



A WEEKLY ROUND UP OF TIGER NATION NEWS

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## knowledge & scholarship



### [FHSU SCHOLARS REPOSITORY SURPASSES 3 MILLION DOWNLOADS, EXPANDING GLOBAL REACH OF RESEARCH](#)

04/14/26

Fort Hays State University's Scholars Repository has achieved a major milestone, surpassing 3,000,000 total downloads as of April 9, 2026. The FHSU Scholars Repository serves as a digital platform that collects, preserves, and shares the creative and scholarly work of Fort Hays State University faculty, staff, and students.



### [#NO FILTER: IS THIS VIDEO THE FALL OF RYZE?](#)

02/12/26

Karen McCullough, assistant professor of applied business studies, published an article in Harvard Business Impact.

## innovation & entrepreneurship



### [FHSU OPEN HOUSE HOSTS 21ST ANNUAL JOHN HEINRICHS SCHOLARSHIP AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY DAYS APRIL 27- MAY 1](#)

04/13/26

Fort Hays State University is hosting an open house on Friday, May 1. We invite you to walk around our campus and visit our buildings. As part of the Open House, you can also witness the annual John Heinrichs Scholarly and Creative Activity Days (SACAD).



APRIL 27 - MAY 1 | ONLINE VIEWING

MAY 1, 2026 | FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | OPEN HOUSE

SUBMISSIONS ARE OPEN - FEB. 23 - APR. 13



# headlines & happenings



## **60<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FHSU NIRA RODEO RETURNS TO HAYS WITH FREE ADMISSION FOR ALL**

04/13/26

The Fort Hays State University Rodeo Club and Team are proud to host the 60th Annual NIRA Rodeo, taking place April 16–18, at the Ellis County Fairgrounds. In celebration of this milestone year, admission to the event is free of charge. Community members are encouraged to attend and support intercollegiate rodeo athletes from across the region.



## **FHSU TO HOST WORLD PREMIERE OF ORIGINAL MUSICAL "COLLISIONS" AT NINTH ANNUAL NEW MUSIC FESTIVAL**

04/16/26

Fort Hays State University will present the world premiere of "Collisions," an original musical theatre composition by Catherine Trieschmann and Alex Underwood, as the featured performance of the university's ninth annual New Music Festival. The free concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. on April 25 in the Beach-Schmidt Performing Arts Center.



## **KANSAS WETLANDS EDUCATION CENTER HOSTS WORLD BIRD MIGRATION DAY POETRY WORKSHOP**

04/14/26

The Kansas Wetlands Education Center will host *Poetry Pocket Field Guide: World Bird Migration Day*, a creative, nature-based writing workshop, on Sunday, April 26, at 3 p.m. The event will take place at the Kansas Wetlands Education Center, located 10 miles northeast of Great Bend at the Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area.



## **FHSU ALUMNI OFFICE ANNOUNCES 2026 TORCH, LIGHTHOUSE, AND PILOT AWARD NOMINEES**

04/16/26

The Fort Hays State University Alumni Office has announced nominees for its three honorary commencement awards. Recipients of each award will be announced at a press conference on Tuesday, May 5, at 9 a.m. in the Memorial Union's Peter Werth Black and Gold Room, located on the second floor, with refreshments to follow. The public is welcome to join in celebrating these outstanding Tigers.

**Know of a good story for Heart of a Tiger?** Email Tisa Mason, [tamason@fhsu.edu](mailto:tamason@fhsu.edu)

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