

City Student Dinner Hosted by HINU

On November 4th 2016, a dinner organized by the City Liaison Intern, Anna Buhlinger, was held at Navarre Hall, on the campus of Haskell Indian Nations University.

This dinner included attendees from both Haskell Indian Nations University and The University of Kansas. City attendees were Mayor Mike Amyx, Vice Mayor Leslie Soden, and Assistant City Manager Casey Toomay.

This was the first dinner of its kind and led to a lot of new connections. There were conversations about what issues are currently facing each school, organization, or entity. It was clear that funding is a huge issue facing every group. There was a very productive conversation on how we can work on supporting each other going forward.



Every entity faces its own direct set of problems, but going forward, it is important to stay updated on the current issues facing the different entities, and making sure there is open dialogue. Everyone in attendance shared a desire for a better Lawrence community.

At the dinner, there was talk about having more collaborative events, with specific issues at hand to be discussed between the entities.

There is excitement about the progress that has been made, and how the City Liaison Internship position can continue to improve these relationships. Additional dinners will be scheduled in February and May.

