



FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY



FHSU announces 19th consecutive year of record enrollment growth

Fort Hays State University has set a 19th consecutive fall enrollment record with 15,908 students: 13,128 undergraduate students and 2,780 graduate students.

Kansans represent 8,084 of them.

The increases are due to innovative efforts the university has implemented to meet the needs of rural Kansans and the state's burgeoning Hispanic population. These efforts contributed directly to the university's attainment of a 76-percent retention rate – the highest in university history – among last year's freshmen students who returned for the fall term.

"Our history and mission at Fort Hays State have always been focused on providing affordable access to a high-quality education, especially for rural Kansans," said FHSU President Tisa Mason.

"Nineteen consecutive years of enrollment growth is not a coincidence," she said.

The numbers reflect the success of several FHSU initiatives and programs aimed at providing access to specific student populations, including the First-Year Experience, learning communities and the Hispanic College Institute.

A significant indicator of FHSU's commitment to rural students and students who cannot afford to leave homes and jobs to attend college full time is the fact that more than 60 percent (9,597) of the university's graduate and undergraduate enrollment is composed of part-time students.

Total on-campus enrollment at FHSU is 4,486. The total online enrollment is 11,422.

Revised scholarship program makes FHSU even more affordable

Fort Hays State University, a national leader in the ongoing effort to make college more accessible and affordable, is rolling out a revised scholarship program that will make FHSU even more affordable to more students.

The scholarships are determined automatically based on ACT/SAT scores and high school GPA. The new scholarship award matrix is easy to interpret for prospective students and their families.

The four scholarships, ranging from \$3,750 to \$1,500, are available to first-time, full-time, on-campus freshmen.

All are fully renewable for three additional years provided students maintain their enrollment at FHSU, complete at least 12 credit hours per semester with a minimum 3.3 GPA.

Scholarships for transfer students have also been expanded and made renewable. In addition to a top tier award of \$1,500 and a second tier of \$1,000, a third tier, \$500, is now available to transfer students.

TIGER PRIDE SCHOLARSHIP

\$3,750 RENEWABLE

BLACK & GOLD SCHOLARSHIP

\$2,000 RENEWABLE

VICTOR E. SCHOLARSHIP

\$2,750 RENEWABLE

HAYS CITY SCHOLARSHIP

\$1,500 RENEWABLE

FHSU leads in Transition to Teaching

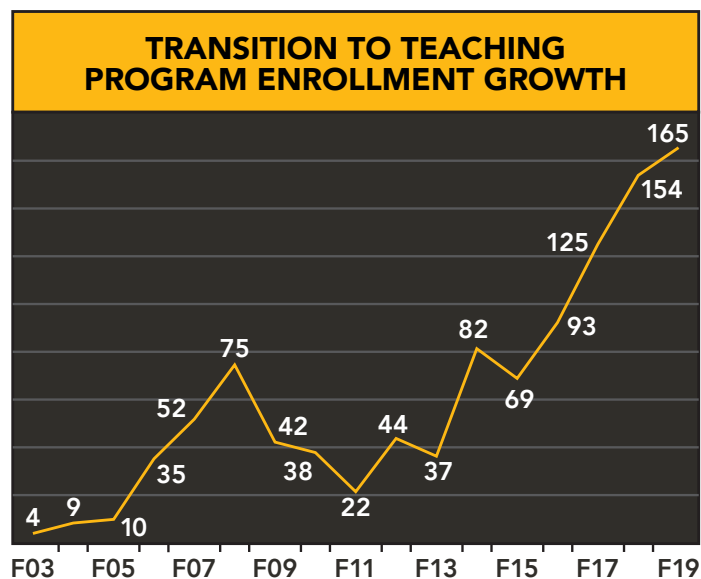
Fort Hays State University is the state leader in the Transition to Teaching program that allows holders of bachelor's degrees to become licensed pre-K-12 teachers.

The latest cohort of 165 future teachers was eight times as large as the next biggest class in Kansas.

Of these, 138 have been hired by school districts, and the remaining members are planning to begin in January, once they have secured positions with schools.

These numbers also include 59 teachers in STEM subjects, a perennial need.

With the new class, FHSU has a total of 315 students in the program.



Institute at FHSU joins STEM network

FHSU's Science and Mathematics Education Institute will join the 100Kin10 network, a nationwide effort aimed at expanding the number of qualified STEM teachers.

At the end of 2018, 2.4 million STEM jobs were projected to go unfilled, according to an article by iD Tech, a leader in STEM education programming for youths. The reasons include a lack of access to STEM education and a lack of qualified teachers. The problem is more acute for women and minorities, and STEM education is also not readily available early in a child's life.

SMEI's specific effort will focus on developing strategies to ensure success in recruiting and retaining STEM teachers in rural areas.

"Partnering with 100Kin10 will allow us to connect with a nationwide network of organizations to share innovative ideas and expertise, which will help build our capacity to advance STEM education and improve our work," said Earl Legleiter, SMEI director.

"Our specific interest and contribution are with rural schools," said Dr. Paul Adams, dean of FHSU's College of Education. "We will take part in research on what works to recruit and retain STEM teachers."

Adams said this is an important extension of SMEI's ongoing efforts to address the needs of STEM teachers in rural America.

AT A GLANCE

The Kansas Small Business Development Center at FHSU

KSBDC facilitated

\$9.1 MILLION

in capital infusions

Positively impacted

371 JOBS

in western Kansas

Increased sales of

\$390,000

were documented by KSBDC assisted businesses



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