

# FLINT HILLS TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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## Ford Motor Company Donates Car to Automotive Program

John North Ford, working with Ford Motor Company, presented Flint Hills Technical College's Automotive Technology program with a 2014 Ford Fiesta on September 10 at FHTC's main campus. The vehicle will be used to provide students with hands-on training in the lab, helping prepare them for their careers.

Marcus Hicks, Ford Regional Technical Talent Placement Specialist, who helped facilitate the donation worked with Ron Carlson, owner of John North Ford, and the FHTC Foundation. Hicks spoke about the supportive relationship the local dealership has with the College and the fact that the dealership currently employs 13 FHTC Automotive Technology grads.

"I received a call from Ron, and he said 'What do we got to do to get the deal done,'" remarked Hicks about the persuasiveness of Carlson.

The car is donated through the Ford Automotive Career Exploration program, a partnership program between Ford Motor Company, educational institutions, franchised dealerships and local communities. The intent of the program is to raise awareness and increase interest in career opportunities within the automotive industry.

"About 20% of our technicians will be eligible to retire in the next five years," said Brad Wilson, Ford Regional Parts and Service Operations Manager, speaking during the presentation about the need for more trained technicians, the need greater now than even six months ago.

Representatives from Ford Motor Company, John North Ford and the Emporia community joined FHTC administration, instructors and students at the Emporia campus for the presentation. Following the presentation, students were able to learn more about job opportunities in the automotive industry.



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## Garnett Adds Instructor, New Hire

Enrollment has continued to grow in the Automotive Training Center in Garnett and Larry Thompson has joined Bret Pope as an instructor. Newly hired Ben Manis replaces Larry as the new Automotive Parts and Services Supervisor.



## Thursday Lunches To Go

America Regional Cuisine Thursday Lunches are back in a new way. You can still enjoy the skills of the Hospitality/Culinary Arts students by picking up a lunch to go from the Fusion Food Truck that will be parked on the West side of campus on select Thursdays from 11:30-12:45 p.m.

Lunch is a flat \$10 and preorders are appreciated but not required. Preorder yours by emailing Chef Kendra at [kensmith@fhct.edu](mailto:kensmith@fhct.edu). Check out FHTC's Facebook page each week for schedule and menus.

All proceeds go to the Culinary Student Activity Fund and are used for culinary competitions and other learning opportunities.



**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

## Upcoming Events

### September

- 16 NSG Faculty Meeting, 11:30 a.m.; Conference Room A
- 17 Lunch & Learn, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Conference Rooms A (Leadership)  
Financial Aid Refund Disbursement for Fall semester
- 21 President's Council, 3:15 p.m., President's Office
- 23 Student Senate, 11:30 a.m., Conference Room A
- 28 Instructional Leaders Meeting, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. DC 304
- 28-30 Student Assessment Week

### October

- 1-2 Student Assessment Week
- 1 Assessment Committee Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Conference Room A
- 7 Career Consortium, 8:30 a.m., Conference Room A  
Student Senate, 11:30 a.m., Conference Room A
- 8 NSG CSO Meeting, 2:30 p.m., Conference Room B-C  
HHS Division Meeting, 11:30 – 12:30, RTEC
- 12 Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Conference Room A  
Instructional Services Committee Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Conference Rooms A
- 13 Institutional Effectiveness Committee Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Conference Room A  
Lunch & Learn, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Conference Rooms A (Art Therapy)  
End of 1st Quarter, Midterm, Fall Semester

COVID-19 HEALTH ASSESSMENT FORM

## Fall 2020 Semester, Return to Campus

As we prepared for the return to campus, we developed health and safety protocols, support and resources, and a dashboard for active cases and quarantines related to FHTC campuses. See all the information at [www.fhct.edu/covid](http://www.fhct.edu/covid).

## COVID-19 Info Page

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# Lunch & Learn

The FHTC Lunch & Learn series is an opportunity for you to engage in extracurricular activity with others on campus and have some fun! Bring your lunch and join us in Conference Room A from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the following dates:

**September 17: Leadership Activity**

**October 13: Art Therapy Activity**

**November 17: Yoga Activity**

RSVP to Andrea by email at least 2 days prior to activity.  
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