

# FLINT HILLS TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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## FHTC President, Dr. Hollenbeck, Announces Plans to Retire

Flint Hills Technical College President, Dr. Dean Hollenbeck, announces his plan to retire at the end of the academic year, June 2021.

Serving as FHTC President since 2006, Dr. Hollenbeck has led the College through transitions and growth including initial accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), numerous academic agreements with 4-year institutions, additional partnerships with area high schools, fundraising, and most recently, guiding the College through a pandemic. Hollenbeck also served on many local boards and committees. Always a voice for technical education, he has established and cultivated business and community partnerships that will continue to benefit students at FHTC.

“Dean’s retirement as President of FHTC is with honor and distinction. I know that his contributions to FHTC, the staff, and the graduates during his long tenure are beyond measure and I want to thank him personally for that,” said Ken Roemer, FHTC Board of Trustees Chair. “The college saw significant change and growth under his leadership and will leave it well positioned for the future. Thank you Dean! Enjoy your well-deserved retirement with your family. You have earned it!”

Hollenbeck’s history shows his dedication to education. He began his career as an Agriculture instructor in Lenapah, Oklahoma in 1974. He was then at Colorado Northwestern Community College and the Colorado Community College System in Denver. While there, he served as the State FFA Advisor and the Director of Business and Industry Training for the community college system, in addition to working out of the Governor’s Office of Business Development as Director of the Colorado First program. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Education from Oklahoma State University and his Master’s and Ph.D. in Vocational Education Administration from Colorado State University.

The FHTC Board of Trustees will appoint a Transition and Search Team to develop a comprehensive plan for the recruitment and selection of a President for the Board’s approval, the active search will begin this December.

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It has been one of my greatest honors to have served Flint Hills Technical College over the past 15 years. I am grateful to everyone who has served beside me and we have made great strides in making FHTC one of the leading institutions for technical education in the State of Kansas and across our country.

—Dr. Dean Hollenbeck

## NEW Diversity Student Organization

Join us for our kick off meeting for a Student Diversity organization at FHTC! We want to hear from you so join us Thursday, October 15th at 11:30 a.m. in the RTech or via Google Meet.

To sign up for Google Meet, email Eva at [edeheyos@fhtc.edu](mailto:edeheyos@fhtc.edu).



## Wrangler DKMS2020 Virtual Donor Drive

This month FHTC is hosting a Virtual Donor Drive to Delete Blood Cancer. The drive is open until October 23, 2020, register today at <https://dkmsgetinvolved.org/virtualDrive/wrangler-dkms2020>

### What is DKMS?

DKMS is the world's largest bone marrow donor center with more than 10 million registered donors, that helped save lives by donating marrow or peripheral blood stem cells.

### How can I save a life?

A simple cheek swab

### How do I do this?

Swab inside of cheeks with no-contact donor pack

### Great! How do I sign up?

- 1) Go to <https://dkmsgetinvolved.org/virtualDrive/wrangler-dkms2020>
- 2) Select the "Register Now" button
- 3) You will receive a donor pack in the mail
- 4) Follow the easy instructions
- 5) Return donor pack in prepaid return envelope



## Virtual Costume Contest

The FHTC Student Senate will host a Virtual Halloween Costume Contest October 26-31. Students, faculty, and staff are invited to compete. Prizes will be awarded to top three contestants (judged by Student Senate Officers) and winners will be posted on FHTC social media. To enter, submit a photo of you in your costume along with your name and program to Andrea at [ancahoone@fhtc.edu](mailto:ancahoone@fhtc.edu) or 620-222-0092 by midnight on November 1.



## Dental Hygiene Students Receive Specialized Training

Second-year Dental Hygiene students received training directly from Yvonne Graf, Hu-Friedy rep, over the Piezon 250 which is an ultrasonic unit that produces 30,000 vibrations in one second. They learned about the instrument and practiced removing wax on candles to show

the amount of pressure needed and the type of instrumentation strokes needed to disrupt bacteria, calculus, etc. The students also scaled with the Piezo on hard-boiled quail eggs without puncturing the shell. This showed them what type of pressure and strokes to use.







## In the Lab with Multimedia Design



Students in the Multimedia Design program work on a variety of projects including producing, filming and editing FHTC's "The Cut" competition.



## Automotive Students Work on a Car with History

Automotive Technology students are working on a car with historical ties to Emporia. The car, a 1950 Series 61 Cadillac, is part of the Red Rocks State Historic Site on 927 Exchange Street. Ken Wilk from the Kansas Historical Society contacted FHTC to bring the car into the shop with the goal of having it made road worthy and safe to drive in parades and others public events.

Students have plenty of areas to work on. The car was last driven in 2006 and at that time was overheating and had brakes issues. The fact that the car set for so long created another problem in the fuel system, causing the need for the fuel tank

to be cleaned, fuel line and filter to be replaced and carburetor to be rebuilt.

As FHTC Automotive Technology instructor Joe Brazzle explains, even working on the car that is 70 years old can still teach students the basic principles behind hydraulic brake systems, engine cooling systems and the different aspects of the volatility of gasoline, like what happens to gasoline when it sets for a long time. It also gives the students a good look at the evolution of the automobile, from the non-computerized basic systems of the early automobile to the advanced systems of today.

## Upcoming Events

### October

- 14 Student Services Committee Meeting, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., RTEC
- 15 Second Financial Aid Disbursement for Fall semester
- 19 President's Council, 3:15 p.m., President's Office
- 21 NSG Faculty Meeting, 11:30 a.m.; Conference Room A
- 26 Instructional Leaders Meeting, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m., Steve Loewen's Office
- 28 Student Senate, 11:30 a.m., Conference Room A

### November

- 1 Deadline for Virtual Halloween Costume Contest submissions
- 4 Career Consortium, 8:30 a.m., Conference Room A
- 5 Assessment Committee Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Conference Room A
- 9 Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Conference Room A
- Instructional Services Committee Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Conference Room A
- 10 Student Senate, 11:30 a.m., Conference Room A
- Institutional Effectiveness Committee Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Conference Room A
- 11 Veteran's Day (NO CLASSES/COLLEGE CLOSED)
- 12 NSG CSO Meeting, 2:30 p.m., Conference Room B-C
- HHS Division Meeting, 11:30 – 12:30, RTEC



# 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.

**November 17: Yoga Activity**

RSVP to Andrea by email at least 2 days prior to activity.  
[ancahoone@fhtc.edu](mailto:ancahoone@fhtc.edu)

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