, in late August-September 1969 for the inauguration of Dr. John W. Gustad, the fifth president in the history of Fort Hays State University, on October 5, 1969.

THE SONGS OF FHSU

In the history of FHSU, there have been five different songs that were adopted by general usage.

The words and music of the first song, the Kansas State Teacher's College Hymn, were written by Pearl Sidenius, who was a member of the faculty from 1915 to 1917.

Some years later, Dr. Rob Roy Macgregor, 1928-1935 faculty member, wrote the words of a College Anthem which was sung to the tune of "Men of Harlech." Jack Juergens, a music faculty

member from 1948 to 1951, wrote the words and music of the University Anthem, the third of the songs to be used as the Alma Mater.

The fourth song is the University Hymn written by Dr. Donald Stout, who conducted choirs at FHSU for 36 years. The song, originally titled "A Song for Fort Hays," is sung and played by the choirs and bands of FHSU.

The fifth song, University Fight Song, used in athletic contests, is an adaptation of the Northwestern University fight song.

UNIVERSITY COLORS

Soon after President Lewis came to the campus, he suggested that since the official color of the school was old gold (from the previous connection with the Normal School at Emporia) the school ought to adopt an additional color to distinguish it from Emporia.

The color suggested was black. This would give the school the colors of gold and black, which would enable it to adopt the tiger as its athletic symbol. President Lewis was from Missouri, where he was, of course, loyal to the Missouri "Tigers."

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The academic apparel worn at commencement ceremonies has its origins in the 12th and 13th centuries when scholars (whether student or teacher) at European universities wore hoods and gowns as their customary, daily attire. The long gowns may have been necessary for warmth in unheated buildings. Since there was a close tie between early universities and the Church, it is not surprising that academic gowns resembled cassocks and elaborate clerical vestments. The American fashion of academic caps and gowns derives mainly from the gowns worn at Oxford University.

The traditional cap is the mortarboard with black cloth cover. The tassel worn at some institutions reflects the color representing the degree earned. The tassel worn at Fort Hays State University represents the traditional colors of the university: black and gold.

The bachelor's gown is primarily distinguished by its long pointed sleeves. The master's gown is similar, except for having oblong sleeves from which the forearm protrudes through a slit near the elbow. The doctoral's gown has rounded sleeves and also has velvet panels around the neck and down the front of the gown, as well as three velvet bars on the sleeves.

Hoods are typically worn with the master's and doctoral gowns. Hoods are permitted to be worn with the bachelor's gown, but it is customary in many large institutions to dispense with the hood.

Originally, the hood was used as a cowl, cape, and — when hung from the shoulder — a sack to collect alms. It is said that when large wigs were in fashion, the cap section of the hood then fell back clear of the wig. This hood style continues to today, with the narrow end of the hood shaped as a neckband connecting the two halves of the cape.

Like the gown, the hood differs for the various degrees. The doctoral's hood is the longest and is a fuller shape than the master's hood and is usually bordered with velvet, the color of which indicates the kind of degree. The hood is lined with silk in the colors of the institution that granted the degree. The edging of the hood is velvet or velveteen, three inches wide for the master's hood and five inches wide for the doctoral's hood. The traditional rule is that a candidate for a degree should not wear the hood of that degree until it is actually conferred.

The assignment of colors to signify certain degrees was a later development and was standardized in the United States in the late 19th century.

In 1932 the American Council on Education (ACE) reviewed and approved the code of academic dress. In 1959 and 1986, the ACE reviewed the costume code and made several changes.

These colors are associated with the different academic disciplines. Fort Hays State University's hoods and tassels are the university colors: black and gold.

Agriculture – Maize	Journalism – Crimson	Public Health – Salmon
Arts, Letters,	Law – Purple	Science – Golden Yellow
Humanities – White	Library Sciences – Lemon	Social Work – Citron
Commerce, Accountancy,	Medicine – Green	Theology – Scarlet
Business – Drab	Music – Pink	Veterinary Science – Gray
Dentistry – Lilac	Nursing – Apricot	
Economics – Copper	Oratory (Speech) – Silver Gray	
Education – Light Blue	Pharmacy – Olive Green	
Engineering – Orange	Philosophy – Dark Blue	
Fine Arts, Architecture – Brown	Physical Education – Sage Green	
Forestry – Russett	Public Admin., Foreign Service	
Home Economics – Maroon	– Peacock Blue	

SYMBOLS

UNIVERSITY SEAL

The circular seal was originally adopted in 1934. The artist who designed it was Marjorie Meade Jacobs.

The college was established on the old Fort Hays military reservation. The building depicted in the seal is the old stone block house, which was a part of the fort. In typical fashion for the building, the seal features a flag pole and hills in the background.

The university seal is exclusively reserved for official documents such as diplomas, transcripts, certificates and ceremonial recognition gifts.



PRESIDENT'S MEDALLION

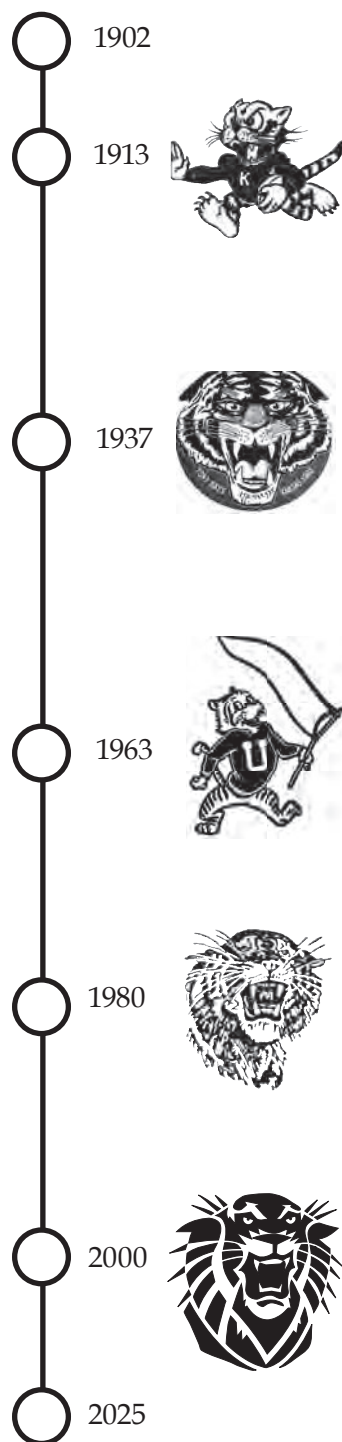
In 1969, Dr. John W. Gustad approached Mr. John Thorns, art faculty member, concerning FHSU's lack of symbols connected with the formality of office, such as a medallion or mace. To rectify this, Gustad commissioned the Department of Art and Design to create three items for his presidential inauguration: a mace, a relief statue and a presidential medallion.

The mace, created by Mr. Dale Ficken, is typically used for ceremonial purposes. More information on the mace can be found in previous sections of the program. Mr. Jim Hinkhouse designed the relief sculpture, second of the three symbols, which was placed at the back of the room during Gustad's inauguration. This sculpture has since been destroyed.

The presidential medallion was fashioned by Mr. Olli Valanne. Made of silver, this piece of jewelry features a unique design. According to Thorns, the medallion was created "in recognition of the individual who is president." It is to be used in conjunction with all academic affairs and is worn any time the president of the university wears the academic regalia. In 2014 Todd Voth, FHSU graduate, created a special chain from which the medallion hangs. The chain is adorned by nameplates engraved with the names of former presidents of the university.

The medallion has been passed down to each consecutive president after Gustad and will continue to represent the leadership and FHSU in the future.

UNIVERSITY MASCOT



No one knows for certain how the Tiger came to be FHSU's mascot, but it may have been the brainchild of W.A. Lewis, the president of the Western Branch Normal School (FHSU).

What is certain is that the FHSU symbol made his debut in 1914, when tiger head insignias were first sewn onto school jerseys. In that same year, Ralph Archer, a sports reporter for the *Leader*, first referred to FHSU students as "Tigers."

The image rapidly gained popularity on campus. In 1919, the yearbook published the first drawing of the mascot. He wore a soldier's cap, and one of his paws rested on a German war helmet to symbolize the defeat of the Kaiser in World War I.

However, that image changed in 1924 and the tiger took on a more powerful pose. It was used to introduce the sports pages, and the athletic department used it as a symbol of aggressiveness.

The Tiger retained his fierce look through the 1930s, perhaps as a symbol of the tough economic conditions of the Depression. And in the 1937 yearbook, the Tiger served as a background for the top four football players of the year. However, the mascot did regain his fighting image in the early 1950s when car decals featured him in a uniform from Custer's Seventh Cavalry.

In 1963, the best known version of the mascot appeared — a tiger carrying the school banner. This cat was used to add personality to school shirts, steins and stationery. He could also be seen on road signs just outside Hays and Manhattan pointing the way to his home campus.

The Tiger returned to his more serious nature in 1978, when he was featured in a circular logo designed by Jackquie Harris Meitler, Palco art student. The Tiger was drawn as though he were a photographic negative; that is, his black stripes were white, and vice versa.

In 1999, a new Tiger graphic was designed by Mary Ridgway, University Relations Creative Director, and it was tested with students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the university. A few tweaks were made. President Hammond unveiled the first original mascot in the university's long history in a public ceremony April 3, 2000.

A few months later, based on suggestions from students, the new mascot was given his name, Victor E. Tiger.

Alumnus Larry Dreiling, who played the role of the FHSU Tiger mascot as a student, purchased the first Victor E. Tiger mascot suit for the university.

ABOUT OUR STUDENTS

ON-CAMPUS STUDENTS

Fort Hays State University's physical campus is home to a mix of traditional and non-traditional students from a variety of ethnic, social and cultural backgrounds. Many of the approximately 3,742 on-campus learners are from Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska and the Midwest with a number of international students helping to enrich the traditional learning environment.

FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS

Fort Hays State University prides itself on first-generation college students. An individual can claim first-generation student status if neither one of their parents, guardians or siblings possess a four-year degree.

FHSU ONLINE STUDENTS

Fort Hays State has been dedicated to distance education since 1911 when Kansas teachers in one-room schools began the first free correspondence courses. In 1997, the FHSU Virtual College brought distance education online, and after more than two decades of innovation and experience, the Virtual College became FHSU Online in 2020.

Now with 200 fully online programs, FHSU Online is an award-winning leader of online education, and one of only six institutions certified by the United States Distance Learning Association. The students of FHSU Online share much with those one-room teachers of yesteryear: work experience, previous education, an ambition to advance, and a desire to give back to their communities. By providing these students with an exceptional and affordable education, FHSU Online continues the university's long legacy.

MILITARY/VETERAN STUDENTS

FHSU provides educational opportunities to students from every branch of the armed forces including the United States Army, United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard, United States Air Force, the National Guard, and various Reserve units.

These students may attend courses either online or on campus as veterans or current military members. The flexible programs and delivery options allow our service members, veterans, and their families to pursue their education no matter where they are stationed or what their current mission might be.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Fort Hays State University welcomes international students each year from various countries. International students bring a cultural richness to our campus and community as well as adding a global perspective to our classrooms. FHSU is a leader in providing education for international students both on campus and online.

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

FHSU serves nearly 4,000 students on campus, online and at our partner universities in mainland China, Cambodia, and Africa. In Fall 2000, FHSU began offering in-person courses to Chinese students at Zhengzhou Sias University in Xinzheng, Henan, China. In Fall 2003, FHSU expanded to Shenyang Normal University in Shenyang, Lioaning, China. FHSU has graduated over 17,000 Chinese students with similar graduation ceremonies conducted each Spring in China. FHSU's global footprint extends to several international partners whereby FHSU offers classes online and on-site at partner locations, as well as participating in robust scholar and student exchange via Study Abroad and our Visiting Scholar programs.

RETIREMENTS 2025

FACULTY

Clyde Cranwell	Associate Professor, Department of Agriculture
Jeffery Schlitzkus	Instructor, RCOBE International Faculty

STAFF

James Bowman	Maintenance and Repair Technician, Kansas Wetlands Education Center
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Mary Baxter	Secretary, Department of Communication Disorders
Ralph Baxter	Technical Engineer, Department of Information Networking and Telecommunications
Gavin Buffington	Professor and Chair, Department of Physics
Steven Engelhardt	University Farm Crops Division
Ruth Firestone	Professor and Chair, Department of Modern Languages
Joseph Geist, Jr.	Custodian, Sternberg Museum
James Hart	Campus Police Officer
Linda Hyatt	Associate Professor, Department of Advanced Education Programs
Janice Johansen	Interim Director, FHSU Alumni Association
Marjorie Knoll	Senior Administrative Assistant, Department of Sociology
Anita Mead	Administrative Business Specialist, Small Business Development Center
Rosalie Nichols	Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations, Class of 2025, from your FHSU Alumni Office!

We're here to support you and keep you connected with classmates, professors, and fellow Fort Hays State alumni. Visit www.FHSUalumni.com to stay up to date with a community of more than 75,000 alumni worldwide.

We wish you well wherever your career may take you. As a graduate of Fort Hays State University, we want to keep you engaged with your alma mater and close to your Tiger Alumni and friends. To learn more, please reach out to our FHSU Alumni Office at alumni@fhsu.edu or 785-628-4430.

Again, congratulations on your graduation, and best of luck in the future! Go Tigers!

Congratulations, Class of 2025, from your FHSU Foundation – the fundraising arm of Fort Hays State!

We, along with thousands of FHSU donors who generously support scholarships and university needs, are proud of your accomplishments.

Throughout these next several years, please consider thanking an individual who supported you in some capacity during your time at Fort Hays State University by paying it forward to a future Tiger.

We wish you the best!

A special thank you to all who have helped
make this commencement ceremony a success. Your time and
dedication ensures that our ceremony is a memorable event for the graduates.

James Balthazor, C.D. Clark, Seth Kastle and Shane Schartz	Event Marshals
David Fitzhugh, Elodie Jones, Drew Mohr, Paul Nienkamp, Dosse Toulaboe, and Masakatsu Watanabe	Graduate Marshals
Lisa Brening, Matthew Clay, Rachel Dolechek, Cole Engel, Linda Feldstien, Paul Flesher, Nathan Howard Tara Marshall, Brett Whitaker, and Bradley Will	Undergraduate Marshals
Erica Bittel, Tim Davis, Scott Gregory, Eric Leuschner Richard Lisichenko, Thomas Schafer, and Kevin Shaffer	Flag Bearers

Every effort has been made to include all FHSU graduates in today's program. However, if a graduate has selected the privacy setting on their record in Workday, the university takes this selection seriously.

A SONG FOR FORT HAYS

DR. DONALD STOUT

STANDING TALL ON THE WESTERN PLAIN,
BORN OF THE SUN, AND WIND, AND RAIN,
WESTERN KANSAS GIVES YOU PRAISE,
ALMA MATER, FORT HAYS!

FROM THE PAST OUR FUTURE WE DESIGN,
LET THE LIGHT OF OUR KNOWLEDGE SHINE!
OUR SONG OF PRAISE WE BRING TO YOU;
ALMA MATER, ALMA MATER, FORT HAYS.

ALMA MATER

JACK JUERGENS

ON THE PLAINS OF WESTERN KANSAS
STANDS A SCHOOL WE ALL LOVE WELL.
'T WAS BUILT BY THE TOIL OF OUR FATHERS;
TO ITS GLORY OUR VOICES SWELL.

CHORUS:
HAIL TO OLD FORT HAYS STATE!
LET YOUR VOICES RING.
PRAISE FOR THE BLACK AND GOLD
WE WILL EVER SING.
LONG MAY OUR VALOR LAST
THROUGH THE FUTURE DAYS,
HON'RING AND PRAISING
DEAR FORT HAYS.

IN THE YEARS THAT LIE BEFORE US
WE FORESEE OUR LAND'S MANY NEEDS.
THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF NEW GENERATIONS,
WE'LL GO ON TO MORE NOBLE DEEDS.

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