



# *Commencement*

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026 · 7 PM · GREAT BEND, KANSAS

# Welcome From The President

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Dear Graduates, family, and friends:

Welcome to Barton Community College's 56th annual graduation. On behalf of the entire Barton family, congratulations graduates on your outstanding achievement. We are excited to share this moment with you.

I want to thank the Barton faculty and staff for helping our graduates reach this milestone. I am extremely proud of our faculty and staff who dedicate themselves to student success and making Barton an amazing institution every day.

This special day does not happen without an immense amount of work behind the scenes. I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude for the planning and implementation of this celebration by the Barton employees responsible for setup and tear down, safety, and facilitation of the ceremony. This day would not be possible without each of you.

Please enjoy this day as we recognize the efforts and accomplishments of the 2026 Barton graduating class.

Dr. Marcus Garstecki  
President



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### **PRESIDENT'S STAFF**

(includes above administration)

Krystall Barnes  
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# 2026 Commencement Program

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**\*PLEASE STAND**

- THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION** ..... Processional Ushers - Barton Student Ambassadors,  
President, Board of Trustees, Guests, Candidates for Degrees, Members of Faculty, President's Staff
- PRESENTATION OF COLORS** ..... Ellsworth Correctional Facility–Department of Corrections
- NATIONAL ANTHEM** ..... Brayden Robl  
*Freshman, Ellinwood, Ks*
- INVOCATION** ..... The Rev. Adam D. Wutka  
*Pastor, St. Mark Lutheran Church, Great Bend, KS–Director of Lay Ministry, Central States Synod, ELCA*
- GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT** ..... Dr. Marcus Garstecki  
*President*
- OUTSTANDING GRADUATE AWARD** ..... Angie Maddy  
*Vice President of Student Services*
- DISTINGUISHED INSTRUCTOR AWARD** ..... Elaine Simmons  
*Vice President of Instruction*
- HILLTOP SINGERS** ..... *Heroes and Dreamers* by Pinkzebra
- DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD** ..... Lindsey Bogner  
*Executive Director of Institutional Advancement*
- DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD** ..... Dr. Marcus Garstecki  
*President*
- CONFERRING OF DEGREES** ..... Elaine Simmons and Mike Johnson  
*Vice-President of Instruction and Chair, Barton Community College Board of Trustees*
- PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES** ..... Abby Howe  
*Instructor, Foundational Education*
- AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS** ..... Dr. Marcus Garstecki  
*President*
- RETIREMENT OF COLORS** ..... Ellsworth Correctional Facility–Department of Corrections
- CELEBRATION OF GRADUATES** ..... Angie Maddy  
*Vice President of Student Services*
- RECESSIONAL** ..... Stage Members

- So that all graduates, honorees, and guests are able to enjoy all parts of the ceremony, please silence your mobile devices and refrain from using any artificial noisemakers during the ceremony.
- Please be advised that weapons carried by the honor guard are not operational.

- Picture taking is restricted to the seating area only during the ceremony.
- Graduates will be announced by degree.
- Participation in the ceremony does not necessarily constitute graduation. Degree conferral is contingent upon final grading and successful completion of all required courses.

# Kansas State High School Diploma

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Jacob Aguirre  
Joshua Alaniz  
Steven Baysinger  
Joshua Clark  
Zane Clark  
Caviontay Conway  
Jeffery Cooper  
Antwan Dial  
Mark Gray  
Trenton Grubb  
Nicolas Henry  
Angelica Hernandez-Medina  
Christopher Honour  
Howard Hooper  
Sean Hulse  
Xavier Laurelez  
Jaime Leos

Loretta Bolding  
Darci Lowe  
Dustin McPherson  
Benedict Okwo  
Crawford Onger  
Sandra Onger  
Abel Ortiz  
Randon Owens  
Gabriela Ramirez  
Ian Reed  
Christopher Reyna  
Shawn Samuelson  
Rebecca Shearrer  
Chris Studdard  
Skyler Wilson  
Jacob Zelinski

## Certificates

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### **AGRICULTURE MECHANICS CNH**

Alexis Cruz-Campos  
Kendall Minneman  
Tristan Sneed  
Ethan Stegman

### **BEEF CATTLE PRODUCTION**

Elijah Lang  
Garrett Short

### **BUSINESS MANAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP**

Alice Aytes  
Erin Dannebohm  
Abigail Guillen Ortiz  
Shanavia McCants  
Landon Smith  
Tabitha Wallace

### **CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

Jessica Aguilar  
Lakeya Rose

### **CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY**

Gannon Evans  
Zaden Farmer  
Owen Kaiser  
Cory Kuhn  
Parker Lewis  
Craig Merritt  
Isaiah Morales  
Joseph Prusa  
Jordan Sander  
Caleb Shell  
Christopher Sportsman  
Lianne Swanson  
Cameron Williams

# Certificates

## **DIETARY MANAGER**

Brandon Bate  
Kyle Beeson  
Jennifer Bradley  
David Bryan  
Richard Cina  
Carlos Davila  
Darlene Dillner  
Angel Doxie  
Yovonkav Echols  
Mistie Few  
Jessica Gann  
Kassy Lapaille  
Marcel Lindoume  
Jeron Manning  
Kelvin Marbley  
Hunter May  
Cody McManaway  
Brandy Morgan  
Guadalupe Peregrino Ocana  
MiKayla Perez  
April Randa  
Cheryl Soristo  
Elaine Stafford  
Emily Van Meekeren  
Fred Watkins  
Kyler Webster  
Ryan Wells  
Kimberly Williams  
Mary Williams

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/HOMELAND SECURITY**

David Becker  
Peter Beullens  
James Salzwedel

## **EMERGENCY OPERATIONS SPECIALIST**

David Becker  
Peter Beullens  
Kurtis Neis  
James Salzwedel

## **EMERGENCY PLANNING & MITIGATION**

Peter Beullens  
James Salzwedel

## **ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL**

Adam Grenz  
Bryan Schroeder

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS SPECIALIST**

Adam Grenz

## **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT**

Adam Grenz

## **MEDICAL ASSISTANT**

Shiann Crowdus  
Andrea Kantor  
Victoria O'Connor  
Erin Reed  
Lyndsey Stiltner  
Brenda Thacker

## **MEDICAL CODING**

Faith Bates  
Nicole Bullard  
Ludwine Gandonou  
Veronique Gonzales  
Rachell Hampton  
Sonya Hobbs  
Adisyn Jacobs  
Denise Ragnoni  
Viviana Rivera

## **MILITARY DANGEROUS MATERIALS HANDLING**

Peter Beullens

## **NATURAL GAS TRANSMISSION/ DISTRIBUTION TECHNOLOGY**

Jesus Ayala  
Chirstian Batres  
Kyler Bergkamp  
Hayden Eck  
Isaac Fall  
Roper Fenn  
Brody Froese  
Abdon Galindo  
Francisco Garcia  
Cooper Gunn  
Dorian Hippen  
Hagen McMoran  
Peyton Pfannenstiel  
Tarren Scripsick  
Chais Smith  
Gavin Turner  
Matthew Williams

# Certificates

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## **NETWORKING SECURITY SPECIALIST**

Amanda Linton  
Ayodeji Olukoya  
Robert Wilcox

## **NURSING - PN**

Remose Achu  
Erin Babcock  
Kaden Baird  
Alyson Beyer  
Kaylynn Claussen  
Brandon Detwiler  
Aundrea Inez Dufrane-Johnsrud  
Mikayla Galliard  
Rachelle Garnica  
Kylee Hallmark  
Cacee Hernandez  
Olivia Herrman  
Avah Holden  
Gisel Holguin  
Danielle Jones  
Tierstyn Kershner  
Jeremicah Krehbiel  
Shauntrell Lee  
Samuel Malombe  
Ashley Markley  
James Mason  
Patricia Matteson  
Samantha McHenry  
Ayisha Milius  
Ashlee Miller  
Samantha Miller  
Trista Mommens  
LeAnna Oden  
Hailey Peterson  
Eduardo Prado Castro  
Sarahi Prieto  
Brenda Ramirez  
Maleigha Ribordy  
Reina Sanchez-Silva  
Kylie Scherer  
Vaneza Solis  
Brenna Stegman  
Breanna Unruh

## **OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH**

Alan Ames  
Ashley Houston  
Ashley Perkins  
Shaun Pitta  
Erica Roberts  
Bradley Romo

## **PHARMACY TECHNICIAN**

Megan Ennenga  
Joana Gallegos  
Daijah Jones  
Jason Kirtley  
Monica Perales  
Hiba Rasheed  
Karina Rios  
Anna Stout  
Laura Swanson  
Madison Wood

## **PLUMBING**

Kolby Burnham  
Jackson Davis  
Andrew Flores  
Jace Gant  
Gavin Gilkison  
Adam Hayes  
Owen Kaiser  
Isaiah Morales  
Jesse Siefkes  
Shane Todd  
Tavish Tracy  
Jaden Vetter  
Cameron Williams  
Manuel Yanez

# Certificates

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## **WELDING TECHNOLOGY**

Clayton Anderson  
Angel Armendariz  
Ryler Bass  
Anthony Bluml  
Jayden Brusoe  
Matthew Burns  
Robert Butters  
Clayton Considine  
Jisselle Cortez  
Jace Deines  
Tyler Donley  
Gracelyn Faunce  
Jacob Field  
Cruz Folk-Robinson  
Hunter Foster  
Jorge Garcia  
Michael Glass  
Noel Gonzalez  
Kyler Jensen  
Homer Jones

## **WELDING TECHNOLOGY** *(continued)*

Edward Ladish  
Joshua Manning  
Dominic Martinez  
Annison McGee  
Christopher O'Connor  
Brianna Olivas  
Jesse Phillips  
Ryan Rossouw  
Chason Ramsey  
Seth Richardson  
Levi Selle  
Tray Smith  
Brayden Snyder  
Payton Steadman  
Jaden Vetter  
Max Vividor  
Greg Walburn  
Benjamin Whitaker  
Dorian Witte  
Manuel Yanez

# Associate in Applied Science

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## **AGRICULTURE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT**

Logan Buchanan  
Halle Johnson\*\*

## **ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING**

Kalie Albers  
Taylor Alloway  
Cecelia Barnard  
Mirlene Castillo  
Hannah Dapogny\*  
Kathryn Douglas  
Vanessa Flores-Cabrales  
Rachel Fulton\*\*  
Yuleidi Gonzalez Perez  
Makyla Griffin  
Baylee Johnson  
Kinsey Krom  
Angelina Leeper  
Tiffany Lewing\*\*  
Megan Looney  
Sierra Marley  
Tessa Miller\*  
Jessy Moeder  
Mirabel Mungoh

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Teresa Reason  
Cody Ruble  
Joyce Rucker  
Shaylor Schremmer  
Madison Stindt  
Kamri Theis  
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Andrea Warren  
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## **BUSINESS MANAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP**

Jalen Anderson  
April Belk\*\*  
De Andre Perez Nicholas Bristol  
Erin Dannebohm  
Abigail Guillen Ortiz  
Anna Licata  
Nicholle Marple\*\*  
Michael McCormick  
Sara Phelan\*\*+  
Raeann Selvera  
Rebecca Williams

# Associate in Applied Science

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## **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNOLOGY**

Heather McCrary

## **EARLY CHILDHOOD**

Kara Furrow\*  
Kendall Mason\*  
Morgan Stiller\*\*  
Alexis Wareman

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/HOMELAND SECURITY**

David Atwood\*\*+  
David Becker  
Peter Beullens  
James Brannon  
James Salzwedel  
Todd Walthall

## **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT**

Adam Grenz\*\*+

## **MEDICAL ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNOLOGY**

Megan Howe

## **MEDICAL ASSISTANT**

Tia Castaneda  
Guadalupe Cruz  
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## **MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY**

Sharity Adams\*  
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Wyatt Brichalli  
Joselin Garcia  
Heather Greenstreet  
Abigail Groot  
Hailey Gross  
Jeesoo Hur  
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Crystal Landwehr  
Haley McCormick  
Paul Ocker  
Cheyenne Salinas  
Laritza Tejeda  
Amanda Thomas

## **NATURAL GAS TRANSMISSION/ DISTRIBUTION TECHNOLOGY**

Kyler Bergkamp\*\*  
Hayden Eck\*\*

## **NETWORKING SPECIALIST**

Ethan Childers\*  
Nicholas Hodges  
Jonathan Miller  
Julie Sewell\*

## **OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH**

Alan Ames\*\*+  
Clayton Ayers\*\*  
Michael Chappell  
Kenneth Ferris\*  
Ashley Houston  
Tyrik Johnson  
David Knight  
Ana Mesa\*\*  
Austin Moe\*  
Donald Mouser  
Ashley Perkins  
Kristopher Perkins  
Bradley Romo  
Bryan Schroeder\*  
Lia Xiong\*\*+

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## **TECHNICAL ACCOUNTING SPECIALIST**

Nicole Doherty\*\*

## **WELDING TECHNOLOGY**

Alex Wheat

# Associate in Arts Degree

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Rose Clement\*\*  
Katelyn Coleman\*  
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Antonio Afonso De Aguiar Whitaker Filho  
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LuAnn Dixon  
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Merry Ebsen  
Sydnee Estrada  
Alonzo Ford  
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Alejandro Garcia  
Jamal Garrett  
Amber Gladney  
Scarlett Gonzales  
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ShaeLee Martinz  
Thalik McDaniel\*\*  
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Dylan McKinney  
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Shamara Mora  
Bryce Oliphant  
Nineth Pereyra Zuany  
Telia Phoenix  
Branden Rapp  
Amanda Raymann\*\*  
Maria del Carmen Rivera  
Tara Rollins  
Hugo Rosa Pacheco\*\*  
Khalil Sanchez  
Gabriel Schaffner  
Ava Schulte  
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## Associate in General Studies Degree

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Kallyann Cronan  
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Roger Flores  
Raymond Fuller\*\*  
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Vernon Gilliland\*\*  
Annika Hernandez  
Jesus Hernandez\*\*  
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Fiona Jolly  
Bradley Kramer  
Joshua Kurk\*  
Grayson Lambert  
Jose Lamos\*\*  
Trista Lauer-Adams\*\*  
Ava Lawson  
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Dylan Lewis  
Stanley Little  
John Littlejohn  
Carlos Martinez\*\*  
Logan Mcleod  
Mia Mosher  
Richard Musil  
Victor O'Dell  
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Kylie Schwind\*\*  
Henry Scott\*  
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Armahni Shields  
Jacobus Smit  
Dawson Smith  
Jasmine Smith  
Quashawn Smith  
Aubrey Snyder  
Casey Spain  
Alyssa Spencer  
Trinity Staton\*\*  
Malachi Tinnel  
Tristan Trevino  
Devin Vansile  
Cameron Viohl\*  
Brayden Weeks  
Noah Wentworth\*\*  
John West  
Elijah Whatley

## Associate in Science Degree

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Simeon Samuel Amos Adams  
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William Alexander  
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Diane Alvarez  
Judy Alvarez  
Leonardo Alvarez  
Karter Alvord  
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Kayda Austin  
Adriana Avalos  
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Lisa Baumgartner  
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Megan Berger  
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Til Bk\*  
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Crystal Brooks  
Chicora Brown  
Jennifer Brown\*\*  
Khrystal Brown  
Sofia Bruno  
Morgan Burks\*\*  
Blair Burns  
Makayla Burton\*\*  
Destanie Bush  
Jonathan Byrd  
Arnie Cabonce  
Joseph Cajchum\*  
Jaylon Christon Calder  
Tiffany Calderon  
Amanda Canizares  
Jaxon Case  
Lautaro Arel Caspe\*\*  
Joseph Castaldi  
Uriel Castruita\*\*  
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Corlando Chambers  
Fred Chuen\*\*  
Majok Chuol  
Marina Clark+  
Nikkita Clay  
Leina Clayton  
Eva Clements\*\*  
Andrea Cobuluis  
Kaiden Colby\*\*  
Jack Cole  
Courtney Colon  
John Connors\*  
Carter Coombs\*  
Lydia Corn\*\*  
Jennifer Cotton  
Stetson Countryman  
Hayley Cox  
Genice Cragg  
Mayci Craven  
Colton Cross  
Michael Crowley  
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Jaydon Davis\*\*  
Aaron Deason  
Matthew Deason\*\*  
Heather DeFreest  
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Jackson Dilley\*\*  
Diogo Dominguez Gimenez\*\*  
Amelia Donahey  
Regina Donanu  
Mahomet Doucoure  
Baileigh Drake  
Kaylin Drake  
Jackson Drezelo  
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Kierra Eck\*+  
Aaron Eierdam  
Avery Ellis  
Ethan Elsen  
Jennifer Enriquez  
Kimberly Escobedo Valdez

## Associate in Science Degree

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Enedina Espinoza-Ruiz	Mackenzie Hill
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Skyler Fair**	Taj Hill-Barnes
Alquilia Faulks**	Cameron Hinton
Jaira Faustman**+	Ashlea Hixson
Tyrese Fazande	Austin Hobbs
Daniel Fernandez**	Isabelle Holas*
Sara Finley Valencia**	Tajarae Horn
Bradley Fischer	Hailey Horton
Breanna Frischhut	Hunter Houfek**
Crystal Fuentes	Hunter House
Grayden Gamblin	Kaetee Hull
Madelyn Garcia**	Brooke Humphreys**
Jerome Garo	Ashante Hunter
Allie Gerhardt	Talesha Hunter
Austin Gilman	Briseida Ibarra**
Jory Glendening**+	Pavel Ivanov
Spencer Gomez	Alyson James
Jonah Gonzales**	Carolin Jansen**
William Goodpasture	Tyler Janssen**
Elmando Gordon*	Alyssa Jean
Keandro Samari Gordon	Isabella Jepsen
Ryan Goss*	Jack Thomas Jewell**
Tyler Gouker	Diasia Joe
Emma Grandclair*	Bailey Johnson
Abby Grasser	Destany Johnson
Kyle Graves*	Tricia Johnson
Gabriella Gray	Jozlyn Jones
Kodi Greer**	Zalanthia Jones
Amber Gresham	Dalton Jorgensen**
Aidan Grumbein*	Nathan Juarez
Ange Patricia Guikpa Epse Kouame**	Jacob Judy
Kalliyah Gust	Vada Kaiser**
Alexa Gutierrez**	Caleb Kanga
Landon Haines	Ayoko Kangni
Cadence Halfhill**+	Neal Keller
Keyona Hall	Kamryn Kelsey
Ethan Hammeke	James Kingsbury
Mary Hanley	Sho Kinjo**
D Andria Harris	Bailey Kisner**
Kamiel Harris*	Landon Koelling**
Caden Hartpence*+	Vanessa Koelling**
Hannah Hartshorn Obrist	Karmen Koellsted**
Braden Hauschel**	Nala Kuilan
Cody Haygood	Cade Kunz**
Carter Helm	Grace Lamatsch**
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Dmarco Hicks**	Breonna Landers
Alexander Hiemstra	Elijah Lang

# Associate in Science Degree

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Soo Yub Lee  
Leata Lemay\*\*  
Keagan Lewis\*  
Xue Li\*\*  
Cheyenne Lile  
Brooklyn Lima  
Benjamin Litchfield\*  
Hayden Loffler\*\*  
Andrew Long  
Evelyn Lopez  
Perla Lopez\*\*  
Cooper Lucke  
Eladio Luna  
Evelyn Luna  
Ellie Lutt\*  
Simon Ly\*  
Devonric Verone Mack  
Zadie Mackey\*\*  
Kylee Maddox\*\*  
Jeron Manning  
Joshua Martin  
Hayley Martinez\*\*  
Joshua Mascall  
Lorelei Mathys  
Dylan Matthews\*  
Andrew McCarthy  
Sean McCarty  
Kylie McCormick\*  
Peyton McCormick\*\*  
Dillon McCosh\*\*  
Marcella McDonald  
Seth McElroy

Caitlin Mckendrick  
Emma McMillan  
Jayden Sevann McPherson  
Louis McVey\*\*  
Aidan Medina  
Jessica Medina  
Antonio Mendez\*\*  
Jose Mendez-soto  
Viviana Mendez-Soto  
Desiree Mendonez  
Brynn Mermis  
Kayla Methman\*  
Ryann Metro\*\*  
Victor Milare Alves\*  
Abigail Miller\*\*  
Kaytlin Miller  
Remmington Miller\*\*  
Antonio Mitchell  
Kateaka Mitchem\*  
Cailee Moeder  
Aidiana Moon  
Keayon Morris  
Makiya Mosley  
Jyntri Moyer  
Sebastian Elias Muchitsch  
Matthew Muller\*\*  
Oliver Mullins  
Maverick Munden\*  
Gabiella Murphy  
Kadynce Nash  
Oliver Naude\*\*  
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Anthony Nelson  
Dawah Newton  
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# Associate in Science Degree

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 Judah Nowlin\*\*  
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 Hayden Oviatt  
 Warren Owen  
 Carley Page+  
 Angel Palacio  
 Hailey Pantoja  
 Joseph Parra  
 Aubrey Pate\*\*  
 Alexis Perea  
 Campbell Peterson  
 Joaquin Pico Abedul  
 Jaylene Pio  
 Katie Leah Potter\*\*+  
 Morgan Preast\*  
 Craig Prendrgast  
 Dylan Pritchett  
 Chelsea Punzalan\*  
 Jonathan Purvis  
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 Audrey Reh\*\*  
 Izzi Reinhardt  
 Logan Reinhold  
 Halana Remengesau  
 Emily Rhodes  
 Anna Ricker  
 Celine Diondra Riddle+\*  
 Abigail Rodriguez  
 Aris Rodriguez  
 Maya Rodriguez\*\*+

Rafael Rodriguez  
 Rene Rodriguez  
 Julie Rojas\*\*  
 Frida Rojas Herrera  
 Joanna Rolf\*\*  
 Nathaniel Rollins  
 Isabella Rosenthal  
 Joy Rozier  
 Peyton Ryan\*\*  
 Daimion Salazar  
 Diana Salazar  
 Eli Schmeidler  
 Kari Schmidt  
 Keyven Schroeder  
 Bethany Sears\*  
 Aliayah Segue  
 Cameron Sein  
 Taylor Sheehy\*\*  
 Jasmin Siegenthaler\*\*+  
 Armando Mario Sigauque  
 Charles Simpson-Eighmy  
 Keliza Smith  
 Stephanie Smith\*\*  
 Olivia Snodgrass\*\*  
 Gustavo Soares  
 Ancilleno Solomon  
 Yadira Soriano\*\*  
 Justin Spafford  
 Maddox Spray  
 Stasa Stamenkovic\*\*  
 Stephanie Stanislow  
 Barrett Steele\*  
 Callie Steffan  
 Sydney Stoll\*\*  
 Becky Storey



# Associate in Science Degree

Aragorn Nathaniel A Straker  
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Alexis Stude  
Grace Sturtz\*\*  
Trayvon Stutson  
Wintakorn Suwanmuang  
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Delicia Williams  
Perrion Williams  
Takeila Williams  
Brady Wilson  
Jade Wilson  
Kamden Wise  
Stacey Womack  
Laney Wood\*  
Henry Yager  
Adriana Zavala\*\*  
Pamela Zimmerman



# Recognition of Graduates

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- \* Graduates with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 to 3.69 will have a *gold cord* and be announced as **“graduating with honors.”**
- \*\* Graduates with a cumulative grade point average of 3.7 to 4.0 will have a *blue/gold cord* and be announced as **“graduating with highest honors.”**

## + **Phi Theta Kappa Member** (*gold stoles*)

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) is a national honor society for community college students, recognized by the American Association of Community Colleges. PTK focuses on recognizing and encouraging the academic achievement of college students while supplying opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service, and fellowship programming. Members are selected based on scholastic rank and moral character. Students wearing the gold stole for PTK have met community service requirements.

## **Barton Foundation Scholarship Recipient** (*black/silver cord*)

Students are awarded scholarships from 164 scholarship funds based on numerous criteria, as designated by generous donors to the Barton Community College Foundation. Each student wearing the black and silver twisted cord was awarded a scholarship during their time at Barton and maintained the standards required for that scholarship.

## **Future Business Leaders of America** (*blue and yellow cord*)

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is a national organization that works closely with business and charities. The organization consists of programs to enhance leadership skills, expand business knowledge, contribute to the local community, support charities, and earn recognition.

## **HOSA** (*navy/maroon cord*)

HOSA-Future Health Professionals is a national student-led organization run by and for students interested in pursuing careers in the health professions. HOSA includes leadership opportunities at the local, state, and international levels, volunteer and community service opportunities, scholarships nationwide, state and national leadership conferences that include educational symposiums, one hundred and four different competitive and recognition events, and networking opportunities.

## **Military** (*red/white/blue cord*)

The red, white, and blue cords honor the service and commitment of student veterans and active-duty military. These cords symbolize patriotism, leadership, and sacrifice, allowing institutions to recognize students who have served or are committed to serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

## **Paramedic** (*green cord*)

Graduates wearing the green cord from Barton Community College have completed the Paramedic program and are entering a profession dedicated to serving others in moments of crisis. The green cord represents life, healing, and the responsibility of providing advanced emergency medical care to their communities. Through rigorous classroom learning, clinical experiences, and field training, these students have prepared to respond when help is needed most. Today, this cord honors their commitment, resilience, and readiness to serve as paramedics.

## **Student Ambassadors** (*blue/yellow/white cord*)

Ambassadors play a pivotal role in recruiting prospective students to Barton Community College. Student Ambassadors serve as representatives of the college by conducting campus tours, participating in numerous recruitment activities and by assisting other departments on campus with their needs.

# Academic Regalia

Since the regalia used in colleges and universities for academic occasions may not always be understood by visitors to a campus, the following information will explain the items of apparel. Everyone possessing a college degree is entitled to wear a black robe on appropriate occasions. Faculty members wear hoods in addition to the gown. Hoods are generally black, trimmed in velvet in the color of the subject field, and are lined with the colors of the college or university conferring the degree. The correct colors to denote various branches of learning have been established by the Intercollegiate Code.

**Maize:** Agriculture

**White:** Arts, Letters, and Humanities

**Drab:** Business Administration

**Copper:** Economics

**Light Blue:** Education

**Orange:** Engineering

**Brown:** Fine Arts, including Architecture

**Maroon:** Home Economics

**Lemon:** Library Science

**Green:** Medicine

**Pink:** Music

**Apricot:** Nursing

**Sage Green:** Physical Education

**Gold Yellow:** Science

**Citron:** Social Science

**Silver Gray:** Speech

**Scarlet:** Theology or Divinity



# Foundation Scholarship Recipients

The Barton Community College Foundation is pleased to present the Scholarship Recipients of this year's Graduating Class. The students you see listed here have received Barton Foundation scholarships based on merit and donor intentions. The Foundation is proud to be able to connect generous donors to students that can take their investment and magnify it tenfold in their careers, communities, and families. Best of luck, Class of 2026!

Ashlynn Acevedo	Jace Gant	Perla Lopez	Peyton Ryan
Remose Achu	Rachelle Garnica	Zadie Mackey	Reina Sanchez-Silva
Kalie Albers	Allie Gerhardt	Kylee Maddox	Logan Sanders
Anthony Almanza	Veronique Gonzales	Samuel Malombe	Gabriel Schaffner
Erin Babcock	Jonah Gonzales	Getrude Mapiye	Kylie Scherer
Kaden Baird	Luis Gonzalez	Ashley Markley	Shaylor Schremmer
Maria Batres	Keandro Samari Gordon	Sierra Marley	Keyven Schroeder
Francisco Beltran	Emma Grandclair	Dominic Martinez	Salalee Seejong
Kyler Bergkamp	Abby Grasser	James Mason	Cameron Sein
Cameron John Bergstrom	Heather Greenstreet	Patricia Matteson	Joshua Sharpe
Alyson Beyer	Abigail Groot	Samantha McHenry	Taylor Sheehy
Chalyn Boone	Cooper Gunn	Jordan McKenzie	Elaine Sleichter
James Brannon	Cadence Halfhill	Louis McVey	Xanna Smith
Sofia Bruno	Keyona Hall	Alves, Victor Milare	Vaneza Solis
Blair Burns	Kylee Hallmark	Ayisha Milius	Brenna Stegman
Makayla Burton	Ethan Hammeke	Ashlee Miller	Mollie Steiner
Mirlene Castillo	Rachell Hampton	Tessa Miller	Dallas Stewart
Eduardo Prado Castro	Gabrielle Hartfield	Abigail Miller	Morgan Stiller
Matteu Francois Cauvin	Jordan Hartpence	Trista Mommens	Giovanna Anika Tabanag
Piacentini	Braden Hauschel	Maverick Munden	Myla Tabora
Fred Chuen	Cacee Hernandez	Paul Ocker	Brenda Thacker
Kaylynn Claussen	Olivia Herrman	LeAnna Oden	Kamri Theis
Leina Clayton	Christina Hixon	Aubrey Olander	Jaelinn Thetford
Rose Clement	Avah Holden	Bryce Oliphant	Ava Thill
Kaiden Colby	Gisel Holguin	Kevin Patterson	Furious Trammel
Clayton Considine	Briseida Ibarra	Jorge Pena	Genesis Trowbridge
Carter Coombs	Carolyn Jansen	Monica Perales	Breanna Unruh
Mayci Craven	Tyler Janssen	Alexis Perea	Sandralyn Marie Valliere
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Skyler Fair	Shauntrell Lee	Karina Rios	Matthew Williams
Jacob Field	Tiffany Lewing	Maya Rodriguez	Kamden Wise
Vanessa Flores-Cabrales	Keagan Lewis	Abigail Rodriguez	Laney Wood
Mikayla Galliard	Amanda Linton	Cody Ruble	Lia Xiong
Grayden Gamblin	Megan Looney	Joyce Rucker	

# Outstanding Graduate Awards

Faculty and staff submit nominations for the Outstanding Graduate Award based on leadership skills, active participation on campus, community involvement and excellence in academics. A committee of faculty, staff, and students selected the 2026 Barton County Campus Outstanding Graduates from the nominees.



## CAMERON BERGSTROM

Cameron Bergstrom of Alberta, Canada has earned his associate in science degree with an emphasis in engineering, graduating with highest honors. Cameron is the son of Karla and Colin Bergstrom of Alberta. During his Barton career, Cameron was a pitcher on the Barton Baseball Team. As part of his involvement with baseball, he participated in several volunteer activities including welcoming elementary students to school, helping with the Barton Alumni Golf Tournament, and assisting with setting up charitable events for Great Bend Alive and Central Kansas CASA. Cameron also held a student employment position during both his freshman and sophomore years, providing field maintenance and security staffing for Barton events. In addition, Cameron participated in the Barton STEM Club.

Cameron plans to continue his education at the University of Alberta, working toward his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering. Ultimately, Cameron hopes to work in the petroleum industry, designing and optimizing systems, and traveling the world to transform raw resources into useful products, using sustainable and efficient chemical reactions.

As part of the Outstanding Graduate selection process, Cameron commented on some of the people who have impacted his journey, mentioning specifically the inspiration of his parents and the impact of Barton baseball head coach, Brent Biggs.



## LAUREN HELLER

Lauren Heller of Junction City, Kansas, is completing her associate in arts degree, with an emphasis in Criminal Justice. Lauren is the daughter of Angela and Gary Heller of Junction City. During her Barton career, Lauren was a member of the Barton Dance Team, serving this year as captain. Additionally, Lauren was active within the Criminal Justice program and held down an off-campus job. Lauren has accepted a position as the Junction City High School Dance Coach. She will continue working toward her bachelor's degree in criminal justice, online, through Fort Hays State University. Eventually, she would like to work as a Crime Scene Technician, while continuing to coach the JCHS dance team.

As part of the Outstanding Graduate process, Lauren described challenges she faced in recovering from a stroke she suffered in the fall of her sophomore year. Lauren credits her boyfriend and friends with their quick action in getting help right away. Too, Lauren noted the impact of her advisor, Criminal Justice Instructor Christian Rivas, for inspiring her to continue with her education. Speaking about her family, Lauren commented that they never let her see an ounce of their worry and instead just constantly encouraged her recovery.

# Distinguished Instructor Awards

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The Distinguished Instructor Award was created in 1984 to recognize teaching excellence. Nominees are recommended by students and colleagues with final decisions made by a Faculty Council appointed selection committee. The committee considers the instructor's contributions to teaching and learning, the College mission, and the community. This year the following faculty members have earned the 2026 Distinguished Instructor Award:



**DR. ALEJANDRO AVILA**

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Academics Division - Performing Arts  
Keyboard Instructor and Director of Accompaniment  
Barton County Campus



**JUAN PEPI III**

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Military Academics, Technical Education and Outreach Programs Division  
Military Programs  
Fort Riley Campus



## 2026 Distinguished Service Award

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The Barton Community College Foundation proudly presents the 2026 Distinguished Service Award to Kip and Kelly Spray, outstanding members of our community whose unwavering dedication has significantly enriched the missions of Barton Community College and the Foundation. The Distinguished Service Award was created in 1981 to recognize individuals who have shown genuine regard for and performed outstanding service to Barton Community College.



### KIP AND KELLY SPRAY

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Kip Spray, co-owner of Venture Corporation and his wife Kelly have deep ties to the community and a strong belief in the power of education. Venture Corporation has been paving the road to success for generations, and Kip and Kelly carry that same spirit forward through their support of Barton Community College.

Their connection to Barton is rooted in what they see every day.

“Our favorite thing about Barton Community College is its unwavering commitment to students,” they shared. “Barton not only provides education, but also builds confidence, supports personal growth, and helps shape meaningful futures. It’s a place where faculty and coaches genuinely care, creating an environment where students are encouraged to succeed.”

At Barton, their impact is both visible and lasting. The Kip and Kelly Spray Strength Training Center stands as a testament to their commitment to student success, providing student-athletes with a space to grow stronger both physically and mentally.

In addition to their financial support, Kelly served four years on the Barton Foundation Board of Directors, helping guide the Foundation’s work and expand opportunities for students. Together, the Sprays have supported Barton faithfully for many years, giving consistently and stepping forward with significant gifts when needs arise. Their quiet, ongoing generosity has strengthened programs, while their leadership support has helped move important initiatives forward.

For the Sprays, the most meaningful part of their involvement is seeing lives changed.

“What inspires us most is seeing the real impact of education. Lives are being changed, and doors are being opened,” they said. “Both the College and the Foundation make it possible for so many individuals to grow and succeed, and it’s incredibly rewarding to be part of something that has such a lasting influence.”

They also expressed gratitude for being part of a community that prioritizes education.

“Supporting Barton is meaningful because you can truly see the difference it makes. We are grateful to be part of a community that values education and invests in its students.”

Their service, leadership, and generosity have earned them this distinguished honor. Their continued investment in Barton helps ensure future generations of students have the resources and support they need to succeed. The Foundation is proud to recognize Kip and Kelly Spray with the 2026 Distinguished Service Award.

# 2026 Distinguished Alumni Award

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Barton Community College proudly presents the 2026 Distinguished Alumni Award to Ray Bechard, whose dedication to the community and passion for the community college experience has guided his commitment to fostering education. The Distinguished Alumni Award is presented annually to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions through their professional field, research, service to community, or service and support to Barton Community College. The recipients exemplify the remarkable impact and rich tradition of Barton alumni.



## RAY BECHARD

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Ray Bechard retired on February 1, 2025, after an outstanding 45-year coaching career. A native of Grinnell, Kansas, he attended Barton Community College from 1976 to 1978, where he was a member of the basketball team that compiled a 45–13 record. He then attended Fort Hays State University, earning both his bachelor’s and master’s degrees.

Bechard began his career at Lewis High School in Lewis, Kansas, where he served as a health instructor and coached boys basketball and girls volleyball. Three years later, he returned to Barton Community College as an assistant women’s basketball coach and health instructor. In 1985, he was named head coach of the Barton volleyball program.

During his 13 seasons as head coach, Barton won 13 conference championships, 12 Region VI titles, and made 10 Final Four appearances at the NJCAA National Tournament. His teams also won 126 consecutive home matches, and he finished his Barton career undefeated in regular-season home play. He was named NJCAA National Coach of the Year, twice. Coach Bechard’s overall Barton record was 716-60 (.923), with nearly half of those losses coming in the national tournament. He coached 14 first-team All-Americans, 13 Academic All-Americans, and 15 Distinguished Academic All-Americans.

In 1998, Bechard moved to Lawrence to lead the University of Kansas volleyball program. Over 27 seasons, he was named National Coach of the Year in 2015 and Big 12 Coach of the Year five times. His teams made 13 NCAA Tournament appearances, including one Final Four, and he retired as the all-time winningest coach in Kansas volleyball history.

Bechard was inducted into the NJCAA Volleyball Coaches Association Hall of Fame (1998), Barton Athletics Hall of Fame in 2002, and the American Volleyball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2025, Kansas Sports Hall of Fame in 2026, along with a multitude of additional coaching and legacy awards.

His wife, Pam (Brown) Bechard, is a graduate of Great Bend High School, and the two met at Barton Community College, where Pam was also a cheerleader. Together, they have two children (Ashley and Brennan) and six grandchildren.

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Patti Amerine	Rhiannon Brookshire	Ronnie Dean	Ashley Garcia
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Terry Anderson	Walter Brown	Denise Del Carmen	Marcus Garstecki
Emily Archer	Cheryl Brown	Renee Demel	Maria Gaytan Diaz
Amber Arizmendi	Dave Brown	Hanna Demel	Meridith Gibbens
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Alejandro Avila Alvarez	Daniel Buller	Hatfield	Dan Goodman
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Jim Blevins	Parker Cowles	Sayde Fitzgerald	James Henderson
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# 2026 Barton Difference

Barton graduating students were asked to name employees who made a difference in their lives.



## EMILY ARCHER

Even though she is not my instructor this semester, I still remember her as my favorite instructor. She showed me compassion and how a teacher should be. I did not feel judged whatsoever while taking her class, and I think this is one course everybody should take. She makes her courses very engaging.

*Nominated by: Perla Lopez*



## KARA BRAUER

Mrs. Brauer consistently supported us. She advocated for each of us and took the time to make sure she showed each of us that we mattered and were seen. Mrs. Brauer is hands-down as one of the best teachers I have ever interacted with in my academic career.

*Nominated by: Jessy Moeder*



## PATRICK BUSCH

Patrick has been a big help to me throughout my time at Barton. He helped me find the right class that worked well with my work schedule and was the last credit I needed to graduate. Patrick offered me a transfer scholarship that he founded himself. As someone who needed financial assistance, this really meant a lot to me. Patrick is a staff member who will always be there to help. He is very academically involved in a way that focuses on keeping students on track. Patrick is very kind and helpful. He stood in 10-degree weather for four hours at 3 a.m. with students on the Manhattan free dental trip on both days. One thing he is looking into right now is a place that offers free dental cleanings for students who need them. Patrick is in charge of the Cougar Supply Closet as well. He is always looking for ways to help all students. Patrick Busch has made a very big impact on my life, and inspires me to help others and make a difference as well.

*Nominated by: Sofia Bruno*

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## MARK FREEMAN

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He is an excellent professor who is patient and understanding with the students. I've learned a lot in his classes and how to better myself as an artist. In addition to those traits, he made his classrooms feel like a welcoming place where you were free to express yourself.

*Nominated by: Ashlynn Acevedo*

Mark made me appreciate art a lot more. Also, he was always in a positive mood and cracking jokes, which made class a lot more fun and entertaining.

*Nominated by: Jonah Gonzales*



## DR. ERIC FOLEY

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I first met Dr. Foley at Senior Day in the fall of 2024. He explained how I could continue to do music in college without being a music major, which I did not know. I am so thankful that I took the time to stop by his booth that day. He has been such a strong support system for me this entire school year. He always gives such positive reinforcement when I feel down on myself in my music or major-specific courses. He is such a positive person. I was going to take additional classes here at Barton and take 23 credit hours this current spring semester, so he sat me down, and we talked through everything and all of my possible decisions. He is so willing to listen and help with everything from music to other school work, and from advising to issues in my personal life. Many of my private voice lessons have turned into mini “therapy” sessions where I can talk to a safe person who genuinely cares about my wellbeing, both as a student and as a human being. He is always willing to help with my Hilltop Singers, solo, or choir music if I am struggling with something. He truly has pushed me all year to be a better student, friend, and daughter. He has made such a positive impact on me, and for that, I will never forget him. I have only been at Barton for the '25-'26 school year due to taking so many credits in high school, but I wish I could stay another year so that I could continue singing for Dr. Foley.

*Nominated by: Cadence Halfhill*

# 2026 Barton Difference

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## JESSICA FULLEN

Amazing teacher. Made learning enjoyable, always strives to improve and came in every day with a positive attitude. It's so obvious she has a passion for her career and a deep appreciation for life.

*Nominated by: Anna Licata*

She is not only a great instructor, she always makes herself available to her students. She's so encouraging to us all. 2026 Barton Difference

*Nominated by: Viviana Mendez-Soto*



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## SHAWN GALLOWAY

Shawn took the time to show and explain what was required and above. Made a difference for me!

*Nominated by: Michael Glass*



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## ANDREW HARTZELL

I've had Andrew as my instructor for EMS my entire career at BCCC. If it weren't for his positivity, encouragement, and ability to effectively explain difficult topics, I don't believe I'd be graduating today.

*Nominated by: Mia Coley*



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## JAMES HILL

As a military veteran of the U.S. Navy, I connected with Professor James Hill. He is a man of integrity, and I can tell that he tries to share his knowledge that he gained over a very respected career in the military and beyond in his civil service. He is an outstanding instructor who listens to his students and elevates them to success. I'm humbled by the students and instructors who took courses to try to better themselves in the Emergency Management and Hazmat courses of study.

*Nominated by: James Salzwedel*

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## KENNETH KOLEMBE

He has been one of the best professors that I have had during my time at Barton Community College. He has gone above and beyond the scope of just teaching.

*Nominated by: Stetson Countryman*



## KARLY LITTLE

She's always willing to find a way to make things work for you in high school and in college.

*Nominated by: Mayci Craven*



## ANGIE MADDY

She has always been there for me and has nothing but the students' best interests in mind. She has done so much for me and has impacted me for the better both in my academic and personal life. Barton Community College is extremely lucky to have her.

*Nominated by: Angel Palacio Almaraz*



## MEGAN PHILLIPS

I would like to nominate Megan Phillips for the Best Employee Award for her outstanding support and dedication. She guided me through the admissions process and helped me develop clear, achievable degree plans aligned with my goals. Megan is knowledgeable, responsive, and truly invested in student success, making a meaningful difference in my college experience.

*Nominated by: Til BK*

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## MICHELLE RUTHERFORD

Michelle was my advisor and guided me through all of the new tech and helped me more than you will ever know to keep going. Getting my degree at 63 has been a challenge, and I could not have done it without her encouragement and guidance.

*Nominated by: Todd Walthall*



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## KIM SPECHT

She was very informative and kind. I really enjoyed her class.

*Nominated by: Ashlea Hixson*



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## JAKE STREIT

Jake kept me in line!

*Nominated by: Michael Glass*



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