

Good afternoon! My name is Ella Burrows and it is my honor to be before you today as Fort Hays State University's current Student Body President. This year has been nothing short of incredible, and I am so excited to share a few of our highlights from this year.

In the fall, I shared with you Vice President Day and I's intentions of exemplifying the purpose of Student Government not just in word but in deed by cultivating community, integrity, and transparency within our organization. Words can not express how proud I am of our organization's efforts this year to improve the student experience at FHSU.

Here are just a few of our highlights from this year!

- Period Products are now available in every restroom in our academic buildings!
- Added a Graduate Senate Seat
- Rides to the Polls on Election Day
- Over 200 Big Event volunteers
- Party Registration is re-instated
- Hosted the inaugural All-MIAA SGA Conference
- Conducted a Sustainability Survey
- Took 17 students to Higher Education Day

In addition to sponsoring our own events, Student Government has simplified our processes and fostered a culture of open communication. This has made our office in the Fischli Wills Center for Student Success building approachable and open to collaboration. This year we have co-sponsored events with 10 unique departments and student organizations.

However, none of this would have been possible without the tireless efforts of my Cabinet, Jackson Sinsel, Austin Ruff, Aspen Patrick, Joanna Carrillo-Maldonado, and Emma Day who have represented an approachable and willing-to-help attitude all year. If you have them in class, please congratulate them on their significant work.

I would like to take a moment to express our gratitude for our close relationship with the administration who have kept us informed and are always willing to listen to our concerns with great consideration and questions.

This term has challenged me tremendously and made me a better listener, communicator, and leader. It is one of the biggest blessings of my life to have had the opportunity to serve the students of Fort Hays State University as Student Body President this past year and to have the privilege of serving a second term.

As I look towards the future of Student Government, my vision is that students will have the ability to take ownership of our processes and to invest in the future of our institution. I hope to continue the good and improve upon the improvable.

To close, on behalf of all of our students, thank you. Thank you for the work you have done and continue to do to improve the student experience. Thank you for going the extra mile for our students and for believing in the past, present, and future of Fort Hays State University. Thank you.