



# BARTON COUNTY UPWARD BOUND

Highlights & Updates

# What is Upward Bound?

- Barton County Upward Bound is a federally funded, college prep program for low income and first generation high school students from Great Bend, Hoisington, and Ellinwood.
- The goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which participants complete high school and enroll in and graduate from college.
- Throughout the school year students meet weekly with staff, attend cultural events, participate in workshops, perform community service, earn tutoring hours
- Students in BCUB participate in a six week residential summer program at Barton simulating the college experience. At the end of the six weeks, successful students are eligible for a week-long trip out of state.

# We just celebrated our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

- 267 high school graduates
- 75+ degrees earned



# Current highlights

- **May 2019:** 3 students graduate BCC only one year after graduating high school
- **Fall 2019:** 20 high school students taking a total of 98 concurrent hours
- **Class of 2020:** (15 students) Will have a total of 177 credit hours



# Student Leadership Committee

- We have a group of 9 students that help us plan our events.
- Meet monthly
- Set up before and clean up after events
- Provide a student voice for the direction of the program

# Community Garden

- 2018: 3267 items
- 2019: 4120 items
- 2020 goal: 5000!!

