

International Education Week



November 17-21, 2025

What is International Education Week ?

International Education Week (IEW) is an annual celebration at Fort Hays State University (FHSU) that highlights the university's global connections and the rich learning experiences created by its international community.

- The week emphasizes the importance of collaboration, cultural exchange, and fostering a welcoming, inclusive campus environment.
- It highlights the impact of our international community and encourages continued collaboration to create a welcoming and inclusive environment.
- The 2025 International Education Week offered a series of exciting and educational events designed to showcase the talent, culture, and achievements of FHSU's international community.

Below is a recap of the 2025 International Education Week events.

2025 IEW Recap		
Event/Activity	Date	Total Participants
Very Important Professor (VIP) Dinner	Tuesday, Nov 4	35
International Festival	Friday, Nov 14	246
Tiger Tots	Thursday, Nov 20	20
Friendsgiving (CLE Event)	Thursday, Nov 20	108
		409 + Total

Very Important Professor (VIP) Dinner

On Tuesday, November 4, 2025, FHSU's Global Affairs and International Student Services hosted the fourth annual Very Important Professor (VIP) Dinner.

- The event celebrates and recognizes faculty members who have made significant contributions to supporting international education and enhancing the experiences of international students at FHSU.
- Attendees: A total of 35 people attended, including 13 students invited their professors. Some faculty members have been honored all four years, each time recognized by different students.
- Participants: Global Ambassadors, GAISS graduate assistants, and faculty members in appreciation of their positive impact on their FHSU experience.



VIP Dinner Highlights



International Festival

The International Festival was held on Friday, November 14, and brought together students, faculty, staff, and community members to celebrate cultural diversity at FHSU.

- Activities included: FHSU students and staff shared traditional foods from their home countries, giving attendees the opportunity to experience a variety of international flavors. International music created a lively and welcoming atmosphere throughout the event, while a photo booth provided a fun way for participants to capture and remember the celebration.
- Chinese calligraphy (shūfǎ) and India Henna tattoo (mehndi) were offered as a hands-on cultural activity, allowing attendees to learn about and engage with this traditional art form.
- Attendance: A total of **246** people attended the event, reflecting strong interest and participation in international and multicultural programming on campus.



International Festival Highlights



Tiger Tots

On Thursday, November 20, 2025, international students visited the Tiger Tots classroom. During the visit, they introduced themselves to the children, read a book that highlighted kids from different cultures, and spent time engaging with the students. The international students also brought bags featuring different country flags.



Other IEW Highlights

#YouAreWelcomeHere Video:

A multilingual video highlighting FHSU students, faculty, and staff and celebrating the diversity of the campus community. View the video [here](#).



Friendsgiving (CLE Event)

On Thursday, November 20, 2025, we held the Friendsgiving (CLE Event) at the Rose Garden Banquet Hall. The event brought friends together to celebrate the spirit of gratitude and community in a warm, festive atmosphere.

- Guests enjoyed a traditional holiday meal and also had fun activities, as well as prizes that added excitement and enjoyment for everyone attending.
- It was a chance to connect, appreciate one another, and create lasting memories. For many participants, it offered a welcoming space to share joy and friendship during the holiday season.

You're invited to

Friendsgiving

Sponsored by Co-Creating Community and
FHSU's Civic Learning and Engagement

Rose Garden Banquet Hall
2350 E 8th St, Hays, KS 67601

NOV	DOORS OPEN	ENDS AT
20	5:00 PM	8:00 PM



Interactive Map

The interactive map displays all partner universities and student study abroad locations, allowing users to easily explore FHSU's global partnerships. By clicking on each location, people can view information about partner institutions, including the country and university name. The map provided a visual overview of international collaborations and highlights the global reach of the university, as well as the destinations where FHSU students study abroad.





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