

Tiger Pride



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2026 USD 234 Honor Flight

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT CLASS OF 2013

Where are you currently residing?

Pensacola, Florida, USA

What is your current job title/role at this phase in life?

F-15 Weapon Systems Office

Did you continue schooling past high school graduation? If so, please elaborate.

I received two associates degrees from the Community College of the Air Force in aviation operations and meteorology. I received my bachelors of applied science in psychology from Waldorf University

Are there any personal achievements that you have accomplished?

I've traveled to 58 countries and 5 continents and have deployed 4 times. I was able to spend a school year as a part-time teacher's aide and substitute teacher at Pleasant Grove Elementary.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

Retired from the Air Force, married with kids, with my own little boat or prop plane, working a job that's easy and pleasant.

Did any classes or teachers have an impact on your career/life path?

Mr. Leaming taught me about discipline and accountability .

Is there any advice or positive words you would like give to current students or those close to graduating?

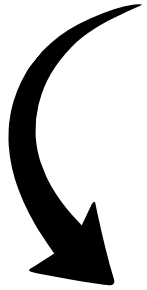
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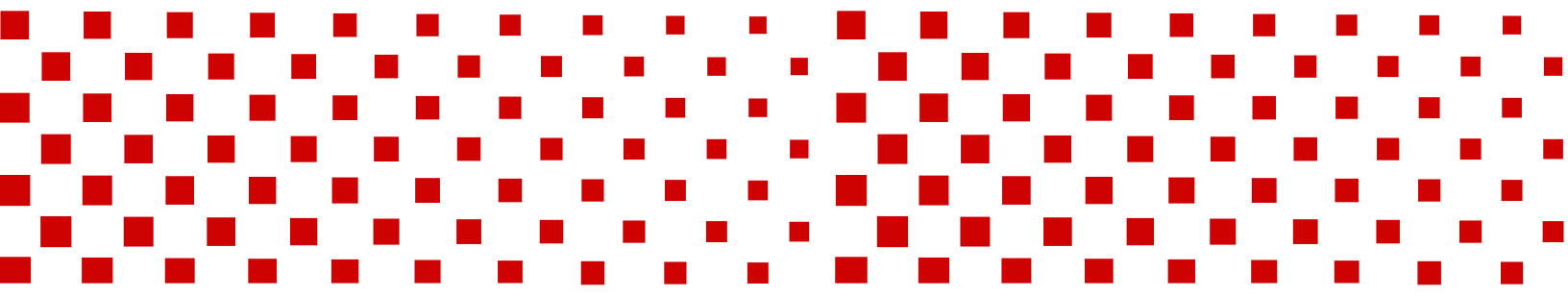
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School Enrollment



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Welcome to the **Tiger Den**

Jennifer Ellis • Middle School Science Teacher

What makes you excited about being a Tiger?

I am excited to become a Tiger because it gives me the opportunity to begin a new chapter in my career while continuing to do what I love—helping students learn and grow. After spending my career in elementary education, I am thrilled to work with middle school students and share my enthusiasm for science. I look forward to getting to know my students and becoming an active part of the Tiger family!

Background:

John and I have been happily married for 32 years. Our son, Trent, lives in Springfield, Missouri, where he works as a Supply Chain Analyst for 3M. At home, we're kept entertained by our two lovable dachshunds, Sadie and Trixie. I began my teaching career in August 1995 as a first-grade teacher with the Nevada R-5 School District, proudly serving my hometown community for my entire career. After dedicating nearly three decades to Nevada R-5, I retired three years ago. After retiring, I embraced a new opportunity in Pittsburg, Kansas, where I served as an instructional coach in a K-5 building.

What inspired you to pursue your current career path?

Education has always been my passion. Throughout my career, I've had the opportunity to serve as a first-grade teacher, a Title Reading teacher, and an instructional coach. While my experience has been primarily in elementary education, I am thrilled to begin this new adventure in middle school. I look forward to inspiring 7th-grade students to explore, question, and discover the excitement of science while building meaningful relationships along the way.

What's one thing you're passionate about outside of work?

My Christian faith is an important part of my life. I enjoy spending time with family and friends and making the most of life's simple blessings.

What is the best piece of advice you have been given?

"Be the teacher you needed when you were a student." This reminder has guided me to create a classroom where every student feels welcomed, respected, and encouraged to do their best.

What's one dream you've yet to achieve, but would like to?

John and I have a goal of visiting all of the Major League Baseball stadiums. We have spent many vacations attending baseball games following our favorite team, the Kansas City Royals. We hope to one day check every stadium off our list!



Welcome to the **Tiger Den**

Lucretia Ruggero • High School SPED Teacher

What makes you excited about being a Tiger?

Passing on a legacy of excellence and investing in the next generation the way teachers inspired me when I graduated from FSHS in the late 1900's. Building relationships and seeing the difference made by our school district makes me excited to be a Tiger.

Background:

My husband, Frank, is who encouraged me to move home to Fort Scott and finish my teaching degree. Our son Jaxson is currently in Basic Training, having graduated high school this past May. This is my 7th school year with the district and while my role has changed, my why has not and I look forward to this school year. My previous corporate experiences from finance, insurance, and quality assurance gives me a unique perspective of expectations in the workforce and how what we learn in the classroom applies to future situations.

What inspired you to pursue your current career path?

Teaching was an original career path but I was sidetracked by the promise of a paycheck, which is what everyone told me the point of school was- to earn more money. Following my heart and enrolling in school was intimidating but the wonderful support system, encouragement of coworkers, past educators, and my family continue to inspire me.

What's one thing you're passionate about outside of work?

Volunteering- time is a non-renewable resource and how you spend it matters. People and relationships are what truly matter, invest in your community.

What is the best piece of advice you have been given?

Define your vision- of yourself, your classroom, and who you want to be. If you don't know where you are going, wandering without direction can lead to places you weren't meant to travel.

What's one dream you've yet to achieve, but would like to?

Graduating with my Doctorate is one of my personal long term goals.



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Dani Cummings • High School Business Teacher

What makes you excited about being a Tiger?

I am excited about the opportunity to teach in Fort Scott and being part of a larger school community again. I love helping provide a wide variety of opportunities for all students. I enjoy the energy and school spirit that come with a larger athletic atmosphere, as well as the chance to work with a diverse group of students who bring different strengths and perspectives. Fort Scott also feels like home because it is my husband's hometown, and I am excited to become part of a community that already means so much to our family. I look forward to building relationships with students, families, and colleagues while helping every student find opportunities to learn, grow, and succeed.

Background:

My husband, Dane, and I have three kids: Remi (5), Renli (2), and CJ (1 month). We live in Girard, KS and enjoy raising cattle, riding horses, or anything outdoors. This is my 11th year teaching, with previous stops at Chanute and St. Paul. During my time at Chanute I taught High School Math and Business. While I was at St. Paul I was the Athletic Director, PreK-12 Dean of Students, and taught a few business classes.

What inspired you to pursue your current career path?

My mom and dad are both in education. My mom was a Business teacher for 20+ years in Chanute and I was always intrigued with how she got so much out of kids that weren't always the most interested in school. I love that Business classes give students a different outlook on school and can prepare them for immediate success.

What's one thing you're passionate about outside of work?

My family. I love spending time with my kids and watching them grow into the amazing little humans. I love going to sporting events with my husband. Our honeymoon was to go watch Tennessee play Alabama in football. Spending time with those that are important to me are what keep me going.

What is the best piece of advice you have been given?

The best advice I've been given is to never stop learning. Every experience—whether it's a success or a mistake—is an opportunity to grow if you're willing to learn from it.

What's one dream you've yet to achieve, but would like to?

One dream I have yet to achieve is visiting all of the major college football stadiums across the country. I love the atmosphere, traditions, and unique experiences that each campus offers on game day. Traveling to different stadiums and experiencing the passion of college football fans is something I've always wanted to do, and it's a goal I hope to accomplish over the years.



Welcome to the **Tiger Den**

Madison Hughes • Winfield Scott Physical Education Teacher

What makes you excited about being a Tiger?

I'm excited to be a Tiger because I love helping students grow through movement, teamwork, and fun.

Background:

My family is from Chanute, KS and I have worked many jobs. I have been a lifeguard, a bank teller, and also a yoga/pilates instructor!

What inspired you to pursue your current career path?

My love for helping others and fitness!

What's one thing you're passionate about outside of work?

I am passionate about teaching yoga and pilates to others.

What is the best piece of advice you have been given?

That everything happens for a reason and a lot of things are out of your control.

What's one dream you've yet to achieve, but would like to?

To travel outside of the country!



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Caleb Hendricks • Winfield Scott Assistant Principal

What makes you excited about being a Tiger?

Since coming to Fort Scott 4 years ago, my family and I have felt nothing but love and support from the school district and community. In this position I believe I can better serve the people that have supported us, and have a greater impact on the students, staff, and community.

Background:

This will be my 10th year in education. During that time, I have worked as a Paraprofessional, Substitute Teacher, 5th Grade Teacher, and a P.E Teacher at both the Elementary and High School Level. I have also held multiple coaching positions over that time period as well, serving as an Assistant Coach for HS Football and Girl's Basketball, and a Head Coach for HS Football and Golf.

My wife Sarah and I moved to Fort Scott in 2021. She is also an educator, and taught at Eugene Ware for 2 years. In 2024 she stepped away to take care of our son Braxton, who was born with complex medical conditions. In 2025, we added our daughter Lainey to the family. We are so happy and blessed to call Fort Scott our home.

What inspired you to pursue your current career path?

When I first got into education, I didn't intend on pursuing Administration. It wasn't until I got to Winfield Scott and felt a tremendous amount of belief and support from my coworkers that led me down this path. The way that WS poured into me and my family during challenging times showed me that this is where God wanted my family to be, and I wanted to put myself in a position where I could support those who supported us.

What's one thing you're passionate about outside of work?

One of my biggest passions is Football. Whether it coaching, watching, or playing fantasy football, I love every aspect of it in whatever capacity.

What is the best piece of advice you have been given?

It is better to be consistently good, rather than occasionally great.

What's one dream you've yet to achieve, but would like to?

Since I was a kid I have always wanted to be a contestant on the Reality TV Show, Big Brother.



Welcome to the **Tiger Den**

Emily Stephens • Winfield Scott SPED Teacher

What makes you excited about being a Tiger?

Having the chance to return to a district that puts students first.

Background:

I've been in education since 2014, when I started as a teachers aide in Emporia. I continued as a paraprofessional while I finished my undergraduate degree, then went on to enroll in a Masters program that allowed me to teach K-5 Special Education for the next three years. In 2021, I moved to Moran after meeting the farmer who is now my husband, and I worked at Winfield Scott for three years before we welcomed our first son in 2024. That same fall, I began working remotely as an IEP Technician for Fort Scott and will continue to do so in addition to stepping back into the classroom this fall. This past May, we welcomed our second son.

What inspired you to pursue your current career path?

My parents both worked in education in various capacities for most of my life, but it wasn't until I started as a paraprofessional working with students with special needs that I felt like I'd found my passion. I have learned as much from my students as they have from me these past 12 years.

What's one thing you're passionate about outside of work?

Family and the Outdoors. My husband farms, my boys love to be outside, and I love to spend time gardening, hunting, and just generally enjoying all that nature has to offer.

What is the best piece of advice you have been given?

*Not necessarily advice, but a quote I live by:
"Nobody has ever measured, not even poets, how much the heart can hold" - Zelda Fitzgerald*

What's one dream you've yet to achieve, but would like to?

Running a marathon, all 26.2 miles of it.



Welcome to the **Tiger Den**

MaKayla Pickert • Winfield Scott Second Grade Teacher

What makes you excited about being a Tiger?

Fort Scott is where I was born and raised so I am excited to teach in my hometown!

Background:

My husband, Ryan, is also from Fort Scott. We have two daughters, Karsyn (3 yrs) and Riley (3 months). I have taught second grade in Pittsburg for the last five years. This will be my sixth year as a second grade teacher.

What inspired you to pursue your current career path?

I have wanted to be a teacher for as long as I can remember. Sometimes I can't believe I get to do my dream job every day! Investing in the youth of our community and being a small part of shaping their future is a special job and one that I am grateful to be a part of.

What's one thing you're passionate about outside of work?

I'm this stage of life I am most passionate about being a mom outside of work and creating memories with my family.

What is the best piece of advice you have been given?

Nothing ever grows in your comfort zone. It might be scary or challenging to step out but it is worth it.

What's one dream you've yet to achieve, but would like to?

I have a dream to do more traveling to see places I haven't seen yet before and learn new things.



Welcome to the **Tiger Den**

Ashley Keylon • High School Counselor

What makes you excited about being a Tiger?

Im excited to be a Tiger because I've always been a Tiger. I went to school in Fort Scott for my k-12 education. I had a great experience, and Im excited to help others experience something similar. There's a great culture that has been build here, and Im proud to be a part of it!

Background:

I've been married to my wonderful husband, Jared, for 18 years. We have two kids, Gunner (15) and Sadie (9). As a family, we love to spend our days outdoors, exploring. We are also big movie-buffs! Most of my career has been spent in education. For 16 years, I worked for Fort Scott Community College in a variety of positions. Most of my work has been student-centered and in the advising department.

What inspired you to pursue your current career path?

Just after graduating college, I spent some time working as a GED instructor. It really opened my eyes to different experiences people have in life and in school. I found that with the adequate support, anyone could be successful and happy; some just need a little more of boost than others! With my years of experience at FSCC, this transition to FSHS just seemed right!

What's one thing you're passionate about outside of work?

I love to read! Whether its a newspaper article, magazine, true crime novel, or self-help book, it doesnt matter. I enjoy settling in and reading almost anything.

What is the best piece of advice you have been given?

"Wherever you go, take God with you. He will bless your journey, you just have to take him with you."

What's one dream you've yet to achieve, but would like to?

I would love to visit Massachusetts in fall with my husband!



Welcome to the **Tiger Den**

Kimberly Demko • Winfield Scott Speech/Language Pathologist

What makes you excited about being a Tiger?

I am excited to get to know all the students I'll be working with and help them towards being their best selves.

Background:

I have a husband, 2 kids, and a golden retriever named Roxy. I have been a Speech-Language Pathologist for 16 years. I have always worked in hospitals and still do 2 days a week working in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit!

What inspired you to pursue your current career path?

I am ready to challenge my brain in a new way and learn all I can to help students thrive!

What's one thing you're passionate about outside of work?

My family! I love watching my kids do the things they love to do. Whether it be baseball, basketball, dance, or volleyball!

What is the best piece of advice you have been given?

"Be Kind. Always." You never know what someone else is going through.

What's one dream you've yet to achieve, but would like to?

Traveling outside of the United States.



Welcome to the **Tiger Den**

Danea Esslinger • Kansas Renewal Institute SPED Teacher

What makes you excited about being a Tiger?

I am so excited to become a part of USD 234. My background as a para professional and including an educational behavioral unit, I have had the opportunity to collaborate with students who possess a wide range of abilities and needs. These experiences have deepened my understanding of individualized instruction, differentiated learning strategies, and the importance of creating inclusive classroom environments.

Background:

My family have been long time horse show and rodeo enthusiast. I have competed, assisted others, did points for several organizations, secretary, treasurer, worker, and announcer. My children have done horse shows, rodeos, baseball, softball, basketball, football, volleyball, and golf. I have a varied work history and love helping others.

What inspired you to pursue your current career path?

My family has some dyslexic learning disabilities. Dyslexia affects reading and language processing, but it doesn't determine intelligence or potential. Many people with dyslexia develop strong problem-solving, creative, or spatial reasoning skills, and different learning strategies can make a significant difference. I would like to help any and all students with learning disabilities to become more knowledgeable.

What's one thing you're passionate about outside of work?

Everyone has unique strengths and gifts. No one is "stupid" because they learn differently. Each person has the ability to learn, although the path and pace may vary from one individual to another. By recognizing and building on a person's strengths while providing the right support and learning strategies, everyone can grow, develop new skills, and reach their full potential.

What is the best piece of advice you have been given?

My mother always stated "you are never to old to learn new things", and "a family that plays together will stay together."

What's one dream you've yet to achieve, but would like to?

I have dreamed about becoming a Special Education Teacher to help others, and dreams can come true and be achieved!



Welcome to the **Tiger Den**

Katherine Hill

• Winfield Scott SPED Teacher

What makes you excited about being a Tiger?

I'm excited about being a tiger because I graduated a tiger. I'm excited to continue to support the school district that helped me learn and grow from elementary to high school.

Background:

My dad and mom are Kenny and Michelle Hudiburg. I have two siblings, Josh Hudiburg and Dawna Krebs. My dad is a science teacher at the high school, my mom works at Pittsburg State University, my brother is a stocker for 7 u, and my sister will be a sixth grade math teacher at the middle school.

What inspired you to pursue your current career path?

I worked as a paraprofessional for a year and fell in love with the work. I enjoy working with the special education team and the kids.

What's one thing you're passionate about outside of work?

I have started making jewelry mainly necklaces. I write creatively in my free time generally fiction if I have a story to tell.

What is the best piece of advice you have been given?

The best piece of advice I've been given is to always find one good thing about the day and hold onto it.

What's one dream you've yet to achieve, but would like to?

One dream I have yet to achieve is going to Iceland. It's been on my bucket list and is my number one travel destination.



Welcome to the **Tiger Den**

Dawna Krebs • Middle School Math Teacher

What makes you excited about being a Tiger?

I grew up in Fort Scott as a Tiger through school, so I am excited to be a Tiger again this time as a teacher! I love the community and how it feels like a family. I'm also excited to hopefully make a lasting impact.

Background:

My family consists of me, my husband Alex, our son Owen, and 4 furry companions: Wilson, Vada, Walle, and Phantom. I worked as a para at Winfield Scott last year and before that I worked at the Kitchen Collective + Collaborative and at Walt Disney World as a resort concierge.

What inspired you to pursue your current career path?

I grew up in a family of educators and it was always something that I thought I wanted to do. I was encouraged to try other things before teaching and they were fun but I didn't feel like they were my calling. When I started as a para, I knew on my first day that it was time to go back to school and get my teaching degree.

What's one thing you're passionate about outside of work?

One thing I'm passionate about outside of work is baking. I love making any and every kind of sweet treat.

What is the best piece of advice you have been given?

Don't be afraid to try something new, you will never know if you like it if you don't try it.

What's one dream you've yet to achieve, but would like to?

One of my dreams I have yet to achieve is visiting each Disney park around the world. So far I have achieved Disney World and Disneyland.



Welcome to the **Tiger Den**

Jared Martin • High School Athletic Director

What makes you excited about being a Tiger?

My roots run deep in Fort Scott, and every day I have the opportunity to work with a team that truly embodies Tiger Pride.

Background:

My wife of 26 years, Alesha, and I are both proud Tigers, and we have been blessed to raise our three children, Madelyn, Emma, and Cedrik, in this community as Tigers as well. Today, we are proud grandparents to four amazing grandchildren, and our family will soon grow again as Emma prepares to be married.

I began my career as a private strength coach and quickly realized I was teaching, just outside of a traditional classroom. That experience sparked a passion to provide every student in Fort Scott with high quality opportunities for athletic development. I decided to earn my teaching degree and begin a career in education.

The journey has not been a straight line, but every step has prepared me for where I am today. I started at Fort Scott High School as a paraprofessional before moving to Pleasanton to teach Special Education. I then returned to Fort Scott Middle School as a Physical Education teacher before moving back to Fort Scott High School as a Physical Education teacher and Strength Coach. I spent one year as the Assistant Principal at Jayhawk Linn, an experience that broadened my perspective as an educational leader. Today, I have the privilege of coming back home as the Activities Director at Fort Scott High School.

Returning to Fort Scott High School is more than a career move. It is an opportunity to serve the community that has shaped my family and me, while helping the next generation of Tigers build a legacy they can be proud of.

What inspired you to pursue your current career path?

I am committed to professional growth and believe in being a lifelong learner. As my children have graduated and entered the next chapter of their lives, pursuing school administration became a natural next step in my own journey. It has allowed me to continue growing as an educator while expanding the ways I can serve students, staff, coaches, and our community.

What's one thing you're passionate about outside of work?

I love spending time with my family around good food!

What is the best piece of advice you have been given?

Proverbs 3:5-6 has become a guiding principle in both my personal life and my career. It continually reminds me to trust God's direction as I embrace new challenges and step outside my comfort zone. I strive to make decisions rooted in faith, purpose, and conviction rather than allowing fear to dictate my path.

What's one dream you've yet to achieve, but would like to?

One of the things I look forward to most is traveling across the United States with my wife, exploring new places and enjoying all of the incredible regional cuisine our country has to offer.



Welcome to the **Tiger Den**

Trinadie Onie • Middle School Science Teacher

What makes you excited about being a Tiger?

I am excited to be a Tiger because I feel as though I am joining a big family that can offer so much more than just education to the young ladies and gentlemen in the community.

Background:

I am married and have 2 amazing children. My son is 8 and my daughter is 7. My family is my world. We love to travel and see new places together. I have had a variety of jobs since I was old enough to work. My job experiences range from fast food, convenient stores, sales representative, mental health summer program coordinator, a detention officer to being a Para and lunch lady at a high school.

What inspired you to pursue your current career path?

Out of all the jobs I have had, the ones that I enjoyed the most were the ones that I was able to work with or around kids. Kids are so fun and keep you on your toes and it fills my heart with joy when I can interact and encourage them for their future.

What's one thing you're passionate about outside of work?

I absolutely love exploring new places and enjoy traveling with my family.

What is the best piece of advice you have been given?

Don't ever let someone else tell you that you cannot succeed. You are the only one who determines your future and you can accomplish anything you put your mind to if you want it bad enough. It is okay to fail because you are learning and growing with each failure. Trust that the Lord knows what he is doing and that he has a plan for you that sometimes you do not understand.

What's one dream you've yet to achieve, but would like to?

My dream is to get to the point in my life where I do not have to overwork myself just to make ends meet and to be able to own a home that my children and other children can always come to when they are in need.



Welcome to the **Tiger Den**

Sage Hill • High School SPED Teacher

What makes you excited about being a Tiger?

I'm excited to serve my home town doing what I love as an educator.

Background:

I have been married to my amazing wife Katherine for the last year and a half. Together we have two dogs named Barnabee and Ein. I have been working as a substitute teacher for USD234 while I worked on completing my masters, with a bit of a break from subbing while I did my student teaching with Coach Horton.

What inspired you to pursue your current career path?

The senior of year of my undergrad I wrote a paper revolving around geography education in the United States. Education had always been an interest of mine, but looking into it seriously for that paper transformed the idea of being just a vague idea of something I would maybe like to do into something I began to seriously pursue.

What's one thing you're passionate about outside of work?

I enjoy playing tabletop games such as dungeons and dragons.

What is the best piece of advice you have been given?

Your best might look different on different days and that is alright.

What's one dream you've yet to achieve, but would like to?

I would like to summit a mountain one day.



Welcome to the **Tiger Den**

Alyssa Smith • Pre School SPED Teacher

What makes you excited about being a Tiger?

I'm excited to be a Tiger because I've been one my entire life. Having attended Fort Scott schools, I've experienced firsthand the pride, tradition, and strong sense of community that makes USD 234 so special. It's incredibly meaningful to have the opportunity to give back to the district that helped shape who I am, and I'm excited to contribute to the next generation of Tigers.

Background:

I'm newly married and recently graduated from Pittsburg State University with a degree in Early Childhood Unified. I come from a close-knit family and have an older sister and a twin sister, so family has always been an important part of my life. I've worked in childcare for the past four years, where I've had the opportunity to work with children of different ages and abilities. Those experiences have strengthened my passion for creating a classroom where every child feels safe and excited to learn.

What inspired you to pursue your current career path?

I've always enjoyed working with children, but what really inspired me was seeing how much of an impact teachers have on a child's confidence and love of learning. I love being someone who helps students believe in themselves. Knowing I get to be part of those moments every day is what makes teaching so meaningful to me!

What's one thing you're passionate about outside of work?

I love traveling and experiencing new places, with family and friends. I enjoy making memories, and trying new things.

What is the best piece of advice you have been given?

The best advice I've received is to never stop learning. There's always something new to discover, and approaching life with curiosity has helped me grow both personally and professionally.

What's one dream you've yet to achieve, but would like to?

One dream I have not yet achieved is visiting all 50 states. As I mentioned, I enjoy traveling, and I believe every state has something unique to offer. Exploring different places, seeing new things, and making memories along the way is something I hope to accomplish over time.



Welcome to the **Tiger Den**

Don VanBuskirk

- Middle School Business Essentials
- Electives
- History Instructor

What makes you excited about being a Tiger?

Helping students explore new information that can develop their future pathways.

Background:

Family- none, single. -6th grade Ancient Histories teacher for 10 years at Butler R-V. -Previously Owned/operated mobile ice cream delivery during those summers while teaching -Have been VP and set on board director for Kansas Rocks Recreation Park. -Was operations Manager for Landmark, a nationwide landscape company for the telecommunications companies. -Current owner of 3V Farms, a farm that has been in my family since 1893.

What inspired you to pursue your current career path?

As a student growing up, I was usually paired with students who were having problems with assignments to tutor them. I had a knack for explaining in ways kids could understand better. I also had a few teachers at WBE/UHS that was inspirational for my teaching styles and to try to reach all kids.

What's one thing you're passionate about outside of work?

Jeeps and outdoor recreation.

What is the best piece of advice you have been given?

"Do or Do Not, there is no try."

What's one dream you've yet to achieve, but would like to?

I have some small side business adventures in mind. Guess we will all see in few years if I can make them happen.



2026-2027 Calendar

USD # 234

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August 10-13 Pre-Service and Work Days

Development Days Determined by Building

August 14 - First Day of School

September 7 - No School - Labor Day

September 25 - PLC/PD Day

October 16 - Teacher Work Day

End of the First Quarter

October 19 - 22 Parent Teacher Conferences

Specific Dates Determined at Buildings

October 23 - No School - Teacher Comp Day

November 2 - PLC/PD Day

November 23 - 27 - No School - Thanksgiving Break

December 17 - End of First Semester

December 18 - Teacher Work Day

December 21 - January 1 - No School - Christmas Break

January 4 - PLC /Work Day

January 18 - No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 5 - PLC/PD Day

February 15 - No School - Presidents' Day

March 5 - No School - Teacher Work Day

End of Third Quarter

March 8 - 11 Parent Teacher Conferences

Specific Schedules Determined at Buildings

March 12 - No School - Teacher Comp Day

March 15 - 19 - No School - Spring Break

March 26 and 29 - No School - Easter Break

April 23 - No School - Health Fair/PD Day

May 13 - 1/2 Student Day, 1/2 Teacher Work Day

May 14 - 21 - Snow Makeup Days if Needed

KEY:

Student Days 159.5

PLC/PD Days 6

PLC/Work Day 1

Teacher Work Days 5.5

PT Conference Days 2

Total Contract Days 174

Total Student Hours = 1,153

Total Required by State = 1,116

	Student Days
	PLC/PD Days
	PLC/Work Days
	Full Work Days
	PT Conferences
	.5 Student/.5 Work Days
	Teacher Comp Days
	No School Days

Jan-27						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Feb-27						
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28						

Mar-27						
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30	31			

Apr-27						
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May-27						
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30	31					

Jun-26						
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27	28	29	30			

FORT SCOTT HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMEN & NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION



**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5TH
FSHS AUDITORIUM
10:00 AM**

**STUDENTS & PARENTS ARE
WELCOME TO JOIN US. WE WILL
START AT 10:00 AM IN THE
AUDITORIUM, THEN STUDENTS WILL
HAVE A CHANCE TO TOUR THE
BUILDING.**



2026-27 Open House

 *Tuesday, August 11th* 

Pre School: 5:00 – 6:30 pm

Winfield Scott: 5:00 – 6:30 pm

Eugene Ware: 5:30 – 7:00 pm

Middle School: 5:30 – 7:00 pm

High School: 6:00 – 7:30 pm

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2026 GRADUATES!



Jacob Adams



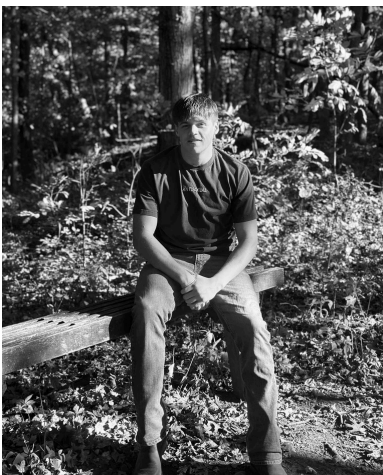
Tayton Allen



Grace Anderson



Tyler Anderson



Dayton Barnard



Kaitlyn Belt



Tyrrany Bilyeu



Emma Bin



Morgan Brillhart



Kanin Brown



Lillian Brown



Simran Caldwell



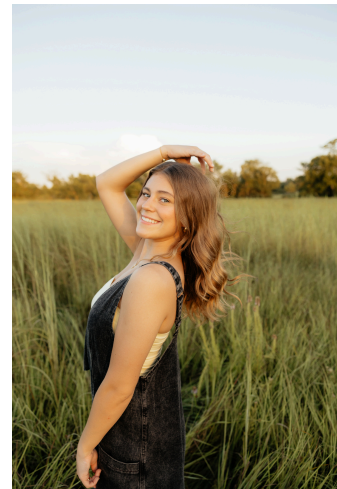
Ashley Cannon



Kaden Cannon



Lucas Clark



Sadie Claypool



Kaylee Coover



Jeremiah Coulter



Raylee Cowan



Alexis Daly



Stewart Davenport



Kinley Dillow



Jacob Eisenbrandt



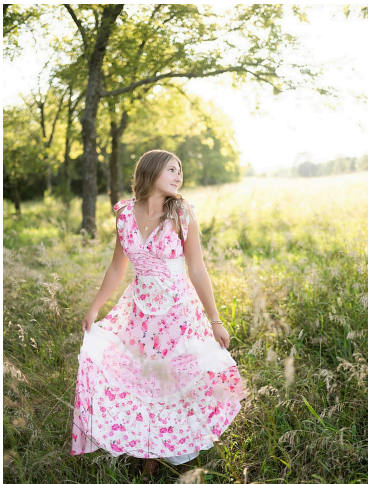
Emily Endicott



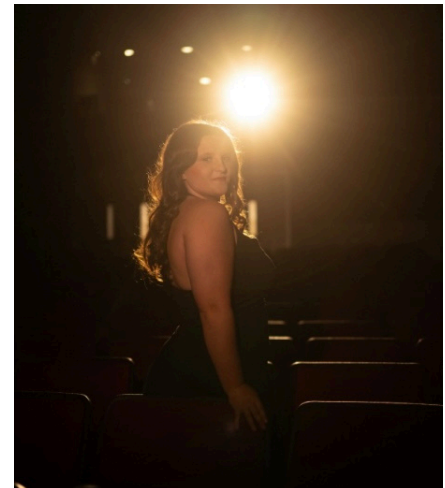
Angel Farr



Anna Farrington



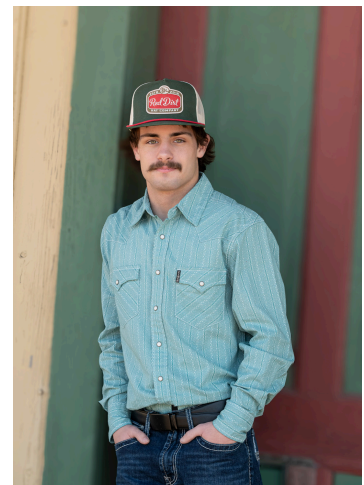
Jozie Fisher



Junie Fisher



Abbie Gorman



Gavin Griffiths



Caleb Hall



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Peighton Head



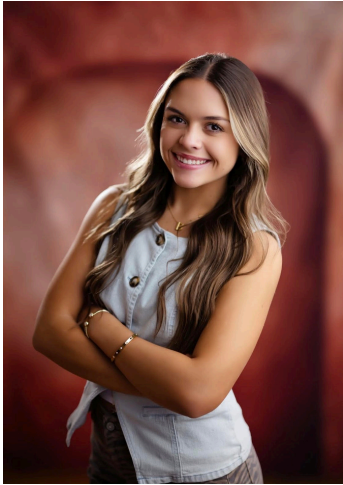
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Elsie Hurd



Bryleigh Hymer



Jasmine James



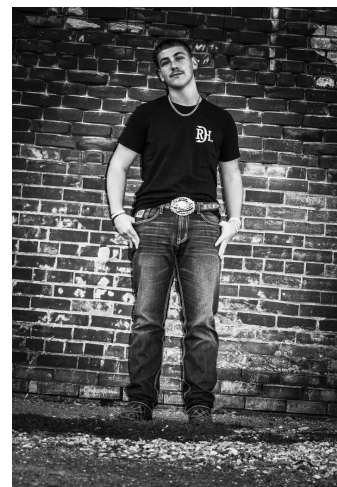
Joseph Joyce



Connor Karleskint



Rylee Keating



Shawn Keating



Dierks Kegler



Kyla Korinek



Gracie Krebs



Shiloh Lamb



Delilah Lantz



Drake Leihsing



Haley Maloun



Julia Maloun



Wyat Marcum



Gavin Miles



Rylan Miller



Nathan Mintz



Mason Mumbower



Ryder Newton



Aiden Ogran



Katlyn Parker



Ben Phillips



Reece Roberts



James Rodriguez



Joseph Rodriguez



Jacee Rogers



Cash Rose- Rygmyr



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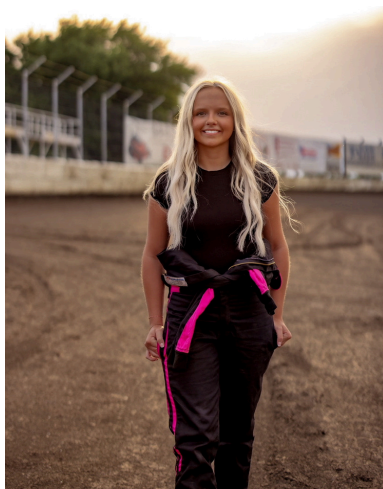
Grace Walker



Madalyn Willett



Kate Williams



Khloe Williamson



Aubrey Yarick

USD 234

External Job Openings

Head Boys Tennis Coach

High School Assistant Girls Golf Coach

Middle School Assistant Volleyball Coach

High School Assistant Girls Basketball Coach

Assistant Boys Golf Coach

Groundskeeper

Virtual Support Teacher (supplemental)

High School Assistant Boys Tennis Coach

Speech Paraprofessional

KSD Driver & Attendant

Extra-Curricular Student Support Professional

High School Assistant Football Coach

High School Assistant Volleyball Coach

Custodian

Van Driver

Paraprofessional- KRI

Paraprofessional- High School

Paraprofessional- Middle School

Paraprofessional- Eugene Ware

Paraprofessional- Winfield Scott

Paraprofessional- Pre School

***Internal openings available to staff only.**

Strategic Planning

Fort Scott USD 234 Launches Strategic Planning Process.

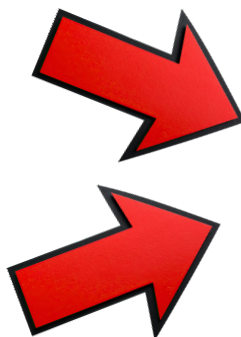
Fort Scott USD 234 is excited to begin a district-wide strategic planning process designed to shape the future of our schools. In partnership with Teeter Leadership Group (TLG), the district will engage students, families, staff, and community members in creating a shared vision for student success.

Throughout the process, participants will provide feedback through surveys, review district data, and collaborate to refine the district's mission, vision, and core values. Together, stakeholders will develop a Portrait of a Learner, establish measurable strategic goals, and create action plans that will guide decision-making for years to come. This strategic plan will serve as a roadmap for continuous improvement, ensuring that district resources, initiatives, and priorities remain focused on what matters most—student learning and success. By working together, Fort Scott USD 234 is building a strong foundation for the future and creating a plan that reflects the values and aspirations of the entire community.

The dates, locations, and times are listed below:

August 27th from 5:00–8:00pm @ FSHS Commons Area
September 17th from 5:00–8:00pm @ FSHS Commons Area
October 8th from 5:00–8:00pm @ FSHS Commons Area
October 29th from 5:00–8:00pm @ FSHS Commons Area

Food will be provided



[Strategic Planning Sign Up](#)

BEHIND THE STRIPES



Dear USD 234 Families, Students, Staff, and Community:

Welcome to a new school year! We hope you have had a wonderful summer spending time with family and friends.

I'm excited to welcome you to the first edition of Tiger Pride, our new monthly district newsletter. At the beginning of each month, we'll share important district updates, celebrate student and staff accomplishments, highlight upcoming events, and showcase the many reasons we're proud to be Tigers.

Our goal will be to strengthen the connection between our schools and our community. I believe that by keeping families, staff, and community members informed and celebrating the great things happening across our district, we can continue building the strong partnerships that help every student succeed.

Thank you for your continued support for our students each and every day.

Go Tigers!

Sincerely,

Zach Johnson
Superintendent