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General Information

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

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The idea to create a community college in Barton County was introduced in the early 1960s at the Mayflower Café, a popular Great Bend restaurant on Forest Avenue where businessmen gathered for coffee and conversation. Those early proponents were dedicated to the proposition that everyone has the right to higher education.

Former Great Bend Tribune editor Paul Conrad, the Great Bend Jaycees and later the entire community was involved in bringing a community college to Barton County. Beginning with a feasibility study in 1960 and overcoming a 1962 election defeat, Barton Community College was founded in 1965.

J.A. Mermis chaired the original Board of Trustees. With the trustees at work long before the first students arrived, the college exceeded all expectations from the beginning.

When the college opened in the fall of 1969, more than 1,000 students enrolled in the first classes when only 525 were expected. Today, the college serves more than 13,000 students annually, averaging more than 6,000 headcount and more than 1,000 full-time equivalency each semester.

Throughout its history, the college has been dedicated to the philosophy that the individual is society's greatest resource and has relied on its greatest strength, its employees. From the care given to the physical plant to the individual attention given in its classrooms, the staff and faculty have successfully attracted students from all over the state of Kansas, the nation and beyond.

Barton graduates who transfer have performed as well or better than the university students who started at their respective colleges, according to the universities' reports. Community college students who have entered the workforce have matched the success of their university peers.

The local citizenry and the college's faculty, staff and students put the "community" in Barton Community College and have spread its influence across the state and nation. The college has earned a reputation for its responsiveness to community needs, its adaptability to the changing environment, and its commitment to learning as a lifelong process.

Mission

Barton offers exceptional and affordable learning opportunities supporting student, community, and employee needs.

We will seek to achieve our mission through five interrelated themes that define our commitment to excellence in education:

Board END 1: Fundamental Skills

Students will acquire the skills needed to be successful for the program they are in.

- Students will have the fundamental skills to succeed in the workplace.
- Students will have the fundamental skills to lead productive lives.
- Students will be provided remediation as needed.

QUICK FACTS

Founding of the College	April 6, 1965
Governing Body	Six-member elected board of trustees
First Fall Enrollment (1969)	935 students
Students Served Annually	11,000 plus
Average Student Age	25
Colors	Royal Blue and Light Gold
Mascot	Cougar
Fight Song	"Great to be a Cougar"
NJCAA Championships	58

BARTON COUNTY CAMPUS

Site	East of Bissells Point
Size	160 acres
Buildings	8
Students Served Annually	1,490
Average Class Size	13
Student Housing Capacity	442

FORT RILEY CAMPUS

Started	1984
Students Served Annually	2,684
Average Class Size	9

GRANDVIEW PLAZA CAMPUS

Started	February 2008
Students Served Annually	162
Average Class Size	7

FORT LEAVENWORTH CAMPUS

Started	October 2012
Students Served Annually	366
Average Class Size	6

COLLEGE PRESIDENTS

1969 - 1972	Dr. Otis Robinson
1972 - 1975	Dr. Paul Hines
1975 - 1996	Dr. Jimmie Downing
1996 - 2005	Dr. Veldon Law
2005 - 2006	Dr. Stephen Maier (Interim)
2006 - Present	Dr. Carl Heilman

General Information

Board END 2 - Work Preparedness

Students will be prepared for success in the workplace.

- Students will have the skills and knowledge required for successful entry into the workplace.
- Students will have the work ethics, discipline, and collaborative skills necessary to be successful in the workplace.
- Students will have the technical knowledge, skills and abilities necessary to maintain, advance, or change their employment or occupation.

Board END 3 - Academic Advancement

Students desiring academic advancement will be prepared for successful transfer to other colleges and universities.

- Students will have the academic prerequisites sufficient for successful transfer.
- Students will have appropriate knowledge of transfer requirements.
- Students will have adequate preparation to be successful after transfer to other colleges or universities.
- Students will be able to obtain Bachelor's and advanced degrees through studies sponsored by Barton County Community College.

Board END 4: Barton Experience

Student responses will reflect positively of their Barton experience.

- Student responses will be documented through student exit surveys and other report mechanisms.
- Student response will assess impact of faculty and staff.
- Student responses will reflect the diversity of the student body.

Board END 5: Regional Workforce Needs

The College will address regional workforce need.

- The College will develop strategies to identify and address on-going needs.
- The College will organize area resources in addressing needs.
- The College will build effective partnerships in addressing workforce needs.
- The College will be recognized as a leader in economic development.

Board END 6: Barton Services and Regional Locations

The College Mission will be supported by the strategic development of Barton service and regional locations.

- Services and locations will be compatible to the institutional mission of the College.
- Services and locations will be in accordance to available resources.

- Services and locations will maximize revenues and minimize expenses.
- Services and locations will generate revenue to meet their locational expenses.
- Services and locations will compliment growth of student learning services.

Board END 7: Strategic Planning

The College mission will be supported by strategic planning emphasis.

- The institutional mission of the college will be supported by strategic planning goals and objectives.
- Accreditation requirements of the Higher Learning Commission will be satisfied through the development and implementation of strategic planning goals and objectives.
- Kansas Board of Regents policies and mission will be satisfied through the development and implementation of strategic planning goals and objectives.
- Strategic planning goals and objectives shall be measurable in order to demonstrate their effectiveness and to provide accountability to the public

Board END 8: Contingency Planning

In fulfilling its educational mission, Barton Community College attempts to make optimal use of its resources. Optimum Utilization may call for the adjustment of operational procedures such as a reduction or discontinuance of a program or service; reallocation of resources as a result of changing educational priorities; shifting enrollment patterns; lack of funds; and/or the requirements of legally imposed mandates. The President will make these recommendations to the Board of Trustees based on the College's mission of emphasizing academic, vocational-technical, and cultural enrichment learning opportunities; coupled with the need for maintaining program integrity, financial viability, and responsiveness to internal and external college constituencies.

Definition

The Board defines which human needs are to be met, for whom and at what cost. Written with a long-term perspective, these mission-related policies embody to board's long-range vision. ENDs Determination is the Pivotal Duty of Governance the ends of an organization are the reasons for its existence. It is obvious that careful, wise selection of ENDs is the highest calling of trustee leadership.

Accreditation and Certification bartonccc.edu/accreditation

Barton Community College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association, 30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602-2504, 800-621-7440, hlcommission.org. Also, Barton Community College is accredited under the provisions of the Kansas Community