

### 2018 Academic Enrichment Fund Campaign

The AEF campaign is an annual direct mail campaign that runs the entire month of March. Chairs are chosen from donors and members of the community who have shown, by their service and dedication to Barton Community College, that they believe it the

mission of both the College and the Foundation. This year Jim and Kathy Vopat will serve as co-chairs of this initiative.

Designed to raise funds for academic scholarships and program enhancements, the Academic Enrichment Fund campaign is unique in that it allows donors to specialize their gift by choosing which department or fund they would like to benefit from their donation. The mechanism for donation is

also designed to be as simple and easy as possible with potential donors receiving a letter with a return envelope and a simple form to complete and return. People can also contribute online at bartonccfoundation.org.

The AEF Campaign is the second largest fund raiser for the Foundation. It depends on a donor base of citizens and individuals who truly understand the economic and cultural impact the college has on their daily lives and who in turn wish to support the future of those efforts. The strength of the AEF campaign is that it reaches all levels of ability to give – from gifts of \$10 to those of thousands – each gift is

important and makes a difference. It is the power of the sum of those gifts which make an impact on the lives of our students that we cannot begin to fathom. Jim, who is a member of the Foundation Board of

Directors said, "My daughters took advantage of the

Each and every course they were able to complete before going onto Kansas Weslyan and Washburn added to their success. College is a very expensive yet necessary investment and the funds that were saved by utilizing what we have right here in our own community helped tremendously as the girls moved on." He further added, "My profession is investments

classes offered here at Bar-

ton while still living at home.

and I know first-hand how important return on investment is to the reasoning behind giving – you can't have a better return than knowing you are responsible for giving our future generation the tools they need to succeed and receive the education they required for their success."

The co-chairs for this campaign are crucial to its success. Jim and Kathy are both long-time supporters of the Foundation and have served Great Bend and Barton County through their business and community involvement, so they know first-hand the economic and cultural impact of Barton Community College on all the communities it serves.

### Mini-Grants Assist Scale Technician Program

During the spring semester of 2018 Barton Community College began offering the opportunity for students to complete training in the Scale Technician Program.

The Scale Technician Certificate is a 25 credit hour, one semester program for individuals wanting to work in the weights and measures industry. It prepares suc-

cessful completers to work in the scale industry where there is a need for technicians to install, repair, and certify commercial and non-commercial scales.

This certificate provides the basic background for entering the weights and measures industry and decreases the time for an employee to be up to speed by more than half according to scale advisory board members which means a more rapid increase in salary.



The students receive handson instruction in AC and DC and in scales themselves. They will obtain a Class A or B CDL which helps with employability. Other benefits of the program include:

- Strong industry partnerships make Barton's program highly relevant and current.
- Networking with professionals in the industry, which gives students an up-to-date perspective.
- Field trips provide ample hands-on experience opportunities.

Instructors Vince Orth and Vic Martin applied for and were granted a mini-grant from the Barton Community College Foundation to purchase scales needed for the program.







### Sundahl Family Endowment

"Kevin and Nancy Sundahl

were among the students

in the very first class...

at Barton Community

College in the fall of 1969."

Every endowment has its own story – the history of the donor, their involvement with the college, and their reason for giving. The story of the Sundahl's is so unique it just has to be shared.

Kevin and Nancy Sundahl were among the students in the very first class to embark on their college career at Barton Community College in the fall of 1969. Kevin, who was the first athlete to be recruited to play basketball and run track at Barton, came from McPherson and Nancy was from Great Bend – they met in Biology class. Nancy's father, Archie Lindholm (who was involved in the early days of getting the college established and forming the Booster Club) was originally from McPherson and happened to know Kevin's family. It was an exciting time for the two students at the newly established community college; Kevin leading on the basketball court and Nancy as a cheerleader for the Cougars. With their membership in this inaugural class they were instrumental in the

college's history – involved in the selection of school colors and mascot, as well as naming the newspaper and yearbook.

After receiving their diplomas as members of Barton Community College's first graduating class, Kevin went on to Sacred Heart in Wichita and Nancy went to K-State. The basketball star and cheerleader were married in 1976 and returned to Great

Bend. They immediately continued their involvement with Barton where Kevin served as assistant men's basketball coach. Neither Kevin or Nancy have ever faltered in their support of Barton Community College; both continue to be actively involved to this day with the Booster Club (Kevin is a Hall of Fame member) and with the Foundation Board of Directors (Nancy is currently serving her second term on the board and will assume the position of Foundation Chair for 2018-19).

All three of the Kevin and Nancy's sons, Shane, Kris and Lucas, attended Barton and followed in their dad's footsteps on the basketball court. Nancv stated "the bovs received a great foundation here at Barton and it



served them well when they transferred to K-State."

As the Foundation celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2017 and the college looks ahead to its 50th

> seemed like the time was right for the Sundahl's to move ahead with something they had been talking about for quite a while; establishing an endowment for scholarships to Barton Community College.

Anniversary in 2019, it just

Nancy shared "Our family has strong ties to Barton Community College. It has played a huge role in our lives and in the life of our commu-

nity. We decided to establish this endowment as our way to "pay back" the college for that role and at the same time to assist the college in continuing its mission of touching the lives of others by helping them to receive an excellent education."





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Lunch served 12:00 - 2:00 pm

Lunch included only with registrations paid by April 11. (Pre-registrations are non-refundable)

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All registrations will be entered in the lewis class competition. In case of postponement due to inclement weather, this event will be held September 23, 2018.

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Proceeds go to Barton Community College Faculty Mini-Grants

### Sylvan Bleeker - A Life Well Lived



The Barton Community College Foundation celebrates and remembers a life well lived. Sylvan Bleeker was a dedicated board member, loyal volunteer, knowledgeable mentor and good friend. He served on the Foundation board during some of the most recent economical-

ly difficult times and guided its success with his integrity, straightforward thinking, and no nonsense attitude. We are extremely grateful and cherish the time we had with Sylvan and the gift of grace and fortitude he shared with all. You will be missed, dear friend. God Speed.

### Alice M. Dundas Unrestricted Endowment

The Barton Community College Foundation received a gift of \$45,000 from the estate of Alice M. Dundas. These funds have been used to establish the Alice M. Dundas Unrestricted Endowment. Mrs. Dundas was born in Moundridge, Kansas and moved to Great Bend



in 1959. She was an elementary art teach for USD 428 for 30 years.

This gift was given with no restrictions or criteria except to benefit Barton Community College. Even though we were never privileged to know Alice in life, we pledge to be good stewards of this donation and to remember her good works and generosity by our diligent and responsible administration of this endowment established in her memory.



Esther Maher Myron Brensing Warren"Whitey"Alpers Harold Hudnall Esther Allen

# 2017 Memorials

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# Mini Grant Awards

Proceeds from our 2017 Sporting Clay Shoot funded faculty mini-grants in support of classroom enhancements and training resources. Thanks to the support of our clay shoot sponsors and participants, the following items were awarded:

Athletic Training – Manikins & Accessories **Business** – Student Field Trip Choral Music – Magnetic Whiteboard Criminal Justice – Red Man Training Suit Accessories **Early Childhood Education** – Student Field Trip **English** – Art Pen & Touch Graphics with Tablet & Accessories Instrumental Music – Amplifier Road Case Military Programs – EMT Casualty Simulation Kit & Accessories, Laser Pointer Pens & Speakers Natural Gas/Scales/Farm Safety - AC Devices & Wiring, Scales, **Multi-Meter Test Leads** Nursing – Exam Model & Crisis Prevention Training Paramedic – Blood Glucose Trainer & Out-of-Hospital Scenario Kits Voice – Portable Recorder Welding – Power MIGs

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Thank you! You are now helping Barton students with your Dillons purchases! <u>Please</u> encourage others to do the same, by sharing this information.

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### Greg and Susan Bauer Donate Simulator to Nursing Program



Thanks to a generous donation from Greg and Susan Bauer, the Barton Community College Nursing Department recently purchased an invaluable training stimulator to enhance the classroom experience for its nursing students. The Bauer's stated, "We feel that Barton is such an asset to our community, we wanted to offer our support."

The SimJunior Simulator Manikin System represents a 6-year-old child that simulates a wide range of conditions from a healthy, talking child to an unresponsive, critical patient with no vital signs. The SimJunior simulator allows learners to focus on a broad range of pediatric skills in order to gain exposure and practical experience of life-threatening pediatric programs. The simulator was developed in

conjunction with the American Academy of Pediatrics and will allow for new opportunities to integrate the latest technologies into pediatric training programs.

Susan, who is a nursing instructor, shares, "I feel the nursing instructors I have met here are excellent and I wanted to help support them in a way that helps to enhance the education they provide future nurses."

### Barton Community College Food Pantry

On November 1, 2017 Patrick Busch, Project Director for Central Kansas Upward Bound, presented a proposal to the Barton Community College Foundation Board of Directors requesting funds to estab-

lish a food pantry. The pantry provides food to lower the instances of food insecurity experienced for various reasons by member of the campus community, in particular the students.

The board agreed to donate the start-up funds required to get this initiative in place before the start of the Thanksgiving and Christmas break periods. Patrick also applied

for and received additional funds from the Walmart Foundation and the Golden Belt Community Foundation.

The goal of the pantry, located in an area of the library, is to provide access to both non-perishable and perishable foods and increase the number of healthier food options available for students. Many of the out-of-state students who study at Barton do not have access to transportation, and on days when the cafeteria is closed, have no food source except vending machines. Besides normal closings over all extended holidays the cafeteria closes at 6 pm and



doesn't reopen until 9 am or

11 am on weekends.

The food pantry has partnered with both the Kansas Food Bank in Wichita (which allows them to purchase food at a greatly reduced price) and also with the Great Bend Food Bank (which allows them to accept food items at no cost). It will be open to all Barton students, faculty, and staff and no qualifying or income infor-

mation will be required to have the benefit of its use.

If anyone wishes to donate to the food bank, cash, perishable and non-perishable foods, freezers, refrigerators, shelving and locally grown or produced food items are appreciated and welcome. If you would like more information or wish to donate, contact Patrick Busch at (620) 786-1182 or e-mail buschp@ bartonccc.edu.

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