



***We Invite You to Take a Seat***

Bart, the Cougar, invites you to Take A Seat to enhance the performing arts auditorium renovation. This is an opportunity for businesses and individuals to acknowledge their support or to honor a special person. We have had overwhelming response to our request for assistance and the beautiful 3-D donor wall will give the donors perpetual recognition for their generosity. Your gift to the Barton Community College Foundation,



a 501c (3) nonprofit organization, is tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. Patrons may sponsor an existing seat for \$125. We hope our business population will also want to be represented on our recognition wall to show their support in our continuation of producing cultural events to benefit the students and the community. Please contact the Foundation office if you want to be included in this exciting project.

#BartonSeats

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*Barton Community College has begun a project to revitalize the theatre seating, lighting and sound equipment in the Fine Arts auditorium.*



## Foundation Assists in Barton Student Recruitment

It is a wonderful opportunity to bring local and regional high school students to the Barton campus, and hosting Fine and Performing Art competitions is an excellent way to expose students to college life. It is a win/win situation for those individuals who want to research the options they have using their talents and skills.

This spring the Shafer Art Gallery and Barton Foundation played a major role in awarding scholarships to winners of a variety of art divisions. The exhibits featured entries from area high school students in a variety of mediums from painting to 3D entries.

The Vortex Fine and Performing Arts Day, was designed to stimulate and enhance students' interest and excitement in the arts. Students had the option to sign up for various workshops, presented by Barton faculty, in various areas including arts, music, theatre, dance, creative writing and storytelling.



Another opportunity for the Foundation to help the arts was the Central Prairie League Art Show and Competition where the Foundation awarded scholarships to the winning artists. Each of these students received a critique from the judges explaining why they chose certain art entries as being in the top of their class, which allowed the young artist to get professional advice for their future competitions.

Barton Community College Foundation is proud to offer these types of financial awards to the deserving students who attend Barton after they complete their high school requirements.

### Vortex Fine and Performing Arts Day



(From left) Andrea Klepper of Ellinwood won the Best in Show 2-D award, Barton Foundation Director Darnell Holopirek, and Amber Karst won the Best in Show 3-D award. (Not pictured) Fiona Lin of Thomas Moore Prep-Marian won The Director's Choice award.

### Central Prairie League Art Show and Competition



(From left) Best in Show 2-D Award winner Sam Stroede, Barton Foundation Director Darnell Holopirek and Director's Choice Award winner Ashley Wellbrock.

## *Dr. Mary Davidson Cohen Honored by Foundation*

"This place...this community...this college provides opportunity for men and women of all colors, genders, and beliefs who pass through the doors," said Dr. Mary Cohen in her written statement as she was hon-

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ored by the Barton Community College Foundation as the 2013 Distinguished Service Award recipient. In regard to the many ways she has supported the college she says there is not a better legacy she could leave. "Awards mean a lot,

but they don't say it all. What really matters is the fact that Barton Community College is deserving of my gift and the gifts that all of you have provided and will provide in the future." Dr. Cohen also made the comment "In great measure this college is the spine of the community of Great Bend. It represents the spirit of Kansas...we take care of our own."

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.

Dr. Cohen received a doctorate in education administration from the University of Kansas in 1977. In 2002, she began serving as the Secretary for Education's Regional Representative under Secretary Rod Paige. As the secretary's regional representative, Cohen served as the department's liaison to state and local education agencies, public and private schools, colleges and universities, elected representatives of local and state government organizations and a variety of other education stakeholders. Needless to say, her ties to the education world are extensive and she understands the value of Barton Community College.

Foundation Director Darnell Holopirek said Dr. Cohen is very deserving of the award. "Mary really

sees how important philanthropy is, and we are blessed that she has chosen Barton to be a benefactor of her gifts, not only financially but through friendship, enthusiasm and encouragement," Holopirek said.

In 2005, Dr. Cohen and her late husband

Bart exhibited extreme generosity by donating their extensive collection of Kansas history literature that is housed in the Learning Resource Center in a dedicated space they also funded, which is called The Cohen Center for Kansas History. They also established an endowment for maintenance of the center and the collection it houses. Their commitment to this project inspired the complete renovation of the Learning Resource Center by the college in 2008, a project they also helped support. Today, the Cohen Center for Kansas History boasts one of the most extensive collections of research resources in the state. The center is open to not only Barton students, but community members as well.

Holopirek said the college's relationship with the Cohen's has been mutually beneficial. "They fell in love with Barton and Barton has fallen in love with them," she said.

Since Bart's death in 2006, Mary has continued her support of and generosity to Barton Community College; most recently with a very generous unrestricted gift to be used at the discretion of the Foundation Board of Directors.

"Mary has continued to support almost every endeavor that we have," Holopirek said of Mary's continued dedication to the college. "She has truly gained our respect and devotion, and embodies everything that a true philanthropist is."



## 6th Annual Foundation Clay Shoot Results Above Expectations

In the beginning the goal wasn't to be the largest one-day shoot in the state of Kansas, but it sure makes the Foundation Board of Directors proud to think we have created an event that continues to generate more involvement by sponsors and the attendees who come to shoot. We had 176 pre-registrations and 160 actual shooters, which makes this our third straight year of claiming our fame by having such a large shoot.

More importantly, it is what we do with the proceeds that make us realize we are making great things happen.

Each fall we offer the Barton faculty mini-grants from the funds which are raised at our April clay shoot. The faculty members complete an application and a committee of our directors selects the recipients. It is a joy for us to hear an instructor make a comment that he/she plans on applying for this grant because over the years the faculty has been able to utilize these funds for special equipment or instruction materials they can use in their classrooms. The criterion is that they must

enhance their student's learning experience by the purchase of an item(s) which may not be available in the faculty's capacity to otherwise purchase. We had net proceeds of almost \$14,000 this year so we will be able to assist our students with many different options by awarding their faculty some wonderful opportunities.

Our sponsorship increased this year and we had shooters from 29 Kansas communities and two from out of state (California and Colorado). Reaching out to new friends of Barton is definitely happening with



this enjoyable activity. We have participants come back each year and yet we always have new ones who join the fun. There is a great atmosphere at LaSada's Sporting Clay facility and it's a wonderful fun-filled day of competition along with camaraderie among the attendees.

This event is sponsorship based and without our sponsor's support we could not offer this awesome friend/fundraiser; we sincerely appreciate their support and loyalty. Butterfly Supply, Inc., and Smith Supply, LLC have been our major sponsors for the past 4 years and they continue to see the real value of this opportunity. Other impor-

tant sponsors were: 10th Street Eye Care Center, Adams Brown Beran & Ball CPA, Bret Andries, Bentley & Associates, Jack Bowman, CPI Qualified Plan Consultants, C V Cale, Inc., Carr Auction & Real Estate, D & S Casing, D S & W Well Service, Dakota Dirt, Doonan Peterbilt GMC, Dove Chevrolet Buick Cadillac, Edwards Jones – Jim Vopat & Todd & Jim Armatys, Eldridge Fencing, Ellinwood Packing Plant, Farmers Bank & Trust NA, First Kansas Bank, Golden Belt Telephone, Great Bend Chamber of Commerce, Great Bend Farm Equipment, Great Bend Regional Hospital, Great Bend Tribune, Hammeke Electric, Dee Holman, Mel

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lo, Straub International, Sunflower Bank, UMB Bank, Venture Corporation, and Wal-Mart Super Center.

Our date for next year will be April 27, 2014 (this is a week later than usual due to the Easter holiday). Again, we want to thank our board of directors for their assistance, our sponsors, and our participants. It makes for a great partnership which brings great results. We will continue to strive to make this an event one which can be enjoyed by everyone.



## Meet and Greet our Potential Students

Most students and their parents visit campus when deciding if they want to attend Barton Community College. The first place they start their Barton orientation is with the Admissions office in the Kirkman Visitor's Center. Our recruiters have been in constant contact with them whether at their present school, by phone, or even personal visits. It has been quite a few years since any renovations or upgrades have been done to this most important department; however, the College has recently upgraded the office complex in the Kirkman Visitor's Center replacing cubicles with actual offices for more privacy for these visits. Many times a person makes a decision on first impressions, so we want the Welcome Center to have a comfortable, pleasant look and feel that makes our guests want to come to our college because they see we keep things updated and attractive.

Some of our current select students are Barton Ambassadors and they represent the college in many aspects including offering their time for student

tours, our Foundation auction, cultural and athletic events, and any other tasks requested by the departments on campus. They are committed to serving the Admissions office for several hours each week and to do this it calls for several group meetings.

The conference room will also be used as a meet and greet for all students who visit the campus. Plans for this room include a conference table with our cougar logo burned into the top and comfortable chairs.



It takes everyone's efforts to create this type of atmosphere for our visitors and it is nice that the College, the Admissions office, and the Foundation office have teamed up

to finance the cost of the furniture for these two locations. The furniture includes a divan, lounge chairs, tables and conference room chairs. It is in the Foundation's mission to provide assistance and educational opportunities and initiatives for the College. The Foundation Directors felt this was a very worthwhile endeavor and are happy to make this improvement for the Welcome Center.

## ESPN Radio Sports Day with Steve Webster

So often we hear from our community citizens that they can't believe how much the Barton Community College Foundation does to promote the College, the Barton students and how many friend/fund raisers we accomplish throughout the year. We have so many wonderful things to share with the community about the activities that are currently happening at the Foundation. When the opportunity arose to sponsor the Sports Day Show with Steve Webster we thought about how many people listen to Steve's show, and decided this would give us a good opportunity to share with our donors and constituents so they can stay up on the great initiatives which enhance the learning experiences of our students.

Please contact us if you have an interest in becoming involved or if you have a question about our office processes or procedures. You may want to become one of our benefactors or assist us so we can contin-

ue to serve and recognize our students, college and our philanthropists. Our active audience will hear about us on the Wednesday show but we'll be listed as a sponsor on every show including Saturday and Sunday on ESPN radio.

We can't personally talk to everyone in our many communities but this will be a good way to communicate about the great things we do for Barton Community College and let them know that they can become involved whether it is in a small or large manner.



**PLEASE LISTEN FOR  
SPORTS DAY  
EVERY WEDNESDAY  
4:00 - 5:00 P.M.  
STARTING JUNE 5th  
on KVGB 1590 AM**

 A large circular graphic with a red and blue striped border. The text "Calendar of Events" is written in a white, cursive font along the top inner edge. The center of the circle is white and contains the following text:
 

*June*  
June 3 - Summer 2013 Classes Begin  
June 27 - Classes End for 1st 4-Week Session

*July*  
July 1 - Classes Begin for 2nd 4-Week Session  
July 4 - Independence Day (No Classes/Offices Closed)  
July 29 - Classes End for 2nd 4-Week Session  
July 29 - Classes End for 8-Week Session

*August*  
August 19 - Fall 2013 Classes Begin

 To the left of the main circle is a yellow sunburst graphic with the text:
 

**2013  
Summer  
Hours**  
May 20 - August 9  
Campus Closed  
on Fridays

 The background of the graphic shows a photograph of a white porch with a wooden deck, an American flag, and two young women sitting on the porch reading a book together.

## Interactive Training Lab

We may live in a rural area but thanks to futuristic technology and the donors who support Barton Community College's Criminal Justice department; our regional service area will have a wonderful training opportunity. The USE-OF-FORCE SIMULATOR is an interactive training simulator that incorporates the entire force-option spectrum with a unique feature set that allows for total customization of the training environment. Every split second decision comes from a lifetime of training!

The video play allows scenarios to unfold depending on the trainee's reactions, skill level and observation skills. The lab is a training program that will give the instructors the flexibility to create and edit customized video scenarios to fit the needs of the different emergency responders within our service area. It allows a series of scenes produced for a specified training session and there are more than 400 pre-programmed scenarios which come with the equipment.

The local groups that donated funds to purchase the Ti Training equipment were invited to attend a demonstration of the technology and all of the agencies understand the value this will bring to their employees and communities. The equipment was purchased with the assistance of donations from the Lee Turner Endowment through the Barton Foundation, Rush County Attorney's Office, Rush County Sheriff's Dept., Russell County Attorney's Office, Russell County Sheriff's Dept., City of Great Bend, Barton County Attorney's Office, Ellinwood Police Dept., City of Hoisington, Pawnee County Attorney's Office, and P&S Security.

Barton will use the technology to train its criminal justice students, and it will also be available for local police departments and sheriff's offices for continuing education opportunities.



*(From left): Toyia and Rob Roblyer of P&S Security, Ward Corsair of the Rush County Sheriff's Office, Kenton Doze of the Hoisington Police Department, Pawnee County Attorney John Settle, Barton Criminal Justice Instructor Randy Smith, Bob Robinson of the Great Bend Police Department, Max Barrett of the Russell County Sheriff's Office, Barton Foundation Director Darnell Holopirek and Art Keffer of the Ellinwood Police Department.*





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The Barton Community College Foundation exists to raise private sector funds by providing leadership and to prudently manage gifts to benefit educational opportunities and initiatives of the College.

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