

Student Ambassadors Chat 10/23/2017

Why did you choose Barton?

- Cheap
- Ease into college
- Already had credits from Barton
- Felt at home here growing up close to the college
- Close to home
- Saving a lot of money by having a scholarship
- Free
- Comfortable with my surroundings on campus
- Other college fell through
- Knew many of the people/faculty
- Save money
- New swimming program
- So many opportunities
- People around the community are great
- Tennis scholarship
- Scholarships – GPA
- More affordable than a state school
- Mom and grandma work here
- Cost almost nothing
- Homey feel

Is the Barton experience meeting your expectations? If yes, how? If no, where is the institution falling short?

- I have never been more welcome! Growing at Barton has made me a better person!
- Yes, it surpassed my expectations of opportunities available.
- Yes, it is going about how I thought it would.
- Yes, the opportunities have been great and faculty is very helpful.
- I believe it is because I'm comfortable and yet challenged with everything.
- Yes, it has brought me to so many new faces and so many opportunities. I am very happy with my decision of coming here.
- Yes, I expected it to be friendly and it is. I also expected the teachers to all be helpful and they are.
- Yes, classes are challenging and I'm learning which was my highest expectation.
- No, it passed my expectations. I didn't think I would like a smaller school but the staff made me feel more comfortable.
- Yes, I have got to meet so many new people and have had the opportunity to work towards my career.
- Yes, I am always doing something on campus. Never bored. It is easy to make new friends when you are a part of a team.
- OMG yes, you can be involved in everything. Teachers actually know your name and care.
- Yes, small town feel. Not much to do so I can focus on school. You know everyone on campus.

- Yes, I'm getting the education I need and it has actually turned out better than expected.

Overall, what does Barton get right?

- Friendliness
- Meeting the needs of every student
- Educating environment
- Barton has an excellent team of staff throughout campus
- There is always a place to park
- Working with students whether it be with education or in the offices (business, financial aid)
- Caring for the students
- Welcoming, helpful and full of life
- Free money/scholarships
- You get what you pay for
- Free cable, laundry, printing, etc.
- They know how to catch the eye of perspective students. For example, the free money based on GPA.
- Make you feel welcomed
- Easily a home away from home
- Great staff
- So many ways to get involved
- Everyone is willing to help
- The teachers actually know your name and say hi in the halls
- The teachers get to know not just as a student, but they get to know you as a person.
- Work one on one with students to do well
- I believe Barton excels in being able to provide hands on experiences for all things offered at Barton.

What does Barton get wrong?

- I feel some of the professors choose lots of favorites and lack the ability to feel empathy for certain students.
- Some instructors are very hard to learn from and listen to
- Water
- Not all professors know how to use canvas, sending emails, clueless (texts Kay R.)
- Classes don't always transfer
- Caring instructors are hit and miss
- WIFI in dorms
- Should have a roommate compatibility test; better matching with roommates
- Timing of scholarship awards being given
- A large focus on athletics
- A long time to wait on scholarship refund
- Cross-limits of scholarships
- Making sure your advisor has you taking all courses needed
- People in offices need to answer phones more (financial aid, online services)

What do you think Barton should be doing for students?

- Offer more college visit opportunities from other places (out of state)
- New clubs

- More interactive learning
- More leadership opportunities
- Offer internships in-house or have a faculty member specifically to help with internship opportunities
- Check up on them. At enrollment advisors are super helpful but during the semester they stop.
- Teaching first year students to use Barton portal
- Intramurals for everyone not just housing students and a lot of them
- Add more activities as outlets and stress relievers
- Offer classes like sign language
- Ensuring advisors reach out to students and check up on them
- Offer dances/bring back homecoming
- More intramural sports/activities

What should Barton do for area communities?

- Have activity days and have career education opportunities to show off what we have accomplished
- Getting them more involved, something like June Jaunt – Barton Bash
- Check with the students of other schools. Give a basic layout of what classes Barton offers versus surrounding college.
- Community service – clean up help, volunteer work
- Show students are there to help
- Start educating grade/middle school age about Barton and all the opportunities
- Service projects appearance in middle schools and elementary
- Getting involved in the community – helping with community service
- Hold drives for students to donate clothes, food, etc. and then give them to the communities
- Do service projects
- Get people more involved with Barton, interactive events in community and at campus so they get a feel of what campus has
- Start teaching kids about college/Barton at the middle school and grade school level
- Make sure the students in the seven counties know what Barton has to offer for them, that it's open to everyone
- Have students visit high schools in area and show/talk about Barton and their experiences
- Have a “college day” so the younger generation know what Barton has to offer
- Interact with middle school students, not just high school

If you are a sophomore, why did you come back for a second year?

- I didn't choose Barton, Barton choose me. The people, athletic training, environment, ambassador!
- Tennis scholarship, student ambassador
- I felt so at home the first year I couldn't wait to come back.
- Scholarship and finish associates

Do you have an BIG IDEAS you think the College should consider?

- Food trucks
- Sonic fountain drinks

- Certificates for cosmetology, rent JCP building, offer free/reduced services for faculty/students (two requests for cosmetology program)
- Open underground tunnels for sophomore use
- Bring football team (five students)
- Get all students more involved in all sports. Theme night days for all sports.
- Campus wide community service day each semester
- Starbucks or coffee shop (three students)

Is there anything else you want to share?

- All over campus game and activities days
- Barton is a great place to be and many of our tours love it.
- I think Barton should have on campus service animals. Especially around finals. Maybe the counseling service has it.
- I think Barton needs to get local students who don't live on campus more involved.
- Barton is the best place to be!
- Find ways to make our campus more united (meet and greet)