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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Fresh Food Friday**

This week during Fresh Food Friday we will be distributing our annual Thanksgiving Meal Bags, which are sponsored by many generous donors!

Each bag will contain the ingredients necessary to make a traditional Thanksgiving meal for 4-6 people, including a frozen Turkey product. We will have a limited number of bags, and would like them to go out more to members of the FHSU community who are unable to be with their families over the holiday, or whose families are unable to attain the resources needed to make a Thanksgiving meal. As each bag will feed 4-6 people, we are also asking that families, friends and/or roommates only take 1 bag and enjoy the shared meal together.

The Thanksgiving bags will be distributed in a first come first served basis **starting at 1pm on Friday, November 18**, in the Tiger Food Exchange (located on the main floor of the Forsyth library).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Shane at [sfkeller2@mail.fhsu.edu](mailto:sfkeller2@mail.fhsu.edu).

*-Anna Hand*

## Holiday Memo

This year we will close the University at the end of the business day, **4:30 pm, Friday, December 23, 2016**. We will re-open for business on **Tuesday, January 3, 2017**.

Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2 are designated as state holidays. Employees will take 4 days of leave time to cover December 27,28,29,30.

Veteran's Day is Friday, November 11, and is a declared holiday for all employees. If non-exempt (hourly) employees work on November 11, they will receive one and one-half days holiday comp credit. Exempt (salaried) employees who earn annual leave and are required to work on Veteran's Day earn 8 hours of comp time. The hours earned for working on Veteran's Day must be used during the traditional phase down of campus operations between the Christmas and New Year's holiday.

The last day to use the 2016 discretionary day is December 31, 2016. The Governor has again authorized a discretionary day for calendar year 2017. The 2017 discretionary day will be credited to employees on January 1, 2017.

*-Karen Allen, Executive Assistant to the President*

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## Foundation - Early Check Run

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the Foundation will be completing next week's check run on **Tuesday, November 22**. Please have all check requests submitted by 4:30pm on Monday. If we receive any check requests after the deadline, they will be processed on **Thursday, December 1**.

*-Amy Leiker, Accounts Payable Processor/Scholarship Coordinator*

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## Tiger Wellness Center Fall Break Hours

Mon–Wed: 6:30am–7:00pm

**CLOSED:** THURS-FRI

Sat- Normal hours

-NO GROUP FITNESS CLASSES NEXT WEEK

*-Emily Washburn, Assistant Director of Tiger Wellness Center*

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## Article Published in Cogent Education Journal

Dr. Kenny Rigler, Dr. Lorie Cook-Benjamin, Dr. Regi Wieland, and Mrs. Carrie Tholstrup published "The Inclusion of Self-Assessment in Merit Evaluation" in the November 17, 2016 edition of Cogent Education, a leading multidisciplinary open access and peer-reviewed journal in education and teaching.

The article was based on a study that collected faculty perceptions toward changes made to the faculty merit evaluation process. Findings from the study indicated favorable perceptions of the new merit evaluation and only a limited number of differences among the demographic groups.

The full article can be accessed at <https://doi.org/10.1080/2331186X.2016.1250490>.

*-Dr. Lorie Cook-Benjamin, Interim Executive Director of Faculty Affairs and the Virtual College*

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## Residential Life Staff Recognized at Regional Housing Conference

Several Residential Life Staff members attended the annual Upper Midwest Region Association of College Housing Officers (UMR-ACUHO) annual conference in Madison, Wisconsin on November 9–11.

Our team was recognized in the following categories:

- \* **Adonis Mundy** was awarded the Frank J. Traver President's Scholarship. The \$500 scholarship award required submitting a resume, letters of support and answering several questions about educating students about Grass Roots Movements.
- \* **Dayona Nett** and her partner won the Case Study Competition.
- \* **Maryke Taute** and former FHSU staff member, **Rebecca Peterson**, won a Top 5 Program Award for their program, Feminist Leadership
- \* **Christina Hurtado** and a colleague from Kansas State University won best Round Table for their Women of Color Roundtable.
- \* **Christina Hurtado** inducted into the Association of College and University Housing Officers- International Foundation of Excellence

*-Christina Hurtado, Director of Residential Life*

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## **New Employee Benefit Available – Colonial Life & Accident**

**SCHEDULE YOUR ENROLLMENT NOW:** <http://www.slotted.co/fhsu>

**Employees who meet with a benefits counselor are entered into a drawing for a gift card!**

**Walk-ups will have ability to meet with a benefits counselor as well!**

- The Kansas State Health Care Commission has approved a new vendor for its voluntary benefits.
- Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Company will provide State employees with an opportunity to learn about the changes and options for the 2017 State Employee Health Care Plan during 1-to-1 benefits counseling sessions.
- Employees can also review the State's Health Care Savings Tools with the benefits counselor
- State Employees can reserve their time to meet with the benefits counselors by clicking on the link for the upcoming onsite enrollment dates: <http://www.slotted.co/fhsu>
- A group meeting will be at 9 am and 1 pm on 11/30 in the Ballroom.
- Walk-ups will have the ability to meet with a benefits counselor as well in the Cavalry Room, 9:30am–12:30pm and 1:30pm–4:00pm.

**When you meet with a benefits counselor, you will be entered in a raffle drawing for a gift card!**

*-Shannon Lindsey*

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## **Finals Care Packages Available Through Tigers4Ever**

Finals week will be here before we know it so why not take that time to appreciate your student workers with a care package.

Tigers4Ever: Your Student Alumni Association is offering finals week care packages to FHSU students. These packages include 25 or more snack and beverage items and an exclusive FHSU themed item.

To order, go to [www.goforthaysstate.com/t4ecarepacks](http://www.goforthaysstate.com/t4ecarepacks). Special on campus pricing is \$25.00 each. Care packages will be delivered to your office or to the student's on campus residence December 8 or 9. **Deadline to order is November 30!**

*For more information, contact Janette Meis, T4E Advisor, Alumni Association at [j\\_meis@fhsu.edu](mailto:j_meis@fhsu.edu).*

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## **Honors Course Enrollment Survey**

Happy imminent Thanksgiving! If any of you are considering teaching an honors class in the future and would like to have current honors students polled to determine possible interest/enrollment in your content area, please email me by **Friday, November 18, at 5pm**. Each semester the Honors College surveys current honors students to determine future and trending subjects of high student interest so that enrollment projections can be identified.

Submit a course title and brief description of the course and we will get that out to honors students by the end of the semester. Thanks!

Please feel free to email me with any questions: [mmeans@fhsu.edu](mailto:mmeans@fhsu.edu).

*-Matt Means, Director of Honors College*

## EVENTS

### Retirement Reception for Larry Getty

Wednesday, November 30, 2:30pm to 4:00pm

Memorial Union Black and Gold Room

Larry Getty, Director of Budgets, will be retiring at the end of this month. Larry has been with the University for more than 42 years. A lot of history walks out the door when he leaves on November 30. He has been an outstanding contributor to the success of this institution and will be tough to replace.

November 30, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. we have planned a reception for Larry in the Black and Gold Room. Please stop by and visit with Larry, tell a few stories, and enjoy refreshments that will be available.

*-Michael W. Barnett, Vice President for Administration and Finance*

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### Honors Pedagogical Round Tables

Thursday, December 1, 3:00pm to 4:00pm

Forsyth Library Room 045 (basement)

Have you been considering submitting a proposal for an honors class but want to know more about the process? Have you already taught an honors class and want to learn how the honors course proposal selection process works? Are you just curious?

We encourage you to attend the next Honors Pedagogical Roundtable. Honors Pedagogical Roundtables (HPRs) are great ways to learn more about the Honors College and the wonderful world of honors education. Feel free to come and go as your schedule allows!

Please contact Matt Means ([mmeans@fhsu.edu](mailto:mmeans@fhsu.edu)) with any questions. No RSVP needed- just show up and join us! Thanks for your interest!

## SHARE WITH STUDENTS

### Writing Center Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00AM-8:00PM

Friday 9:00AM-2:00PM

First floor of Forsyth Library

Need help with your remaining writing projects? The Writing Center is open for tutoring through December 9.

At the Writing Center, we meet with undergraduate and graduate students in 30-minute sessions about writing projects for any on-campus course and at any stage in the writing process. Our goal is to offer useful questions, feedback, and strategies. During the session, students will introduce their writing project, develop a plan of action, and take one or two steps in their writing process. At the end of the session, students will work with the tutors to summarize their activities and plan for next steps.

Please make appointments through the online scheduling system located on our website under "Make an Appointment": <https://www.fhsu.edu/WritingCenter/>.

*-Dr. Amanda Fields, Writing Center Director*

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## Road Closure Announcement

One block of Dwight Drive will be temporarily closed during the fall break for utility maintenance at the new Wiest Hall construction site.

The block between Custer Drive and Lyman Drive will be closed starting **Monday, November 21**, and should be reopened by **Monday, November 28**.

Please bypass the area by going north around the block utilizing Custer Dr, Agnew Ln and Lyman Dr.

Dwight Drive runs east to west between Gustad and Lewis Drives providing access to Hammond Hall, Wooster Place Apartments, Wiest Hall, Heather Hall, and Stadium Place Apartments. Access to all of these sights will remain open and a detour around the closed area will be available.

*For questions about this or any other road closures, please contact the University Police Department at 785-628-5304 or Facilities Planning at 785-628-4410.*

## **Transgender Awareness Week**

**November 14 to 20**

November 14-20 is Transgender Awareness Week, and November 20 is Transgender Day of Remembrance.

To help raise the visibility of transgender and gender-nonconforming people, the FHSU Gay-Straight Alliance has set up a display on the quad to acknowledge the hardships faced by members of the trans community and to remember the names of trans individuals who are gone.

*-FHSU Gay-Straight Alliance*

## **Geography Awareness Week – LAST DAY TO PARTICIPATE!**

**November 14 – 18**

Join the FHSU Department of Geosciences in celebrating Geography Awareness Week! Each year, over 100,000 Americans actively participate in events across the nation raising awareness of geography and the world around us. Established by Presidential proclamation over 25 years ago, this annual public awareness program organized by National Geographic Education Programs (NGEP) encourages citizens young and old to think and learn about the interconnectedness of our world.

Below is a list of highlighted events hosted by the Department of Geosciences, for complete details on these events and to check out other opportunities to get involved visit <http://www.fhsu.edu/geo/Events/GAW/>

### **Week long events**

- Photography Contest [www.fhsu.edu/geo/Events/Photocontest](http://www.fhsu.edu/geo/Events/Photocontest)
- Social media fun facts @FHSU Geo or Geosciences at FHSU
- Old School Chalkboard Questions, posted on blackboard on second floor Tomanek Hall

### **Daily Events**

- Friday
  - Go Geocaching! All day self-guided activity. What is Geocaching? “Geocaching is a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache (container) hidden at that location” Geocaching.com. We challenge you to log on to Geocaching.com pick a few geocaches to find, grab a GPS unit or your smartphone, and get outside to do some treasure hunting! Hint: there are some great geocaches around Hays, check out traditional caches by ottieolsen to get yourself started on this fun activity. Be careful though...Geocaching can become habit forming. Have Fun!

*For additional information, please visit the events page <http://www.fhsu.edu/geo/Events/GAW/> or contact Department of Geosciences [geosciences@fhsu.edu](mailto:geosciences@fhsu.edu) or 785-628-5389*

## **STUDENT ABSENCES**

### **Student Absences – Feedlot Management**

The following students were absent from classes on **Tuesday, November 15**, for an all-day field trip for their Feedlot Management course. The students were expected to visit with their instructors and make arrangements prior to leaving. I hope you will allow the students to make up any missed course work.

- Barker, Thane
- Bohl, Courtney
- Deines, Mandy
- Gugler, Kaylen
- Heuertz, Wyatt
- Howell, Cody
- Jones, Kylie
- Nowak, Phillip
- Rackley, Reed
- Rutledge, Dalton
- Showalter, Haley
- Thomas, Kisha
- Updegrove, Emily

*-Brittany Howell, Agriculture Department*

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