

First, based on the following link, Barton is the 18th most affordable community college in the USA. All employees are to be congratulated for their contributions in impacting institutional effectiveness and efficiency and passing on savings to our students (and taxpayers).

<http://www.affordablecolleges.com/rankings/community-colleges/>

Second, in October, Barton hosted the 11th annual Jack Kilby Science Day ([click here](#)). With each passing year, we seem to reach new heights in quality programming and learning entertainment. Congratulations to the coordinating committee - Colleen Hampton, Chair; Oleg Ravitskiy, Tim Folkerts, Amanda Alliband, Tana Cooper, Richard Abel, and Jessica Vsetecka. The event was very much a team approach with college-wide involvement and support. All involved made the college proud.

Third, this past fall, the Title III Grant program came to a conclusion. In cataloging the program accomplishments, [click here](#) for information that “grabbed” my attention. It is extremely impressive. Kudos to Ange Sullivan and her team members Courtney Mercado, Erin Eggers, Claudia Mather, Jeff Mills, Todd Mobray, Curtis Rose, Cassie Bray, and to everyone else who directly supports BARTonline.

Fourth, as Barton moves forward in developing an AAS Degree in Occupational Safety and Health, [click here](#) for comments provided by Lana Gordon, Secretary, Kansas Department of Labor.

Fifth, in response to Barton’s contract award from the Kansas Department of Agriculture, the Weights and Measures training will get underway on January 30th. We have a five year contract to provide continuing education to scales technician across the state. “Great job” goes out to Mary Foley, Krystall Barnes, Victor Martin, Vince Orth, and Elaine Simmons.

Sixth, a big “Thank You” to Brian Howe for his working in coordinating the spring Professional Conference Days and all the great sessions available during the week in January.

Seventh, Barton has been granted a 3-6 month contract extension for continuation of soldier technical credit training at Ft. Sill. Congratulations to Military School faculty and staff for an outstanding contract evaluation warranting continuation of training service.

Eighth, in December, a Barton County Campus student lost control of his decision making capabilities and lashed out college employees. I am very thankful that the faculty and staff who were engaged, addressed all circumstances with outstanding character and professionalism. These individuals include: Kristopher Schneider, Jim Ireland, Bruce Locke, Kathy Boeger, and Will Rains, with support by Jane Howard and Elaine Simmons. As an outcome of their quick responsiveness, the student was safely contained and placed in the hands of authority; thereby assuring campus safety.

Ninth, I am pleased to announce that once again, Barton is recognized for its education and technical training service to members of the military and to military veterans – [click here](#).

Tenth, this past fall, I was asked by the Kansas Board of Regents CEO to facilitate a financial aid presentation to the Regents at their November meeting focusing on pending federal policy

implications. In response, I called on Myrna Perkins and a colleague from Kansas State University to provide the presentation. As expected, the presentation was thorough and well received and was reflective of Myrna's knowledge of financial aid matters. To no surprise, I have learned that Myrna has been nominated for a national award

http://www.nasfaa.org/mkt/MVP/MVP_Myrna_Perkins.aspx

Thank you, Myrna, and congratulations.

Eleventh, on Feb. 9, Barton was honored to be only one of two higher education institutions in Kansas requested to give comment at the Junction City sponsored Ft. Riley Listening Session. Ft. Riley is one of 30 Army Posts in the U.S. facing possible personnel reductions as an outcome of the federal budget cutting sequestration. The Listening Session was a means for a team of Army officials to hear from State residents as to the importance of Ft. Riley and measures that local and State bodies have taken in supporting Ft. Riley. Based on Barton's long history in supporting soldier education, Ft. Riley administration believed it appropriate for the Army team to learn of our support. Several thousand members of the public attended the Listening Session and I spoke to the following informational slide ([click here](#)). A video of the listening session was posted to YouTube

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TKWdS03meEs#t=17>) and is linked on the Barton Ft. Riley website. It turned out to be a great opportunity for the college to inform State residents of our role and to advocate on behalf of the Post. In response to Barton's participation, please see note from Brigadier General Eric Wesley. ([click here](#))

Twelfth, Barton's Senior Day welcomed over 120 seniors to the BC campus on Saturday Jan. 24. Each year, the event proves to be an effective recruiting and marketing approach. Thanks to Tana Cooper for her planning and coordinating of the successful event.

Thirteenth, if you have not had the occasion to read the Barton Trustees 2014 Community Report, the following link is provided. The Community Report provides outstanding narrative to the many Barton accomplishments of the past year. Many thanks to Julie Munden, Brandon Steinert, Joe Vinduska, Samantha Stueder, Connie Wagner, and Rita Andress for their quality efforts in producing the recent edition. <http://docs.bartonccc.edu/pr/documents/Report2014-101614-web.pdf>

Fourteenth, please see the following accolades:

Student evaluation comments showed positive feedback for BARTonline faculty and staff

- Thank you, BartOnline, for making education accessible. :)
- I love Professor Boeger. Her response times are amazing and she is so supportive. I hope to take at least one more course with her this upcoming summer.
- The SNAP program is extremely useful and does not need improvement.
- Wonderful course, I enjoyed it thoroughly and Dr. Abbott was professional and informative.
- Mrs. Sullivan was a great teacher. She made examples in the notes that helped me understand things better. I have taken this course at two other colleges, but this was the BEST!
- Dr. Lundstrom went above and beyond as an instructor of an online class. I was very impressed with his enthusiasm and commitment to our learning.

- Joseph (Harrington) did a great job!
- Overall, really enjoyed her class and she sincerely tried to be available to her students! :)
- Samantha Smith had a perfect well organized course.
- The instructor does NOT need to improve the course. The course is EXCELLENT as it is. Leave it be. Do NOT try to fix something which is not broken.

From: Jessica Wissing
To: Camara, Ousmane (Asst. Women and Men Soccer Coach)
Subject: Speakers

Thank you all so much for taking the time to come to Great Bend Middle School and speaking to our students ([click here](#) for photo). I really enjoyed all of your presentations and appreciate you all taking the time to share your experiences with our young students. Best of luck to all of you on your finals....

The following email was received by Judy Jacobs from one of Karen Kratzer's advisees:
Hi Judy! I apologize it took me so long to finally get back to you, but we just moved from Kentucky to Junction City this past week. I just wanted to let you know personally that Karen has been an excellent advisor! I feel that she has gone above and beyond what her job requires. It has been a long time since I've been in school and I felt completely lost with the whole process of applying to a school I wasn't even living near yet. Karen has gone through everything with me step by step and I truly appreciate all the help she has given me.

From: Rolfs, Trevor
To: Dean, Mark
Subject: RE: Press Box

I want to thank you & your staff Mark for the tireless efforts put forth on this project. It has been a long process coordinated through many entities. I know your guys went above & beyond in putting the finishing touches on it. I will rely on Todd (who coordinated the project on behalf of athletics) to work with the foundation office in preparing a release.

From: David P. Grillot
To: Kaiser, Michelle
Subject: MUPTC WiFi
Michelle,

On behalf of myself and my classmates, I want to thank you and your department for addressing the WiFi signal-strength issue so quickly. As you know, having the internet readily available is critical to our continued success in this program. To see the matter resolved so quickly after reporting it really gives us a feeling of reassurance that the College holds our success a high priority.

Thank you!

From: Boeger, Kathy
To: Asher, Whitney
Subject: Thank you!
Hi Whitney –

Sorry this is delayed but just wanted to let you know how much I appreciated you speaking to my Personal Finance class on Tuesday (again). You did a fantastic job even without the use of the website. They had great things to say about your presentation and my students learn so much from you! We did an activity afterwards and many of them didn't know what it was costing them to attend and how they were paying for it. **Thanks so much for taking time to present to them!** I truly appreciate all you do and all of your support! Your department is one of the **unsung heroes** of Barton and all of you deserve many more kudos and appreciation than you receive! YOU ROCK!!!

From: Janet Balk

Subject: [BULK] Great day

Thanks for making Barton a great place to work! I feel valued and that I make a positive impact on my community. Where else could I share a high five with the president of an organization? Thank you for that!
Cheers!

From: "Demel, Renee"

Subject: **Sam Gibbons U.S. Citizen!!!!**

Hear ye! Hear ye! Our Sam passed his Citizen test yesterday and is now officially an American citizen!!!! Please give him a congrats when you see him. I told him that right now he probably knows more about U.S. History than I do....

Anyway, I'm very proud of Sam for going through the process (it took about five years to finally get to yesterdays test) and boy he gets kudos for hanging in there!

Congrats Sam!!!!

From: "Arnold, Ashley"

To: "Moreno, Brenda"

Subject: **Thank you**

Brenda,

Want to thank you for being present and helpful the last few days. Knowing you are close to Leavenworth when I am in Riley makes me feel much better!

You clearly understand what I'm trying to do in Leavenworth (Controlling students, helping them succeed), and have been invaluable the past few days. Thank you for being there, doing a great job, and making me laugh when I'm too serious!

You are appreciated by me and all the Leavenworth crew!

From: Kelly Potter

Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 3:56 PM

To: Simmons, Elaine; Marty Sauers

Cc: Pat Berry; Margie Phelps; Johnnie Goddard

Subject: ECF Site Visit Report - GED

The attached report summarizes my observation of the GED program at ECF on October 21, 2014. I also highlighted my attendance at the Learning Celebration, as it was a true testament to the great work that BCC is doing and the strong partnership between BCC and ECF.

Thank you again for having me.

From: Judi Hoisington

Sent: Tuesday, January 06, 2015 19:08

To: Cox, Michael

Subject: Thank you

Dear Dr. Cox:

While I do not know if it was my letter, or possibly others who love Leavenworth Barton extension and have put in concerns, which led to the Dean coming today to give a talk to new students, please know that it was warmly received.

The Dean stated that there would be no more cursing towards teachers nor other students. That the commons area would become a place of study. That the teachers now have control over absences and tardiness. This was such a huge blessing. From what I heard in passing, the students who have continued on with Barton are overjoyed at the new policies. We feel encouraged to continue with our academic goals in an environment that is concurrent with Barton College, Main Campus.

It is my hope that Barton Extension, continues to grow here at Leavenworth. That not only more students will attend and take advantage of the wonderful opportunities but that the classes offered will continue to expand. While I do not know if you have any say or power over what it taught here at Leavenworth, please know that many of us would love to see more classes offered. Most of us really wish to pursue more than just the basics. Who do we email to suggest classes?

Dawn, who teaches Drawing I, is excellent. Many of us, who took her class, would love to see a second expanded art class to be either a Drawing II or Watercolors. There are some, like myself, who would love to achieve a History major versus a Liberal Arts major and would love more history classes. Others, loved the theater class and would love more in the arts. Science is necessary to graduate but we would love to have a lab. While it is okay to do most of it online, how wonderful it would be if we could have real labs.

I do not know the funding, I do not know the basics on how the extension works, all I do know is that right now, Barton students are motivated again. If there is somewhere that we could write, please let us know.

Again, thank you for listening, thank you for helping, and thank you and all at Barton CC for letting us at Leavenworth be a part of your college.

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