

Leadership students place at annual Leadership Challenge Event™

Five students from the Department of Leadership Studies participated in the Washburn Leadership Challenge Event hosted by the Washburn University Leadership Institute in Topeka on April 9 and 10, 2015. The FHSU team took second place overall in the college division and won the Innovation Award for presenting the most creative and innovative solutions throughout the competition.

This annual event provides students the opportunity to participate in a real-life experience by simulating a real-world challenge. This year, students were challenged to address one of three issues -- poverty, crime, or unemployment in the fictitious city of Metropolis, Kan. Whitney Swender, who was a senior when she participated in the Challenge said, "Attending the Washburn leadership challenge for the first time as a senior was very motivating. It motivated me to be more prepared for my career and step outside of my comfort zone...To be successful, one must work well with others and create work for themselves rather than being told what to do, and I think that is why my team was so successful in this leadership challenge."



The students were accompanied by their mentors, Kaley Klaus and Dr. Jeni McRay, Leadership Studies faculty members. Students who participated in the event are listed by hometown.

LITTLETON, Colo.: Tiffani Clark, junior. HAYS: Ashley Moore, senior. WILSON: Ashley Templeton, junior.
BALDWIN CITY: Trenton Russell, senior. GARDEN CITY: Whitney Swender, graduate.



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LEADERSHIP NEWS

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GREETINGS

Greetings from the Department of Leadership Studies. The mission of the department is to educate and nurture citizens to lead our organizations, communities, state, nation, and beyond. The faculty and staff are dedicated to carrying out that mission as we teach both about and for leadership, but also participate in leadership throughout the campus and community. From academic coursework to co-curricular programs like Quest and learning communities, the department is reaching a vast number of students on campus, virtually, and through our program in China. In this edition of our annual newsletter you will read about our new staff changes in the department, the VALUE program, accomplishments of many of our students and faculty, and many other successes. We appreciate you taking time to stay connected with the department. Our departmental website (www.fhsu.edu/leadership) features a 'giving' tab on which you can learn more about ways in which you can support our students. Thank you for your continued support of Leadership Studies.

Jill Aensdorf, Ph.D., CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF LEADERSHIP STUDIES

WELCOME TO THE DEPARTMENT

With the new year, Leadership Studies welcomes a new faculty member, Kaley Klaus, a new Graduate Teaching Assistant, Cory Keehn, and a new Student Marketing Specialist, Shelby Stewart.



Kaley Klaus, a former Graduate Teaching Assistant in the department, has taken on the role of Lecturer and Director of the Voss Advanced Leadership Undergraduate Experience (VALUE). Kaley earned her Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies in 2012 and her Master of Professional Studies in Organizational Leadership in 2015, both from FHSU.

Cory Keehn grew up in the small town of Soldier, Kansas. As an undergraduate, Cory was a part of the "L3: Live. Learn. Lead." living and learning community, and a peer mentor for the "Be Fit" living and learning community. He recently received his bachelor's degree in health and human performance, and also got married to his beautiful wife Alexandra. Cory is currently working on his Master of Professional Studies (MPS) in Organizational Leadership and finishing up his last collegiate cross country season. Cory is very passionate about helping others discover their passions and talents. As a graduate teaching assistant, he hopes to mentor upcoming leaders. After he graduates with his MPS, he hopes to coach cross country and track at the collegiate level.



Shelby Stewart, originally from Hill City, KS, grew up playing sports and serving in a variety of organizations in school. She is a junior at FHSU and majoring in Organizational Leadership. Currently, Shelby is a Student VIP Ambassador and a leader in the student organization, Encounter. She also served as a Resident Assistant for the 2014-15 academic year. Now working as the Student Marketing Specialist for the Leadership Studies department, Shelby brings her excitement about her major and FHSU to all prospective and current students. When not working, she enjoys spending time with her family and being outdoors.

FIRST STUDENTS COMPLETE

QUEST LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Congratulations to the first three students who have completed the Quest Leadership Program. Trey Basa, sophomore, Ashley Templeton, junior, and Kimberly Voeller, now alumnus, were recognized at the annual Student Organization Awards Reception on April 21, 2015 for completing all requirements for the Quest Leadership Program curriculum on Tiger[Link]. Students were presented with a certificate of achievement and a cord to wear at commencement, as well as an online badge to share on social networking sites.

For more information on the Quest Leadership Program, visit <http://www.fhsu.edu/tigerlink/quest/>.

Pictured Right: Ashley Templeton, Kimberly Voeller, Trey Basa



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LDRS FACULTY RECOGNIZED

•Dr. Jill Arensdorf, along with Dr. Janett Naylor-Tinknell (Department of Psychology), were awarded third place in the faculty empirical research category for their poster, "The Social and Psychological Benefits of Living and Learning Communities," at the annual FHSU John Heinrichs Scholarly and Creative Activities Day.

•Dr. Curt Brungardt and Dr. Christie Brungardt served as editors of a special edition of the eJournal for Public Affairs on Higher Education's Role on Preventing and Responding to Gender-Based Violence.

•Dr. Justin Greenleaf served as the faculty advisor for the Tigers In Service Alternative Winter Break trip to Santa Fe, NM.

•Dr. Brent Goertzen and Dr. Justin Greenleaf presented on their use of OERs in their LDRS 807 – Leadership in Teams and Collaborative Environments course during FHSU's first Open Educational Resources (OER) day.

•Dr. Brent Goertzen was promoted to Full Professor.

•Dr. Brent Goertzen, Dr. Jeni McRay, and Kaley Klaus's article on a graduate course module discussant activity was selected to be published in the Journal of Leadership Education.

•Mr. Seth Kastle was nationally recognized for his published works, *Why is Dad so Mad?* and *Why is Mom so Mad?*, two children's books about understanding post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

•Dr. Jeni McRay served as the editor of the book, *Leadership Glossary: Essential Terms for the 21st Century*.

•Mr. Mardell Maxwell served as the membership chair for the Great Plains Association for College Admissions Counseling organization (GPACAC).

•Ms. Pandora Rupert presented *Leaders of tomorrow: Dissolving borders for 21st Century Education* at the annual Asia Pacific Conference on Educational Management and Leadership in Johor Bahru, Malaysia.

•Mr. Troy Terry, virtual student advisor, was named a finalist for the 2014-15 Navigator Award, which recognizes outstanding academic advising.

•Dr. Brett Whitaker's book review for Global Studies Reader (2nd edition) was published in the eJournal for Public Affairs. Dr. Whitaker successfully defended his doctoral dissertation at Indiana Tech.



LDRS 310 Students Make a Difference across the world

The Department of Leadership Studies serves over 1200 international students at Shenyang Normal University and Sias International University (Xinzheng, China). The LDRS 310: Field Work in Leadership Studies course asks students to identify an issue or problem and practice leadership by developing and implementing a community project.

Six students enrolled in LDRS 310 this past spring at Shenyang Normal University raised money for the kindergarten class, "Cong Cong," a very small program without basic facilities. The children in the Cong Cong kindergarten class are also from low income families, so the group has raised funds in order to improve the children's learning environment. These LDRS 310 students hope to find a sponsoring partner to continue this fundraising effort in the future.



DID YOU KNOW?

35 different FHSU majors are represented in the Leadership Studies Certificate Program.

Leadership Studies or Global Leadership Certificates Awarded over the past five years **756**

Current number of MPS/MLS Organizational Leadership Graduate Students. **85**

513 Graduates of our undergraduate program in 2015.

100% of faculty and staff in the Department of Leadership are dedicated to carrying out the mission of FHSU and Leadership Studies.

Number of 310 Team Projects conducted all over the world in the last 5 years **>> 704**

Number of International Students currently in our program **1294**

Percentage of Leadership Graduates Employed or Continuing their Education in the last eight years **>> 98.3%**



VALUE SCHOLARS ANNOUNCED

The Voss Advanced Leadership Undergraduate Experience (VALUE) Scholars for the 2015-2016 academic year have been selected, and were announced during a press conference on April 28, 2015. Created in honor of contributions to Leadership Studies by the Omer Voss family, the VALUE program is a year-long curricular and co-curricular experience for upper-division students who represent the most promising and dedicated undergraduates.

Omer "Hap" Voss, Jr., son of Omer and Annabelle Voss, visited FHSU for the press conference, and assisted in the program's creation. He earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan, served in Vietnam with the Navy and returned to school for a graduate degree. He retired a few years ago as a senior vice president with the Bank of America, but he said he never learned about leadership in college. "Early on, I wasn't the leader I could have been." In discussions with FHSU faculty, he discovered the Leadership Studies program could impact even more students by establishing the VALUE program. "Leading begins at the edge of your comfort zone," he said, and decided the gift to create the VALUE program would help FHSU's leadership faculty and students "make it happen."

2015-16 VALUE Scholars

- **Ali Sedbrook**, a Thornton, Colo., junior majoring in Organizational Leadership;
- **Lindsay Smith**, a Wichita senior majoring in Organizational Leadership;
- **Ashley Templeton**, a Wilson junior majoring in Organizational Leadership;
- **Chance Bulmer**, a Hays junior majoring in Organizational Leadership;
- **Lizette Avalos**, a Liberal senior majoring in Organizational Leadership;
- **Tera Mills**, an Arkansas City senior majoring in Organizational Leadership;
- **Emilie Atherton**, an Advance, N.C., junior majoring in Organizational Leadership;
- **Jade Singleton-Reich**, a Denver junior majoring in Organizational Leadership; and
- **Kaitlyn Dinges**, a Cimarron senior majoring in Organizational Leadership.