




# ***Open Pathways – Quality Initiative***

***HLC Assessment Academy***

## Quality Initiative

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- Open Pathways requires an institution to designate one major improvement effort as its Quality Initiative for **Reaffirmation of Accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission**
  - An institution may design its own Quality Initiative or participate in an HLC Academy as its Quality Initiative
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# Assessment Academy

## 2015

- Initial Roundtable/Report

## 2016 – 2018

- Biannual Updates/Reports with Mentor Feedback
- Mentor Consultation at Annual HLC Conference

## 2019

- Results Forum

## Team

- Jo Harrington - Lead
  - Ange Davied (Sullivan)
  - Vic Martin
  - Randy Thode
  - Elaine Simmons
  - Danika Bielek
  - Charlotte Cates
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# HLC Responses


## Kirstan Neukam (HLC Mentor)

- Barton continues to make significant progress on their project.
- I am so happy to hear that not only are you collecting data regarding student learning on your campus, but you are using the data to improve student learning on your campus.
- I continue to be impressed by the amount of work Barton has done during their time in the academy.
- Once again Barton continues to make great progress on their academy project. **Barton continues to be a model in building a vast culture of assessment on their campus.**
- Again, you guys are doing a great job.
- I know now you have spent the last year thinking about how you will sustain your efforts in the future, but it also important to remember where you started and how far you have come.
- Great job guys!!!

## Jan Smith (HLC Scholar)

- Your update shows attention to development of infrastructure, serving you well for long-term sustainability of assessment efforts.
- I especially think your investment in new faculty through the Assessment Institute is a great way to build an engaged and knowledgeable faculty for the long-term.
- I would especially like to highlight attention to long-term sustainability. The creation of formal structures to support effective assessment is critical.
- I also note **support from senior administration as a significant strength** as this will be critical to ongoing success of your project. You are doing well.
- I think a major strength is that you are creating a process that is simple but meaningful for faculty and staff.
- Well done.

# Results Forum – October 2019



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recognizes

Barton County  
Community College

for its commitment to assessing and improving  
student learning as demonstrated by the  
successful completion of the

Assessment Academy

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