



WELCOME TO OUR Monthly Newsletter



FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR - *CAROL SOLKO-OLLIFF*

Congratulations to all the students who will be graduating this May and also in the Summer. We wish you the best of luck for a successful future! Thank you for choosing FHSU for your education and as your second home. For all continuing students, we look forward to seeing you back on-campus this fall!

Have a great summer! Take some time to relax, travel and take a break from your studies.

In this newsletter you will find:



Important reminders - Optional & Curricular Practical Training - Commencement Cap & Gown - Steam Shut Down - Summer Office Hours



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Leaving the U.S. International students planning to travel abroad during summer break must ensure their I-20 or DS-2019 form is signed for re-entry into the U.S. It's crucial to avoid last-minute requests and plan ahead to avoid unnecessary stress.

Expired visa If your U.S. visa has expired and you intend to leave the country, you must renew it in your home country before returning. Ensure your I-20 form is signed for travel. You can remain in the U.S. with an expired visa. Visit your country's U.S. embassy website for visa renewal application details.

Passport To stay compliant with immigration regulations, ensure your passport is valid, even if you're not traveling abroad. Contact Carol for guidance on obtaining a new passport if applicable. Remember, a valid passport and either an I-20 or DS-2019 are essential for maintaining immigration status.

Final Exam Schedule The final exam schedule can be found at this website <https://www.fhsu.edu/registrar/finals-schedule-spring-semester-20243> Good Luck! You have worked hard to get to this point.

OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING & CURRICULAR PRACTICAL TRAINING

Are you graduating in May 2024? If so, consider applying for Optional Practical Training (OPT) through our website: <https://www.fhsu.edu/international/international-services/employment/opt>.

OPT provides temporary employment in your field of study to gain practical work experience. Applications can take up to 100 days or more to process. For more details and the application packet link, visit our web site.

Are you seeking a summer internship? Is it a requirement for your major? If so, you'll need to submit a CPT application. Contact the International Office for details or to get an application.

CPT is for students needing internships as part of their academic program. You must be enrolled full-time for nine consecutive months before applying and maintain status. Visit our website for more information at <https://www.fhsu.edu/international/international-services/employment/cpt>.



COMMENCEMENT

Spring commencement celebrations will include both in-person and virtual ceremonies on May 10 & 11. For those of you who are graduating, pay attention to emails, social media posts, announcements, and notices from other offices regarding details. These are reminders, more than anything.

In-Person Ceremonies

- The *College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences* will have in-person ceremonies on Friday, May 10 at 8:30am
- The *College of Health and Behavioral Studies* will have in-person ceremonies on Friday, May 10 at 11:00am
- The *Robbins College of Business and Entrepreneurship and Werth College of Science, Technology, and Mathematics* will have in-person ceremonies on Saturday, May 11 at 8:30am
- The *College of Education* will have in-person ceremonies on Saturday, May 13 at 11:00am

Virtual Ceremonies Will Be Shown On Saturday, May 11:

- 2:00 PM - Graduate (Master's, Ed.S. and DNP degrees)
- 4:00 PM - Undergraduate (Associate and Baccalaureate degrees)

Check out <https://www.fhsu.edu/commencement/> for further details.

CAP & GOWN (REGALIA IF YOU WANT TO BE FANCY ABOUT IT)

Regalia is provided to all graduates at no cost. However, all graduates (on-campus or online), must order their regalia using the [regalia order form](#).

How to Pick Up Your Regalia:

If you are on-campus, you can pick up your regalia by:

- Calling (785.628.4417) and setting up a time to with [Victor E. Apparel and Gift Co.](#) to pick up in the store in the Memorial Union after GradFest.

Visit the commencement website for details at: <https://www.fhsu.edu/commencement/>



CAMPUS STEAM SHUT DOWN

The Energy Division/Power Plant has scheduled a planned steam shutdown from May 13 to May 24, 2024, following Commencement. It's crucial to plan ahead, especially for events requiring steam for hot water and/or cooking during these two weeks.

This annual shutdown is essential for various repairs in the University's steam and condensate distribution system, as well as for the necessary cleaning, inspections, and certifications of the Power Plant's steam and condensate equipment.

Please note that steam will be unavailable across campus starting at 8:00 PM on Sunday, May 12, 2024. This will impact all residence hall buildings. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this maintenance period.

If all goes as planned, steam will be back on to campus on or before 5:00pm May 24. Be aware this is a steam shutdown that will impact heating, hot water, and cooking in buildings reliant on steams for these purposes. No other utility will be affected.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

FHSU on campus office hours for various buildings and services will be as follows for this summer starting May 27 through August 2:

Monday – Thursday 7:30am—5:00pm
Friday 7:30am—11:30am.

Offices will be closed on Memorial Day, May 27 and July 4 for Independence Day.

The Health & Wellness Center office will be open BUT WILL NOT BE SEEING PATIENTS during the summer. The Student Health Center will reopen on Monday, August 5.

If you need medical assistance, the following health care providers will be available:

First Care Clinic locations:

- Family Medicine, Behavioral Health & Dental
105 W. 13th St. -- Mon & Tues 8am to 7pm; Wed & Thurs 8am to 5pm; Fri 8am to 3:30pm
- Express Care and Pharmacy
1301 Main St. -- Mon to Fri 7:30am - 7pm; Sat 8am - 5pm
- Clinic phone: 785.621.4990 Pharmacy phone: 785.301.9390 Web: <https://firstcareclinic.com/>

HaysMed Convenient Care Walk-In Clinic

3216 Vine St Suite 20; (785) 261-7065; Mon to Fri 8am - 7:30pm; Sat 9am – 4:30pm; Sun 11am – 4pm
<https://www.haysmed.com/services/convenient-care-clinic/>

