

# FLINT HILLS TECHNICAL COLLEGE

## WRANGLER NEWSLETTER

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## FHTC, ESU Collaborate for 2+2 Communication Degree Program

Students who earn an associate degree in multimedia design at Flint Hills Technical College can easily transfer to Emporia State University to complete a bachelor's degree in communication under a new agreement between the two institutions.

During four semesters at FHTC, multimedia design students do hands-on learning from digital storytelling, video editing and graphics to animation. At Emporia State, the students move into four semesters of courses that focus on written and oral communication including practice, theories and multicultural perspectives.

Heidi Hamilton, chair of the ESU Department of Communication, agreed the two programs dovetail nicely.

"We see this degree as a cohesive blend of the technical skills, the application, and the theory," she said. "When students in this 2+2 program complete their bachelor's degree, they will have a solid framework in message construction, including not only the multimedia skills but also an understanding of when and how to use those skills to create compelling and persuasive messages."

The four-year program, according to Hamilton, should appeal to those interested in emerging careers in digital content/social media such as digital content managers and social media analysts, those wanting to start their own small businesses or be entrepreneurs in a related multimedia field and those interested in public relations.

The articulation agreement between the two institutions was completed in late 2020 and is available to students now.

"With the ever changing world, especially now with COVID-19, being able to communicate with internal staff or customers with a video or graphic/animation is needed more than ever. The digital world we live in is an exciting time for those who want a career in communication."

—Casey Wilson, FHTC  
Multimedia Design instructor

## Wranglers Helping Their Community



Automotive Technology students in Garnett assisted in the Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival last fall by volunteering to help with event set up and parking cars. The organization recently gave back to the students with a \$2,500 donation to use for improvements in the program. This was the second year for the donation.



Several FHTC students volunteered at the Red Cross Blood Drive held at the Flinthills Mall on February 5.

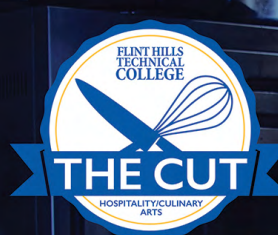


Does FHTC offer scholarships?



## Scholarships Available

FHTC has a wide variety of scholarships available and awarded more than \$150,000 in institutional scholarships last year. Now accepting applications for Fall 2021, find out more at [www.fhtc.edu/scholarships](http://www.fhtc.edu/scholarships). Priority deadline in March 1.



Addy



## The Cut Champion

Congratulations to Addyson Forbeck who was declared the winner during the January 26 broadcast of FHTC's The Cut.



Missed The Cut premiere? Watch anytime at <https://youtu.be/q011oHnoc3s>

## Gilligan Completes Nanodegree

Denise Gilligan, FHTC Director of Information Resources and Assessment, recently completed a nanodegree in business analytics through Udacity.

This nanodegree program was offered in cooperation with Center on Rural Innovation, Future is Digital Challenge, Ignite Emporia, and ESU School of Business. The business analytics program was designed to help participants learn foundational

data skills that apply across functions and industries.

Gilligan completed the nanodegree on order to better support FHTC in utilizing data analysis to further engage our community and meet the needs of area business and industries.



## Virtual Wrangler Rally

The format was different but FHTC was still able to share the advantages of a technical education in the first ever Virtual Wrangler Rally. Admission Rep Bryan Crouch presented to over 500 students in two sessions on January 20. Students joined through Zoom for the live presentation that included a program video from each division.





## 2021 Presidential Search Committee Members

### CHAIR

**Ken Roemer**, FHTC Board of Trustees

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**Steve Loewen**, Vice President of Instructional Services, FHTC

**Mike Crouch**, Vice President of Advancement, FHTC Foundation

### DEAN/DIRECTOR

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**Kat Dorcas**, Director – Marketing, FHTC

### DIVISION CHAIR

**Monica Graves**, Division Chair, Health & Human Services/Director, Dental Assisting, FHTC

### STUDENT

**Garrett Dingman**, FHTC Student, Welding Technology

### ALUMNI

**Brome Schraad**, FHTC Alumni, Graduate of Network Technology

### EMPORIA COMMUNITY

**Jose Feliciano, Jr.**, Director of Alumni Relations, Emporia State University

**Jeanine McKenna**, President/CEO, Emporia Chamber of Commerce

**Casey Woods**, Executive Director, Emporia Main Street

### KANSAS LEADERSHIP CENTER

**Kaye Monk-Morgan**, Vice President of Strategic Engagement and Planning, Wichita State University

### COMMITTEE STAFF

**Sandy Weeks**, Director of Human Resources, FHTC



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# Presidential Search

## 2021

## FHTC Presidential Search Update

The Flint Hills Technical College Board of Trustees has approved a 16-member Presidential Search Committee that will assist the board in the search of the seventh president of FHTC. The search comes after the September announcement of current President Dean Hollenbeck's retirement slated for June 2021. Dr. Hollenbeck has served as FHTC's president since 2006.

Advertising for the President/CEO position began in mid-December, and the review of candidate applications by the committee is underway. Candidates selected for initial interviews will be presented to the FHTC Board at the March meeting. Interviews with the board and the search committee as well as candidate forums held with FHTC employees,

students and Emporia community members will be scheduled in March. Recommendations from the search committee for the three top candidates, along with input from forums, will be presented to the board in the April meeting. This is a projected timeline; the search committee can adjust timetable and candidate numbers as it sees fit. The FHTC Board of Trustees will make the final selection with the goal of announcing a new president this June.

The search committee members include representatives from the FHTC Board, FHTC leadership, employees, students, alumni and staff, Emporia community leaders, and the Kansas Leadership Center. Ken Roemer serves as the chair of the committee.

## Upcoming Events

### February

- 11 Financial Aid Refund Disbursement for Spring semester  
HHS Division Meeting, 11:30 – 12:30 p.m.  
NSG CSO Meeting, 2:30 p.m.
- 15 Last day to drop a 3rd quarter class with a grade of "W"  
President's Council, 3:15 p.m.
- 17 NSG Faculty Meeting, 11:30 a.m.
- 22-26 Student Assessment Week
- 22 Instructional Leaders Meeting, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
- 24 Student Senate, 11:30 a.m.
- 26 Graduation Application due for Spring Commencement

### March

- 3 Career Consortium, 8:30 a.m.
- 4 Assessment Committee Meeting, 11:30 a.m.
- 8 Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00 p.m.  
Instructional Services Committee Meeting
- 9 Institutional Effectiveness Committee Meeting, 11:30 a.m.  
End of 3rd Quarter, Midterm of Spring Semester

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FEB 11: Virtual Elevator Challenge

FEB 19: Submit a 3-Page Executive Summary & Registration Form to [bizhornet@emporia.edu](mailto:bizhornet@emporia.edu) (by Midnight)

FEB 26: Top 15 Finalist Teams Chosen

MAR 11: Oral Pitch Virtual Videos Are Due

MAR 18: Community Showcase – Top 15 Videos Released

MAR 18: Story Night – Top 3 Teams Are Chosen

APR 28: State Competition, KSU (Top 2 Teams Only)

1st place \$2,500  
2nd place \$1,500  
3rd place \$500



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EMPORIA STATE  
UNIVERSITY  
*School of BUSINESS*

FLINT HILLS  
TECHNICAL  
COLLEGE

## YOU WILL BE JUDGED ON:

- Business Model
- Product/Service Offering
- Realistic
- Justification
- Specificity
- Originality



### VISIT:

[WWW.EMPORIA.EDU/BUSINESS/EEC](http://WWW.EMPORIA.EDU/BUSINESS/EEC)  
FOR DETAILED COMPETITION RULES,  
GUIDELINES, AND REGISTRATION FORM

### LOCATION:

EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

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