

1998 Distinguished Service Award Recipient

The Distinguished Service Award was created in 1981 by the Barton County Community College Foundation to recognize individuals who have shown genuine regard for and outstanding service to, Barton County Community College.



George Tregellas has long been regarded as one of the most ardent supporters of Kansas community colleges. He was first elected to the Barton County Community College Board of Trustees in 1979, and became vice-chairman four years later. He has been board chairman since 1991. Tregellas has served as a delegate to the Kansas Association of Community Colleges and was appointed to the Governor's Community College Advisory Council in 1986 and again in 1989. He graduated with an associate's degree in 1941 from Pratt Community College and has been a resident of Great Bend since 1943. A regular donor to the Foundation's Academic Enrichment Fund Campaign since 1988, George established an endowed music scholarship as a memorial to his wife Cleo who died in 1997. He has two children, Michael of Lambertville, New Jersey and Deborah Tregellas-Baker, Sandy, Utah.