

# Fort Hays to hold graduation Saturday

HAYS - A record number of graduates - nearly 2,400 - will gather on Saturday morning, for Fort Hays State University's annual Commencement.

The total includes associate, bachelor and graduate-level degrees, which will go to students who completed requirements in summer and fall 2008 and spring 2009. That compares to 2,041 graduates last year. The jump in the number of graduates reflects the university's enrollment growth from 5,506 in fall 2000 to 10,308 in fall 2008.

The 10 a.m. ceremony is in Gross Memorial Coliseum on the Hays campus. No tickets are required. Because of limited seating, the university is offering other options for viewing commencement.

The ceremony will be broadcast live to Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center in Sheridan Hall. It also will be broadcast live by

the Fort Hays student TV station, KFHS, cable channel 67 in Hays, and to other communities in western and north central Kansas on the Nex-Tech cable system.

In addition, the university will make Commencement available both live and for delayed viewing over the Internet so that family and friends can watch the ceremony from distant locations. Those wishing to view the ceremony on a computer should download Windows Media Player prior to May 12. For a high-quality broadcast, use Windows 2002, Windows XP or Mac OS X v. 10.3.9 or later. The address for the online broadcast is [www.fhsu.edu](http://www.fhsu.edu).

A recording of the event is available for \$15 for a DVD to Fort Hays State University, Attn: Eva Gould, 600 Park St., Hays, KS. 67601.

For questions, call (785) 628-5964.

# University graduates to include 10 from area

Ten students from Colby and surrounding towns are among about 8,000 who make up the University of Kansas's Class of 2009, including 2,500 who completed degree work in summer and fall 2008. About 4,000 members of the Class of 2009 are expected to participate on Sunday, May 17. Commencement information and an up-to-date schedule of events are available online at [www.com-mencement.ku.edu](http://www.com-mencement.ku.edu).

Area students who are candidates for graduation are listed below.

Cole R. Spresser; Doctor of Medicine; Atwood.

Bradley John Eland, son of Ken and Peggy Eland; Bachelor of Science in Business/Marketing; Hoxie High School.

Daniel Walter Meyer, son of Michael and Denise Meyer; Psychology; Bachelor of Arts/Psychology; Hoxie High School.

Andrew William Pope; Doctor of Medicine; Hoxie High School.

Carey W. Scott, son of Becky Gilliland and Mike Scott; Bachelor of Arts/Linguistics; Hoxie High School.

Ashley Jo Hallagin, daughter of Rollie and Jean Hallagin; Doctor of Pharmacy; Goodland High School.

Adam Randall Smith, son of Randy and Linda Smith; Master of Science/Computer Engineering; Colby High School.

Clarissa Marie Unger, daughter of Jeffrey and Marilyn Unger; Co-Major: International Studies and Bachelor of Arts/Political Science; Colby High School.

Nichole Susanne Moss, daughter of Daniel and Annette Spresser; Bachelor of Science in Business/Accounting; Golden Plains High School, Rexford.

Kristin Irene Wark, daughter of Vicki Allison; Bachelor of Arts/English, Bachelor of Science in Journalism; Golden Plains High School, Rexford.

## On the Beat

### COLBY POLICE

**Wednesday**  
2:19 a.m. - Loud party west of 134 Hill St. Told keep it down.

4:42 a.m. - Window broken out on vehicle on Third St. and Lake.

11:40 a.m. - Magazine salesman reported going door to door. Provided information.

12:24 p.m. - Lost cell phone.

12:29 p.m. - Dogs at large at 360 S. Chick.

1:26 p.m. - Juvenile check.

2:34 p.m. - Driving while suspended reported. Vehicle parked no one around it.

5:04 p.m. - Elderly male walking in roadway on Range.

6:53 p.m. - Three-car accident at Villa High on Range.

7:35 p.m. - Civil stand-by.

7:45 p.m. - Neighbor reported getting packages from different countries.

11:05 p.m. - Stray cat in a box. Cat taken to a different neighborhood.

**Thursday**

1:04 a.m. - Suspicious vehicle pulled behind tree between buildings at the college. Located and spoke with subject.

1:20 a.m. - Loud party. Everything okay, people outside talking.

2:15 a.m. - Vehicle hit a deer on westbound I-70. Turned over to Kansas Highway Patrol.

9 a.m. - Arrest made on warrant by Ford County Sheriff's Office.

9:20 a.m. - Escort.

9:54 a.m. - Stand-by for a court procedure at Thomas County Courthouse.

10:04 a.m. - Caller hit pole last night in Wal-Mart parking lot.

11:18 a.m. - Wal-Mart reported transients panhandling in parking lot. Sent on their way.

3:06 p.m. - Assisted motorist on Franklin and Pine.

4:35 p.m. - Assisted motorist on S. Country Club Dr.

8:19 p.m. - Male subject sleeping behind house.

10:38 p.m. - Hit and run accident on W. Willow.

### THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

**Saturday, May 2**

11:47 a.m. - Arrested Miles Justin Ackerman on warrant.

1:47 p.m. - Caller reported juveniles riding motorcycles onto his property.

8:52 p.m. - 911 caller found a

truck stripped and abandoned at County Rd. 34, Rexford.

**Sunday, May 3**

8:21 a.m. - Assisted ambulance at County Rd. 15.

1:47 p.m. - Vehicle on side of road on Country Club Dr south of I-70 overpass. Stuck in mud, assistance on the way.

3:02 p.m. - Car was hit around County Rd. 17 and R.

**Last Monday**

1:32 a.m. - Caller reported subject won't let her into trailer on First Street Annex. Civil matter.

11:38 a.m. - Arrested Taylor Linn Brown on warrant.

1:55 p.m. - Assisted stalled vehicle in the 400 block of U.S. 83; vehicle overheated.

**Tuesday**

3:37 a.m. - 911 open line.

8:39 a.m. - Lost cell phone on Cottonwood Dr.

10:29 a.m. - Traffic stop I-70 led to charges of possession with intent to sell.

11:36 a.m. - Criminal damage to property reported by Rexford.

11:59 a.m. - Assisted police at Eighth and Brookside.

9:36 p.m. - Assisted Sherman County Sheriff's Office with a runaway suspect on I-70 at mile marker 48.

**Wednesday**

12:45 p.m. - 911 report of vehicle on fire at I-70 eastbound at mile marker 42. Assisted Kansas Highway Patrol.

3:20 p.m. - Theft of tire.

10:31 p.m. - Kansas Highway Patrol advised of erratic driver on I-70 at mile marker 53 eastbound.

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