

Barton Foundation Honors Roger and Mary Lou Murphy

The Barton Community College Foundation honored Roger and Mary Lou Murphy with the 2014 Distinguished Service Award during Barton's 44th commencement on Friday.

The Distinguished Service Award was created in 1981 by the Barton Community College Foundation to recognize individuals who have shown genuine regard for, and have performed outstanding service to Barton Community College. The Barton Foundation Board of Directors selects the recipient from nominations received.

Roger and Mary Lou Murphy are lifelong area residents. Both graduated from Great Bend High School in 1957 and have been involved in the community and have played a key role in its growth.



Roger and Mary Lou Murphy

Roger has been involved in agriculture and started Great Bend Feeding, Inc. with his stepfather in 1959, and continues to be active in agriculture with Murphy Family Enterprises. Mary Lou has always supported Roger in all of his endeavors and during the than they will ever know. We are grateful for this opportunity to thank Roger and Mary Lou, not only for their contributions, but for the legacy their actions will ensure for the future of all the communities served by Barton Community College."



earlier years she took care of their two children Kayla and Andrew and was the epitome of a true homemaker.

> Director of the Barton Foundation Darnell Holopirek said the generosity of the Murphys has been very beneficial to the college and the Distinguished Service Award was a great way to officially, and publically thank them.

> "Whenever an initiative or a need arises within the community, especially if it benefits education or young people, you can count on Roger and Mary Lou being the first to step up," Holopirek said. "They have and will continue to have an enormous impact on this community and their support of Barton Community College will benefit the lives of more students

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Foundation's 7th Annual Sporting Clay Shoot Canceled

The Foundation's 7th annual Sporting Clay Shoot had to be canceled due to the devastating fire at Camp Aldrich. We were so excited to have this

year's event because this would have been the first year to have the shoot at the camp. We were so pleased to think we could market the camp's facilities to the public for Barton Community College. For six years the friend/fundraiser had been held at LaSada's in Russell, but the camp was going to give us a completely different terrain and competition course.

With the dining hall/conference center completely destroyed, it left the site without electricity, internet, and water. Our first concern had to be the safety of our participants and sponsors and in such a short time span nothing could be accomplished that fast.

The fire was on April 12th and our event was planned for May 4th so there wasn't any other decision than

to cancel this year's shoot. We were so disappointed, but after visiting with all of our sponsors and contacting all of our pre-registered shooters we

> were assured we made the right decision. Our sponsors were so gracious and most told us to keep their donations and use the funds next year. We appreciate everyone's support and understanding and feel like we already have so much of our preparation work done for next year's event; which is scheduled for Sunday, April 19, 2015.

Of course our faculty was also disappointed due to the fact that they would have been the recipients of annual mini-grants to be used in their classroom instruction. They too are anticipating the success of our event in 2015. Please put the date on your calendar to come out and enjoy the event (hopefully with a new structure on site if rebuilding can take place in that time frame.)

had not seen. We took them to the newly-renovat-

ed Performing Arts Auditorium where many of our

local constituents attend student/community per-

Great Bend Chamber Board Visit Barton Campus

It is always a joy to invite people to our campus and explain some of our programs and new facility upgrades on campus. On May 28, 2014 approximately 20 Great Bend Chamber board members met with Dr.

Heilman, Mark Dean, and Darnell Holopirek to talk about renovations to the facilities and to highlight our strong workforce training programs. The personnel involved in these programs were on hand to share some insight and also to answer questions. Everyone enjoyed the tour and took great interest in what was being shared.



Nursing complex simulated lab located in the Technical Building.

formances and events. All guests agreed it was long overdue and very necessary to have better seating, lighting, and sound. They also loved walking into the renovated lobby and foyer of the Fine Arts building which now has five figurines made by Bruce Bitter, local artist from Hoisington, new glass cases highlighting different programs along with new lighting, paint, and signage.

The next stop was the

First they saw the up-

grades to our Student Union; which after 42 years of service was a complete change that most of them

Shafer Gallery to view the Great Bend historical murals acquired by the Foundation from Bank of the



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Great Bend Chamber Board Visit Barton Campus (continued)

West. They enjoyed hearing how these became the property of the Gallery and felt they really add to

both our collection and the ambiance of the gallery along with the western bronzes.

We toured the Nursing complex where they were shown what we used to have to teach our students compared to now, not only the classroom and lab space but the availability of using simulated bodies which can



Case IH training facility located in the Technical Building.

have any aliment programed for the student to use as a diagnostic learning experience or to be videotaped as they react to a certain patient's condition. A short video showing their visit can be found at http://youtu.be/V71NL wqVUY.

Most had no idea we have trained over 4,000 Case IH technicians since the mid 1990's at week-long, handson training sessions. The students come from all over the United States plus foreign countries. They hadn't realized the large space it takes to bring in four big tractors and have room for them to work on and use computers to create equipment problems.

Last but not least, they visited the Learning Resource

Center including the Plaza De Cavanaugh Community room donated by Jean Cavanaugh, the Sunflow-

> er room donated by the Marian Mull family, and the Cohen Kansas History Center, donated by Bart and Dr. Mary Davidson Cohen.

> Several of the board members attended or graduated from Barton, or have taken classes so they could actually see the many changes in structures and programs which we have now. All

were very encouraged and appreciative of what Barton does for our students, the economic impact we have on the local and regional communities and the overall difference we make to their businesses by bringing in dollars and people to this area.

We could have shown them so much more but we'll have to save it for another day and time. It is always a pleasure for us to show our contributors what great things can happen when they support our efforts and we partner in our initiatives to continue to be a strong and premier community college, benefitting anyone who wants to pursue their educational accomplishments.



Newly renovated Performing Arts Auditorium located in the Fine Arts Building.



Plaza De Cavanaugh Community Room located in the Learning Resource Center.

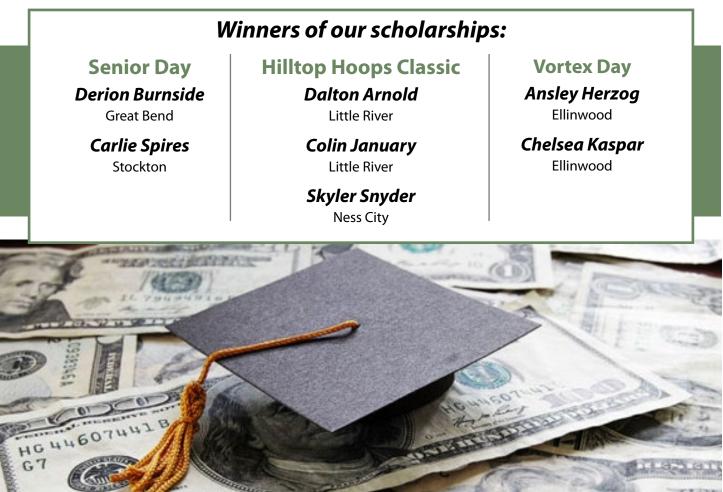
Foundation Offers Scholarships for Recruitment Efforts

The Foundation offers academic scholarships for current students and each year we are proud to increase the number and amount of scholarships we are able to offer due to the continuous generosity of our donors. It is also exciting to think we can offer scholarships to entice regional students to consider Barton when they are ready to select a post-secondary educational institution. We have presented the opportunity for participating students to win a scholarship from the Foundation at three special campus events. The event planner also feels it attracts students to be involved with their function experience.

This year we offered scholarships at the 2014 Senior Day, Hilltop Hoops Classic Basketball Tournament and the Shafer Gallery Vortex Day. If these students enroll at Barton in the future, their scholarships will be above and beyond other offerings they receive from the College or the Foundation.



"Best in Show 3D" award winner Chelsea Kaspar of Ellinwood High School (left), Barton Director of Institutional Advancement Darnell Holopirek and "Best in Show 2D" award winner Ansley Herzog of Ellinwood pose for a photo after the Vortex Day awards ceremony in the Shafer Art Gallery. Each student was awarded a \$500 scholarship from the Barton Foundation



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Thank A Donor Day

Having the privilege of cultivating friends and receiving donations for the College, it is important to show appreciation and thanks to the people that support our mission. We work diligently to let our donors know we don't take their encouragement or financial assistance for granted, but each and every provision they entrust to us is vital to our accomplishments. We look for ways to show our appreciation by communicating often with our benefactors and keeping them informed of our stewardship of their gifts.

So a new idea came to mind to again say "thank you" for what you provide to our Foundation. We wanted it to be from the students, which also makes each of them aware of the advantages and benefits they personally receive from having such generous public support. We decided to produce videos with different student populations and let them give their thanks to individuals and businesses that support our endeavors. Below are sites for two of the videos produced and we hope you take these multiple thank you gestures personally knowing we do appreciate your gifts of kindness. We ask you to continue to be a partner with Barton Community College Foundation as we continue to enhance the student's learning experience and expand their future at our educational institution.

Please take time to view these two videos and let us again thank you for your support.

http://youtu.be/LfY7-Z_mpL4 http://youtu.be/zUQeEPCEqRI









Coming Soon!

36th Annual Big Benefit Auction

Saturday, August 23

BARTON DYNASTY Hunting for Bucks

36th ANNUAL BIG BENEFIT AUCTION • SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2014

Great Bend Knights of Columbus Hall 6:00 pm

> Honorary Co-Chairs Toby & Kristy Hogan

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Calendar of Events

June

June 1-30 - Summer Hours - Campus Closed on Fridays

July

July 1-31 - Summer Hours - Campus Closed on Fridays July 4 - Independence Day (No Classes/Offices Closed)

August

August 8 - Last Friday of Summer Hours August 20 - Fall 2014 Classes Begin August 23 - Annual Big Benefit Auction Page 7

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