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#### 2021 ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT FUND CAMPAIGN

The Academic Enrichment Fund Campaign (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 in the mission of both the College and the Foundation. This year Jan Westfall will serve as chair of this initiative.

Designed to raise funds for academic scholarships and program enhancements, the AEF 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 donating is also designed to be as easy as possible with potential donors receiving a letter, return envelope, and simple form to complete and return. 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.

Jan shares her first memories of her experience with Barton Community College: It's 1972 and here I am headed off to the college on the hill.....wow! I was so excited to start this new chapter and begin my education. I had worked and saved to pay for my schooling, and now it had paid off. I made it and college life was about to become a reality. Such a thrill to meet all the new students and professors. The trees were only twigs, and only dirt paths led from building to building. The Student Union was a buzz as we all gathered to enjoy our burgers and fries and talk about our new adventure. I immediately got involved in activities and soaked in as much of college life as I could; Hilltop Singers, cheerleading, yearbook staff and of course classes.

During my freshman year my dad took ill, he had to have surgery and was not expected to live. I tried to be with my mom as much as possible but I also knew I needed to attend class so I would not fall behind. I went to class one morning totally exhausted and the professor leaned down and asked "why are you here?" I told him I knew I needed to be in class that my studies were important and he said, "you need to be at the hospital with your family, come back when your dad is better and we will work it out." Thankfully, my dad did improve and when I went back to classes and activities I had students, professors and staff, many of whom I did not know, tell me how happy they were for his recovery and that they had been praying for him and for my family. I can't begin to put into words what that support and kindness meant to me and the enormous impact it had on my life.

Now, that I am on the foundation board of directors I have come to fully realize how important scholarships are to those who dream of an education and how important it is that we assist them in meeting their goals. It is my pleasure to serve as the 2021 Academic Enrichment Fund Chair. The funds generated by your generosity fuels the dreams, ambitions and imagination of students – but during these times and with the rising cost of education, they need our help to succeed. Please join me as we support and promote educational opportunities that will enhance the lives or our students. Your gift will be a blessing that our students will cherish for a lifetime.

The foundation is proud to announce that Jan Westfall will be serving as the 2021 Chair of the Annual Academic Enrichment Fund Campaign for the Barton Community College Foundation. Jan has a long history with the college dating back to her years as a Barton student beginning in 1972. As a life-long resident of Great Bend, Jan has always shown great pride in her community and that pride manifests itself in years of volunteerism and support for Great Bend's economic, cultural and educational development.





#### **BEST CAMPAIGN**

This fall, six Barton students were awarded scholarships from the Barton Enhancement and Scholarship Team (BEST) endowment. Each November, Barton employees are asked to support the BEST endowment for student scholarships and/ or facility and program enhancements. In our 2020 campaign, 53 employees donated just over \$6,000 via one-time gifts and payroll deductions for this permanent and growing fund. The Foundation offered \$6,000 from investment earnings as scholarships to Barton students.

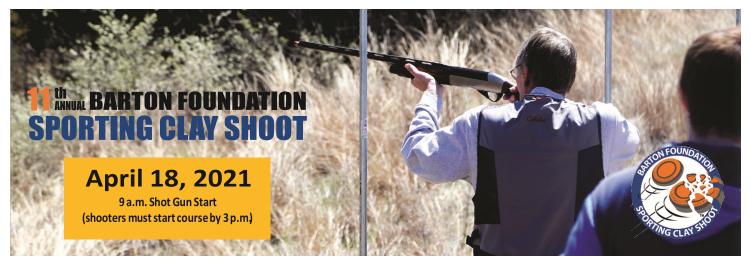
This fund was established not only to offer scholarships, but also to assist Barton Community College with program and facility enhancements that would directly benefit the students' learning experience as they become necessary. I would like to share the gratitude of four of those students.

"Of all the obligations we have to others – we must never forget to find the time to stop and thank those that make a difference in our lives." John F. Kennedy

"Thank you so much for the gift and blessing of this scholarship. This is so amazing and will allow me to graduate debt free. I honestly cannot thank you enough." Alexis Aquilar – Manhattan

"Thank you so much for this scholarship. I appreciate the gift of your generosity and support more than I can say. These funds will help pay for my tuition and books for the next semester." Kim Reif – Olmitz

"Thank you so much for your generous gift. I attend most of my classes through Bartonline and am working towards an accounting degree. I plan to use my degree to advance within the company where I am currently employed, Champion Teamwear. I have been with them for 10 years and I am currently a Graphic Artist." Lyndsay Jones - Manhattan



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 AMMUNITION)

•First Round Counts for Score

- •Shot Gun Start
- •No Age Limit
- •Prizes for Top Man, Woman, Youth, and Team
- Chance Drawings
- •Team Flurries (Requires Additional Ammunition)

Lunch served 12:00 - 2:00 pm Lunch included only with registrations paid by April 8.

(Pre-registrations are non-refundable)

EAR & EYE PROTECTION MUST BE WORN WHILE ON COURSE! COVID PROTOCOLS WILL BE FOLLOWED!

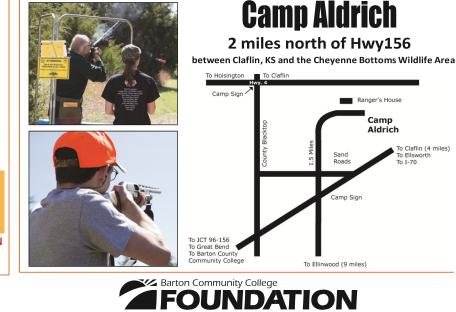
This is not an NSCA sponsored event.

All registrations will be entered in the Lewis class competition.

In case of postponement due to inclement weather, this event will be held September 26, 2021

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Proceeds go to Barton Community College Faculty Mini-Grants





### 2020 Memorials

Lives well lived remembered by loving family and friends...



Sue Tehel Juanita Barnes Vinita Gatton Charlie Brown George Tregellas Paul A. Blauer Elvin F."Rusty" Russell, 111 Louise Ellen Fenn Charles W. Perkins Leila Messick Betty Searle Norma Ward Dale Oliver Clifford Sillin Mary Sillin



#### **THANK YOU MICHELLE!**

For 19 years Michelle Fryberger served as the Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director of Institutional Advancement. Most often Michelle was the first person you spoke to on the phone and the first smiling face you saw when you came into the office. But to label Michelle with any kind of a title, simply does not do her justice. I could list adjectives and superlatives that describe Michelle's talents and dedication all day long and still not begin to touch on her contribution and value to this foundation and the college.

Michelle, retired on January 8th and in her quiet and behind the scenes way, she asked that there be no fanfare or party to celebrate her years of service, but I simply could not let this milestone pass unnoticed and without saying, from the bottom of my grateful heart:

THANK YOU FOR THE MEMORIES – YOU CHANGED MY LIFE WITHOUT EVEN TRYING YOU WILL BE MISSED!

#### TRIBUTE TO KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY

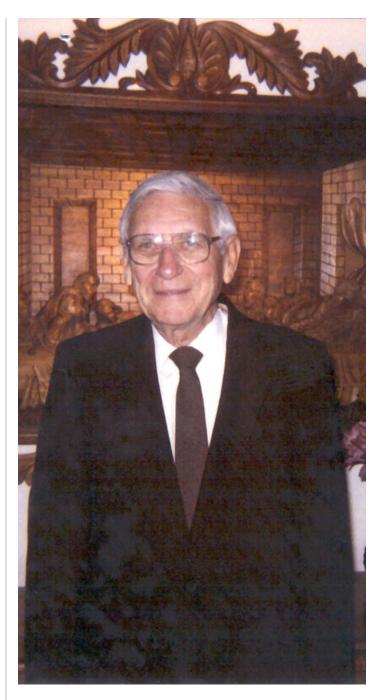
On January 8th, Barton Community College and the Foundation lost a loyal supporter and ardent advocate with the passing of Clarence Haak. Clarence was a true gentleman, with a kind and caring heart and a spirit dedicated to helping others.

Clarence was born and raised on a farm near Great Bend. After farming with his dad and brother he began working for the Automotive Parts Company of Great Bend and then for Midlands Automotive out of Omaha, Nebraska as their regional manager in Great Bend.

In 1954 he married his lifelong sweetheart, Jeanette, and in 1968 they moved to Denver, Colorado where Clarence continued to work in the automotive field. Even though residents of Denver, both Clarence and Jeanette were very pleased that Barton Community College was opened in 1969 and they continued to follow its growth from its modest beginnings to the outstanding community college it is today. Following Jeanette's death in 2004, Clarence decided to establish an annually funded scholarship in her memory at Barton to benefit nursing students studying to become R.N's. Clarence's ties always remained strong to Great Bend and to Kansas. His commitment is further demonstrated by his bequest to Barton for the establishment of the Clarence and Jeanette Haak Scholarship Fund following his passing.

In addition to his gifts to Barton's academic programs, he has also included his ANRI collection and other miscellaneous pieces of art and furniture to the Shafer Gallery. Clarence and Jeanette always spoke of their desire to find a way to do something tangible and lasting for the college and the idea of a scholarship just seemed to fit the bill. Instead of one, Clarence has found a way to fund two and has chosen the nursing department as the beneficiary of his generosity. Barton Community College is grateful to Clarence for his vision and foresight and his desire to further the academic excellence of Barton's nursing department.

It is with a heavy heart that we say farewell to our good friend, but he will not be forgotten. His legacy will live on in the hearts of all the students who benefited from his generosity and in the lives of everyone those students touch.



Good-bye Dear Friend and God Speed.



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Online at greatbendpost.com (click on KVGB icon)

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