

Central Kansas Educational Opportunity Center



CKEOC Outstanding Participant: Marina Uribe

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Marina Uribe, one of this quarter’s outstanding participants, began her relationship with CKEOC in 2004. At that time, she was a para-professional with CKEOC’s Partner: Barton Community College’s Adult Education’s ESL (English as Second Language) program. Being familiar with CKEOC’s services through assisting ESL students, Marina realized that we could guide her in the pursuit of a college education.



Before entering college, CKEOC assisted Marina with completing a career exploration inventory to determine her strengths. From there, CKEOC became her “go to” for every aspect in obtaining an education. Initially her interests included Speech and Language Pathology and Early Childhood Education. Advisors assisted her throughout the years by providing campus visits to Barton Community College and Fort Hays State University, assistance with FAFSA, admission applications, and financial aid requirements. Most importantly, Marina indicated that of all the assistance she was provided it was “CKEOC’s ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT that was crucial for me to finish my education and finally reach my dream.” Aware that a Master’s degree is required to become a Licensed Speech and Language Pathologist, but eager to begin working in this field, Marina chose a Bachelor’s degree in Communication and Science Disorders.

Marina graduated from High School in Guanajuato, Mexico in 1983, and came to live in the US in 1986. With the desire to go to college, she entered BCC’s Adult Basic Education program and received her GED. She diligently completed the coursework to become a US citizen in January 2008.



CKEOC Outstanding Participant: Marina Uribe (cont.)



Never losing sight of the end goal, Marina's drive and determination prevailed and several years later she reached the first of many milestones: receiving her Certificate A in Early Childhood Education from BCC in 2004 and Certificate B in 2005. Continuing her education, she went on to obtain an Associate's in Science and Social Work from BCC in 2008, and finally her Bachelor of Science degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders from FHSU in July 2016.

Looking back on her college experiences, she stated, "It was very rewarding to acquire the knowledge necessary to complete the program and carry on with my dream." Marina's journey was not without difficulty, sharing "It was a semester to semester endeavor with major life challenges of balancing work, family, and recently becoming foster parents."

Marina is currently employed at USD 428 and works for Special Services as a Speech and Language Para-Professional. She loves that she is continuously learning as she works with students in grade levels from pre-school to high school.

Marina stated that she was "blessed to have the support of her husband, Juan". They have 3 children: Carlos who lives in Chicago; Mauricio who is attending college at Ottawa University and Daniela who has a daughter, Q'orianka with her husband Roland and is currently serving in the Marines. They also have two foster children Alejandra and Abiram. In her leisure time she loves riding her bicycle, reading, and spending family time together.

Her last comment was, "I am thankful for CKEOC staff (Susie, Mary, Liz, and Luke) who believed in me and were always there to cheer me on to the finish line, my professors for sharing with me their knowledge and expertise, and especially I am thankful to GOD for giving me the opportunity and the strength to fulfill my dream."



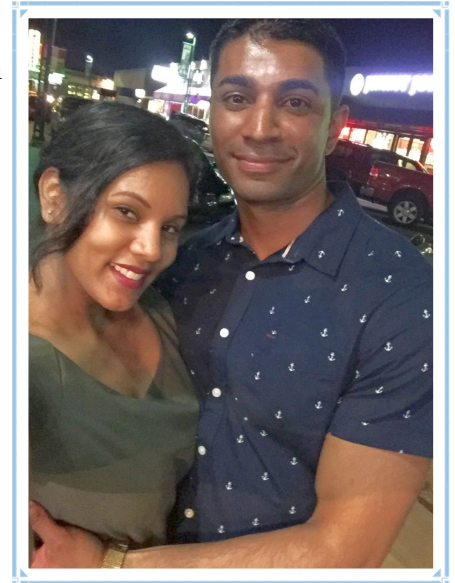
Outstanding Participant: Mark Israel



KEEP
CALM
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CALL
THE PA

In our last newsletter we introduced you to Carlene Israel as one of our participants of the quarter. As promised, we are introducing you to her husband, Mark Israel, as one of this month's featured participants. Mark, a Medical Specialist in the Army who hails from New York, came to Fort Riley after completing his military training in 2014. Even before his enlistment, he had ambitions to become a Physician's Assistant (PA) and since his arrival at Fort Riley he has been working towards that goal. His first step began at Barton Community College, where he graduated in 2015 with an Associate of Science degree with a focus in Health Science.

It was early in his studies at Barton that Mark heard about CKEOC. After being referred by Barton staff, Mark and his wife



Carlene came to our office to receive assistance with financial aid. When asked about the assistance that he obtained, Mark explained "I received help with the FAFSA each and every time I asked. The staff had great understanding of the needed documents, the financial aspect of classes and how it all breaks down to part/full time payment and reimbursements. I was even given advice on what colleges I could look into for furthering my career." Mark holds the staff at CKEOC in high regard stating "They are proficient beyond expectations. They have the ability to break things down to the most understandable level."

Since completing his Associate's Degree, Mark looks back fondly on his experiences at Barton. "Barton worked great with my schedule as a soldier. They offer online science classes with labs for those who can't physically be in a class. This is great for those preparing for medical programs." Now that his time at Barton has ended, Mark is continuing to work towards his goal of becoming a PA. "Ultimately I would like to attend the inter-service physician's assistant program that the army offers. I was able to achieve all my pre-requisites and am now continuing my education at Fort Hays State University. After that I'm considering med school."



Taking a break from contemplating the education he has in front of him, Mark pauses to reflect on his accomplishments. "With the assistance of CKEOC, Barton Community College and the First Infantry Divisions Medical Team I am getting closer to being a medical provider." He credits his family with giving him the support and motivation to continue to strive towards his goals. "I have had to work hard for the opportunities I've had and having a great wife, Carlene, always supporting me has made the biggest impact on my life." On the rare occasion Mark has time away from work and studying, he spends playing with his boys, Josh (13) and Ethan (8), biking and exploring new restaurants."

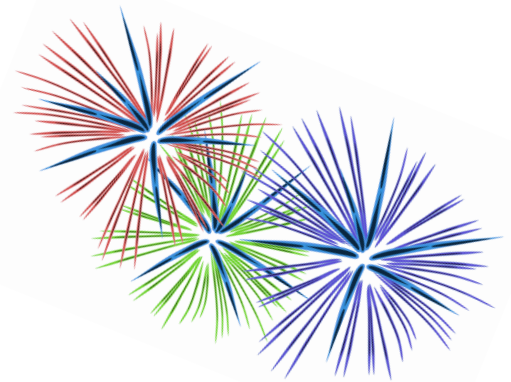
Congratulations

Barton Community College Foundation has announced its scholarship recipients for the 2016-17 academic year. Due to the generosity of donors and fundraising events, The Foundation is able to offer these scholarships to students who meet the eligibility criteria. These private scholarships provide additional financial assistance to both traditional and non-traditional students and are different from the scholarships students may receive from the Admissions Office based on academic achievements.

Congratulations to the following CKEOC participants:

Great Bend:

Vianey Caraveo - B.E.S.T. Scholarship
 Marcos Cerda - Clair and Jean Cavanaugh Scholarship
 Gino Chamagua - Frank J. Dome Memorial Scholarship
 Sally Cruz - Regina Ault Scholarship
 Selena Favela - Regina Ault Scholarship
 Cynthia Garcia - Clair and Jean Cavanaugh Scholarship
 Josie Hickey - George Tregellas Chairman's Scholarship
 Emily Johnson - Danny and Darlene Biggs Nursing Scholarship
 Morgan Kurtz - Don and Phyllis Whelan Academic Scholarship
 Maria Ramirez-Balderrama - Clair and Jean Cavanaugh Scholarship
 Janzen Sangals - Danny and Darlene Biggs Scholarship
 Santiago Talamantes - Clair and Jean Cavanaugh Scholarship
 Austin Vander Meer - NACE International/Kansas Section of NACE Scholarship
 Kaitlyn Zecha - B.E.S.T. Scholarship



Hoisington:

Melissa Stout - J.A. Mermis, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Larned:

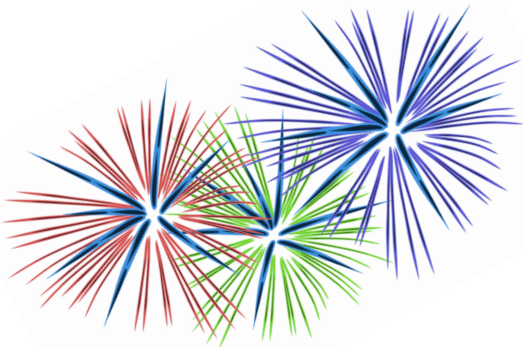
Hypatia Wallis - Amos Bayer Memorial Scholarship

Pawnee Rock:

Erin Carris - Isbell Wesley Scholarship
 Adreil Molinar - Ira and Eunice Farmer Memorial Scholarship

Russell:

Susanne Yarmer - Barbara Jordan Memorial Scholarship



Great Bend KANSASWORKS

Great Bend KANSASWORKS is managed by the Kansas Department of Commerce and is supervised by Kansas WorkforceONE, the Local Workforce Development Board. The KANSASWORKS office works with both jobseekers and employers. The jobseekers they encounter are very diverse in both their experience levels and career choices. Clients range in a variety of skill levels from those who may still need their GED to white collar professionals with Doctorate degrees. All services are offered free of charge. In order to attain an employer-driven system in a 62 county area, Kansas Workforce ONE depends on partnerships with area businesses, training institutions and a coalition of agencies. Staff was asked to describe their positions within this office and below is a compilation of their responses.

Kelly Collins, Workforce Services Supervisor at Great Bend and Hutchinson, has been with the Kansas Department of Commerce for four years and loves her job because of the wide variety of people she works with. Kelly stressed that “No matter what an individual’s challenges or barriers are, we do our best to help the individual overcome it in order to achieve and maintain employment. Some of the many services we offer are application assistance, resume development or review, job search and career success workshops, mock interviews, job referrals and job fairs. We partner with the CKEOC, ABE (Adult Basic Education)/GED Center, Department of Children and Families, and Corrections/Parole to serve their clients that need employment. We also refer individuals to community resources, which may be helpful in meeting their immediate needs. Last but not least, we all provide basic information on Unemployment Benefits.”

Susan McLaren is the Administrative Assistant for Kansas WorkforceONE. Susan wears many different hats for her job. Her duties include recording minutes for meetings, scheduling and coordinating rooms for board members, reserving rooms for trainings, and assembling Rapid Response packets to hand out to dislocated workers. In addition she also schedules travel and provides office coverage when other staff is absent.



From Left: Heidi Brittain, Kelly Collins, C.T. Taylor, Melissa Feist, Edward Scott, Kristin Doze. Not pictured Susan McLaren

Melissa Feist is an Employment Specialist for Kansas WorkforceONE. She works with the WIOA program (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) that helps Adults and Youth succeed in employment. Just a few of the many services she provides are Job Search, Career Readiness, and Occupational Skills Training. Customers who are interested in these services need to schedule an appointment to determine if eligibility requirements are met.

Veteran’s Employment Representative, Edward Scott, provides regular contact with employers and veterans in 62 Western Kansas Counties, including seven satellite offices and four correctional facilities. He provides assistance with interviewing skills, resume writing, and job search techniques, as well as referrals to employment and training opportunities. To find out more on Veterans Services in your area, call Edward for an appointment.

Great Bend KANSASWORKS (cont.)

Kristin Doze is the Disability Resource Coordinator with the Disability Employment Initiative Grant. She works with WIOA Employment Specialists across 62 western counties in Kansas. The purpose of the DEI grant is to promote self-sufficiency among adults with disabilities, using a continuum of services to meet challenges in the pursuit of employment. Services available include: assistance with job placement, work experience, and training opportunities. Assistance with the purchase of adaptive equipment and assistive technology to encourage economic and functional independence in the workplace may also be available. Offices across the western region are located in Great Bend, Hays, Hutchinson, Salina, Dodge City, Garden City, Colby, Goodland, Liberal and Newton. WIOA Employment Specialists can be contacted for appointments in each office.

Newly hired, C.T. Taylor is an Offender Workforce Development Specialist for Kansas WorkforceONE. He will be an integral part in implementing programs, facilitating classes and supporting individuals in their transition from incarceration to employment into the community.

As a Workforce Services Specialist, Heidi Brittain assists clients with job search, counseling, testing and assessments for work skills, resume assistance. In addition she facilitates Career Planning Workshops and provides referrals to partner agencies.

If you would like to take advantage of any of the services provided by the Workforce Center don't hesitate to contact the office at 620-793-5445

Liz Klima Receives Certificate of Appreciation

Liz Klima, Academic Advisor/Data Specialist for Central Kansas Educational Opportunity Center was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from Barton Community College in recognition of 5 Years of service.



Online Occupational Safety and Health Degree



For some time Barton Community College has offered an Associates of Applied Science Degree in Occupational Safety and Health through its Grandview Plaza Location. The program will now be available to a wider audience following a recent announcement stating it will also be offered through online study.

This program could provide opportunity for soldiers and other individuals that may need to pursue distance education, therefore CKEOC feels it is important to provide excerpts from the article, “Barton Announces Fully Online Occupational Safety and Health Degree” by Brandon Steinert originally published in Barton News, to assist with explaining the advantages of this program.

Occupational health and safety specialists check the workplace for environmental or physical factors that could affect employee health, safety, and performance. In addition, some specialists may develop and conduct employee safety and training programs. Not only do OSH specialists protect employees, but also property, environment and the public from chemical, physical, radiological and biological hazards. The roles and responsibilities of OSH professionals may vary depending on the company they work for.

**According to the Occupational Safety and Health Programs Director Brandon Green, “the number of jobs that someone might hold as a result of earning a degree in Occupational Safety & Health are numerous and widespread. They can become Site Safety Inspectors, Safety Specialists, Safety Managers and Site Safety Superintendents. These are just a few jobs graduates might find themselves in as a result of the education they receive through Barton Community College’s O.S.H. degree program.”

*According to the United States Department of Labor, BCC is the only government-sanctioned Occupational Safety and Health Association (OSHA) education center in Kansas.

Resources:

*U. S. Department of Labor OSHA
Occupational Outlook Handbook



** Quote Taken from article - “Barton Announces Fully Online Occupational Safety and Health Degree” by Brandon Steinert, Director of Public relations, Barton Community College



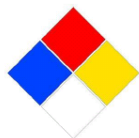
Barton Grandview Plaza Office

Hazardous Materials & Emergency Services Training Institute



BARTON
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Barton Community College has programs offering classes in:



HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

- HAZWOPER
- DOT Regulations
- Household Hazardous Waste Management

For more information contact:

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holmesl@bartonccc.edu



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/HOMELAND SECURITY

- Emergency Planning
- Basic Incident Command System/NIMS
- Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP)

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EMERGENCY SERVICES EDUCATION

- Emergency Medical Technician
- Paramedic

For more information contact:

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- OSHA Nationally Recognized Certificate Programs
- Train-the Trainer Courses
- Variety of Safety & Health courses

For more information contact:

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greenb@bartonccc.edu



MILITARY ON-SITE TRAINING

- PBUSE
- SAMS-E
- Combat Lifesaver/CPR Courses

For more information contact:

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MOTORCYCLE SAFETY COURSES

- Beginner Riders Course
- Experienced Riders Course

For more information contact:

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MAIN CAMPUS PLANNING CALENDAR

Online Classes

Spring Session 1(9 Weeks)
Jan 9—March 12

Spring Session 2 (17Weeks)
Jan 16—May 14

Spring Session 3(9 Weeks)
March 13—May 14



Nov 2—Jan 6: Spring 2017 Registration
Dec 7—12: Finals Week
Dec 13: Close of Fall Semester
Dec 19—Jan 1: Winter Break (No Classes)
Jan 9: Spring Classes Begin
Jan 9-16: Late Registration
Jan 16: Martin Luther King Day (No Classes)
Jan 20: Last Day for Refund

FORT RILEY CAMPUS PLANNING CALENDAR

LSEC CYCLE 2 Check With CKEOC Staff For Dates
LSEC CYCLE 3 Check With CKEOC Staff For Dates

Check with CKEOC for Forthcoming Enrollment Start Date
1st Day of Class—Last Day to Enroll (All)

COLLEGE PROGRAM Check With CKEOC Staff For Dates

Check with EOC Staff for Forthcoming Enrollment Start Date
1st Day of Class—Last Day to Enroll (All)

CKEOC STAFF AVAILABLE TO ASSIST YOU WITH QUESTIONS & EOC SERVICES

Liz Klima—Academic Advisor/DS

Mary Dino—Academic Advisor



Ray Kruse—Coordinator and
Academic Advisor

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BARTON COUMMUNITY COLLEGE WHO SUPPORTS OUR PROGRAM AND SERVES AS
OUR HOST INSTITUTION**

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Barton Community College is an equal opportunity provider and employer.
Visit equal.bartoncc.edu for more information.

ACT Test Dates

If you or someone you know are planning to attend a post-secondary college in the fall of 2016, it is time to mark your calendar for the following dates for the ACT test.

The following ACT test centers will provide the ACT:

Abilene – Abilene High School	Dec 10	Feb 11	April 8
Clay Center – Clay Center Community High School	Dec 10		April 8
Concordia – Cloud County Community College	Dec 10	Feb 11	April 8
Great Bend – Barton Community College	Dec 10	Feb 11	April 8
Hays – Fort Hays State University	Dec 10	Feb 11	April 8
Hays High School	Dec 10	Feb 11	April 8
Hoisington – Hoisington High School	Dec 10		April 8
Junction City – Junction City High School	Dec 10		April 8
Manhattan – Kansas State University	Dec 10	Feb 11	April 8
Manhattan High School		Feb 11	April 8
Marysville – Marysville High School			April 8
Pratt – Pratt Community College	Dec 10	Feb 11	April 8
Russell – Russell High School	Dec 10		April 8
Salina – Kansas Wesleyan University	Dec 10	Feb 11	April 8
Salina Lakewood Middle School	Dec 10		April 8
Wamego – Wamego High School	Dec 10	Feb 11	April 8

You may register online or by mail. The online address is www.actstudent.org and you can request a registration packet from ACT.



GED CLASS ORIENTATION

Contact Information for GED class orientation:

BCC/Great Bend	Jan – 12	620-793-5794
	Mar 20 – 22	
Cloud CCC – Geary County Campus	Jan 10 & 11	785-238-8010
	Mar 28 & 29	
Hays – FHSU Rarick Hall 328	Jan 9	785-460-5486
	April 3	
Manhattan	Jan 23 – 25	785-539-9009
	Mar 6 – 8	
Salina	Jan 9 – 11	785-309-4660
	Mar 6 – 8	
	May 15 – 17	



CKEOC Staff and Locations

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 Mary Dino
Academic Advisor/Data Specialist
 Liz Klima

Project Director
 Susie Burt

Junction City
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Coordinator/Academic Advisor
 Ray Kruse
Secretary/ Data Specialist
 Mary Shane



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The Educational Opportunity Center is 100% funded by the U.S. Department of Education and is one of the TRiO programs. TRiO began with Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, in response to the administration's War on Poverty.

TRiO programs include eight outreach and support programs targeted to help disadvantaged students progress from middle school to post-baccalaureate programs.



33 Counties Served by CKEOC

Barton	Mitchell	Rice
Clay	Morris	Riley
Cloud	Ness	Rooks
Dickerson	Norton	Rush
Ellis	Osborne	Russell
Ellsworth	Ottawa	Saline
Geary	Pawnee	Smith
Graham	Phillips	Stafford
Jewell	Pottawatomie	Trego
Lincoln	Pratt	Wabaunsee
Marshall	Republic	Washington

