



2020 BARTON DIFFERENCE

Barton graduating students were asked to name employees who made a difference in their lives.



Kathy Boeger

**Instructor & Coordinator of Business and Accounting
Barton County Campus**

Mrs. Boeger has been such a blessing to me and many other students. My first semester I was scared and nervous. I wasn't sure if I would succeed. Mrs. B always told me she knew I could do it. She encouraged me to take more courses and to push through no matter what obstacles were in my way. I have had some personal turmoil and without her motivation and encouragement I would not be looking at graduating in May. Mrs. B ALWAYS made sure her students' needs were met, even when she was going through her own difficult, personal situations. Mrs. B is the most caring and selfless person I have ever met and I firmly believe she deserves this award.

Nominated by Kyleene Folkerts



Angela Campbell

**Instructor
Fort Riley Campus**

Ms. Campbell always offered an ear to listen and always provided a safe and secure learning environment. She made classwork understandable and provided help if needed. She is an exceptional teacher.

Nominated by Christine Turnbow



Charlotte Cates

**Biology Instructor
Barton County Campus**

Ms. Cates helped me through a difficult time in my life. Not only did she help me with my studies, but she helped me in my personal life, too. When I was younger, I had a passion for science. As I got older, I thought it would be impossible for me to go back and pursue my dreams. When I first went to college, I had to drop out because I couldn't afford it. I saved up for many years and was finally able to return when I was 26. I returned to college to pursue a degree in something I liked, but after realizing the passion wasn't as strong as I thought it would be, I switched to a Liberal Science degree. Last semester, I took Ms. Cates Biology class. On our way back from a school event, we started to talk about our interests. I mentioned I used to want to be in the science field, but I gave that up because I felt I was "too old" to start my journey now at 27 years old. She encouraged me and helped me find resources to continue pursuing my dreams again. I became energized and through her class I was able to sign up for different activities and events. I started becoming genuinely happy and that was not a feeling I had felt for a while. I juggled going to school full-time, taking care of an ill family member and working a part-time job. She not only helped me keep up with my studies but also helped find resources for the struggles I was going through. I felt like my life had purpose and a direction again. Thanks to her generosity, I was able to get help for my family member, stay on top of my grades and now I am also now proud to say I will graduate this year. I could not have done any of this without her.

Nominated by [Jenessa Tammen](#)



Ron Clasberry

**Instructor
Fort Riley Campus**

Ron has helped me through all the OSHA classes I've taken and he is a continuous presence in my academic achievement.

Nominated by [Leslie Thompson](#)



Gil Cloud

**Instructor
Fort Riley Campus**

Mr. Cloud has made a positive impact on my education by always pushing me to do my best in class and on my online work. Mr. Cloud has been more than understanding and patient with me when it has come to difficult times in my life and always offered the best advice and motivation. When others had given up on me academically, he did not. He's an amazing teacher and provides the best learning experience. He is what an educator should be.

Nominated by [Bettina Chacon](#)



Tana Cooper

**Director of Admissions
Barton County Campus**

Tana helped me have a great experience at Barton through being an ambassador and I also made a ton of friends.

Nominated by Melissa Williamson



Brittany Fanshier

**Nursing Instructor
Barton County Campus**

Going through nursing school was the most difficult time of my life, and Mrs. Fanshier was always there for me. Her door was always open for me to come talk to her, she advocated for me as a student, and encouraged me to be the best student nurse I could be. She was very supportive of me through not only school but also through my father's illness. She had such an impact on me throughout my time at Barton that I truly believe I couldn't have done it without her.

Nominated by Tana Yellowwolf



Jessica Fullen

**Instructor
Fort Riley Campus**

Jessica Fullen has impacted my time at Barton in the most wonderful way. Before taking her Public Speaking class, I would not be caught dead talking in front of a classroom full of people. She made her class a safe, comfortable place for the students to talk about sensitive subjects or things we wouldn't usually talk about in a normal classroom setting. Not only is her classroom setting a safe place, but she is a great confidant as well!

Nominated by Eden LaPointe



Stephanie Goerl

**English Instructor
Barton County Campus**

Stephanie Goerl was constantly motivating me to do better. She encouraged me to work my hardest and try new things. She convinced me to join Phi Theta Kappa and talked me into joining the board. She was always positive, professional and a joy to be around.

Nominated by Caroline Noble



Kristen Hathcock

**Mathematics Instructor
Barton County Campus**

It is hard to describe with words how much Mrs. Hathcock positively impacted my life while I was at Barton. She has made me the student I have always wanted to become. She taught me to always have a backup plan and to think outside the box. She taught me how to handle problems of all sizes. When I went through a rough time during my experience here at Barton, she was always there to listen to me and to pick me up when I was down. I've learned to take the bad with a grain of salt and to hold my head up high because things won't be bad forever. I've learned to stop focusing so much on the bad and pay more attention to the good. She taught me that holding myself to the standards of perfection will only result in disappointment because no one is perfect and that's okay. She has helped me grow into a better person and I will be forever grateful.

Nominated by [Ayi-Lissa Dotson](#)



Stephanie Joiner

**Director of Student Academic Development
Barton County Campus**

Mrs. Joiner has been a great supporter and is always happy to help. She is a very talented person and was a great resource for students that needed help with anything.

Nominated by [Maria Eduarda Nunes](#)



Arlette Stratton

**Administrative Assistant and VA Specialist
Fort Riley Campus**

Throughout my time at Barton, Arlette has always helped me. I know I was probably difficult at times with all the questions I used to bombard her with, but she always found me a quick answer. When I emailed her, she would always respond that day unless she was out of the office, in which case, she always gave me notice well in advance. Even though she is the VA representative, she would help me enroll in classes when my advisor was out of the office. She helped me out tremendously.

Nominated by [Matthew Dalton](#)

She is always there to help me out and is never too busy. It never takes her more than 24 hours to get back to me. She is always so cheerful and in a good mood. She always has positive vibes to pass on to others.

Nominated by [Manuel Rodriguez](#)