

# FLINT HILLS TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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## Spring Ceremonies

**Sunday, May 15**

WLW Auditorium, 111 East 6th Ave.

**Dental Hygiene Pinning  
1 p.m.**

**Spring Commencement  
3 p.m.**

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## Student Honors Recognition



FHTC students were recognized for their academic achievements at a honors reception on May 3. 100 students earned the distinction of graduating with honors and highest honors and were presented honors cords which they'll be wearing at the Spring Commencement Ceremony.



## Connecting Students to Potential Employers

FHTC held multiple events on April 20 that gave students the opportunity to connect with potential employers.

The Annual Career Fair was held on the main campus with over 50 employers in attendance. Students from all programs participated and were able to network with employers and discover opportunities available both locally and regionally.

Additional opportunities for employees and students to connect were held in the afternoon. Welding Technology held a reverse career fair at the W.S. and E.C Jones Trust

Welding Technology Center where visiting employers were able to see their welding ability first-hand. Industrial Engineering Technology invited employers to their lab for their Annual Student Showcase where students demonstrated their skills.







## Kilgore Wins Contest

Dental Hygiene student Sydney Kilgore was chosen as one of three winners of a nationwide contest in April by the ADHA and Heartland Dental. Her photo submission won her a trip to ADHA 22, a networking and educational event in Louisville, KY. Sydney is a first year student and looks forward to educating her patients on how they can assist in their health by maintaining a healthy mouth. She is a student member of FHTC Student ADHA Chapter and will be completing her dental hygiene degree in May of 2023.



## Hygiene Students Attend KDHA Event

The Kansas Dental Hygiene Association invited dental hygiene students from all over Kansas to attend their Spring 2022 continuing education meeting. Several FHTC students attended and were able to enjoy a interactive educational experience.



## Automotive Students at Heartland Park

It was a day at the race track on April 16 as Automotive Technology students, along with instructor Robert Sieberns, met at Heartland Motorsports Park in Topeka for a Test and Tune. Students learned about drag racing in a controlled environment, reading the Christmas tree and how fast their cars were.



Those who brought vehicles to run:

- Mr. Robert Sieberns, Instructor, white 78 Dodge Magnum R/T
- Jose Gonzalez, silver 03 Nissan 350Z
- Keegan Hinrichs, red 07 Volvo S60 R
- Austin Moore, green 97 Chevrolet C1500
- Trevor King, grey 02 Mustang GT
- Trace Dannels, cream 72 Chevrolet C10
- Carl Merrifield, dark blue 07 Mustang

Students present but not driving were: Noah Harrell, Jacob Griffith, Ross Welsh, Lillian Castillo, Brett Malcolm, Grady Tiffany, Chris McDonnell and Jalen Dagosta.

## Dhority Receives Award

Kim Dhority, FHTC Dean of Instructional Services, received the National Business Education Association (NBEA) Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Contribution to Business Education by an Administrator of Business Education. Kim received the recognition at the NBEA 2022 Convention held in Chicago in April.







## Inspiring Wranglers at FHTC's Annual Benefit Gala

It was an amazing night for Inspiring Wranglers at the Flint Hills Technical College Foundation 20th Annual Benefit Gala and Auction on April 22. A record-shattering \$160,000 was the fundraising total to benefit students and educational opportunities at FHTC.

Attendees of the sold-out event of nearly 500 people enjoyed a dinner catered by FHTC Hospitality/Culinary Arts and silent and live auctions. FHTC's 2022 Distinguished Alumni award was also announced, this year's honoree was Joey LeMay, Senior Director of Operations at Simmons Foods in Emporia.

Save the date for next year's Annual Benefit Gala and Auction – April 21, 2023.



*Presentation of Distinguished Alumni Award to LeMay from FHTC President, Dr. Caron Daugherty. Photo credit: Erik Shaw, FHTC Graphic Arts student.*

## Joey LeMay FHTC's 2022 Distinguished Alumni

Joey LeMay graduated from Flint Hills Technical College in 1996 from the Industrial Engineering Technology program. He worked at IBP/Tyson for five years while attending college. LeMay held several positions at Tyson, beginning as a Master Electrician then as a Maintenance Supervisor, supervising 22 employees for three years. During those three years as supervisor, he attended many leadership classes and courses, building his leadership skills.

In 1999, LeMay began his career at Simmons Pet Food as a Programmer/Electrician, then as Maintenance Lead, Electrical Lead and later as the role of Corp. Controls Manager, which managed all electrical and controls projects for four plants. He then served as Project Manager,

responsible for building a new 208,000 square foot production facility in Emporia. After the project was completed, he took the role of Senior Engineering Manager and oversaw all capital projects for eleven facilities with a total capital investment of projects ranging between \$50 and \$75 million a year. LeMay's current role at Simmons is Senior Director of Operations of Emporia Main.

LeMay is also active on many boards in the community including as a member of the FHTC Industrial Engineering Technology Program Advisory Committee, also serving as past president of the committee. He is on the Emporia Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and involved in the Emporia Manufacturing Committee.





## Student Success Center Summer Hours

The Reebie Student Success Center will have summer hours in place beginning Monday, May 16 until the end of July. The Center will be open Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. For inquiries after hours, leave a message or email [askus@fhct.edu](mailto:askus@fhct.edu).

## Notice of School Accreditation

The Flint Hills Technical College Dental Assistant Program, 3301 W 18th Ave Emporia, Kansas is currently accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation. Representatives of the accrediting agency will visit the school on September 8 & 9, 2022, to evaluate for re-accreditation. All comments must pertain only to the Commission's standards and must be received in the Commission office at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611 no later than 60 days prior to the site visit. All members of the public may obtain a copy of the appropriate accreditation standards and/or the Commission's policy on third party comments by contacting the Commission at the above address, or by calling 1/800-621-8099, extension 4653.



## End of the Year Bash | Vamos a Celebrar

FHTC Student Senate and HALO groups sponsored the End of the Year Bash/Vamos a Celebrar on May 5. Students enjoyed lunch, snacks and a variety of games to celebrate the end of the year.



## Upcoming Campus Events and Meetings

### May

- 10 Institutional Effectiveness Committee Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Conference Room A
- 11 Student Services Committee Meeting, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Conference Room A
- 12 NSG CSO Meeting, 2:30 p.m., Conference Room B - C  
HHS Faculty Meeting, 11:30 – 12:30, RTEC
- 13 Last day of Spring semester, Graduation practice, 8:30 a.m. WLW Auditorium
- 15 Dental Hygiene Pinning Ceremony, 1 p.m. WLW Auditorium  
Spring Commencement, 3 p.m., WLW Auditorium
- 16 Instructional Leaders Meeting, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Conference Room A
- 18 NSG Faculty Meeting, 11:30 a.m.; MI08N
- 30 **Memorial Day (NO CLASSES/COLLEGE CLOSED)**
- 31 Summer Semester begins

### June

- 13 Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Conference Room C
- 15 Assessment Day – Staff, 8:00a.m. – 4:00p.m. Conference Area
- 21 Foundation Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Conf. Room C
- 30 Practical Nursing Pinning, 4:00 p.m.; Conference Center

### July

- 4 Independence Day Observed (NO CLASSES/COLLEGE CLOSED)
- 11 Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Conference Room C

To see a listing of both campus and community events, visit [fhct.edu/events](http://fhct.edu/events)