



A WEEKLY ROUND UP OF TIGER NATION NEWS

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FORT HAYS STATE GRADUATE FINDS HER CALLING IN BIOLOGY, JOINS FACULTY

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For Demetria Sanchez, education has always been close to home—literally and figuratively. A Hays native and graduate of Hays High School, Sanchez recently completed her Master of Science in Biology at Fort Hays State University (FHSU) and will begin her next chapter as a full-time biology instructor at her alma mater in Spring 2026.



FHSU'S HYBRID BSN PROGRAM EXPANDS ACCESS TO NURSING EDUCATION

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FHSU's new hybrid pre-licensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program opened its inaugural semester with its first cohort of 10 students arriving on campus in August. The program offers a combination of online and face-to-face learning experiences, featuring theory-based online courses and synchronous learning opportunities that facilitate real-time interaction with instructors and classmates.



DECEMBER 2025 GRADUATE AND FUTURE TEACHER HAYLEE HAFENSTEIN AND THE POWER OF FAITH, MENTORSHIP, AND A COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

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When you ask a group of teachers why they chose this as their profession, there tends to be one consistent response. Nearly all will say they felt a calling to serve and were drawn to teaching because they wanted to create the kind of life-shaping transformations that happen when good teachers inspire, believe in, and push their students.



FHSU OFFERS FLEXIBLE, AFFORDABLE MSN-TO-DNP PATHWAY FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES

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Fort Hays State University's Department of Nursing is expanding opportunities for advanced practice nurses with its Doctor of Nursing Practice (MSN to DNP) pathway, an affordable, flexible, and highly personalized program designed to elevate clinical leaders and improve healthcare outcomes across communities.

heart of a tiger

President Tisa Mason



DAVID SOLIS-ENRIQUEZ'S EXPLORATION OF HERITAGE AND HISTORY

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Dodge City is a place where history, culture, and community intertwine. It is home to FHSU graduate student and history major David Solis-Enriquez. David's journey is not just about academic pursuit but also a testament to the rich tapestry of his heritage and to the inspiration and support he received from growing up in a nurturing community.

Know of a good story for Heart of a Tiger? Email Tisa Mason, tamason@fhsu.edu

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