

Find Your Path to Educational Success

Fall 2021

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Central Kansas Educational Opportunity Center



CKEOC Outstanding Participant: Danielle Hoapili



Danielle Hoapili

This issue's Participant of the Fall Quarter, Danielle Hoapili, originally hails from Waianae, Hawaii, where she graduated from high school in 2017. Shortly after graduation, she moved to Fort Riley, Kansas to follow her husband to his duty station. It was here that she started taking classes at Barton Community College and first heard about the services available through the Central Kansas Educational Opportunity Center (CKEOC).

When Danielle was having difficulty navigating the financial aid verification

process, staff at the Army Education Center encouraged her to contact CKEOC and ask them for help. She followed up on this suggestion and the CKEOC staff was able to guide her through the process. In a subsequent appointment, CKEOC was able to assist Danielle with completing a FAFSA (Free Application Federal Student Aid) when she transferred to Columbus State University after graduating from Barton Community College in 2019. When asked about her experience with CKEOC, Danielle stated "They are amazing and I would recommend them to everyone."

Since her last appointment, Danielle and her husband have had a Permanent Change of Station (PCS) to a new home in Georgia and is set to graduate from Columbus State University with a Bachelor's degree in Public Relations at the conclusion of the Fall semester.



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While reflecting on her college experience so far, she indicates that her experience at Barton Community College was “Great!” she goes on to say that “Barton got my foot in the door for college, it was affordable and the entire faculty and staff was really helpful and nice.” She also reflects fondly on her time at Columbus State University – especially the two internships she has had: first at the nonprofit organization Feeding the Valley Food Bank, and then at WRBL Channel 3 News.



Looking at the future, Danielle hopes to continue her education and pursue a graduate degree at either California State University, San Bernardino or Arizona State University in Fall 2022. In the meantime, she works as a Social Media Coordinator at a law firm and hopes to stay in media and communication. It is obvious that her internships have had a profound effect on her goals as she imparts: “In five years, I hope I’m working at a news station or being a creative director at a nonprofit organization.”

Looking back on her college experience, Danielle recalls how demanding and gratifying it has been and how accomplished it makes her feel, exclaiming “I’m going to be the first person from my entire family to graduate with a Bachelor’s degree this semester!” Despite all the challenging work, Danielle carves out time to spend with her husband and three pug boys and occasionally enjoys working on her vlog and enjoying iced coffee.

Congratulations and good luck, Danielle!



Brain Game

Fall Word Scramble

Unscramble the words and write the letters in the boxes. Use the letters in the shaded boxes to form a new word that answers the riddle.

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Q. What do you get when you drop a pumpkin?

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CKEOC Updates



Kendall, Ray and Jamie masking-up
in Boston, MA

The Central Kansas Educational Opportunity Center (CKEOC) staff has spent the past couple months keeping busy with professional development! Recently, CKEOC Coordinators/ Advisors Jamie Hatfield and Kendall Meyer along with Program Director Ray Kruse attended conferences in both Boston, MA and Atlanta, GA. TRIO Priority 5 Training was the purpose of the Boston trip, in which our staff acquired new knowledge on working with and recruiting participants from notoriously hard-to-reach demographics. The skills obtained from this training will benefit the EOC staff by providing strategies to connect with potential participants from the diverse population we serve.

The 40th annual Council for Opportunity in Education (COE) national conference was held in Atlanta, GA this September. COE is a non-profit organization dedicated to

furthering college opportunities for low-income and first generation populations, as well as students with disabilities. COE is mostly made up of TRIO professionals from across the country. The training included TRIO updates from U.S. Department of Education representatives in Washington DC and included a vast variety of breakout sessions on topics such as: working with different TRIO populations, mental health, utilizing different forms of technology and media, and financial literacy. The staff obtained a gold mine of information and resources from these events and is excited to utilize these skills to further improve our program and services provided to our valuable participants!

Director's Corner

The Central Kansas Educational Opportunity Center (CKEOC) is a federal TRIO grant program that is 100% funded by the U.S. Department of Education. TRIO programs are funded for five year cycles and our current grant has funding through August 2022. In February, we submitted a proposal to extend our grant through August 2027. We are happy to announce that our proposal was approved and we received notification that we will have continued funding.

In the approved proposal, we elected to add the counties Reno and McPherson to our target area. Even though we still have one year left on our current grant cycle before our new funding starts, we have received permission from the Department of Education to begin serving the communities in these counties immediately.

TRIO programs provide free services to individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds in an effort to assist them with the attainment of a post-secondary education. The services that are available through participation in our grant include, but are not limited to: career exploration, financial literacy training, researching post-secondary programs, Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) assistance, assistance with navigating the admissions process, and more. Since our inception in 1998, we have helped our participants go to over 700 different colleges and universities spanning every state in the country. If you or someone you know wants to go to college, and needs help with any part of the process, contact us today! Our friendly, knowledgeable, and experienced staff are here to help!



MAIN CAMPUS PLANNING CALENDAR

November

- 1 BARTonline Session 5 Begins
- 7– Daylight Saving Ends
- 8– Last Day to Withdraw (Full Term Classes)
- 11– Veterans Day
- 22-26– Barton Thanksgiving Break
- 29– Barton Summer Registration Begins
- 29– Last Day to Drop (BARTonline Session 2, 4 & 5)

December

- 6–9– Finals Week
- 7– Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 9– Last Day of Fall Term
- 12– BARTonline Sessions End (2, 4 & 5)
- 13– BARTonline Fall Intersession Begins
- 19– Last Day to Drop (Fall Intersession)
- 20-31– Christmas/ New Year Break

January

- 3– Barton Offices Open
- 9– BARTonline Fall Intersession Ends
- 11– Barton Classes Begin (Full Term & 1st 8 week)
- 17– Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Campus Closed)
- 18– Registration Ends (Full Term & 1st 8-week)
- 21– Last Day for Refund (Full Term & 1st 8 week)
- 24– BARTonline Classes Begin (Session 1 & 2)



FORT RILEY CAMPUS PLANNING CALENDAR

LSEC CYCLE 2 Jan 10– Feb 18
LSEC CYCLE 3 Feb 28– April 14

COLLEGE PROGRAM CYCLE 2 Jan 10– March 7
COLLEGE PROGRAM CYCLE 3 March 21– May 13

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

Let CKEOC Help You Plan Your College Success Story!

<p>Kendall Meyer Fort Riley Coordinator/ Academic Advisor</p>	<p>Ray Kruse Grandview Plaza/Junction City Project Director</p>	<p>Jamie Hatfield Great Bend Coordinator/ Academic Advisor</p>
		



Scan the QR code above to connect with CKEOC staff nearest you!

ACT Test Dates

If you or someone you know are planning to attend a post-secondary college in 2022-2023, it is time to start thinking about planning to take the ACT.

The following test centers will provide the ACT:

Abilene	Abilene High School	December 11	April 2
Chapman	Chapman High School	April 2	April 2
Clay Center	Clay Center Community College	December 11	
Concordia	Cloud County Community College	December 11	February 12
Great Bend	Barton Community College		February 12
Hays	Fort Hays State University	December 11	February 12
Hoisington	Hoisington High School	December 11	April 2
Hutchinson	Hutchinson Community College	December 11	April 2
Junction City	Junction City High School	December 11	April 2
Manhattan	Kansas State University	December 11	February 12
McPherson	McPherson High School	December 11	February 12
Pratt	Pratt Community College		February 12
Russell	Russell High School	December 11	April 2
Salina	Kansas Wesleyan University	December 11	
Wamego	Wamego High School	December 11	

Remember to confirm dates and locations with the testing center before your test date!

Online registration for the ACT can be completed at www.act.org.



GED Class Orientations

Location:Dates:Contact Number:

Barton Comm. College – Center for Adult Education 1025 Main St., Great Bend	January 11, 13 & 18	620-793-5794
Cloud County Comm. College – Adult Education 631 Caroline Ave, Junction City	January 5 – 15	785-238-8010
Colby Comm. College – Adult Education 1011 Fort St. (Lower Level), Hays	January 3	785-460-5486
Hutchinson Comm. College – Learning Center 1300 N. Plum, Hutchinson	January 11, 13	620-665-8004
Manhattan Area Tech – Adult Learning Center 3136 Dickens Ave, Manhattan	January 13-14	785-320-4585
Hutchinson Comm. College – McPherson Center 2208 E. Kansas, McPherson	January 18	620-665-8004
Salina Adult Education Center 2620 Centennial Rd., Salina	January 19-20	785-309-4660

*Please note GED Orientations may have a sign-up window prior to the actual orientation date.
Please contact the orientation location for more information



CKEOC Staff and Locations

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Grandview Plaza

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About CKEOC

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The Educational Opportunity Center is 100% funded by the U.S. Department of Education and is one of eight 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.



35 Counties Served by CKEOC

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