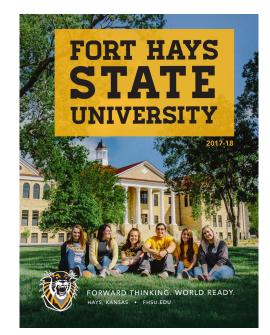
**Promoting Belonging and Engagement in Online Learning** The Tiger-2-Tiger Success Story





## **About Fort Hays State University**

- Public university located in Hays, Kansas.
- Dedicated to innovation, supplying students with support and leading with pride.
- "Forward Thinking. World Ready."
- 5 Colleges with more than 60 undergraduate majors and 20 graduate majors
- More than 200 Online Degree and Certificate Programs
- Students On-Campus: 4190
- Students Online: 6768







### Student Feedback Spring '20 Post-Transition Survey

85%

of all students

Agree that their **instructors seemed understanding about any unusual circumstances** the transition had created for them. **60%** 

84%

of on-campus students

of online students

Agree or strongly agree that **most of their courses remained consistent** throughout the semester.





### Student Feedback Spring '20 Post-Transition Survey

Q11: "The changes required by the COVID-19 response in March were unexpected and affected everyone differently. This may have changed your working environment, your access to technology, and or resources. Please tell us **how those changes influenced your course experiences?**"





# How is FHSU using virtual communities?





### **Student Engagement & Connection**

### The Spaces In Between







## How to Build a Community

Objectives

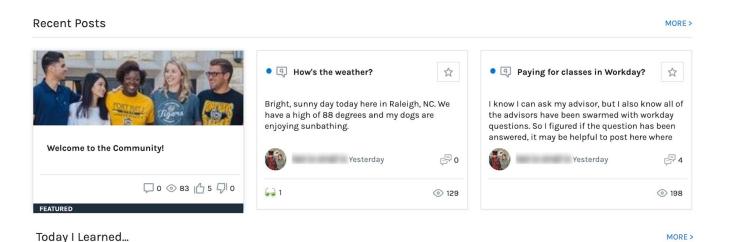
- Create a transparent, intuitive social learning environment in which all FHSU students (online and face-to-face) can contribute, interact, and share ideas.
- Encourage students to discover and share relevant content, exchange ideas, and, ultimately, teach and learn from one another in the social learning community.





### FHSU Tiger-2-Tiger Virtual Community

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Q Find an answer or resource	Browse by topic	Start a Conversation	
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Welcome! Tiger-2-Tiger is a virtual space by students, for students, where you can connect with classmates, share ideas, swap stories, and find help.

- TOPICS
- POPULAR Hello from Home Courses & Coursework Apps, Websites, & Technology Tools Homework Help Inspiration

### SEE ALL

Customize your experience by following topics!

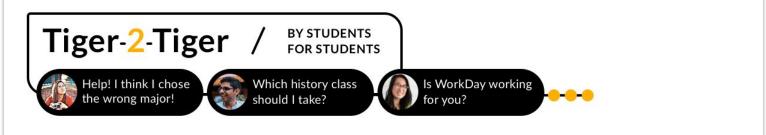




## **Growing the Community**

### Join the Tiger-2-Tiger Community – by students, for students!

You've been invited to join Tiger-2-Tiger, a virtual space by students, for students, where you can connect with classmates, share ideas, swap stories, and find help. Join in the conversation today!



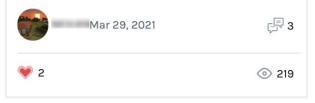




## FHSU Tiger-2-Tiger Virtual Community

 Information about new class on
 Electronic Gaming and Minecraft

Wanted to share information on a new class for Fall 2021 that includes both academic study and game play in Minecraft.





Does anyone else suck at Algebra? I know I do, it is one of those classes I wished I lived closer to Hays so I could take it in person.

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Zoom Classes

Hello!! I was curious if anyone else is struggling through zoom university? I am having a hard time doing zoom classes throughout all of this and wanted to know if anyone has the same



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## Interview Data Findings

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Our online students have to seek out ways to connect with the FHSU community. 03

Online students recognize that online education is different than on campus teaching.

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Online discussion boards are mostly seen as a checklist task rather than a way to collaborate with peers.



Our online students desire more ways to meaningfully connect with their peers and instructors.

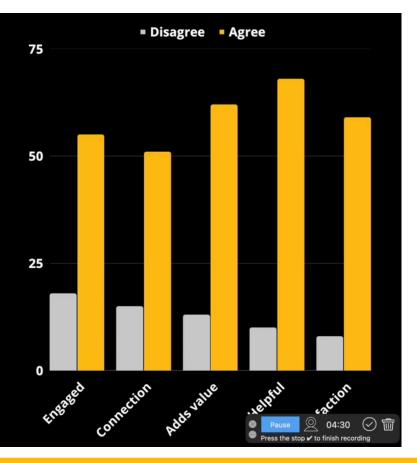




Results

### • T2T-specific questions

- 52% of survey participants use T2T
- 61% online FHSU students
- 25% on campus FHSU students
- I feel engaged by T2T
- T2T makes me feel more connected to my peers
- T2T adds value to my FHSU experience
- T2T provide useful FHSU information
- I am satisfied with my T2T experience







### Thank you to our guest.



### **Dr. Andrew Feldstein**

Assistant Provost for Teaching Innovation and Learning Technologies

Fort Hays State University





## **OLC Sessions on Community + Belonging**



### LIVE SESSION

How can AI Foster Student Connection and Belonging in Education?

Fri. April 12 @ 11:15 AM Aurora Ballroom Corridor Position 9

### Featuring:

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- Dr. Tawnya Means, Asst Dean, Educ Innovation & CLO at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Dr. Omid Fotuhi, Director of Learning Innovation at Western Governors University
- Katy Kappler, Co-founder and CEO of InScribe

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#### LIVE SESSION

Empowering Faculty and Building a Support Ecosystem through Digital Communities

Fri. April 12th @ 1:30 PM Aurora Ballroom Corridor Position 4

### Featuring:

- David Des Armier Jr., Instructional Designer at The University of Tennessee-Knoxville
- Katy Kappler, Co-Founder and CEO of InScribe



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