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NO CLASSES/COLLEGE CLOSED:
November 11, 2021

THANKSGIVING BREAK/NO CLASSES:
November 22-26, 2021

COLLEGE CLOSED:
November 25-26, 2021

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FHTC selected as Aspen Prize Top 150 Community College

The Aspen Institute has named Flint Hills Technical College one of the 150 institutions eligible to compete for the \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance among America's community colleges. The colleges selected for this honor stand out among more than 1,000 community colleges nationwide as having high and improving levels of student success

as well as equitable outcomes for Black and Hispanic students and those from lower-income backgrounds.

The 150 eligible colleges have been invited to submit data and narratives as the next steps in an intensive data and practice review process, culminating in the announcement of the Prize winner in spring 2023.

Find out more about the Aspen Prize at <http://as.pn/prize>

The Cut 2021 Champion, Drew Bonnet

Flint Hills Technical College's annual culinary competition, The Cut, was a special All-Stars Edition this year. The event, held on November 4, featured the return of Hospitality/Culinary Arts alumni and past winners, Kati Beatty, 2017; Jacob Holmes, 2018; Drew Bonnet, 2019 and Addyson Bachura, 2020. After three rounds of intense kitchen competition and extensive judge deliberations, Drew Bonnet was named the 2021 All-Stars Champion.

Judges for the event were Gus Bays, executive chef/owner at Radius Brewing Company in Emporia, Daryn Bontrager, chef and owner of DoB's in Emporia, and Jodi Heermann, who purchase the opportunity at FHTC's 2021 Gala and Auction. Ron Thomas, KVOE General Manager, emceed of the event that was live streamed to watch party attendees by Multimedia Design students.



The event was produced and filmed by Multimedia Design students. Students involved in the production were Monica Lucena, Gavin Fields, Anna Dye, Gavin Hinrichs, Jacob Zumburum, Brendan Knight and Gavin DeBaun. Additional assistance was provided by Casey Wilson, Multimedia Design instructor.



Practical Nursing Pinning
Friday, December 17 | 4:00 p.m.
 FHTC Trusler Foundation Conference Center
 3301 W. 18th Ave.



Winter Commencement
Friday, December 17 | 6:00 p.m.
 Humanitarian Center Auditorium
 215 W. 6th Ave.



Open House at Garnett Automotive Training Center

The Flint Hills Technical College Automotive Technology program in Garnett, Kansas hosted an open house on October 9 at the Automotive Training Center. Visitors were able to tour the classrooms and lab dedicated to training high school students in the automotive repair industry and speak with instructors Bret Pope and Larry Thompson.

The Garnett Automotive Training Center opened in fall 2019 and is a

partnership between FHTC and the Anderson County school district. The goal of the collaboration is to provide technical education opportunities to area high school students. Enrollment in the Automotive Technology program has steadily grown in the past few years, and fall 2021 saw nearly 40 students taking classes at the Garnett campus.



Campus Visit & Tour

On October 20, President Daugherty showcased some of FHTC's technical education programming to John Mugler, District Director for the 2nd Congressional District, during a tour of campus. Tour stops included Dental Assisting, Industrial Engineering, Computerized Machine Tool and Automotive Technology labs as well as the new Hospitality/Culinary Arts demonstration kitchen.



Wranglers Engaging with their Community

On October 29, FHTC's Hispanic American Leadership Organization (HALO) student group, hosted Fright Night Treat or Treat in the Trusler Foundation Conference Room. The event was open to the community and included games and Halloween activities.

The following day, HALO and the Fusion Food Truck participated at the Dia de los Muertos celebration in downtown Emporia.





Scholarship Luncheon

On November 4, FHTC scholarship donors and students came together for lunch to honor scholarship donors and celebrate student recipients. This was an opportunity for supporters to hear how scholarships impact students and for students to connect with donors.

In deference to Covid guidelines, the event was held outdoors as a tented event.



WR RALLY

High School Visit Days in November

This year's Wrangler Rally kicked off with session one on November 2. Area high school students visited campus and participated in hands on activities in Division of Information Technology programs; Network Technology, Computer Program Design and Business Technology. Visit days for the remainder of divisions will continue through the month.

- November 10 Health
- November 17 Industry Technology
- November 18 Arts

Assessment Corner with Gilligan and Carmichael

▶ *I have been asked to complete a follow-up questionnaire. Why?*

In the October issue of the Wrangler Newsletter, the Student Satisfaction Inventory was highlighted as a way to provide FHTC with valuable feedback on core areas of your educational experience. If you are a returning student, you may have been asked to complete a "Follow-up Questionnaire" which is much different from the satisfaction survey. Although there are some similar questions, the follow-up survey is a collection of information that FHTC must collect for the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR). KBOR sends a list of students who have taken more than 12 credits in a program or have earned a short term certificate, technical certificate, or associates degree. FHTC must then attempt to contact each of these students and have them complete the survey.

Once the surveys are collected, the data is provided to KBOR and is then included on several reports about FHTC students. These reports

help prospective students, parents, and partnership schools have a better understanding of the value of the education provided at FHTC. Both of the Student Satisfaction Inventory and the Follow-up Questionnaire help faculty and staff with understanding what the institution is doing well, but also how the institution can improve student learning.

Please check your email to see if you were selected by KBOR and take a few minutes out of your day to complete the Follow-Up Questionnaire. Total estimated time for this form is less than two minutes. If you have questions or need assistance with the form contact Brenda Carmichael at 620-341-1338 or bcarmichael@fhct.edu

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Follow-Up Questionnaire

This survey is kept strictly confidential and used for federal and state reporting purposes only. Thank you for your cooperation. This survey will take approximately 2 minutes.

Upcoming Campus Events and Meetings

November

- 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)**
- 15 President's Council, 3:15 p.m., Conference Room C
- 17 Student Senate Meeting
Wrangler Rally – Industry Technology
NSG Faculty Meeting, 11:30 a.m.; M108N
- 18 HHS Faculty Meeting, 11:30 – 12:30, RTEC
Wrangler Rally – Arts
- 19 Last day to drop a 2nd quarter class
- 22-26 **Thanksgiving Break (NO CLASSES)**
- 25-26 **Thanksgiving Break (COLLEGE CLOSED)**

December

- 1 Career Consortium, 8:30 a.m., Conference Room A
Instructional Services Committee Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Conference Rooms A-B-C
Student Senate Meeting
- 2 Assessment Committee Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Conference Room A
- 8 Student Services Committee Meeting, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Conference Room A
- 9 NSG CSO Meeting, 2:30 p.m., Conference Room B-C
HHS Division Faculty 11:30, RTEC

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