

Find Your Path to Educational Success

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Central Kansas Educational Opportunity Center



CKEOC Outstanding Participant: Paxton Hammeke

With Paxton Hammeke's many achievements to celebrate, the Central Kansas Educational Opportunity Center (CKEOC) is proud to announce him as this quarter's outstanding participant. TRiO has assisted Paxton in many ways. While attending Central Plains High School in Claflin, KS, he was involved with Central Kansas Upward Bound. This program helped him build his strong connection with TRiO. This connection continued with Central Kansas Educational Opportunity Center (CKEOC) when after graduating in 2019, Paxton started preparing for college. In order to secure funding, he needed assistance with the "infamous Free Application for Federal Student Aid" also known as the FAFSA. As several members in his family had previously turned to CKEOC for help, he knew just where to go.

In Summer 2020, after completing one year of a Liberal Studies Associates degree, Paxton again found himself needing guidance. His mom, who is also a TRiO-CKEOC participant, encouraged him return to our office for further direction on the next steps for his education and career. CKEOC was able to provide assistance to him via Focus 2, which is an online career readiness tool that helps students explore different career possibilities using self-assessments. With Focus 2 the student is able to establish a career path and identify the necessary educational requirements. Paxton was very thankful for the CKEOC staff sharing, "The staff is super friendly and have helped me with so many things! I ask a lot of questions (maybe



Paxton Hammeke

CKEOC Outstanding Participant: Paxton Hammeke (cont.)

too much at times) and they have always been super patient and understanding!”

With CKEOC’s guidance, Paxton has decided to pursue a career as an educator. Currently attending Barton Community College, he will be graduating in May 2021 with an Associate’s Degree in Science with an Emphasis in Secondary Education. When asked about his time at Barton Community College, he exclaimed, “I absolutely love this place and I’ll be so sad to leave here at the end of the semester – although I am very excited to start my journey at Emporia State University”. During his time at BCC, Paxton has been a student ambassador, an active member of Phi Theta Kappa and has been on the President’s list for his outstanding grade point average. At Emporia State University, he will be majoring in Secondary education with a minor in Political Science.



Upon reflecting on his college experience Paxton relates, “It has been absolutely incredible so far --

and I have a lot of people to thank for it. I have had nothing but tremendous support from family, friends, teachers, and my community.” His ultimate goal is to use his degree to help educate the next generations to come by providing them with the skills and knowledge to be responsible citizens. “I’m excited to educate my future students and teach them the importance of history and making their voice be heard by voting.”

Paxton has a strong desire to achieve in school, however when he is home, he stays busy. In addition to

being a full-time student he also works at Bailey’s Food Bin in Claflin, KS. In his downtime, Paxton enjoys working out, playing video games and hanging out with his friends. He is very excited to continue his educational journey at Emporia State University in fall 2021.

CKEOC congratulates Paxton on his many achievements and we wish him the best of luck and continued success.



Brain Games: Spring Word Search

Spring Flowers

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U	Y	O	C	C	Y	R	A	T	I	A	D	F	E
C	I	T	U	A	S	E	D	Y	W	B	C	A	E
H	R	U	S	L	I	M	N	S	Y	Y	U	L	T
T	I	L	R	I	A	E	E	R	S	S	A	S	W
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I	D	P	Y	Q	A	E	A	F	E	R	N	D	L
C	E	S	L	S	A	R	L	S	R	E	U	A	L
A	N	M	L	A	W	C	Q	A	I	A	T	H	I
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H	P	N	L	Y	S	N	A	P	M	H	P	I	M
A	V	J	O	N	Q	U	I	L	S	Q	I	A	E

BABYS BREATH
CREPE MERTLE
CROCUS
DAISYS
DAHLIA

HYACINTH
IRIS
JONQUILS
LAVENDER
LILAC

LILLY
PANSY
PETUNIA
SWEET WILLIAM
WYSTERIA



CKEOC Staff Changes: Get to know us!



The Central Kansas Educational Opportunity Center welcomes Kendall Meyer back to their staff as the Coordinator/ Academic Advisor in the Fort Riley area! Kendall used to work for CKEOC as the Secretary/Data Specialist in Great Bend. After moving to Manhattan he transferred to work as a Customer Service Representative at Barton's Fort Riley office. Before rejoining the CKEOC staff Kendall worked as a financial aid advisor for Kansas State University. In his free time Kendall enjoys being outside and spending time with his dog, cat, and his family and friends.

Ray Kruse, Central Kansas Educational Opportunity Center's former Coordinator/ Academic Advisor for the Fort Riley Area, has recently been promoted to the position of Project Director. Ray brings with him eight years of experience with our organization and is excited for this new opportunity. In addition to overseeing the operations of the program, Ray will continue to support participants from the CKEOC office in Grandview Plaza. In his spare time, Ray enjoys listening to music, playing video games and spending time with his wife, Angie and his cat, Sydney.



Jamie Hatfield has recently gained a new title at the Central Kansas Educational Opportunity Center. She will be the Coordinator/ Academic Advisor for the Great Bend area. Jamie will continue to support and assist participants in the area. Jamie has a desire to support people who want to improve their lives through education. Jamie is a first generation college student and has a personal understanding of the challenges students face today. When Jamie is not at work, you can find her reading, bike riding or at the dog park with her fur-babies, Piper, Morty and Aurora.



MAIN CAMPUS PLANNING CALENDAR

April 2	Good Friday (Campus Closed)		BARTonline Spring 2021 Session 1 Ends March 14
April 5	Easter Monday (Campus Closed)		
April 13	Barton Advisement Day		BARTonline Spring 2021 Session 2 Ends May 16
April 13 - 14	Summer & Fall 21 Registration		
May 10 - 13	Barton Finals		BARTonline Spring 2021 Session 3 Ends March 21
May 14	Barton Commencement		
May 20	Summer 2021 Registration ends		BARTonline Spring 2021 Session 4 March 22– May 16 (8 weeks)
May 31	Barton Term Ends		BARTonline Spring 2021 Session 5 April 5– May 16 (6 Weeks)
May 31	Memorial Day (Campus Closed)		BARTonline Spring Intersession April 19-May 16 (4 Weeks)



FORT RILEY CAMPUS PLANNING CALENDAR

LSEC CYCLE 4 APR 22 — JUN 4
LSEC CYCLE 5 JUN 14 — JUL 27

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

COLLEGE PROGRAM CYCLE 3 MAR 22 — MAY 14

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

Kendall Meyer
Coordinator and Academic Advisor



Jamie Hatfield
Coordinator and Academic Advisor

Mary Shane
Secretary and Data Specialist

Patti Amerine
Secretary and Data Specialist

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ACT Test Dates

COVID-19 Disclaimer: Remember to confirm dates and locations with the testing center before your test date!

If you or someone you know are planning to attend a post-secondary college in 2021-2022, it is time to mark your calendar for the following dates for the ACT test.

The following test centers will provide the ACT:

Abilene	Abilene High School	April 17	June 12
Chapman	Chapman High School	April 17	June 12
Clay Center	Clay Center Community High School	April 17	June 12
Concordia	Cloud County Community College	April 17	June 12
Great Bend	Barton Community College	April 17	
Hays	Fort Hays State University	April 17	June 12
	Hays High School	April 17	June 12
Hoisington	Hoisington High School	April 17	
Junction City	Junction City High School	April 17	June 12
Manhattan	Kansas State University	April 17	
Pratt	Pratt Community College	April 17	June 12
Russell	Russell High School	April 17	June 12
Salina	Kansas Wesleyan University	April 17	June 12
	Salina High School South	April 17	June 12
Wamego	Wamego High School	April 17	

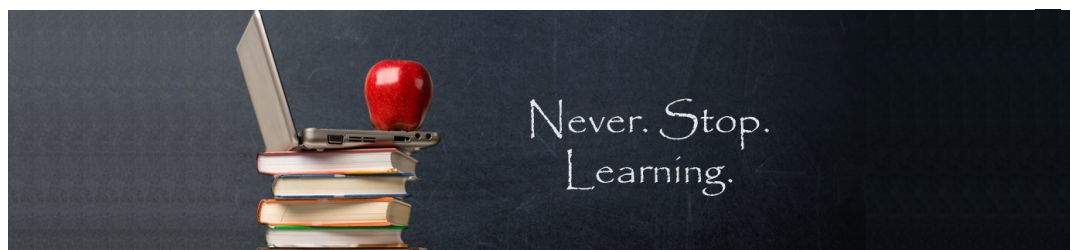
Online registration for the ACT can be completed by visiting www.act.org.



GED Class Orientation

<u>Location:</u>	<u>Dates:</u>	<u>Contact Number:</u>
BCC/Great Bend 1025 Main St.	March 9-16 May 11-18	620-793-5794
Cloud CCC – Geary County Campus 631 Caroline Ave, Junction City	March 15-19	785-238-8010
Hays 1011 Fort St. (Corrections Building)	March 8th	785-460-5486
Manhattan 3136 Dickens Ave	March 15-16	785-587-2800
Salina 2620 Centennial Rd.	March 8-11 May 17-20	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

Great Bend

1025 Main St
620-793-8164

Grandview Plaza

100 Continental Dr
785-238-5200

Fort Riley

211 Custer Ave Bldg. 211 Office #105
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TRiO programs include eight outreach and support programs targeted to help disadvantaged students progress from middle school to post-baccalaureate programs.

About CKEOC



33 Counties Served by CKEOC

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