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2021 ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION A HUGE SUCCESS

On Saturday, August 28 over 190 loyal, staunch Barton supporters celebrated “Life’s a Beach” in support of Barton Community College academic scholarships and program enhancements. The event was held at the Columbus Club in Great Bend and the beach theme was the perfect setting for a casual evening of fun, fellowship and outstanding food.

This year the auction exceeded its goal by \$15,000, due to the generosity, not only of our attendees but to those individuals and businesses who went above and beyond this year to furnish excellent items for both our silent and live auctions. Donations totaled 93 silent auction items and 32 live auction items.

The auction would not be possible without the hard work of the foundation staff, foundation board, volunteers, donors,

the guys at the Knights of Columbus and of course the talent and generosity of Carr Auction and Real Estate!

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL – ALONE WE ARE BUT A DROP, TOGETHER WE ARE AN OCEAN.



BARTON'S "COUGAR SUPPLY DEN" HELPS STUDENTS IN NEED



Story by Joe Vinduska and Yuchen Wang Boswell
Photos by Yuchen Wang Boswell

Some college students have more to think about these days than going to classes and maintaining good grades. Some worry about where their next meal is coming from. To ease that concern, Barton Community College established a food pantry that offers quality food and necessities for free. Beginning this semester, the pantry upgraded to a new location with a new name, the Cougar Supply Den (CSD).

Vice President of Student Services Angie Maddy says the College has noticed the increasing needs of students.

"It's been pretty widely reported on the national front that an increasing number of college students faced significant need in terms of food, and basic necessities like shampoo, toothpaste, or bed sheets for a dorm mattress," she said. "We've noted that with increasing frequency here at Barton as well. Over many years the concept of a 'basic needs supply closet' had been discussed at Barton."

The Barton Food Pantry opened in 2017 and has continued to grow throughout the years. Central Kansas Upward Bound Project Director Patrick Busch is the founder and one of the volunteers for the CSD. He said usage of the resource has been increasing.

"We have over 200 entries each month," he said. "Since we started the pantry in 2017, it has supplied 20,000 pounds of food. Our check-in data shows that students have used the service over 3,000 times."

The CSD is in the Learning Resource Center on the Great Bend campus. It now provides food, water, personal care items, Barton clothing, bedding supplies and cookware. All items are completely free to all students taking classes on campus. Any student can contact the office staff in student services to gain access.

Several Barton employee volunteers help run the supply den. They make sure there are steady donations from various organizations from the local community and beyond. Once the food and supplies arrive, the staff organize and clean the items before they made their way to the supply room.

Maddy said she is proud of the volunteers and all their efforts.

"Patrick Busch was really the driving force behind bringing this long-discussed concept to life," she said. "The project has grown in amazing ways over the past few years and has proven to be incredibly beneficial to our students on the Barton County campus."

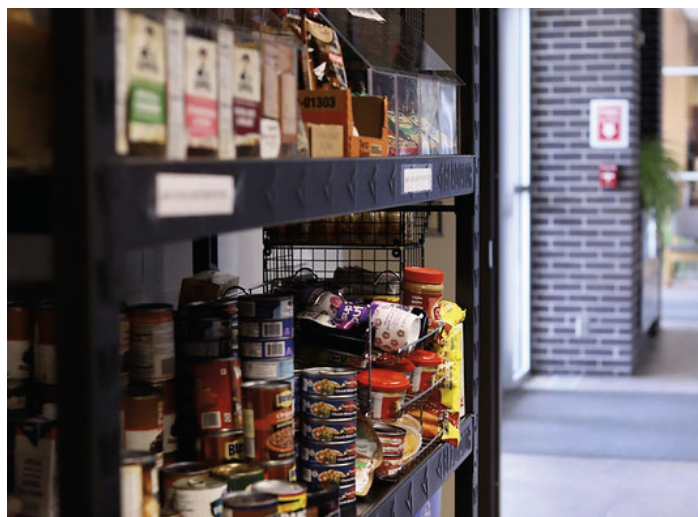
Isabella Guedes is one of the many students that have benefited.

"When I got to Barton, I couldn't believe we had a place where I would have free drinks and food," she said. "This project helped me a lot. If it wasn't for this resource, I would have had more difficulties during the semester when I couldn't work."

Because of the experience Guedes had, she now became one of the student helpers who assists other Barton students access to the CSD.

Central Kansas Upward Bound Academic Coordinator Nolan Efeld and Co-Founder of the CSD encourages all students to take advantage of their services.

"We're trying to remove all the obstacles, so students don't have to worry about the food necessities, the major hygiene necessities, and the clothing stuff," he said.



CLARENCE AND JEANNETTE HAAK MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT

Upon the passing of Clarence Haak in January of 2021, the Barton Community College Foundation became the beneficiary of a \$50,000 bequest to establish an endowment for the benefit of students pursuing a nursing degree from Barton.

Clarence was born and raised on a farm near Great Bend. After farming with his dad and brother he began working for the Automotive Parts Company of Great Bend and then for Midlands Automotive out of Omaha, Nebraska as their regional manager in Great Bend.

In 1954 he married his lifelong sweetheart, Jeanette, and in 1968 they moved to Denver, Colorado where Clarence continued to work in the automotive field. Even though residents of Denver, both Clarence and Jeanette were very pleased that Barton Community College was opened in 1969 and they continued to follow its growth from its modest beginnings to the outstanding community college it is today.

Prior to this endowment, Clarence supported an annually funded scholarship named for his wife, Jeannette, also for those students majoring in nursing. The first Clarence and Jeannette Haak Memorial Scholarship will be awarded from this new endowment for the 2022-23 academic year.



LINDSEY BOGNER JOINS BARTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION AS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Story by Brandon Steinert
Portrait by Joe Vinduska

The Barton Community College Foundation has been raising money and managing endowments for scholarships and enhancements to the college for more than five decades. Lindsey Bogner, the next Executive Director of the Foundation, is hard at work absorbing as much knowledge as she can from the current director, Coleen Cape, who will retire in January. “Working with Coleen has been a great experience; we are so lucky to be able to spend so much time together before she retires,” Bogner said. “She has been at the College for 27 years and her expertise and mentorship are a boon that brings a deeper level of understanding, putting me on the right track.” Bogner comes to the college with years of experience serving as the Foundation and Community Education Director at the Ellinwood Hospital & Clinic, and as a Communications Coordinator for the Clara Barton Hospital and Foundation. She holds a master’s degree in management and leadership from Western Governors University.

She said she's excited for the possibilities in the future and already has some ideas for new initiatives, but she's easing into the job slowly.

"I really want to focus on making what we have more successful," she said. "The first order of business for me is to evaluate all of the events and programs and see if there are any changes that we can make before creating something new."

She said the "secret sauce" is the quality of the team she will be leading, including Administrative Assistant Amy Wheeler and Business and Accounting Specialist Donna McCormick. "Donna and Amy are amazing, and with our mix of personalities, we are going to make a great team," Bogner said. "They've got the know-how and the heart for everything the Foundation does."

Speaking of heart, Bogner said she finds tremendous purpose in her role as the next leader of the foundation.

"I wake up and I get to help someone accomplish their goals every day," she said. "Whether that is helping a donor set up an endowment or scholarship to recognize their loved one, giving a student a scholarship so they can get an education, or supporting the faculty and staff in their work, I have the opportunity to help make things happen. That is an amazing feeling and I love doing it."

In addition to her experience and credentials, Bogner is a US Army veteran and is highly involved in the community. She is a member of the Hines-Gossman American Legion Post #320 of Ellinwood. She serves on the Action Team for the Barton Arts Movement, is a member of Barton County Young Professionals, and volunteers as a Kansas Hunter Education Instructor for the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. Lindsey lives near Odin, with her husband Mark, and their two children, Zoey and Otto.

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

MORE THAN A DEGREE – MORE THAN A DIPLOMA

The Barton Community College Foundation awarded \$305,757 in academic scholarships to 241 students for the 2021-22 academic year. Students are chosen through the application process and the funds are in addition to any other community awards, college GPA awards or performance awards.

Scholarships are open to traditional and non-traditional students, taking face-to-face, online or fusion classes. Foundation scholarships are available to full-time and part-time students and because of the growing on-line demographic, more scholarships are offered to students globally than ever before.

During the 25 years I have been with the foundation, the scope of the mission and vision of what we offer our students has changed for me. That change is one of the reasons that this position has become a passion for me and not just a job. I have come to know and see first-hand that what we offer goes beyond the realm of financial assistance, what we offer is hope, self-esteem, personal awareness and the opportunity to make life-long friends.

I wish I had the room in this article to share the amazing thank you notes our students write to our donors. The impact we are able to make on the lives of our students because of the generosity of our donors, truly is life-changing and makes a difference, not only in their lives but in the lives of their families as well.

The capacity for generosity, compassion and empathy within the human heart is a constant source of amazement and becomes a gift that surpasses any monetary value. There is no way to measure its impact or gauge its importance – all we can do is recognize it, be grateful and acknowledge its power to shape the world.





MESSAGE FROM OUTGOING CHAIR - LORI WERTH

The Foundation Board of Directors is truly a wonderful group of volunteers who have the best interest of students and Barton Community College in mind. They are not only good people but can be depended upon to be good

stewards of donations to the college foundation. As the outgoing chair, I look back over the last year and I am amazed at what was accomplished even though the world around us forced us to rethink how we accomplished goals. We learned to leverage technology to accomplish voting, attending meetings and communication. Our Benefit Auction was cancelled but many people still supported the foundation even though the auction didn't take place. I was grateful of their generosity because I was concerned about not being able to provide funds for scholarships and departmental requests to enhance the learning of our students. We were still able to make that happen despite the uncertainty brought on by the pandemic.

We were able to have our Annual Clay Shoot but had to make some modifications because of the pandemic. It was nice to be able to

come together again for this fundraiser and begin moving slowly back into some of our normal functionality as a board.

The board of directors is supported by the staff at the Foundation, a group that is a well-oiled machine constantly amazing me by being two steps ahead and always making sure everything is perfect no matter what we are doing. Coleen, Donna and Michelle made events run flawless. Michelle Fryberger retired from the foundation staff after nineteen and a half years in December, which brought Amy Wheeler in as her replacement. Amy has done a terrific job and fits in so well; we are so thankful she is a part of the foundation team.

Coleen- thank you for your leadership as Director of the Foundation. You have good business sense wrapped up with a warm smile and kind heart. Your footprints led to many successes of the board and foundation. Thank you for being you!!!

I would like to thank all of our donors and the community for your support during a challenging year in our world. You are so important to our mission and we cannot be successful without you.

I have enjoyed my term as Chair and wish incoming chair, Tiffany Mayo, the best of luck in 2021-22. I know she will do great and lead the board to another successful year.



MESSAGE FROM IN-COMING CHAIR - TIFFANY MAYO

For more than 50 years, the BCC Foundation has been serving the Barton Community College. Educational success and goals continue to trend upward, thanks, in part, to the BCC Foundation, its board members, and its

generous donors, all of whom are committed to Barton Community College.

“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.” Our board consist of community leaders from various sectors who strongly believe higher education has a great impact on a person's long-term success. Helping students with scholarships for furthering their education or job training is the basis of the Foundation.

The Foundation not only works with students on campus or virtually, it also reaches our military at Fort Riley and Fort Leavenworth, as well as inmates at Larned and Ellsworth. Giving the inmates this opportunity is crucial to their rehabilitation for rejoining society.

The community has always been a vital part of the success of the Foundation and College in their support with fundraising. The Big Benefit Auction is always a fun filled event that raises money for scholarships, the Clay Shoot funds the mini-grants for the faculty,

and the AEF (Academic Enrichment Fund) is a mail campaign, which allows donors to choose where their funds will be distributed. We cannot thank the community and donors enough for all the support you give. The foundation would not prosper without all your continued help.

I am honored, as the Chair of the Foundation, to be affiliated with the Barton Community College. Knowing I am part of an organization that is changing the lives of others is very fulfilling. I could not ask for a better board of members that represent the College as well as the wonderful Foundation Staff. This is a bittersweet year as the Executive Director, Coleen Cape, will be retiring. She is a fantastic leader with the highest commitment to the Foundation and College as well as making sure all of the donors' wishes are continuously met. We will welcome Lindsey Bogner as the new Executive Director to continue with the success of the Foundation.

Again, thank you to all the donors and community members for your continued support. The success of the students would not be possible without you! We look forward to another prosperous year!



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