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FHSU Department of Economics, Finance, and Accounting announces Student of the Year Award recipients

By FHSU University Communications

FHSU's Department of Economics, Finance, and Accounting recently announced its Student of the Year Awards for the 2024-2025 academic year for each major in the department: accounting, finance, and international business and economics.

Students graduating in the 2024-2025 academic year were eligible to receive this award, with the faculty from each discipline selecting the award recipients.

The 2024-2025 Accounting Student of the Year Award recipient is Megan Jones, Olathe. Megan will graduate with her

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New FHSU DNP graduate focuses on rural Kansas healthcare



USD489 opens District Copier Lease Agreement bidding to local vendors

By Gaille Pike

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Over the next few days, the District plans to place a Request for Proposal (RFP) on the platform public purchase in order to allow any interested local vendor to bid on a five-year Copier Lease Agreement.

"The RFP will require equivalent equipment and management software [to the Summer One bid recommended to the Board of Education (BOE) on May 12, 2025.] Any vendor interested should get registered with Public Purchase if they are not already utilizing that platform. Information and instructions on how to get registered can be found on our website under State Bid/Open Bid Process. Once posted, the RFP will include instructions for submitting questions," USD489

Assistant Superintendent Chris Zampieri-Lillpop was absent. Hipp said.

Visit https://www.usd489.com/ page/state-bid-open-bid-process for more information.

During the May 12, 2025 BOE Meeting, following a ten minute discussion with Hipp, a motion failed (3-3) to approve the Administration's recommendation to approve a \$63,049/per year, five year Copier Lease Agreement Renew with Sumner One for print management, copy machines, supcopier equipment, with the service provided under the Kansas Board of Regents Contract #17010701. BOE Vice President Jayme Goetz and fellow BOE Members Ken Brooks and Ruth Ruder voted in favor of the Summer One lease renewal. BOE President Curt Vajnar and fellow BOE Members Allen Park and Derek Park opposed the motion. BOE Member Meaghan

Hipp, who presented the Summer One renewal for BOE consideration, explained during the discussion that the Summer One proposal did go through a statewide bidding process through the Kansas State Board of Regents Cooperative.

"I am recommending that we do not go through the process of writing an entire RFP for a couple of different reasons. The first one is that the bid requirements have been met. The second one is, if port and maintenance for District we were to write the bid requirements, we're going to write them to include Papercut, to include all of the software and services that are part of it, and then that's going to limit it to where Summer One is committed anyway. We're getting their [Summer One's] best price through the K-Board [Kansas Board of Regents]. That would be

Hoisington Native and FHSU DNP graduate Madison Hanzlick. FHSU UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

By FHSU University Communications

Madison Hanzlick has known for many years that she wanted to go into nursing, and this weekend she will see the culmination of her years of hard work and determination pay off when she receives her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree from Fort Hays State University during the FHSU spring commencement event.

Originally from Hoisington, Madison graduated from high school, moved to Hays, and began to pursue her dream of becoming a nurse in 2017. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) in 2020, applied, was accepted, and began her doctorate program in June 2021. Along with

has completed the requisite programs, clinical hours, and passed exams for certifications, including Registered Nurse (RN) and Family Nurse Practitioner-Certified (FNP-C).

her degrees, Madison

"I've always had a caring personality, and healthcare fit with who I was," Madison said. "When I was little, I thought I might want to be a pediatrician, but the path to nursing made more sense for me."

After graduation, Madison is looking forward to working for Heart of Kansas Family Health, a federally qualified health center. They are in the process of opening a new satellite campus in St. John, where she plans to work, which is not too

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Water violations more than quadruple since 2020

By Gaille Pike

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Water violation numbers are on the rise, a dramatic increase over the last five years, in large part due to an addition to the Hays Department's Police year-round responsibilities to enforce City ordinances aimed at conservation. water According to Hays Police Lieutenant Brandon Wright, water enforcement is one of the Community Service Officers priorities.

"In December 2021, we initiated our Community Service Officer program when we hired three parttime staff members for that position. We

also transitioned our two full-time Animal Control Officers to Community Service Officers around that time. They still handle ACO calls and services, but we expanded their duties to include things like water and parking ordinance enforcement and working private property accidents, among other things. The rise in water violation numbers is going to be directly related the fact that we now often have two CSOs on duty and water enforcement is one of their primary job duties," Wright said.

The HPD reports 39 water violations occurred in 2020, 41 in 2021, 93 in 2022, 159 in 2023, and 165 in 2024.

During the City's May 13, 2025, Press Briefing, Wright shared that the HPD and full-time and part-time CSOs will be enforcing the Summer 2025 water restrictions (prohibiting outdoor water use between noon and 7 p.m.) beginning June 1 and continuing through September 30, 2025.

"You'll see them in town [the Community Service Officers] wearing great polo shirts with City logos and they drive a variety of vehicles, also marked with City logos. They are not police officers, but they have the authority to issue violations," Wright said.

According to Lieutenant Wright, the most common violation is water wasting, such as water draining from private onto public property in a discernable flow. He noted this often due to sprinklers not spraying water in the

road instead of where they should or from oversaturation of a lawn or garden that leads to water running down a street. Lieutenant Wright reminded residents that they are responsible making sure even inadvertent water waste due to windy conditions does not happen.

"The first violation that is issued in a 24-month period to someone is a warning. It's an educational opportunity for us to let you know that you've got a problem you need to resolve," Lieutenant Wright said.

A \$50 fine accompanies a second violation issued in 24 months to the same individual. A third violation in 24 months results in a \$200 fine while fourth and

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