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Welcome Back

We have been busy over the summer preparing for the fall semester and are happy to have students back on campus.

To prepare for the semester start, we worked closely with local health officials to make sure students' return to campus could be as safe as possible. We have some modifications in place including a requirement for all students and staff to wear masks while on FHTC campuses. We've also reworked classrooms and lab spaces to ensure proper spacing between individuals and students and employees are asked to complete a daily health assessment and exposure questionnaire.

We're very proud of our students for completing their spring and summer course work while adapting to many challenges. That dedication to learning shows as our Practical Nursing recent graduates had a 95% pass rate for first time NCLEX takers in this year's second quarter testing.

Our Inspiring Wranglers Campaign is finalizing and we're excited to see Phase 1 of renovations beginning. This campaign was initiated to upgrade Hospitality/Culinary Arts lab spaces and give our students extra advantages in their field. Student commons areas will also be improved.

At FHTC, we are dedicated to student success and being on the forefront of innovation. We look forward to continuing that tradition. See you on campus.

Dr. Dean Hollenbeck
President, Flint Hills Technical College

Welcome Wranglers!

Please note the following health and safety standards
for our students and employees on campus.



Wear a mask in
FHTC buildings and
on campuses



Answer a daily
health assessment



Limit in-person
gatherings outside
of the classroom



Keep cleaning and
sanitation in mind



Control your
personal space

For additional information about campus health and safety protocols,
visit www.fhtc.edu/covid



Benefit Gala & Auction

It truly was a Night of Inspiration as the 18th Annual FHTC Foundation Benefit Gala and Auction raised nearly \$95,600 with its first ever virtual broadcast.

The broadcast was aired online and on ValuNet Channel 3 on July 31. A performance by Brickhorse, a local classic country and rock band, kicked off the evening followed by the live auction. MCs for the evening were Ron Thomas and Coralie Owens. Volunteers fielded calls for bids on live auction items while bids for silent auction items could be placed entirely online.

Proceeds from the auction go towards scholarships and educational opportunities for FHTC students.

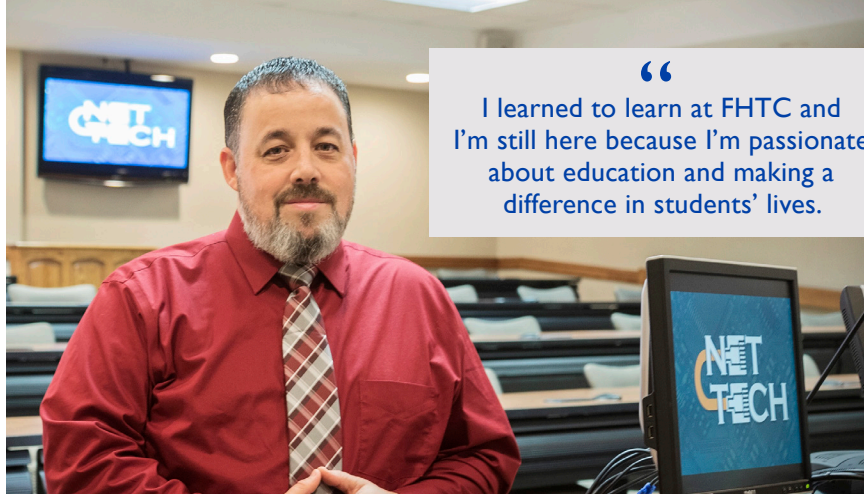


Voted Best Hygienist in Readers' Choice Awards



Recently retired Dental Hygiene instructor, Cheryl Bosiljevac, was voted Best Dental Hygienist in the 2020 Emporia Gazette Readers' Choice Awards.

When asked what the secret to her success was, she said, "My own years in dental hygiene school left a huge impression on me and how I conducted myself during my professional career. I always strived to do the same for my students. Don't forget to floss!"



“
I learned to learn at FHTC and I'm still here because I'm passionate about education and making a difference in students' lives.”

Adam Starr

Network Technology Instructor and
Network Engineer, Flint Hills Technical College
'94 Electronics Technology

FHTC's 2020 Distinguished Alum

Adam Starr came to Flint Hills Technical College as a student in 1991, intending to take just one semester in the Electronics Technology program. 29 years later he's still here and is an integral part of the college.

In 1994, Adam received an associate of applied science degree in Electronics Technology from FHTC. That same year, he began his career at FHTC as the first technical support person for the college and in 1996 became a full-time instructor for the Electronics Technology program. In 1998, continuing as an instructor when the program changed to Network Technology, Adam became FHTC's Network Engineer, both positions he still holds today.

Adam led the transition of the Electronics Technology program into

what is now Network Technology. Because of the ever-evolving technology field, he writes and updates all curriculum for his courses, some as often as every semester. Adam has taught nearly 800 students since he started as an instructor, and those students can be found in IT departments throughout Emporia and the state of Kansas. A testament to the depth and quality of the program.

Adam, wife Chanda and their four children are lifelong Emporia residents. Adam is very involved in his community and enjoys giving back. In his free time, he can be found supporting his kids at school events and volunteering with the local Scouts.

The FHTC Foundation made the announcement of Adam Starr as the 2020 Distinguished Alumni at the College's Professional Development Day on August 11. Several members of Adam's family were in attendance when President Hollenbeck presented him with the award.



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, admissions policies, employment policies, financial aid or other College-administered 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.

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- fill out the daily health assessment,
- check your account balance,
- find your course schedule,
- remote software and more.

RAVE

MOBILE SAFETY

Sign up for RAVE

This alert system will notify you via a text of campus emergencies or FHTC weather related closings. Sign up at getrave.com/login/fhtc



In the College Store

Check out the College Store across from the Reeble Student Success Center for FHTC swag (like chocolates and lanyards!) and selected class supplies. See something you like? Ask a Student Services representative in M100 for assistance.

Upcoming Events

August

- 19 NSG Faculty Meeting, 11:30 a.m.; Conference Room A
- 24 Instructional Leaders Meeting, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m., Steve Loewen's Office

September

- 2 Career Consortium, 8:30 a.m., Conference Room A
- 3 Assessment Committee Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Conference Room A
- 7 Labor Day, (NO CLASSES/COLLEGE CLOSED)
- 8 Institutional Effectiveness Committee Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Conference Room A
- 9 Student Senate, 11:30 a.m., Conference Room A
Student Services Committee Meeting, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., RTEC
- 10 NSG CSO meeting, 2:30 p.m., Conference Rooms B & C
HHS Faculty Meeting, 11:30 – 12:30, RTEC
- 14 Instructional Services Committee Meeting, 11:30-12:30, Conference Room A
Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Conference Room A

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.

For additional information about campus health and safety protocols, visit www.fhtc.edu/covid