“SET YOUR COURSE BY THE STARS, NOT BY THE LIGHTS OF EVERY PASSING SHIP.”

OMAR N. BRADLEY
FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY
HONORS COLLEGE

FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY’S HONORS COLLEGE IS THE DESTINATION OF CHOICE FOR GIFTED STUDENTS.
Congratulations on your achievement to date and interest in maximizing your university experience! Fort Hays State University’s new Honors College is here to provide you with the education, opportunities and access you need to have the best possible college experience.

Goals you achieve in college will set the precedent for the rest of your life. FHSU’s Honors College is focused on training both mind and soul and is committed to helping you exceed what you previously thought possible.

We invite you today to visit or contact us to learn why FHSU is the destination of choice for intellectually gifted students!

Warmly,

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We are excited to learn you have chosen or you are considering joining the Fort Hays State University family. Welcome!

Today is an opportunity for you to share in the “new beginnings” of our university by becoming a member of our Honors College. Together, we have the opportunity to celebrate our common bonds and to affirm our faith in a brilliant future. Your commitment to excellence, as exemplified through your extensive academic and community achievements, make you a superb candidate for our Honors College.

In his introduction to the centennial history of Fort Hays State University, Dr. James Forsythe recognized the “special destiny” of our university – a place we call home. It is a destiny animated by “the pioneering spirit” of our community. At the heart of this pioneering spirit is an unshakable belief in a better tomorrow … a better tomorrow made possible by higher education. Our community understands higher education is both a key to an enriched intellectual life and a powerful engine for innovation and progress.

As Abigail Adams once wrote, “Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought with ardor and vigilance.” Fulfilling our mission will require us to attract more talent, more partners, more investors, more students and more resources to our university and to our region. How will we do this? How will we make Fort Hays State University, in the broadest possible sense, the “destination of choice?”

The answer lies in the quality of our people and programs, the inclusiveness of our culture, and the transformational power of our commitment to entrepreneurship, innovation, student success and scholarship. We will utilize our strengths to the fullest. We will continue to develop programs of distinction across the breadth of our university to meet the ever-changing needs of Kansas, the nation and the world.

Our Honors College is a program of distinction. It is designed to welcome to our university family our country’s brightest minds. You will be challenged, nurtured and invigorated, and you will love every minute of it. Come join the Tiger family and make history at Fort Hays State University! We are eager to welcome you.

Mirta M. Martin, Ph.D.
President
Fort Hays State University
WITH HONORS COME OPPORTUNITIES
Honors classes you take will be smaller and filled with like-minded peers. Opportunities to engage in undergraduate research with our eminent faculty will prepare you for graduate study and employment far in advance of typical student pathways.

If you are selected to be a part of the Honors College, you will receive the following rewards and benefits:

**ENHANCED CURRICULUM, PRIORITY ENROLLMENT AND RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES**

Brilliant minds simply do better when surrounded by similarly gifted peers. Our Honors College housing provides you with close networking opportunities with FHSU’s best students. Additionally, an honors-only study space in Forsyth Library will help ensure the work you want to get done gets done in an environment that fosters success.

Honors College freshmen are required to live on the Honors College floor in McMindes Hall, though there is space for other Honors College students to live on the floor as well. Through interaction with Honors College students and other Living and Learning Community student members on the floor, residents will maximize their residential experience by being surrounded by other focused and driven scholars.

**HONORS HOUSING AND STUDY SPACE**

**LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Our Honors College members are all part of the Personal Development Institute, designed to give you fast-track access to campus leadership roles while building multiple competencies needed for future success and impact.

**PEER MENTOR PROGRAM**

At FHSU, we view our Honors College students as family. Newly admitted freshmen will be paired with Honors College upperclassman members who can give personalized attention and guidance with the many day-to-day decisions that characterize life as a college student.

**ADDITIONAL PERKS**

Honors college students also receive free on-campus parking tags, free tickets to prestigious visiting performing arts productions and a yearly dinner with FHSU President Mirta Martin.

“Fort Hays State has an excellent program for my major; when I stepped onto the campus, I immediately loved it.”

Reinette Strydom  
Hometown: Holdrege, Nebraska  
Major: Medical Diagnostic Imaging
SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

You have the unique opportunity to apply for distinctive scholarships available only to Honors College students. Additionally, you will have specialized instruction and advising to help you apply for some of the country’s most prestigious and pre-eminent scholarships and fellowships, such as the Rhodes and Fulbright scholarships. Apply for admission to the Honors College and for Honors College scholarships by February 15, 2016.

REGENTS SCHOLARSHIP

Up to four extraordinary high school seniors will be awarded the FHSU Regents Scholarship, which is a 100-percent coverage, full-cost award, regardless of in- or out-of-state student status.

This scholarship is only available to high school applicants. The Regents Scholarship covers all full-time tuition and fees (up to 18 credit hours), complete room and board costs, and includes $450 per semester for book costs. Up to one Virtual College class will be covered per semester under the Regents Scholarship.

The Regents Scholarship will not cover any classes taken during the summer semester or intersession. Applicants for the Regents Scholarship must fulfill at least four of the following five characteristics:

1. National Merit Semi-finalist or Finalist status, National Achievement Award or National Hispanic Recognition program status.
2. A minimum high school cumulative GPA of 3.7 or higher.
3. A minimum ACT score of 33 or SAT score of 1460.
4. Evidence of exceptional scholastic or community leadership, submitted by resumé.
5. Evidence of exceptional intellectual acuity and potential, as revealed by responses to two essay prompts.

An unofficial high school transcript and at least one letter of recommendation must be submitted as well.

TIER 1 HONORS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Up to 12 Honors College newly admitted students will receive the Tier 1 Scholarship: $10,000 total award ($4,000 towards tuition and fees and $6,000 towards room and board costs, provided that the student lives on the honors floor on campus). Applicants for the Tier 1 Scholarship must demonstrate:

1. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.
2. A minimum ACT score of 32 or SAT score of 1420.
3. Evidence of accomplished scholastic or community leadership, submitted by resumé.
4. Evidence of accomplished intellectual acuity and potential, as revealed by responses to two essay prompts.

An unofficial transcript and at least one letter of recommendation must be submitted as well.

TIER 2 HONORS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Up to 11 Honors College newly admitted students will receive the Tier 2 Scholarship: $6,700 total award ($2,700 towards tuition and fees and $4,000 towards room and board costs, provided that the student lives on the honors floor on campus). Applicants for the Tier 2 Scholarship must demonstrate:

1. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.
2. An ACT score of 31 or SAT score of 1380.
3. Evidence of accomplished scholastic or community leadership, submitted by resumé.
4. Evidence of accomplished intellectual acuity and potential, as revealed by responses to two essay prompts.

An unofficial transcript and at least one letter of recommendation must be submitted as well.
All three Honors College scholarships are renewable for three additional, consecutive years for students admitted as freshmen. Scholarships are renewable for one additional year for transfer students admitted as juniors. Renewal is contingent on maintaining good academic standing, defined as the following:

- Regents Scholarship winners: 3.6 cumulative GPA
- Tier 1 and Tier 2 Scholarship winners: 3.5 cumulative GPA
- All other Honors College students: 3.5 cumulative GPA

Additionally, all Honors College students must be enrolled in school full time and meet all supplementary requirements of the Honors College program. Students who are in their probationary semester may receive their Honors College scholarship during the probationary semester but will lose it if expelled from the program.

- Room and board awards in the Tier 1 and 2 scholarships will be available to admitted students who reside on the honors floor only. If the student moves off campus or to another on-campus location, they will forfeit the room and board award.

- Students selected for the Honors College who do not receive any of the above three specialized scholarships may still be eligible for the FHSU Presidential Award of Distinction or University Scholar Award. The University Scholar Award is a $2000 scholarship for students with an ACT score of 26-28 and is renewable. The FHSU Presidential Award of Distinction is a $3,500 scholarship for students with an ACT score of 29 or higher and is renewable. These are automatic awards and do not require a separate application process.

- Tier 1 and 2 Scholarships may be combined with any other departmental or non-FHSU scholarships but cannot be combined with the FHSU Presidential Award of Distinction or University Scholar Award.

- The Regents Scholarship cannot be combined with any other FHSU scholarship or award but can be supplemented with non-FHSU/external awards and scholarships.

- All Honors College scholarship winners must maintain full-time consecutive enrollment status in order to receive their award. Failure to maintain this status will result in loss of award.

SCHOLARSHIP PROVISIONS

APPLICATION PAGE: http://webapps.fhsu.edu/HonorsCollege/
SCHOLARSHIPS PAGE: http://www.fhsu.edu/honors/Scholarships/
HONORS COLLEGE ADMISSION CHECKLIST

Admission is highly competitive. It is open to high school seniors and to university students who wish to transfer from other institutions with an academic rank of junior. A select number of Honors College positions will be open to current FHSU freshman or sophomore applicants. FHSU and transfer students interested in applying for the Honors College must have a minimum total college GPA of 3.5 or higher and must submit ACT scores. The deadline to submit your completed package for Honors College consideration is February 15, 2016. Your package must include all documents for consideration, including your highest ACT score.

appeal for admission to fort hays state university and the honors college and for honors college scholarships by february 15, 2016

the minimum standard for admission to the honors college is an act score of 28 and a cumulative GPA of 3.5. university/transfer applicants must demonstrate a total college cumulative GPA of 3.5 and submit their highest ACT score from their time in high school.

essays: all applicants must respond to the following essay prompt:

• What do you see yourself doing 10 years from now, and how do you expect your undergraduate experience to contribute to that vision for your life?

all applicants must also choose one additional essay from the following options:

• Identify one societal problem and describe how you plan to address this problem in your life.

• What quality produces the most effective leader and what is the greatest hindrance to effective leadership?

• Recount an incident or time when you experienced failure. How did it affect you, and what lessons were learned?

• Rank your top three favorite classes taken to date and explain why. How did these classes significantly deepen and broaden your knowledge and application of the course material? How did they expand and transform your worldview and belief system?
RESUMÉ THAT LISTS APPLICANT AWARDS, WORK, ACADEMIC, CO/EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPERIENCE, AND LEADERSHIP. PLEASE DESCRIBE IN DETAIL ANY LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE THAT MARKEDLY IMPROVED ORGANIZATION PERFORMANCE.

TRANSCRIPT VERIFYING SCHOOL GPA AND ACT SCORE.

AT LEAST ONE LETTER OF REFERENCE FROM A PERSON WHO CAN SPEAK SPECIFICALLY AND CLEARLY TO YOUR STRENGTHS, ACHIEVEMENT IN A PARTICULAR ORGANIZATION, ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT OR MAJOR SERVICE PROJECT, AS WELL AS YOUR CHARACTER, PROFESSIONALISM AND PERSONAL INTEGRITY. TWO LETTERS MAY BE SUBMITTED IF BOTH REFERENCES CAN PROVIDE SPECIFIC AND CLEAR COMMENTS ABOUT YOUR STRENGTHS AND QUALIFICATIONS.

APPLICANTS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A URL FOR ORIGINAL CREATIVE WORK, RESEARCH, PERFORMANCES AND/OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

ALL HONORS COLLEGE STUDENTS MUST MAINTAIN THE REQUIRED MINIMUM CUMULATIVE GPA ASSOCIATED WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHOLARSHIPS. A 3.5 CUMULATIVE GPA IS REQUIRED TO STAY IN THE HONORS COLLEGE.

FORT HAYS HONOR SOCIETY

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Forward thinking. World ready.

All Honors College students are automatically granted membership in FHSU’s most prestigious student honors organization: the Fort Hays Honor Society. Normally open by invitation only, this club provides Honors College students with multiple leadership opportunities. Honors College students also can join the Honors College Steering Council, made up of respected FHSU faculty and administrators, which oversees all operational aspects of the college.
To be a part of FHSU’s newest and most exciting opportunity for high-achieving students, visit: fhsu.edu/honorscollege

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