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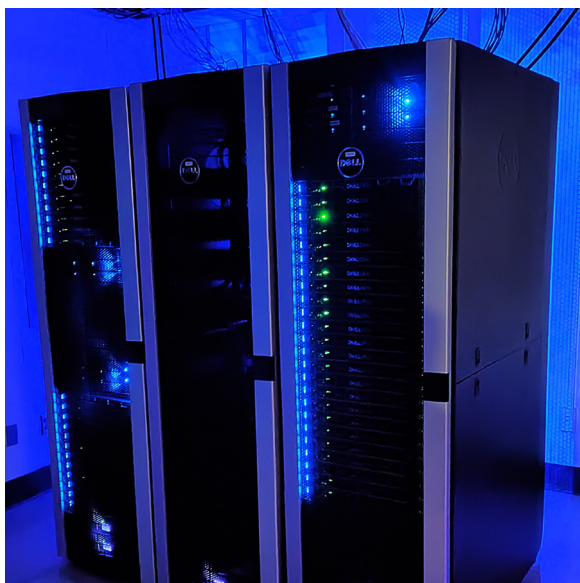
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November 4, 2021

FHTC will hold a special edition of its annual culinary competition, The Cut, this year. The event, scheduled for Thursday, November 4, 2021, will be an "All-Stars" competition featuring the champions from the past four competitions: Kati Beatty, 2017; Jacob Holmes, 2018; Drew Bonnet, 2019 and Addyson Bachura, 2020. The Hospitality/Culinary Arts alumni will battle in three rounds for the chance to be the 2021 FHTC Cut All-Stars Champion. Filming and producing of the event will once again be done by students from the Multimedia Design program with Chuck Samples, KVOE news director, back as emcee of the live event.

The Cut Watch Party, sponsored by Radius Brewing Company, will be from 6-9 p.m. Due to Covid-19 considerations, it will be an outdoor, tented event on the FHTC's main campus south parking lot. Watch party attendees will enjoy fall refreshments created by culinary students served from the Fusion Food Truck and a bar provided by Radius Brewing. Action from the kitchen will be live-streamed to the tent, along with judging for each round. Round sponsors are Ben E. Keith, Round 1; Gufler Mansion, Round 2 and Emporia Country Club, Round 3.

Tickets to the watch party are \$15 and can be purchased online.

[Purchase Tickets](#)

2021 The Cut Film Crew

Monica Lucena
Gavin Fields
Anna Dye
Gavin Hinrichs

Jacob Zumbrum
Brendan Knight
Gavin DeBaun
Casey Wilson, *instructor*



DKMS

WE DELETE BLOOD CANCER

Dental Assisting Hosts DKMS Virtual Drive

FHTC's Dental Assisting Program is hosting its annual stem cell donor drive VIRTUALLY this year. You can help save the life of a blood cancer patient in need right from your phone or computer! Just click the register now link to check your eligibility status and begin the registration process to become a potential donor. A swab kit in a pre-paid envelope will be sent to your home and upon return your registration is complete! Registration for this drive is open until the end of October.

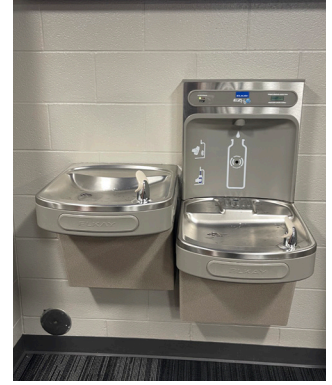
Register Now

Every 3 minutes, someone in the U.S. is diagnosed with a blood cancer, many of whom can be saved with a bone marrow transplant. Six out of 10 will never receive this! Together WE can change that. Become a registered bone marrow donor & make a huge impact on someone's life.



Wranglers Helping Their Community

Practical Nursing faculty and students participated in the 2021 Emporia Walk to End Alzheimer's on October 3 at the Lyon County fairgrounds.



Assessment Corner with Gilligan

Are you a first-year or high school student? Then FHTC wants to hear from you. Each fall we ask first-year and high school students to let us know their initial feelings about core areas of the institution. The *Student Satisfaction Inventory* is available in my.fhtc.edu under 'Forms>Student Forms' and allows you to have a voice in important conversations. Feedback received on this survey has led to changes in:

- First-Year Experience class curriculum
- New equipment and furniture in program classrooms/labs
- The addition of a 'kitchenette' with a sink in the remodel of the student commons
- Bottle filling stations across all FHTC campuses

The feedback you provide is reviewed by leadership teams, program faculty, and other staff members to help us improve all areas of our institution. While we can't meet all requests that come through the survey, *free coffee and doughnuts would be great*—but alas that is not yet feasible; all suggestions are reviewed and discussed! So please take the 10-15 minutes it takes to complete the inventory. Your responses do matter to all of us. 97% of survey respondents from Spring 2018 to Spring 2021 indicate that FHTC is focused on student improvement/achievement and we want to continue that trend!

Denise Gilligan
Director of Information Resources and Assessment

KCWE Awards

Steve Loewen, FHTC Vice President of Instructional Services, and Dr. Dean Hollenbeck, recently retired FHTC President, were recognized by the Kansas Council on Workforce Education (KCWE) at the October 5 Workforce Innovation Conference.

Steve Loewen was recognized and received the KCWE Leadership award for 2021 for "Exemplary Service." This award recognizes a KCWE Board Member or officer who has provided exemplary service to the organization.

Dr. Hollenbeck was recognized for his "Leadership in the Field." The award recognizes any KCWE

member who has developed model programs, provided leadership, conducted research, or been involved in any other activity that advances the status and visibility of career and technical education within Kansas or beyond.



Steve Loewen, left, and Dean Hollenbeck



FHTC Sees Increased Enrollment from 2020

Flint Hills Technical College's full-time equivalent enrollment was 596 for the 2021 fall semester according to the 20th-day report released by the Kansas Board of Regents, an increase of 1.8% from 2020. FHTC's overall headcount was 1,365, an 11.7% increase from 1,222 at the same time last year.

The full KBOR news release can be found at <https://www.kansasregents.org/about/news-releases/2021-news-releases/815-board-of-regents-announces-2021-fall-semester-enrollment>



High School Visit Days in November

FHTC will be opening its doors to high school students for an in person Wrangler Rally this year. This annual event is an opportunity for students to learn more about what makes FHTC unique. Rally dates will be offered for each of the four divisions. High school students will be on campus from 9-2 p.m. on these dates.

November 2	Information Technology
November 10	Health
November 17	Industry Technology
November 18	Arts



Chef, Author James Oseland Visits Campus

Highly acclaimed chef and author James Oseland visited Emporia in September. During his visit, Hospitality/Culinary Arts students were able to meet and learn from him during an interactive cooking class held on campus.



Oseland also conducted a community cooking class and hosted a dinner a Gufler Mansion during his stay. Proceeds from those events went to scholarships for the Hospitality/Culinary Arts program and CrossWinds Counseling & Wellness.



Upcoming Campus Events and Meetings

October

- 13 Student Services Committee Meeting, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Conference Room A
- 14 NSG CSO Meeting, 2:30 p.m., Conference Room B-C
HHS Faculty Meeting, 11:30 – 12:30, RTEC
- 18 President's Council, 3:15 p.m., Conference Room C
- 20 NSG Faculty Meeting, 11:30 a.m.; MI08N
- 27 Instructional Leaders Meeting, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m., Steve Loewen's Office
Student Senate Meeting
- 29 Last day to drop a full semester Fall class

November

- 2 Wrangler Rally – Information Technology
- 3 Student Senate Meeting
- 3 Career Consortium, 8:30 a.m., Conference Room A
- 3 Instructional Services Committee Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Conference Room A
- 4 Foundation Scholarship Luncheon, 11:30-12:30 p.m.
Assessment Committee Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Zoom
The Cut Competition and Watch Party, 6-9 p.m.
- 8 Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Conference Room C
- 9 Institutional Effectiveness Committee Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Conference Room A
- 10 Wrangler Rally - Health
Student Services Committee Meeting, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Conference Room A
- 11 Veteran's Day (NO CLASSES/COLLEGE CLOSED)

To see a listing of both campus and community events, visit fhtc.edu/events