



Barton Community College
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Well Worth the Long Time Wait

A few years ago a group of Barton employees discussed the future of our Performing Arts programs and the facilities used for their students and community performances. We were aware we needed to either change the programs or renovate the facilities to upgrade the internal structure to meet the specifications which would allow us to instruct and perform with today's technology requirements. We were to the point we could not meet the provision of some traveling performances because we did not have the correct lighting, sound, backstage equipment and other necessary conditions.

Some of our traditional students came from better equipped theatres than we were able to provide for their post-secondary education. The right decision was made and the task of doing what was necessary to increase our enrollment in these fine art programs and entice student and community involvement by having a state-of-the-art facility began. If you recall, we needed an awareness campaign to make our community and potential fund raisers attentive to our goals and purposes. We utilized our local talent and had an outstanding, fun event "Dancing with the Barton Stars" to get our message out to

the public; then the fundraising and efforts by the College and Foundation made great things start to happen. Our Fine Arts Auditorium renovation plans and fundraising took great effort from many people to accomplish all of the necessary work. We have a new seating arrangement, sound system, and lighting. Many improvements are "behind the scenes"

which the public doesn't see, but is a real advantage to the performing arts staff and performers.

Each time the Foundation receives funds in memory of an individual we list the person's name on a memorial plaque to honor the deceased. We also have a special plaque for our Distinguished Service Award honoree which the Foundation Board se-

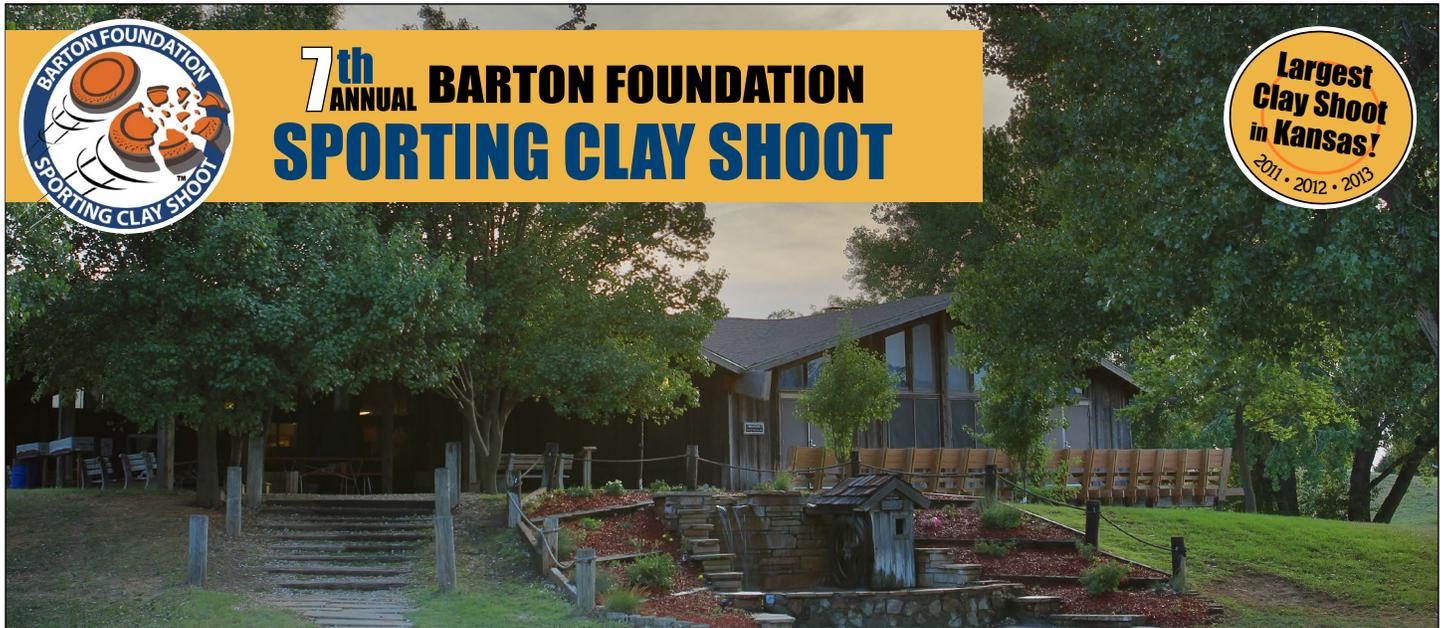
lects and honors at each graduation service. Along with these two plaques that have always hung in the lobby of the Fine Arts building we wanted to honor the donors who assisted us in our "Take-A-Seat" campaign to renovate the lobby to match the beautiful, updated auditorium. The Foundation decided to combine all of these special plaques and hired Larry Kurtz at Identifications to construct a donor wall thanking those who see the value of our work and



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Foundation Clay Shoot - New Location but Same Benefits



The Barton Foundation is excited about our 7th Annual Sporting Clay Shoot and we hope our participants will come join us for this wonderful friend/fundraiser. The clay shoot has become one of our signature events where we can meet and greet friends while raising funds for faculty mini-grants. The proceeds will be used to enhance the Barton student's learning experience in the classroom. Our faculty is very appreciative of the benefits we are able to produce so they can offer a variety of opportunities for their students.

We have been fortunate to enjoy the event at LaSada Sporting Clays & Hunting Service for the past six years and have gained many new relationships which continue to allow us to bring many new participants to this fun event. This year we are moving our shoot to a property owned by Barton Community College - Camp Aldrich. The college has initiated a new marketing plan which includes an opportunity to bow hunt deer on the property and our Foundation Board decided we could augment their efforts in having hunters/shooters come to see the opportunities which are available for the outdoor enthusiast. Each year we get to visit with former attendees as well as meet new folks who want to donate to our cause. Our sponsors are an important financial source that makes this a profitable fundraiser. We have made some changes which we hope will encourage sponsors and participants. We will have two (instead of one) target shooters at each of the 10 stations and we will also offer

PLACE OF EVENT

Camp Aldrich

884 NE 110 Ave • Claflin, KS 67525



Camp Aldrich

2 miles north of Hwy. 156

between Claflin, KS and the Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area



Proceeds go to Barton Community College Faculty Mini-Grants

Foundation Clay Shoot - New Location but Same Benefits

Sunday
May 4, 2014
9 am - 4 pm
 last shoot begins
 at 3 pm

a two-person flurry, which will give shooters an opportunity to practice or compete among themselves. The terrain allows much more space, which will include a refreshment stand. The \$60 registration fee for the Lewis class event has not changed which includes a round of 100 sporting clays and a nice lunch prepared by Great Western Dining. Shells are not included in the fee but will be available for purchase if needed. The date for this event is Sunday, May 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (The last shoot begins at 3:00 p.m.)

Our vendor for this year's shoot is a professional sporting clay business from McPherson, Kansas. Dennis Linden, with Linden Target Sports will supply the equipment and run the operations for the event. He helped us design the course for this year's landscape, but we are able to change the environment in the future to keep everyone's interest and test their abilities. Even though this is a fund raising event,

our goal is also to offer an experience which will be fun and enjoyable for anyone who loves to shoot. We want it to be challenging to everyone, but more important is to give each person a day of being outside, competing, and enhancing their personal skills.

You can register as an individual or a 3-person team by contacting our Foundation office **(620) 792-9306** or go to our website -- **clayshoot.bartonccfoundation.org**. You can mail your registration form or complete the form on line. We accept credit cards, check or cash and if you register prior to April 1, 2014 you will receive a long sleeve t-shirt.

Come join us and enjoy this fundraiser while giving our students a chance to improve their learning experience at Barton Community College.



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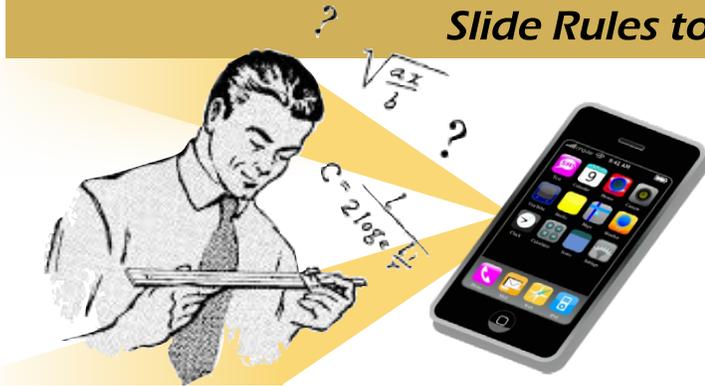
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want to support all of our efforts. Names of the individuals and businesses that purchased the original seats in the Fine Arts Auditorium were also placed on the donor wall. Funds raised in the "Take-A-Seat" campaign have allowed us to repaint the lobby, install new lights, upgrade the glass display cases, add signage and soffits over the doors and glass cases, and purchase 5 performing art stainless figurines for the wall designed and built by Bruce Bitter.

We have made the future look more optimistic for our students and the community's cultural experiences.



Slide Rules to Smart Phones



Our Academic Enrichment Fund (AEF) campaign this year has a strong message to our community constituents and contributors. With the theme "Slide Rules to Smart Phones" it will remind each of us just how many things have changed since the inception of Barton Community College. It also allows us to remember how many different individuals and businesses continue to donate their time, financial support and encouragement by their philanthropic endeavors to benefit and grow the college's fundraising organization. You have continued to show your support not only for the students we serve, but for our programs and facilities so we can continue to be a premier educational institution. This time of year it is good to go back and remember where we came from, where we are now, and where we want to be in the future. As we look back at the Foundation's 47 years we are so thankful that our community leaders realized the power of education and the impact our Foundation would have for the college. We have come a long way and with everyone's support we

will continue to serve the citizens of our region with either their long term educational pursuits, or for their workforce training so they can be skilled in their work related field and ready for good employment opportunities.

Paul Maneth, former Barton instructor, Dean of Academics, and College Trustee is the Chair of our campaign and invites current and future donors to support the Foundation by their financial gifts. The Annual Enrichment Fund Campaign is conducted as a direct mail campaign during the month of March. The process will be the same in that donors may designate a special area of interest they wish their donation to be directed; they may also make a pledge to be paid annually, semi-annually, quarterly or monthly.



*Academic Enrichment Fund
Campaign Chair,
Paul Maneth*

This campaign gives each member of the community an opportunity to participate in the support of the advancement of academics at Barton. Each donation no matter how large or small makes a huge difference. The Foundation relies on its partnership with the communities that benefit both economically and altruistically from its mission.



The following information shows how Barton Community College contributes back to our local economy:

Direct Economic Impact \$34.9 million up from \$31.6 million

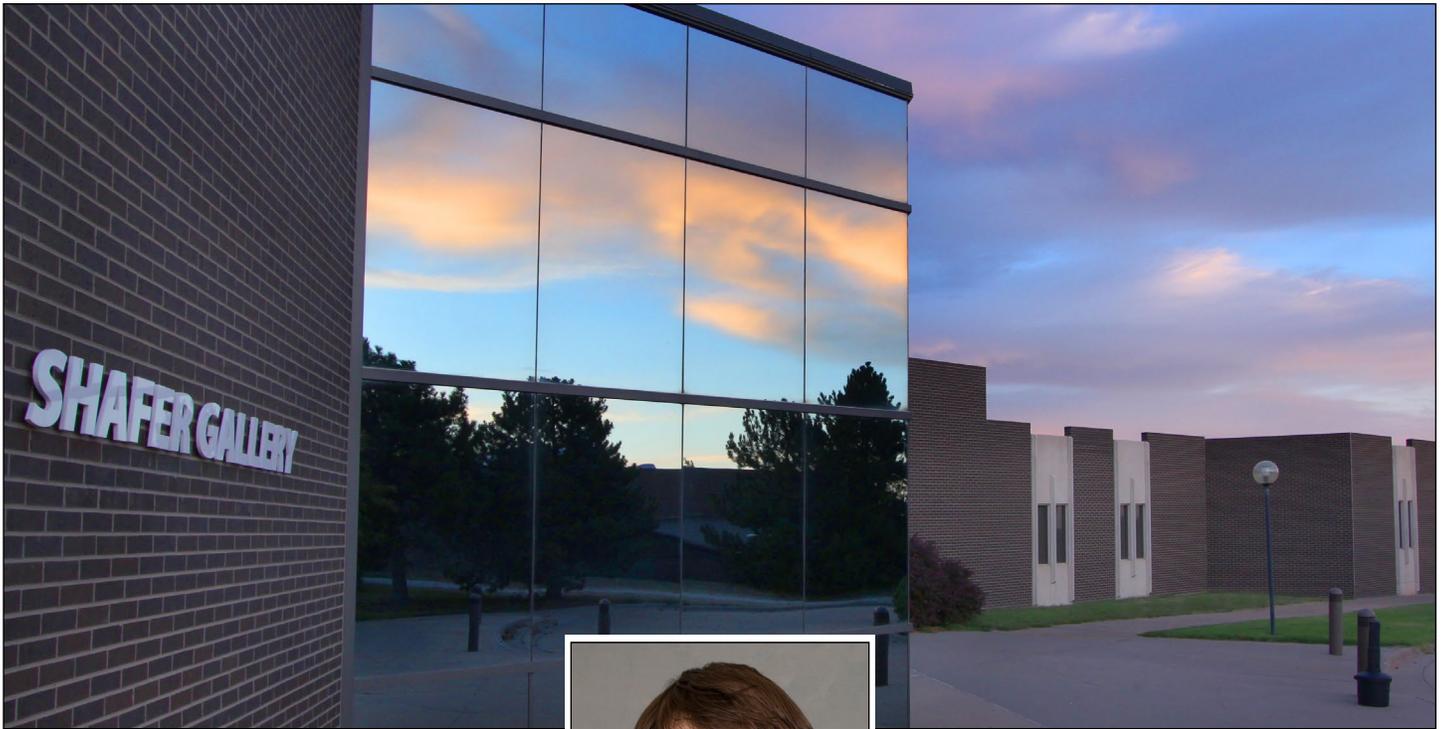
Indirect Economic Impact 36.8 million up from \$30.99 million

Total Operating Budget (expenditures) \$30.2 million up from \$25.9 million

Annual Payroll \$15.3 million up from \$13.6 million

Payroll to Barton County remained steady at \$10.3 million

New Gallery Associate



*Gallery Associate,
Scott Beahm*

We would like to congratulate Scott Beahm on his new position as Gallery Associate at the Shafer Memorial Art Gallery. Scott is a Great Bend native. He is the son of Barbara and Dr. Donald Beahm.

A graduate of Great Bend High School, he then studied art at the prestigious Calvin College in Grand Rapids Michigan. After receiving his baccalaureate degree he continued his academic preparation at Columbia College Chicago where he received a Master of Fine Arts degree. This is the terminal degree for those working in the arts. His thesis project won the Weisman Award and his production of the film "Into the Fray" garnered him first place in the 2005 (PTEV) National Student Film Competition sponsored by the Lily Endowment.

Shafer Gallery director Dave Barnes says, "I can't imagine an individual more imminently qualified for this position. Scott has had several gallery internships, and has shown his skills as a community organizer as the artist in residence at the La Salle Street Church in Chicago, Illinois. He knows art and how to relate it to diverse groups and interests. He possesses wonderful people skills and projects an enthusiastic attitude towards the job. We

are excited to have him as part of our team."

Scott returned home to Great Bend to raise his children near his and his wife Megan's families. Scott is the father of two lucky little girls Emma three and a half and Mari just one. We welcome him to the Barton family.



Save the Date - August 23, 2014

36th Annual Big Benefit Auction

Save the Date!

Saturday, August 23, 2014

BARTON DYNASTY

Hunting for Bucks

Honorary Co-Chairs
Toby & Kristy Hogan

36th Annual Big Benefit Auction

Great Bend Knights of Columbus Hall ~ sponsored by Barton Community College Foundation



Calendar of Events

March

March 9 - Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 17-21 - Spring Break

(No Classes/Offices Closed 20 & 21)

April

April 18 - Good Friday (No Classes/Offices Closed)

April 20 - Easter Sunday

April 21 - Easter Monday (No Classes/Offices Closed)

May

May 4 - Sporting Clay Shoot

May 12-15 - Final Examination Days

May 15 - Close of Spring 2014 Semester

May 16 - Commencement

**May 19 thru August 8 - Summer Hours - Campus
Closed on Fridays**

May 26 - Memorial Day (No Classes/Offices Closed)

**2014
Summer
Hours**

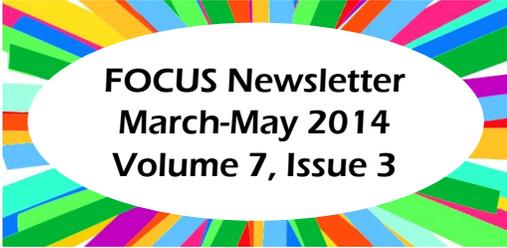
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**Campus Closed
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 Signature _____

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 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
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 245 NE 30 RD, Great Bend, KS 67530

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MISSION STATEMENT

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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