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Fall 2020 **Semester Start**

Flint Hills Technical College plans to open its doors for face-to-face classes this fall beginning August 17th.

"One of the most unique and important aspects of technical education is the hands-on experience for our students. Although some of our programs can be taught effectively in a virtual setting, most of our programs require skills attainment in some type of lab setting," said President Dean Hollenbeck. "We plan to bring our students back to campus safely with some modifications in place allowing them to continue to learn in lab and clinical settings," Hollenbeck said.

Some of those modifications include a requirement for all students and employees to wear masks. The mask protocol can be found on the FHTC website and on page 4 of this newsletter. Faculty have also been working on plans for the fall semester to ensure proper spacing of students in classroom and lab settings. Employees and students will also be completing a daily symptom checker and exposure questionnaire. If employees or students are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or have been in close contact with someone who has the virus, follow-up questions will be asked and the employee or student may be asked to quarantine and return to campus at a later date.



I cover my face to protect You. Cover your face to protect Me.

Protect your family, friends, and neighbors by wearing a face covering when in public areas

Lyon County is joining together to show





for all community members



FHTC Network Offline on July 25

On Saturday July 25 starting at 8:00 a.m., FHTC will begin a network upgrade that will result in almost all FHTC services going offline for several hours. Please do not plan on using any FHTC services that day. Services impacted will include but are not limited to MyFHTC, Moodle, Employee email, Virtual Desktops (VDI), Jenzabar, Printers, Digital Signs, and Internet Access in Emporia FHTC buildings.

The FHTC website (www.fhtc.edu) and Student email (stumail.fhtc.edu) should NOT be affected by this network upgrade.

Notifications will be sent after the upgrade is complete.



Enrollment for Fall Continues

FHTC's Reeble Student Success Center is open by appointment! On campus or over the phone options are available for those wanting to enroll for the Fall 2020 semester. During this time we have alternate means of admissions in place of ACT or ACCUPLACER testing and we're also waiving the enrollment deposit.

Appointments can be scheduled by calling 620-343-4600 ext. 2 or emailing admissions@fhtc.edu.



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BROADCAST LIVE ON: FACEBOOK.COM/FOUNDATIONALUMNI | KVOE | ValuNet Channel 3

FHTC Foundation's 18th Annual Benefit Gala and Auction has been moved to an online and live radio auction event to be held on Friday, July 31, 2020. The gala, typically a gathering of nearly 400 people, has been changed to this remote format due to COVID-19 in consideration to our community, volunteers and staff. Proceeds from the auction go to support students at FHTC.

Live and silent auction items will still be available with live items being auctioned off in real-time. Participants will be able to phone or text in their bids during the auction broadcast that can be viewed on KVOE, FHTC Foundation's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/fhtcfoundationalumni) and ValuNet channel 3 beginning at 6 p.m. on July 31. Silent auction items will be available for bidding using a computer or mobile device beginning July 27 on https://FHTC2020.givesmart.com. No tickets are necessary, those wishing to participate will need to register and add a credit card on the Givesmart auction website in order to bid on items.

Plan Your Auction Watch Party

Host your own night of inspiration auction watch party with a Wrangler Watch Party Pack! Packages start at \$100 and include a full meal for four prepared by the FHTC Hospitality/Culinary Arts program and an option for adult beverages sponsored by The Liquor Store. Place your order at https://FHTC2020.givesmart.com by Friday, July 24, 2020 at 5 p.m. Pick up will begin at 4:30 p.m. on July 31 at FHTC's main campus in the west parking lot.

Choose from these auction Watch Party Packs:

Wrangler BBQ Bundle serves 4

- Smoked Brisket in Root Beer BBQ Sauce
- Adobo Chicken Leg Quarters in Root Beer BBQ Sauce
- Not Your Mama's Mac n Cheese
- Coleslaw
- Jalapeno Cheddar Bread
- Cherry Crumble Pie
- 12 pack of Bud Light (optional)

Wrangler Pasta Pack

serves 4

- Sicilian Lasagna
- Garden Salad with Vinaigrette
- Parmesan Breadsticks
- Lemon Olive Oil Cake with Rosemary Mascarpone Whipped Cream
- 2 bottles of wine (optional)

*Vegetarian and gluten-free lasagna options are available.

Register at https://FHTC2020.givesmart.com to bid and to order your Wrangler Watch Party Pack. For questions or more information, call the FHTC Foundation at 620-341-1380.

Annual Public Nondiscrimination Notice:

Flint Hills Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of sex, including pregnant and parenting students, sexual orientation, handicap, race, color, age, religion, marital status, or national or ethnic origin in educational programs, employment admissions policies, policies, financial aid or other Collegeadministered programs. For questions or concerns regarding non-discrimination, contact Sandra Weeks, Director of Human Resources and Affirmative Action Officer at 620-341-1384, 3301 West 18th Avenue. For issues related to Title IX, Section 504 for students, please contact Lisa Kirmer, Vice-President of Student Services and Title IX Coordinator at 620-341-1325, 3301 West 18th Avenue, Emporia, KS 66801. Program and admissions criteria can be found at www.fhtc.edu.

Aviso Anual Pública de No Discriminación:

Flint Hills Technical College (FHTC) no discrimina en base de sexo, incluyendo embarazos ni padres solteros, orientación sexual, discapacidad, raza, color, edad, religión, estado civil, u originen nacional o étnico en programas de educación, pólizas de admisión, pólizas de empleo, ayuda financiera o cualquier otro programa administrado por FHTC. Si tiene alguna pregunta o preocupación acerca de no discriminación, contacte a Sandra Weeks, Directora de Recursos Humanos y Oficial de Acción Afirmativa al 620-341-1384, 3301 West 18th Avenue. Para cuestiones relacionados con el Título IX, Sección 504 para estudiantes, contacte a Lisa Kirmer, Vice Presidenta de Servicios al Estudiante y Coordinadora de Título IX al 620-341-1325, 3301 West 18th Avenue, Emporia, KS 66801. Requerimientos de programas y admisión pueden ser encontrados en www.fhtc.edu.



NCLEX Pass Rate: 95%

Congratulations to FHTC's Practical Nursing recent graduates for a 95% pass rate for first time NCLEX takers in this year's second quarter testing. This follows up a 94.4% pass rate in the first-quarter testing.

Carmichael Recognized for KBOR Data Quality Award

In the June Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) 2020 Data Quality and Planning Conference, KBOR president and CEO Dr. Blake Flanders presented Data Quality Awards to Butler Community College and Flint Hills Technical College.

Now in its eighth year, the Data Quality Award serves to recognize institutions for excellence in the quality of data submitted and the timeliness of submissions. Awards are given each June



Brenda Carmichael,

Dean of Enrollment Management

to the two institutions with superior ratings, recognizing the outstanding team of professionals who provide institutional data to the Board.

"Data is key for understanding the performance of today's higher education system, as well as the state's economy. Providing quality and meaningful data requires dedicated data teams," said KBOR Director of Data, Research and Planning Cynthia Farrier. "This year's awardees, Esam Mohammad (Butler Community College) and Brenda Carmichael (Flint Hills Technical College), have distinguished themselves through exemplary effort and commitment to the highest data standards."

Data is submitted throughout the year to support a variety of purposes, which include distribution formulas for state and federal funds, Board and legislative agendas, research initiatives, federal and state compliance, and consumer information such as the tools found on the Kansas Higher Education Statistics and the Kansas DegreeStats websites (stats.kansasregents. org and ksdegreestats.org).

Upcoming Events

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- 13 Board of Trustees Meeting, 4 p.m.
- 31 FHTC Foundation Gala and Auction, online and radio event beginning at 6 p.m.

August

- 7 Last Day of Summer Semester
- 17 Fall Semester Begins

FHTC Face Mask Protocol

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

Faculty, staff, students, and visitors are required to wear a face mask while in campus buildings, outdoors, on FHTC public property, and in parking lots associated with FHTC buildings. The following in-building exceptions apply:

- Employees working alone in their offices
- While participating in activities in which a face mask cannot be worn, or would prohibit respiratory function (like eating or drinking)
- Individuals with a recognized disability who have an accommodation that prevents the wearing of a mask please contact Lisa Kirmer, Vice President of Student Services at lkirmer@fhtc.edu or 620-341-1325 for student accommodations. Please contact Sandy Weeks at sweeks@fhtc.edu or 620-341-1384 for employee accommodations.

Supervisors are responsible for holding employees accountable for wearing masks. Faculty are responsible for holding students accountable for wearing masks. Anyone not wearing, or wearing an improper mask, will be asked to go home and return with an acceptable mask.

*This protocol shall be in effect until local and state health officials determine it no longer necessary.

Mask Care:

- Three FHTC washable cloth face masks will be provided to all employees and on-campus students upon return to the FHTC campus.
- Disposable masks will be available at each campus building for visitors to the college.
- Cloth masks should have more than one layer of fabric and should adhere to CDC mask guidelines.
- Make sure your mask fits snugly around your face, without gaps and covers from just under the bridge of your nose to under your chin.
- Always store your mask in a clean place or in a paper bag when it is off.
- Wash and dry your cloth mask after each wearing, making sure the mask remains snug.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol) to reduce cross-contamination anytime you handle your mask.
- The outside of the mask should always be considered dirty, so don't touch the outside or lower it below your nose/chin.
- Wearing a mask works best in combination with hand washing (20 seconds), proper hand, cough and sneeze hygiene and social distancing (6 feet) and avoid touching your face.