

## Barton Community College Engages with its External Constituencies

**END 2: Workforce Preparedness** – Students will be prepared for success in the workplace.

- **Customer Service Course for Local Businesses** – Collaborating with the Great Bend Convention and Visitors Bureau, the College is developing an online, non-credit course for area businesses. Participants will engage in training focusing on the importance of exceptional service and customer satisfaction.
- **Entrepreneurial Bootcamp** – In collaboration with Great Bend Economic Development and Great Bend Chamber of Commerce. Examples of the sessions include:
  - Session 1 – Target Population: Individuals who want to start their own business. Topics include: Social Media, Startup Resources, Business Model, Human Resources, Management/Culture, Legal Considerations & Accounting, and Buying/ Leasing property.
  - Session 2 – Target Population: Current small business owners. Topics include: Creating a Business Concept/Vision Statement, Growing the Business, Marketing & Social Media, Data Analysis/Inventory, Customer Service, and Sources of Capital.

**END 5: Regional Workforce Needs** – The College will address regional workforce needs.

- **Advisory Boards** -Twenty advisory boards composed of community volunteers meet at least twice a year and advise Barton CTE educators regarding CTE programs, based on the employment needs of the community, state, regional, national, and international marketplace.
- **Inaugural Nursing Job Fair** - The program invited area representatives from hospitals, schools of nursing (BSN level), and long-term care facilities to meet and recruit nursing students for positions within their organizations. Nursing student attendees had the opportunity to visit with the agencies, and some received job offers. Post-event evaluations were positive and encouraged the establishment of an annual nursing job fair.
- **Military Training** – Barton Community College provides Hazardous Waste Worker training to military personnel across the nation. The Hazardous Waste Worker Training Program (HWWTP-Military Initiative) is a major component of National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, NIEHS Worker Training Program (WTP) that provides model occupational safety and health training for active duty, family members, Guard/Reserve, and Veterans. Some of the training sites include:

Forbes Field, KS	<b>Fort Riley, KS*</b>	<b>Fort Sill, OK*</b>	<b>Fort Carson, CO*</b>	Peterson AFB, CO
ATG San Diego, CA	ATO San Diego, CA	Camp Courtney	Camp Humphreys	Camp Pendleton, CA
Camp Shelby, MS	Fort Bliss, TX	Fort Belvoir, VA	Fort Bragg, NC	Fort Knox, KY

Fort Lee, VA	Fort McCoy, WI	Fort Stewart, GA	Fort Wainwright, AK	Fort Jackson, SC
Fort Hood, TX	FWC San Diego	Joint Base Lewis-McCord, WA	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, AK	McConnell AFB, KS
Naval Base San Diego, CA	Pearl Harbor, HI	U.S.S. San Diego		

\*Host sites

- MLTR 9010 Unit Armorer - Provides sustainment training to enlisted personnel in the operation and management of the unit arms room, maintenance of weapons, required forms and reports, and physical security IAW AR 190-11. This course also includes physical security and proper physical security inspections conducted by the Provost Marshal's Office.
- Military On-Site Training - The Military On-Site Training (MOST) program's mission is to enhance the readiness posture of US Army Reserve, National Guard, as well as Active Duty units by delivering cost-effective and flexible skill-based training. All courses are delivered in a face to face training format. College credit may be available depending on training location. Recent training locations include, but are not limited to:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Active Duty Military Installation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Aberdeen Proving Ground, GA</li> <li>○ Fort Belvoir, VA</li> <li>○ Fort Benning, GA</li> <li>○ Fort Gordon, GA</li> <li>○ Fort Huachuca, AZ</li> <li>○ Fort Irwin, CA</li> <li>○ Fort Knox, KY</li> <li>○ Fort Leonard Wood, MO</li> <li>○ Fort Leavenworth, KS</li> <li>○ Fort Meade, MD</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fort Sheridan, IL</li> <li>○ Fort Sill, OK</li> <li>○ Kadena Air Force Base Okinawa, Japan</li> <li>○ KSARING &amp; USAR Units throughout KS</li> <li>■ Army Reserve/National Guard Centers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Emporia, KS</li> <li>○ Manhattan, KS</li> <li>○ Salina, KS</li> <li>○ Topeka, KS Forbes Field</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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- In addition to the certification, and degree programs that Barton offers to military-connected individuals, the College supports special projects that benefit the military community as well as business and industry.
  - CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation training (to include automated external defibrillator (AED) and First Aid) utilizing the American Heart Association curriculum) and Respirator Fit Testing (qualitative and quantitative respirator fit testing options for employers and individuals to determine the fit of respiratory protection devices) for Fort Riley contractors
  - Hazmat training for Fort Riley contractors, DoD employees, and businesses
  - Quarterly Army Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program (SFL-TAP) Employer Networking events

**END 6: Barton Services and Regional Locations** – The College Mission will be supported by the strategic development of Barton service and regional locations.

- The **Central Kansas Educational Opportunity Center** program, a U.S. Department of Education TRIO grant program, provides counseling and information on college admissions to qualified first-generation and low-income adults who want to enter or continue a program of postsecondary education. The program also offers services to improve the financial and economic literacy of participants. The CKEOC services individuals in 35 central Kansas counties, including military personnel at Fort Riley and Grandview Plaza.

### **Core Priority: Cultivate Community Engagement**

- **AmeriCorps Seniors – RSVP** engages community members 55 and over as volunteers in the community. Volunteers choose how, where, and when they want to serve, with commitments ranging from a few hours a year to 40 hours per week. This program is a win-win for the community and the volunteer. The skills and experience of our senior volunteers helps build the capacity for our area non-profits while, volunteering among seniors has been linked to improved quality of life, stronger social networks, increased levels of physical activity and lower mortality rates.
- **Barton County Young Professionals (BCYP)** – The BCYP is a Great Bend Chamber and Economic Development program focusing primarily on Leadership, Networking, and Volunteering. Numerous Barton employees participate as members of BCYP action teams such as the Special Events, Community Impact, and Leadership Teams.
- **Barton Speaker’s Bureau** – Volunteer speakers provide prepared presentations on topics of interest to service organizations and other community groups.
- **Barton employees at Fort Riley and Grandview Plaza** participate in numerous community and military events as presenters, donators, and supporters.
  - Annual Fort Riley Summer Safety Fair
  - Annual Fort Riley Teen Center College/Career Fair
  - Annual Fort Riley Job/College Fair
  - Annual Junction City Heritage Park Expo
  - Annual Operation Santa Claus
  - Wounded Warrior Golf Scramble Fundraiser – College employees (from all campuses), athletic boosters, and military representatives participate in an annual golf tournament to support the Wounded Warrior Project.
- **Community Support for Athletes** – Area churches volunteer to provide evening meals for early arriving student-athletes at the start of the fall semester, serving meals from Monday through Friday. This activity allows the community to meet and welcome the athletes, often resulting in friendships, sponsorships, and community participation in College events. Five churches, the largest number to date, participated in the Fall 2022 event.