

2026 Writing Tigers Recognition Ceremony

CELEBRATING STUDENT WRITERS AT FHSU!

APRIL 28, 2026

WELCOME

Jill Arensdorf, Provost

INTRODUCTION

Cheryl Duffy, WAC Director — English

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Advanced Education Programs

Outstanding ESOL Program Capstone Project — **Monica Wallace**

Outstanding Instructional Technology Capstone Project — **Kevin Brodeur**

Application Development and Emerging Technologies (FH Tech | NW)

Top Overall App Builds — **Karson Mellott | Tommy McClure**

Applied Business Studies

Outstanding Case Study in Business Communication — **Hali Rowland | Chelsie Rose**

Outstanding Professionalism in Writing — **Hazel Williams | David Buller**

Outstanding Graduate Writer in Business Communication — **Cameron Daines**

Outstanding Group Analytical Report in Strategic Business Communication —

Taden Fikan, Nina Malliton, Stephanie Keller | Kaya Bjurstrom, Santiago Macias, Jagger Francis, Kennedy Spaeth

Outstanding Graduate Writer in Business Education — **Jennifer Perry**

Outstanding Internship Paper in Tourism & Hospitality — **Madelynn Hull | Bradee Stuke**

Outstanding Research Paper in Tourism & Hospitality — **Delanee Bedore | Samantha Courkamp | Kelly Parr | Marisol Banda | Anna tenBensel | Cory Cimaglia**

Art and Design

Outstanding Undergraduate Art History Writing — **Michael Perigo | Antoni Miquel Leiker**

Outstanding Virtual Exhibition — **Claire Brown | Jaden Stauffer**

Outstanding Professional Development Marketing Package — **Daniela Salinas | Lucy Martin**

Outstanding Graduate Art History Writing — **Nathan Herbert | Andrew Hasebrook**

Biological Sciences

Scientific Communication: Outstanding Long Document — *Fall 2025 Annaka Digmann — Spring 2026 Kiley Maier*

Business Technology (FH Tech | NW)

Professionalism in Writing — **Luamalae Tanielu | Kristen Tufugafale**

Outstanding Business Communications Proposal — **Carter Eby | Trace Brisendine**

Child Care Specialist (FH Tech | NW)

Top Early Childhood Portfolio — **Paulena Boshoff**

Best Professional Philosophy of Early Childhood Education — **Cheyenne LaBarge**

College of Education

College of Education Capstone Writing Award — **Halle Mayers | Parker Janky**

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Outstanding Scholarly Writing in CSD Graduate Research — **Claire Olson**

Outstanding Professional Writing in CSD Graduate Clinical Program — **MaKayla Ruff**

Communication Studies

The Peer Mentor Writing Award — **Katy Harris, Carsen Riat, Riley Petitjean, Dru Penka**

The Borderless Communication Award — **Ava Dimas | Ines Steeman | Gillian Lynch**

Outstanding Communication Research Proposal — **Sabrina Adkins**

Best Persuasive Essay in Argumentation — **Sabrina Adkins**

Best Persuasive Presentation Business and Professional Speaking — **Rylee Jacobson**



Criminal Justice

Best Scholarly Paper Writing in Criminal Justice — **Brookelynn Kinder**

Best Scholarly Poster Writing in Criminal Justice — **Mariah Carrillo**

Electrical Technology (FH Tech | NW)

Best Capstone Project — **Donavyn Rhodes**

English

Outstanding English Composition I — **Isabella Bailey | Arianna Weber | Addison Hargitt | Jake Hoopingarner**

Outstanding English Composition II — **Monique Carmona | Addybelle Birdsall | Fernando Gaytan | Jose Arrelano |**

Owen Patmon | Meika Keenan | Mackenzie Hudson

Outstanding Comics Writing — **Grace Woods**

Outstanding Critical Analysis - Theories of Rhetoric and Composition — **Audrey Ball**

English (FH Tech | NC)

Outstanding English Composition Essay — **Will Martin**

English (FH Tech | NW)

Best of English Composition I — **Zoey Burton | Riccardo Marzetti | Kaleel Kelly**

Best of English Composition II — **Nadia Armstrong | Aniya Mecham**

Geosciences

Geosciences Student Writing Award — **Ernestina Osei | Jonathan Kuffour Owusu**

Distinction in Science Writing Award — **Jamie Burke | Branden Sims**

Outstanding Content Creator — **Ernestina Osei**

History

Outstanding Undergraduate Research Paper — **Justus Nelson**

Outstanding Graduate Research Paper — **Kayanna Adams**

Outstanding Creative Project — **Jessica Reynolds**

Best Public History Writing Project — **Trevor Yocum**

Mathematics

Outstanding Modern Geometry Report — **Eric Moon**

Creative Writing in History of Math — **Madelyn Byerly**

Mechanical Engineering Technology (FH Tech | NW)

Best Capstone User Manual — **Eoin Steinsiek | Ashton Hahn**

Medical Assistant (FH Tech | NW)

Best Capstone Project — **Noah Mitchell, Caelyn Long, Jaden De Souza**

Modern Languages

Outstanding Creative Writing in Spanish — **Ana Luna**

Outstanding Academic Writing in Spanish — **Raisa Luna Guzmán**

Best of Spanish Composition — **Lizbeth Lewis | Lowell Lowe**

Music & Theatre

Outstanding Achievement in Songwriting — **Allie Straub**

Nursing

Outstanding Undergraduate Nursing Research Poster — *Fall 2025* **Trinity Kohlrus, Makynna Hollis, Raegan Gerck**

— *Spring 2026* **Molly Hubbell, Emily Nitz, Raegan Fellman**

Political Science

Best State and Local Government Data Visualization and Analysis paper — **Shawna Anderson**

Best International Relations United Nations Speech — **Voleak Vann**



Best Public Policy Memo — **Josiah Martinez**
Best Eightfold Path Policy Analysis Essay — **Chloe Ecord**
Best Seminar in Political Science Paper: Gender & the Law — **Grace McCord** | **Veronica Janae Montoya**
Best Seminar in Political Science Paper: Supreme Court — **Annalise Loucks**
Outstanding Political Science Senior Thesis — **Casey Self**
Excellence in Undergraduate Writing in Political Science — **Grace McCord**
Excellence in Graduate Writing in Political Science — **Samantha Torres**

Psychology

Best Science of Psychology Paper — *On Campus* **Layla Lundgren** — *Online* **Olivia Vohs**
Best Experimental Lab Paper — *On Campus* **Kerstin Brown** | **Claire Plummer** — *Online* **Ajae Henderson**
Best Graduate Paper Submitted to a Journal — *On Campus* **Brooklynn Raacke** — *Online* **Ari Rad**
Best Graduate Case Study — *On Campus* **Reilly Jones** — *Online* **Hanna McAnany**
Best Graduate Thesis — **Kelly Krehbiel**
Best Graduate Evidence-Based Project — **Alexcia Proffitt**
Best Graduate Oral Presentation at a Conference — *On Campus* **Zoe Caldwell**
— *Online* **Ashton Pfannenstiel** | **Ellen Gatewood**
Best Undergraduate Poster Presentation at a Conference — *On Campus* **Saige Imm** — *Online* **Olivia Vohs**
Best Graduate Poster Presentation at a Conference — *On Campus* **Caleb Ashley** — *Online* **Karissa Witson**

Social Work

Social Work Writes Award — **Janae Krause** | **Emma Mawhinney** | **Ashley Bernard** | **Dustin Hopkins** |
Rebecca (Becky) Taylor | **Gabrielle Gibbs** | **Raeann Hudspeth** | **Jessica Navarro** | **Robyn Pizarro** | **Elena Zocca**

Sociology

Sociology Theory and Literature Writing Award — **Landon Sobota**

Teacher Education

Outstanding Analysis of Literacy Assessment Data — *On Campus* **Isabel Gonzalez** | **Goldie Dohe** | **Sophia Allen** | **Ava Stull** |
Katelyn Petrick | **Betsaida Luna Gomez** — *Online* **Stephanie Almaraz** | **Melissa Ard** | **Madison Jennings** |
Rebecca Bradford | **Ashton Cooper** | **Ruweyda Gleason** | **Jennifer Kibbee** | **Morgan Kelly** | **Kinzie Comley** | **Abigail Rogers**

Tebo Library

Outstanding UNIV 301 Annotated Bibliography — *Spring 2025* **Brecken Evans** — *Summer 2025* **Randi Hartley** | *Fall 2025*
Kenneth Bowden
Digital Stewardship Award — **Audrey Ball**



**Zoom link to livestream
the Writing Tigers event**

WAC Faculty Writing Mentor Award

We recognize these faculty members, nominated by their students and/or colleagues, as mentors committed to the growth and achievement of student writers at Fort Hays State University.

Claudio Aguoya-Borquez
Hendratta Ali
Lexey Bartlett
Morgan Chalfant
Matthew Clay
Annette Clarke Jones
Bryan Corbin
Taylor Dinkel
Rachel Dolecheck
Anthony Gabel
Latisha Haag
Christine Hober
Timothy Jones
Ryan Karjala
Richard Lisichenko
Marco Macias
John Mack
Hollie Marquess
Daniel R. McClure
Linda McHenry
Chris Mohn
Lorelei Patrick
Taylor Province
Courtney Rankin
Eugene Rice
Matthew Smalley
Amanda Stinemetz
Michelle Van Der Wege
Stephanie Weigel

Modern Languages
Geosciences
English
English
Teacher Education
Social Work
English
Philosophy
Applied Business Studies
Business
Communication Studies
Nursing
Chemistry
Education
Geosciences
History
History
History
History
English
Modern Languages
Biology
English
English
Philosophy
English
English
Nursing
Psychology

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WINNER

Sarah Broman Miller, Emcee — Teacher Education

CLOSING

Cheryl Duffy, WAC Director — English

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