Fort Hays State University Newsletter for Incoming Students

Move-in is just around the corner. Over the next few weeks Residential Life Staff will provide newsletters to help answer those questions and give you tips for your experience at Fort Hays State University. By the time you arrive on campus you will feel more prepared and ready to start a journey that will be remembered for a life time. As you read further into this issue just know that Fort Hays State University is ready to do whatever it takes to make you feel welcomed and prepare you for success!

Topics for this issue:

- Loft Kits
- Meal Plans and Meal Changes
- Involvement Opportunities

Loft Kits:

At the start of the year moving in is exciting. You have the opportunity to get to know your new roommate. With two people in the room there are many ideas of how to rearrange the room. An Idea that many students decide to go with is getting a loft kit for their room. Either one roommate or both roommates can have their beds lofted. If you go to http://www.fhsu.edu/ then Current Student, and then Residential life. Once you are at Residential Life Scroll down and click on Resources and then Forms. In Forms you will see a Loft kit/bunk bed request. If you fill this out before you arrive, we will work our hardest to be sure it is done. If you fill it out once you arrive it may be up to 24 hours until it is completed.

Meal Plans & Meal Changes:

make a plan

My meals are designed for personalized meal planning.

**Open Access Plan + $450 Dining Dollars**

This plan offers the most flexibility! Enjoy unlimited meals or snacks at the McMindes Hall plus $450 in Dining Dollars to be used at any on campus dining location. With this plan if you do the Math you spend less than $11 dollars a day on Meals!

**10 Meals/Week + $500 Dining Dollars**

Enjoy 10 meals per week at the McMindes Dining Hall plus $500 in Dining Dollars to be used at any on campus dining location.
7 Meals/Week + $600 Dining Dollars

Enjoy 7 meals per week at the McMindes Dining Hall plus $600 in Dining Dollars to be used at any on campus dining location.

What if I have practice with a sports team and can't make it to the dining hall?

Dining dollars are a good option to use at Mondo Subs. If you prefer to eat in the McMindes Dining Center, have your coach contact our Director of Dining Services to work out the best option for your team.

What are Dining Dollars and how do they work?

Dining dollars are similar to a debit account and are attached to each meal plan. Dining Dollars can be used at any location on campus and work just like cash. Any Dining Dollars not used in the Fall Semester transfer to the Spring Semester.

I've heard about Flexi Cash, what's that?

Should you run out of Dining Dollars, you can add money to your Flexi Cash account as needed. Flexi Cash is also similar to a debit account, but not associated with the meal plans. Flexi Cash can be used at any campus dining location and works the same as cash. When you add dollars to your flexi cash account, you will receive 'free' money as a gift from us. This free money is yours to keep and use. Any dollars not spent in Fall carry over to the Spring semester. You can access more information or add Flexi Cash to your card by visiting our main office located in 128 McMindes Hall or by clicking on the Tiger picture below:

Involvement Opportunities:

5 Reasons for getting involved in College

1. To become more connected to the University:
   a. Colleges are full of resources, but the responsibility is on you to seek out your best fit. Being involved will make college easier.
2. Helps build Community:
   a. Since you are leaving family and friends behind, getting involved helps you to discover new friends with similar interests.
3. Allows you discover your passions and strengths:
   a. What you choose will follow you throughout college and life.
4. It’s a resume builder:
   a. Freshman year is not too soon to begin thinking about positioning yourself for future endeavors.
5. Sometimes, busier individuals do better in all areas:
   a. This will vary a lot by the student, of course, but more free time does not always equal better grades. Being involved will require some organizations and time management on the part of the students and that can be a good thing.

Ways to get involved her at Fort Hays State University:

- **Hall and Community Council**
  o Community Council provides numerous opportunities to become involved and active in the residence halls. Community Council is also an appropriate body to contact with ideas for improving the quality of life in the hall. Meetings are open to all whether you represent your floor, hold an elected office or are an interested resident. In addition, Community Council sponsors many programs throughout the year.
  Are you interested in getting involved with Hall Council? Contact a staff member! Hall Council plans to have many activities as well as informative events. With your help, Hall Council can create an exciting and entertaining community

- **Residential Hall Association (RHA)**
  o RHA acts as the official voice for students living on campus. RHA serves as a link between on-campus residents and the administration to provide input about the dining services and overall functioning of the residence halls. RHA also provides programming for all the halls. Keep your eyes open for postings during move in for information on upcoming activities and meetings. For more information, visit the [RHA TigerLink page](#).

- **Student Conduct Board**
  o The Residential Life Student Conduct Board exists to promote a positive group living environment by providing a means to assure compliance with the established policies of the Department of Residential Life and FHSU in all of our communities. The Student Conduct Board operates within the boundaries of the communities which provide its power and is committed to provide fair treatment of each person who appears before the board.

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- Campus Resources
- Study Tips
- How to create a study space

Thank you,

Residential Life Staff.