



2016 Sporting Clay Shoot

More than 135 shooters braved rain forecasts to enjoy the 7th Annual Foundation Sporting Clay Shoot April 17 at the newly reopened Camp Aldrich. The 100-target event raised more than \$10,000 to support mini-grants for Barton faculty. In its six year history, the Foundation office has awarded 82 mini-grants totaling more than \$54,000 to assist faculty with classroom enhancements to benefit the learning experience of Barton students.

Both shooters and volunteers were extremely pleased with the new venue for the shoot, many calling it one of the best courses of its kind they had seen. Shooters enjoyed overcast skies, an excellent

course set by Linden Target Sports of McPherson, and a hearty lunch by Great Western Dining. Individuals and three-person teams competed for prizes, including guns for the top shooters and raffle prizes donated by our generous sponsors. Prizes were awarded in the Lewis Class competition as well.

Flurries, described as "load fast, shoot fast," were an exciting addition to the event, allowing teams of two to compete with an extra 30 shots and a chance at more prizes.

Visit <http://bartonccfoundation.org/> for results and video highlights. Our next shoot is April 23, 2017.



2016 Distinguished Service Award

The Barton Community College Foundation honored Loren and Gayle Unruh with the 2016 Distinguished Service Award during Barton's 46th commencement.

The Distinguished Service Award was created in 1981 by the Barton Community College Foundation to recognize individuals who have shown genuine regard for, and have performed outstanding service to Barton Community College. The Barton Foundation Board of Directors selects the recipient from nominations received.

Loren Unruh was born and raised in Great Bend on his grandfather's homestead and graduated from Great Bend High School in 1961. In 1977, he opened the 48-room Best Western Angus Inn in Great Bend that has grown to 90 units including an indoor pool and large courtyard area. Loren is an active community advocate and is always willing to help on committees and initiatives. He continues to serve faithfully on his church board and has served 36 years on the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Loren's relationship with Barton Community College began with the purchase of basketball season tickets from the first season they were available to the present. He was a founding member of the Cougar Booster Club, serving as Vice President from 1982-1983 and as President from 1983-1984. He donates time and space for meetings, sponsors tournaments and most recently donated funds towards the new scoreboard in the Barton gymnasium.

Loren's first wife, Connie, passed away in 1987. His current wife, Gayle, is a native of North Dakota and moved to Great Bend from Phoenix. They have three

children, Rick, Shawnda and Krista. They also have eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

In 2001, a tragic accident claimed the life of their grandson Landon. To honor Landon's passion and talent for baseball, Loren established the Landon Unruh Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a baseball player in pursuit of his dreams, just as they had dreamed of seeing Landon pursue his.

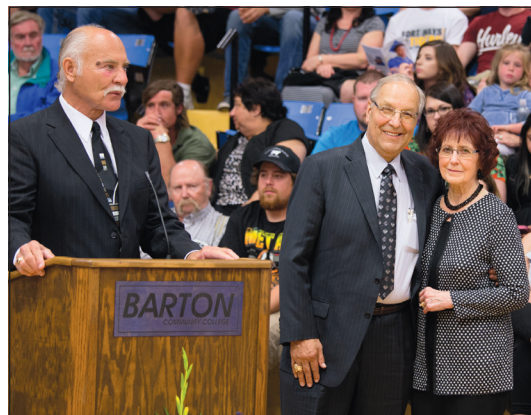
Loren and Gayle later created the Loren and Gayle Unruh Endowment in 2007 to benefit another student athlete and have continued to increase the endowment fund each year.

Coordinator of Fundraising and Special Events for the Foundation Coleen Cape said the generosity of the Unruhs has been very beneficial to the college and the Distinguished Service Award was a great way to officially, and publicly thank them.

"Loren Unruh is as community minded as it gets!" Cape said. "He was born in Great Bend and is very proud of it and he does all he can to support and promote this community at every turn. His involvement goes far beyond just his personal business concerns. Both he and Gayle believe in giving back to the community that has so generously supported them. They have always paid it forward and Barton Community College and the Foundation alike, are proud and grateful to be benefactors of their generosity. It is always our intent to show our appreciation to all of our donors, but that is not always an easy task. We hope that by honoring Loren and Gayle with our Distinguished Service Award they will realize we value their friendship and applaud each and every contribution."



Loren and Gayle Unruh



Foundation Board of Directors Chair, Sylvan Bleeker, presents Loren and Gayle Unruh as the 2016 Distinguished Service Award recipients.

Gayle believe in giving back to the community that has so generously supported them. They have always paid it forward and Barton Community College and the Foundation alike, are proud and grateful to be benefactors of their generosity. It is always our intent to show our appreciation to all of our donors, but that is not always an easy task. We hope that by honoring Loren and Gayle with our Distinguished Service Award they will realize we value their friendship and applaud each and every contribution."

2016 Outstanding Graduates

Audree Aguilera of Chase and Riley Chrisler of Natoma were named Barton Community College’s 2016 Outstanding Graduates. Dean of Student Services Angie Maddy introduced them and presented their awards, after which they took the opportunity to address their fellow graduates during the college’s 46th commencement ceremony.

Aguilera is the daughter of Mary and Gilbert Aguilera. During her Barton career, she has participated in Concert Choir, Hilltop Singers, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Orchestra, and the Prairie Winds Concert Band. Additionally, she has participated in the TRIO and Student Support Services Program and the Community Student Organization, as well as working as a peer tutor in the tutoring lab. She has recently accepted a position as the Community Development Coordinator in Lyons and in conjunction with this position will be working toward a graduate certificate in City and County Management through Wichita State University. Simultaneously, she will be continuing her education at Fort Hays State University where she will pursue her bachelor’s degree in Public Administration and Management.



The Barton Community College Foundation Board of Directors congratulate Audree Aguilera and Riley Chrisler for their accomplishments while at Barton. Both students received Foundation scholarships; Audree received the Bank of America Scholarship and Riley was awarded the Bill E. Sowles Memorial Scholarship.

Aguilera spoke fondly to the audience about her time at Barton. “Looking back on my two years here at Barton, I can honestly say Barton is filled with caring members of the faculty and staff. Being at Barton is like being in a huge family! Everyone truly cares about your well-being and success.”

Chrisler is the son of Melissa and Tony Chrisler. While attending Barton, Riley has participated in Lambda Alpha Epsilon, the American Criminal Justice Association, serving as the club’s treasurer. Additionally, Riley has been a member of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society and has worked throughout his Barton career both on his family farm and for

the Russell County Sheriff’s Department Detention Center. Riley will be transferring to Fort Hays State University where he will be pursuing his bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice.

Chrisler focused his comments on thanking everyone at Barton, especially the faculty. “The instructors at Barton are a remarkable group of people,” he said. “They are always ready and willing to do anything they can to promote the education and well-being of a student. Your commitment is appreciated by all.”

Story by Joe Vinduska

COLLEGE SUMMER HOURS

effective May 16 through August 5, 2016

COLLEGE OFFICES (except Kirkman Student Services office)

Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

KIRKMAN STUDENT SERVICES OFFICE

Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

CAMPUS CLOSED ON FRIDAYS



Great Turnout at Camp Aldrich Grand Re-Opening



A crowd estimated at more than 500 filled the new Camp Aldrich Dining and Events Center for its' Grand Re-Opening and Ribbon Cutting March 31. The after-hours event was held in conjunction with the Great Bend, Hoisington and Ellinwood chambers of commerce and Claflin Area Pride.

Great Western Dining provided a hamburger/hot dog meal and the Foundation provided drinks.

The original building caught fire in April 2014. "When we got that call that Saturday morning about the fire, I think we were all just devastated," College Trustee Mike Johnson said. "It's a beautiful facility I think we

can all be proud of and one I hope the entire county will feel they can use as we move forward."

The new Dining and Events Center, which is constructed completely from fire-resistant materials, is 25 percent larger upstairs with a capacity of 300. The lower level is twice as large as before, and can seat 100. A large outdoor patio space was added. High-efficiency heating and cooling systems have been installed as well as ADA compliance upgrades like an elevator and ramp. It features an expanded, fully-equipped industrial kitchen.

Several individuals and organizations donated funds to allow Barton to go above and beyond what insurance would cover for the \$2.5 million project. Bob Dole donated \$20,000 to the Foundation, and Kans for Kids Fighting Cancer Foundation, Inc. raised \$317,000 by selling tax credits. Both donations were made with Camp Hope in mind, expanding the size of the facility and customizing amenities to accommodate the children's needs.



Kansas high school students participate in Vortex day; scholarships awarded

Area high school students from Ellinwood, Great Bend, Larned and Hoisington came to Barton Community College to get hands-on experience from art professionals and participate in a juried art exhibit Thursday.

The Vortex exhibit featured entries in a variety of mediums from painting to various 3D entries. The exhibit serves as the framework for Vortex Day, which is designed to stimulate and enhance students' interest and excitement in the arts. Students participated in

various workshops presented by Barton faculty and staff and local volunteers and ranged from a ceramic workshop to a session on photographic lighting techniques.

The day culminated with an awards show in the Shafer Gallery to recognize the Vortex Exhibit winners in a variety of categories. The Barton Foundation awarded three \$500 scholarships to the Best in Show winners for 2D and 3D and the Director's Choice Award.

Story by Joe Vinduska



join us for a

SAVE THE DATE

**SAT
AUG 27
2016**

**38th Annual
Big Benefit Auction**

Great Bend
Knights of Columbus Hall

sponsored by
Barton Community
College Foundation

**POLITICAL
PARTY**

*Foundation
Interim Executive Director*



Upon the resignation of Nancy Wiebe, Coleen Cape has been named Interim Executive Director of the Barton Community College Foundation assuming all duties and responsibilities.

"I am so excited about this opportunity. I love Barton and the communities we serve. I have been with the Foundation office for 17 years and am continually astounded by the support and generosity of our donors. The staff and I look forward to fostering relationships and serving the needs of our students and donors alike. If anyone has any concerns, issues or comments, feel free to call our office anytime."

Barton Community College
Calendar of Events

JUNE

June 6 - Summer Classes Begin
June 19 - Fathers' Day

JULY

July 4 - Independence Day
(No Classes/Offices Closed)
July 24 - Parents' Day

AUGUST

August 5 - Summer Hours End
August 17 - Fall 2016 Classes Begin

Leave A Legacy - Make a Difference



Naming beneficiaries on insurance policies, securities, IRAs and other retirement accounts

If a policy or account has designated beneficiaries, the assets in it usually pass directly to those beneficiaries. Most banks and financial services firms have beneficiary forms you can use, or they can provide you with suggested language for naming beneficiaries to these accounts.



If you are contemplating a gift to Barton Community College Foundation here are some options to consider:

- Use non-Roth retirement accounts. These assets are generally tax-free to recipients, provided certain conditions are met.
- Name the Foundation a 100% beneficiary or name the Foundation as beneficiary for a certain percentage of the account. The remainder would go to individual beneficiaries in particular percentages.
- Specify the Foundation as a contingent beneficiary, so that if the primary beneficiary disclaims it, it will go the Foundation.

It is always best to consult with your tax and legal advisors, as individual situations may result in varying tax and inheritance consequences. Please notify the Foundation of your intentions so that we may thank you accordingly and record any wishes as to how you would like the funds used at the College.

COUGAR
 PAUSE 

Cougar Pause
Mondays 11:30 a.m.
1590 AM KVGB



Remember to tune in weekly for a lively half-hour talk show featuring all the latest happenings on the Barton campus hosted by radio personality Steve Webster.



	Non-profit Org.
	U.S. Postage
	PAID
	Permit No. 11
	Great Bend, KS

Address Service Requested



FOCUS Newsletter

June 2016 • Volume 9, Issue 4
 (620) 792-9306

Email: foundation@bartonccc.edu

Camp Aldrich Dining & Events Center

FOUNDATION STAFF

Colleen Cape, Interim Executive Director of Institutional Advancement & Coordinator of Fund Raising and Special Events
 620-786-1136 - capcc@bartonccc.edu

Michelle Fryberger, Administrative Assistant
 620-792-9308 - frybergerm@bartonccc.edu

Donna McCormick, Business & Accounting Specialist
 620-793-9306 - mccormickd@bartonccc.edu

Barton Foundation
 245 NE 30 RD
 Great Bend, KS 67530
 Fax: 620-786-1138
 Web Site: bartonccfoundation.org