

Since an edition has not been forwarded since this past March, you may find the body of this message to be rather lengthy. For me, it is a good sign concerning great efforts.

First, I tip my hat to the Faculty Council representatives – Mike Cox, Gil Cloud, Gene Compton, Gerald Butler, Victor Martin, Carol Murphy, and Peter Solie for their diligence and willingness to tackle a number of issues. One matter of consequence included the development and implementation of the Distinguished Instructor Award process. As an outcome of the process, we recognized the professionalism of those achieving award winning recognition. Congratulations to Vern Fryberger, Mike Cox, Brian Koch, Amy Neidig, and Karey Marshall. Thanks is also extended to the faculty and staff that participated in the process and submitted nominations. For additional details, please see [7th attachment](#).

Second, please take a moment to review the [2nd attachment](#). We recognize Darnell Holopirek for her commitment and dedication to improving the lives of those who are incarcerated. Congratulations Darnell for being selected as Ellsworth Correctional Facility's Volunteer of the Year. Although Darnell did not garner the State Award, further proof was provided ([see picture](#)) that the matter was not taken lightly by State officials.

Third, during March, Barton hosted an Open House highlighting the improvements to the college Fine Arts Theater. Not only was the open house well received by the public, extensive positive comments have been generated concerning the improved look of the Fine Arts Display Cases. I would like to acknowledge David Barnes, Connie Wagner, Julie Munden, Ty Mull, Bill Williams, Colleen Cape, Cheyenne Hedrington, Allen Clark, Rick Abel, Bill Forst, Steve Dudek, Erin Renard, Oleg Ravitskiy, Tim Folkerts, Brandon Steinert, Charles Perkins, Michelle Kaiser, Vern Fryberger and everyone else who pulled together to make the display cases in the FA Building come together.

Fourth, service testimonials are as follows:

From: Hathcock, Kristen

Subject: Rod and the Copycenter

I wanted to share with you how supportive the Rod has been this semester. (Not that copycenter isn't always helpful.)

As you know I have been teaching Chemistry which of course has required me to do some extra prepping. This sometimes puts me a little behind in being proactive time wise and I am not always able to give Rod the 24 hours notice that he requires to print items. When I can postpone giving the students a handout until later I do, but if I need something that only the copycenter can do, Rod has been nothing but supportive and helped me out, even at the last minute! I always give him an option of due dates but he has always come through on the earlier due date and gone the extra mile to make my job so much easier.

I don't know if the student's appreciate it but I do. I finished my notes and ppt today around 2:30 and sent it over to the copycenter and asked for it for Wednesday if he had time but Thursday would be okay too. I have my notes for tomorrow morning's lecture, so the students can just take notes in their notebooks.

It is 9 pm tonight and I just checked my emails and sure enough he sent me an email letting me know that the student ppt handout was ready for my 8 am class. What a guy!
Rod deserves a shout out.

From: Kingslien, Gene
Subject: RE: BCC EOC-Army Ed Partnership

Ray's (Domingo) dedication to assisting the soldiers and family members continues to make a positive impression on not only the Education Center staff but also within the FR consortium of schools and within 1st Infantry Division. The Public Affairs Office (PAO) was at the last briefing taking photos for advertising the upcoming April briefing. The Education Center is now placing placards at the Post entrances to advertise the briefings. The number of attendees at the briefing continue to increase. Ray is definitely making a difference in the students' educational opportunities.

From: Burt, Susie
Subject: BCC EOC-Army Ed Partnership

While our EOC program struggles due to Sequestration budget cuts, other programs are dealing with the same hardships. These difficult times bring those who are affected to think outside the box to ensure quality services are not interrupted to potential and current participants/students.

For years, EOC has been allowed by Army Ed to provide services at Fort Riley but on a very limited basis. In December our relationship with Army Ed evolved into a great partnership to reach common goals for both programs as they are also dealing with budget issues. Marian Moore, Supervisory Education Services Specialist, contacted me and we discussed the benefits of working together that includes our EOC JC Coordinator/Advisor providing EOC services to military groups and individuals connected with Army Ed. After our conversation, Marian advised Army Ed would immediately begin advertising EOC services via fliers and media. The gesture to promote our program is priceless due to Department of Education regulations prohibits our program from paying for advertising. As you will see above, I've attached an article from the 1st Infantry Division Post highlighting EOC.

Another advantage for EOC is the partnership opens doors to assist our program with meeting the grant Competitive Preference Priority we were awarded to provide Services to military-connected students.

This union transpired due to many years of EOC staff providing quality educational services in and around Fort Riley thus, compelling soldiers to tout our program to family members, friends and Army Ed staff. Kudos to Gene Kingslien and Rey Domingo for being instrumental in Marian and I working together.

Ray Kruse's schedule at BCC Fort Riley and Junction City is always booked solid but now is over the top!!!! EOC and Barton will definitely benefit from this partnership with met goals for EOC and increased enrollment for Barton☺

Thanks to BCC and each of you for your continued support of the EOC program and it's cause!

From: Liz Jardin
Subject: ECON 1610 - Macroeconomics - question about course content

I am a distance student that is seeking an online Bachelor's Degree in Dietetics at K-State that sometimes takes classes at Bartonline. My expected graduation date is May 2017 and have been taking online classes for a couple of years.

One of my degree requirements is to take ECON 1610 - Macroeconomics.

By the way, I absolutely love Bartonline and wish I could take all of my classes here. It is a top notch school and I have always had excellent teachers for every course.

From: White, Karyl

Subject: Ty Mull

I wanted to let you know that Ty has been a tremendous help with the AV equipment for our statewide con ed seminar we co-hosted with Great Bend Fire. We hosted a national guest speaker, Jon Puryear, at the downtown convention center. They do not have a projector for ppt available so Ty not only supplied our seminar with a computer and projector but also took the time on Monday to bring it into town and hook everything up and show me what needed to be done when our speaker arrived on Tuesday.

The convention center's wireless system only has a handheld microphone. Jon usually brings his own wireless head set but it was needed by his department for another event. Jon is very animated speaker and uses his hands a lot when he speaks so the handheld microphone was not conducive to his lecture style. This required Jon to have to speak loudly for eight hours Tuesday plus two more nine hour days on Wednesday/Thursday doing his annual NREMT prep for our paramedic students. I was concerned his voice might not last that long so I emailed Ty and asked if he had a wireless mic Jon could wear. Ty came down during our lunch break, connected a head set into the convention center's sound system, setting Jon up with a headset for the remainder fo the day. It made a significant difference.

I know how busy everyone is including Ty so I really appreciated what he did to help us host this state wide event and make things easier on our students and guest speaker.

From: Barnes, David

Subject: thanks to all

Today over 160 art students from area High Schools descended upon Barton for The Vortex a day of art workshops , award ceremonies and pizza.

It could not have happened without the help of some great folks. Tana and the Ambassadors (sounds like a do-wop band) I think Jordan was also part of the assemble, Shawnee, Bill, Steve, Krystall, Allen, Ty , Joe, Julie, Brandon, Cheyenne, Scott, you guys all went beyond the call of duty to make today a success.

I am so grateful,

Dave

From: Judy Zimmer

Subject: Academic advisor

My name is Judy Zimmer and I have been a student at Barton Community College for a few years. With several "interruptions" on my journey I am within four credits needed to complete my Associates Degree; however, I did joyfully participate in the graduation ceremony last May. Because of my education at Barton, I am currently seeking my Bachelors Degree in Theology from St. Joseph's College of Maine. All of this has been possible because of the entire faculty and staff at Barton County Community College, and in particular, Tiffany Irizarry. I wanted to take this moment to tell you about the tremendous help I have had along the way and to commend to you, Tiffany Irizarry for her outstanding performance as an academic advisor.

Tiffany Irizarry has been completely and thoroughly helpful with each and every question I have had through the years that I have been enrolled in Barton County Community College, and I have had many! These questions included course enrollment, instructors, transcripts, difficulties with online issues, general information, and many, many others. Tiffany Irizarry has never failed to find the answer to my question, if she did not already

know it; and to answer it quickly. Her guidance has helped me manage my course selections and schedules and has greatly assisted me in the completion of my degree. With Tiffany Irizarry, I sensed that my needs as a student were of importance to Barton County Community College and that my goals of achieving a high quality, college education merited priority. Even with several questions in a day; Tiffany Irizarry's attitude, patience and demeanor was consistently gracious and accomodating.

In a world where lack of professionalism, depth of character and apathy to client's needs are becoming more common in the workplace, Tiffany Irizarry's professional attitude, reliability and character defies these trends and provides a model to others on how a trained professional should deliver their skills.

Tiffany Irizarry is a dedicated professional and she is a definitive asset to Barton Community College. Her personage provides a delightful and refreshing presence among the camaraderie of campus life.

I am grateful to Barton County Community College for providing me the opportunity to seek a higher education; and employing professional and dedicated faculty and staff members like Tiffany Irizarry who highlights their caliber.

From: Brown, Odessa
Subject: Compliment---

Patrick, I just wanted to pass on to you some very nice compliments that I over-heard while in the tanning salon. Two other ladies were talking back and forth about their children and how the summer was going. One lady told the other that her child was in UPWARD BOUND and had the other lady heard of it? She explained it was out at the college and was the best thing EVER!!! She kept talking about how fantastic it was and then I had to go to my booth. I just thought you'd like to know how great a job you are doing and give you a pat on the back. Great job!!!

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[See 9th attachment.](#)

Fifth, and in support of the 9th attachment editorial posted recently in the Great Bend Tribune, please view following link.

<http://www.kwch.com/news/local-news/Camp-for-kids-with-cancer-goes-on-despite-fire/26529878>

I am so appreciative of the goodwill that has been generated by the college staff in going way beyond the call of their daily duties. Thank you!

Sixth, on May 17, Barton sponsored the 6th Annual Wounded Warrior Benefit Golf Tournament at Custer Hill Golf Course on Ft. Riley. The 6th event was the best to date. Sincere thanks goes out to Abby Werth, Jessica Hogsed, Ashley Arnold, Gil Cloud, Tiffany Irizarry, Susanne Gentry, Shannon Lewandowski, Kim Bradney, and Rey Domingo for their substantial time and energies making sure that all went well. On June 2nd, a check in the amount of \$2750.00 was presented to the Ft. Riley Warrior Transition Battalion in support of the emergency family relief fund.

Seventh, beginning with the release of the Adult Corrections request for proposal on December 29, several Barton employees worked non-stop in traveling, touring, and piecing together a proposal to serve all eight adult correctional facilities in the state of Kansas. Although in late April we were notified that only 2 proposals were accepted for funding - Ellsworth Correctional and Larned Correctional Mental Health Facilities, the exceptional work of Jane Howard, William Rains, Mary Foley, Chris Lemon, Elaine Simmons, and Cathie Oshiro, are duly noted. Thank you.

Eighth, a note of appreciation is being extended to Tim Folkerts for his work in rebooting the planetarium. Barton is one of only two higher education institutions in Kansas to have a planetarium and installing the new hardware was a major hurdle that Tim addressed with enthusiasm. If you had a chance to experience the updates, you will agree that we have a planetarium that we all can appreciate. Nicely done Tim.

Ninth, Barton's new website has considerably improved. With the April introduction of the website, and still continuing enhancements and modifications, I believe we have a website that efficiently addresses our customers' information needs. Development of the new and improved version was no small matter to develop/implement. A large number of college employees contributed to planning, creativity, and construction. Most notable in involvement include Samantha Stueder, Connie Wagner, Brandon Steinert, Joe Vinduska, Julie Munden, Charles Perkins, Michelle Kaiser, Pam Henning, Renee Demel, Amye Oelke, Scott Heier, and Brenda Moreno. Great team effort with an outstanding outcome.

Tenth, the [final attached](#) document identifies the past year accomplishments for the Barton Forensics team. As you will note, Barton was successfully represented throughout the competition schedule and concluded with an individual national championship in Persuasive Speaking and a school national championship in the Division III category (limited entry). The accomplishments speak quite well for our first year coach, Bill Sheffield. Fantastic job Bill.

I hope your summer is going well and you have or are scheduled to have some time for relaxation.

Best regards, Carl

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