

# **BARTON** *Cougars*



**Building on Tradition with a  
Vision for the Future!!!**

**BARTON COUGARS HOME OF 57  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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## LETTER TO THE HIRING COMMITTEE

It would be an absolute honor to become the 12th head coach of the Barton Cougar men's basketball program. I believe that the opportunity to work for such a great college and athletic department would be such an amazing honor. My goal as a coach is to help young men become better student athletes and show them how to be winners on and off the court and in the classroom.



I am very adept at talent evaluation and development. Coaching is my passion and I love every aspect of creating a winning formula. My strength is leading men to realize their potential in all aspects of their student life. My job is to win and develop players athletically, academically and to put them in the best situation possible when they leave my program, so they become great husbands, great fathers and are able to provide for their family.

I understand the balance that must occur for a person to be successful as a collegiate athlete, with support from the school administration for a junior college basketball program to be successful you must rely on high caliber players that require guidance and direction to improve as a player, as a student, and as a citizen. Winning is the goal while but recruiting great players, keeping them on track to graduate and

moving them to 4-year universities will enhance the programs reputation and attract more players. Success breeds more success.

In closing I have no doubt that I will excel as the next Cougar head men's basketball coach and compete for a National Championship. We will not only win while playing an exciting style of basketball, but my teams will work hard in the classroom, they will be good citizens in the community, and they will represent the college and program in a positive manner. I believe I am the right choice as your new head coach because Barton is my dream job and with the administration's support, the athletic departments resources, and facilities we can continue to win. My work ethic, connections, and competing at the national level will ascend Barton to a dominant level in the Jayhawk Conference and the NJCAA.



THE COOMBS FAMILY





## MY COACHING PHILOSOPHY

My coaching philosophy is quite simple and is like that of teaching. In coaching you must bring out the best in your athletes. To do this you have to motivate and challenge your players to do more than they believe is possible. Physical activity tires the mind as well as the body. As a coach I believe you must teach your players to push themselves in both the mind and body.

Along with challenging and motivating your players a coach must also teach the important aspects of competition. A coach must teach the traits of good teamwork and good sportsmanship. As a coach you must teach the value of hard work and show your athletes how to include this quality into school and life.

The final aspect that I feel is important in my philosophy of coaching is that athletes are students first and members of an athletic team second. As a coach you must understand this aspect and allow your athletes to play the role of a student athlete.

Ultimately, I believe you must absolutely love coaching to be in this profession as it gives you the opportunity to bring out the best in players and to make them better individuals.

The three things I concentrate on the most when coaching is:

1. Hard work and dedication.
2. Developing my players on and off the court.
3. Demanding a FAMILY atmosphere.

I know that focusing on these three things will provide the winning mentality that Barton's boosters, and surrounding community are accustomed to and I have no doubt that we will bring a National Championship to Great Bend!





## A PROGRAM BUILT FROM THE GROUND UP

-Took the Challenge of a rebuilding a program that had only won **10** games in **two years**.

-In **13 Seasons** at Neosho Coombs and the Panther program has **placed 100%** of its players at 4-year Universities with **29** of those players receiving scholarships to **NCAA D1** Universities.

-Currently **13** of Coombs former Panthers are playing **Professional Basketball**.

-In **14** years at Neosho **Coombs** produced...  
**6** NJCAA All-Americans, **2** KJCCC players of the year  
**5** Academic All-Americans, **24** All-Conference players  
**17** All-Region players



-Coombs is Currently the **All-time Winningest Coach** in Neosho County basketball history.



## ACADEMIC SUCESS

-Our focus is **BOOKS** and **BASKETBALL**, and it must be in that **ORDER!!!**

-Last **TWO** seasons the **PANTHERS** finished with a **GPA** that placed them **TOP 5** of all NJCAA Men's Basketball programs...

2019 **GPA 3.37** #5 / 2020 **GPA 3.45** #3

-**10** Academic **ALL-AMERICANS** in 13 years!

### NEOSHO PANTHER CUP

*Honors the departments top program based on achieving success in many areas.*

Points awarded for: Community Service Hours, Team GPA, Winning Percent, Retention Rate.

-Panther **Men's Basketball** finish **1<sup>st</sup>** in **2019** and **2020!!!**

-**100%** graduation rate as of 2020 and **100%** placement rate of athletes at 4-year Universities who completed the program.

If you win games and do not graduate kids or place kids, you are just another JUCO basketball factory that only cares about winning!



## NEOSHO'S HISTORIC SEASON

**30-6** Overall - **15-4** in Conference

-Best **SINGLE SEASON** Record  
in **SCHOOL HISTORY!**

-**FIRST** ever Region VI Championship  
in **SCHOOL HISTORY!!!**

-**FIRST** ever **BID** to the **NATIONAL  
TOURNAMENT!!!**

-**2016** Region VI **COACH** of **THE YEAR!!!**





## **DEVELOPING PLAYERS**

It is my belief that the success of the Neosho County Basketball program has come from the focus on individual player development. It is critical to the team's opportunity for success. At the college level all players have varying degrees of athletic ability. What we feel has separated Neosho players from other players in junior college is the development of our players.

Pure athleticism will only get a player so far. When playing for a conference championship and playing in the NJCAA National Tournament, all the players on the floor will be great athletes. Only the player with finely developed skills will be able to separate themselves from the competition and help his team to victory.

My staff and I work closely with our players to evaluate what skills they possess. Their strengths and weaknesses must be identified and then a strategy for improvement must be devised.

Daily commitment to the individual practice plan will transform the game of an individual player, thereby allowing him to provide a greater contribution to the team. Players will find that developing skills is hard work, but the success they will have as a result is very satisfying and rewarding.

Ultimately, winning makes all the hard work worthwhile. We ask our guys one simple question...what sacrifices are you as an individual willing to make for the opportunity to play in the NJCAA National Tournament?

**I am a firm believer in the quote...  
"You get what you put into it!"**

This is the quote my Dad told me over and over as a kid and I have used it every day of my life. It has also been the backbone of my Neosho County basketball program! Without the hard work we would not have achieved what we have!





## STYLE OF PLAY

I coach an **up-tempo style of basketball**. Our style of play is to run and attack! We push the ball up the court at every opportunity. As we push the ball up the court, we look to score - primary break to secondary break, secondary break to one of our pro-style quick hitter sets.

Our primary goal on offense is to play "**team basketball**". To us, team basketball is about not forcing shots, but making the extra pass, and attacking the basket to pass, not shoot! When five guys are playing as one on the court, basketball is a beautiful game to watch.

Besides team basketball, we stress **ball sureness**, catch-and-face, shot fakes, pass fakes, playing off the elbows with dribble penetration, draw-and-kick action, great shot selection, crashing the boards, and getting offensive rebounds.

We will play hard nose defense. **Our in-your-face style of defense is our team's greatest way of getting easy buckets!** We believe and teach that great defense is all about "**heart**", "**hustle**" and "**toughness**". Our attitude on defense is that we are going to make you work every possession and make life hard for you to score. **We are not going to give you any easy baskets!!!** We are going to do everything in our power, within the rules of the game, to keep you from scoring - maximum ball pressure, quick help, taking the charge, pressuring the shot, blocking out, rebounding, etc. If you make a great shot, then that is OK, but it is not going to be easy and more than likely it will not happen again.

In my opinion, playing great team defense & an up-tempo style of offence makes a group of guys a true "team". **We believe it helps players understand the need for everyone to play as a team, to bond and believe in the power of the group!**

**OUR GOAL is to be NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!**  
**HARD WORK is how we will obtain that GOAL!**  
**64 miles away in HUTCHINSON is where WE WILL**  
**WIN OUR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP!**



## DOING MORE WITH LESS

-\$33,750.00 Scholarship Budget to get **20**  
“heads in the beds.”

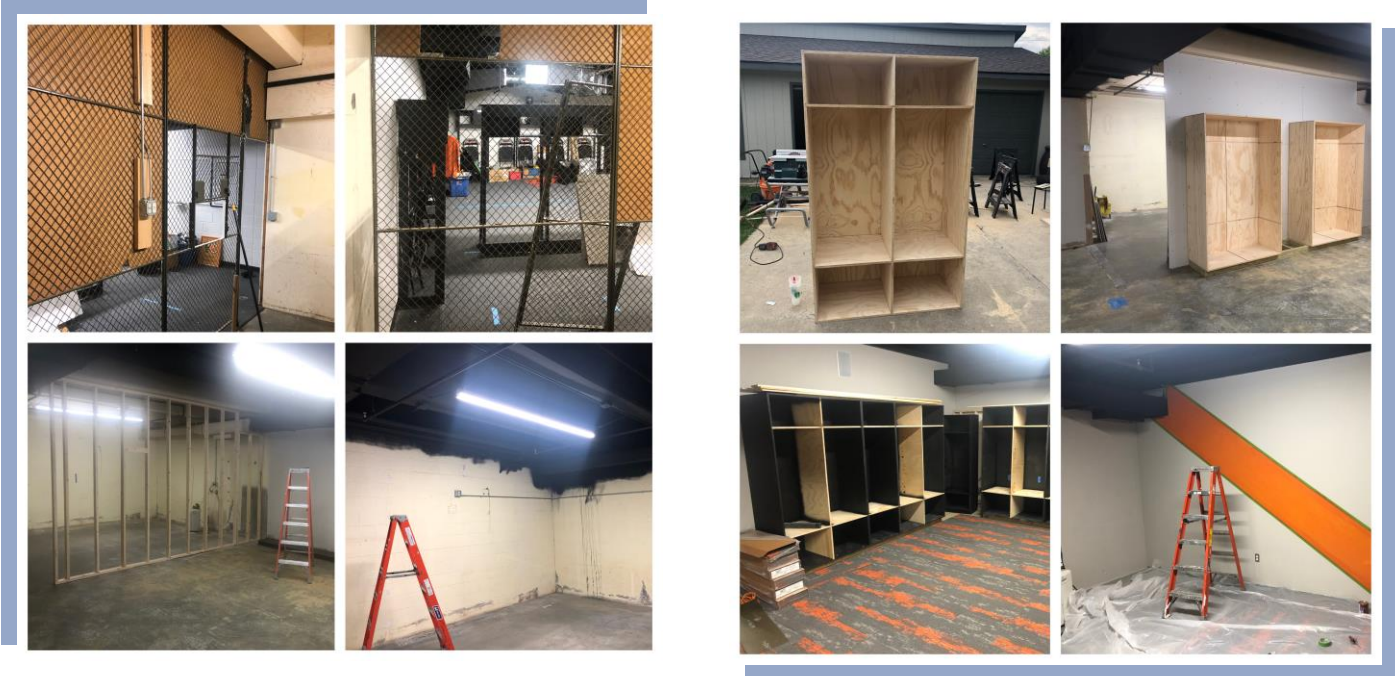
(That equalates to 7 Books and Tuition scholarships  
the rest are walk-ons or get academic money)

-**ZERO DOLLAR** recruiting budget - Lots of  
recruiting over the **PHONE** - Trips on your **OWN**  
**DIME** - and taking players **SIGHT UNSEEN**.



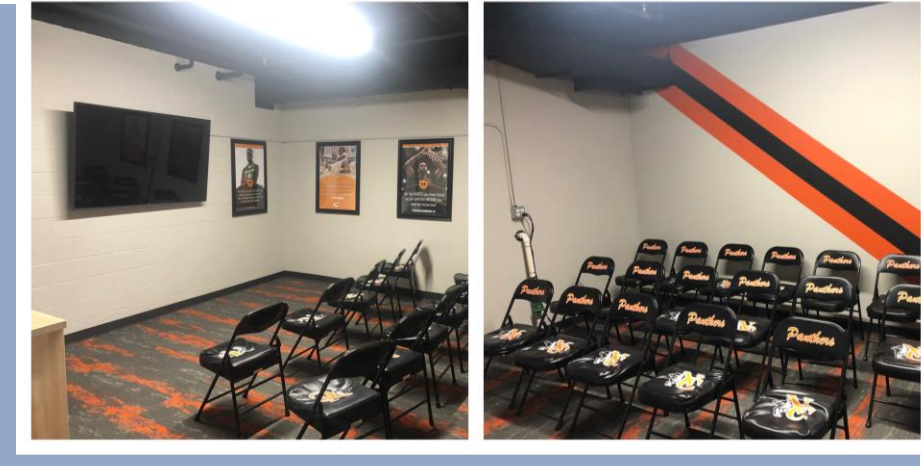
**ANYTHING** we can do to make a **RECRUIT'S** visit feel like home!!!

# FUNDED & BUILT with our own BARE HANDS!



“Nothing...absolutely NOTHING worth having comes easy”

**HARD WORK IS THE ONLY THING THAT WORKS!**  
Jeremy Coombs





## COOMBS D1 PLAYERS AFTER NEOSHO

Name	D1 4-Year University
Terrell Northington	Eastern Michigan
Adrian Sims	University of South Alabama
Alan Jones	Troy State University
Mark Gomilla	Stephen F Austin University
Antione Lundy	University of South Alabama
Jahmal Buroughs	UT Chattanooga
Antonio Bostic	Stephen F Austin University
Tyrie Wooten	Alabama State University
Justin Fairman	University of New Orleans
Baba Diallo	Centenary University
Gregroyshon Magee	University of South Alabama
Trey Anderson	University of South Alabama
Jordan Hickert	Eastern Washington University
Chris Patton	UC Riverside
Brison White	Northwestern State University
Antonio Banks	University of Toledo
Jamie Batish	Western Illinois University
Charles Cooper	University of Wisconsin-GB
Joseph Acuil	Baylor University
Brett Frantz	Youngstown State University
BJ Jenkins	Detroit University
Jalen Jackson	University of Ten Martin
Freddie McSwain	Indiana University
Marc Moon	Texas Southern University
Travon Bunch	Grambling State University
Lual Dung	University of Wyoming
Brian Tolefree	University of NC Wilmington
Jonathan Breeland	University of North Alabama
Jae-Min Yang	Cal State Bakersfield



Antonio Bostic - SFA



Antione Lundy - S. Alabama



Brett Frantz - Youngstown St.



Jo Lual Acuil Jr. - Baylor



Freddie McSwain Jr. - IU



Brian Tolfree - UNCW



## COMMUNITY & CAMPUS INVOLVMENTS

-Neosho Men's Basketball is involved in **WELL OVER 250 HOURS** of **COMMUNITY SERVICE** (average 12-15 hrs per student/athlete)

### Our Community Involvement Includes:

- Elementary book reading!**
- Jr high mentoring!**
- Lunch with elementary and jr high students!
- Cherry street (After school program)!**
- Youth rec league officiating!**
- Soup line help!**
- Jr High Principal Award Dunk contest!
- Clean up after city parades!**
- Highway cleanup for Kiwanis!**
- Rotary club pancake feed help!
- Biddy ball tournaments!
- Harold Turner High School All-Star Game!**
- Chanute Food Bank!**



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NC Men's Basketball team helping with the Chanute Food Bank.

[#Givingbacktothecommunity](#)  
[#SHOtime](#)



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Volunteer highway cleanup with Chanute Kiwanis. [#SHOtime](#)  
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Great day at the Harold Turner HS All-Star game!



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