

This edition is in memory of Les Patrick (1952-2014). Not only was Les a dear friend to many Barton employees, but just as important, an ardent advocate and caring professional who wanted only the best for Barton students and the College. Les was an employee of the college for 15 years and during this time served as Administrative Assistant. Les will be long remembered for his quick smile and caring personality. May God bless Les Patrick.

First, click [here](#) for message from Military Advanced Education. Barton has again been selected as a “TOP SCHOOL”. A considerable amount of effort has supported reaching this achievement. Aside from being an effective marketing tool, it most importantly communicates to our military affiliated students that we are committed to their success.

Second, in support of Professional Conference Days, kudos to committee members Brian Howe, Ron Kirmer, Caicey Crutcher, Ed Johnson, Rick Bealer, Denise Schreiber, and Jo Sherman for a very good schedule of activities. As well, our compliments to Krystall Barnes, Diane Engle, Oleg Ravitskiy, and Stephanie Joiner for their focus in coordinating “Barton Chat” sessions; and Karly Little, Kelsey Hall, Virginia Fulbright, and Tana Cooper for their willingness to facilitate the Customer Service Week celebration during the week of October 6-10. All associated events garnered considerable involvement and participation.

Third, Barton continues to be recognized for its safety training and benefit for State industries. For samplings of recognition click [here](#) and following link <http://www.dol.ks.gov/Safety/Default.aspx> Thank you to Bill and his faculty and staff in promoting Barton services state-wide.

Fourth, we now have 3 chapters of PTK at Barton: Barton County Campus, Ft. Riley & Grandview Plaza, and the newest chapter at Ft. Leavenworth. Sincere thanks to Amy Neidig agreeing to be the main advisor at Ft. Leavenworth.

Fifth, to say that Jack Kilby Science Day was a success, would be an understatement. In all, the 11th annual event drew more than 500 students and the event was supported by dozens of college employees working together closely. A “good job” goes out to all those that contributed to a great day of learning. See linked photos. https://www.flickr.com/photos/bartoncc_pr/sets/72157646554945033/

Sixth, at its state conference in September, the Kansas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (KACRAO) announced Admissions Representative Maggie Robinson as the recipient of the KACRAO Beth Tedrow Outstanding New Professional Award. Congrats to Maggie.

Seventh, as a component of Tana Cooper’s master’s program, Tana has initiated an International Buddies program on campus which brings together student leaders (Student Ambassadors) and international students for fellowship and participation in both Student Life activities and other social programming opportunities. International Buddies meet monthly. They are currently working on a “Haunted Tunnels” project in conjunction with the historical Underground Tunnels in Ellinwood. Thank you Tana.

Eighth, if you scroll the pictures accessible on the following link, you will come to a picture of Brandon Maxwell. Brandon represented the college in sharing our best practices in awarding credit for prior learning; particularly as it relates to our military students. Brandon’s participation and enthusiasm was shared with me via the responses of those who were engaged in the credit for prior learning discussions. Thank you Brandon. <http://www.kansasregents.org/>

Ninth, under Patrick Busch’s leadership, Central Kansas Upward Board (CKUB) has initiated a recycling program on Barton County Campus with plans to expand the program. In addition, CKUB has secured donated laptops as well as a Walmart grant to purchase laptops in order to restart a laptop loan program for Barton students. Good efforts on Patrick’s part.

Tenth, the Shafer Gallery and the college student organization, The St Justa Pottery Guild, worked together to present a ceramic workshop called, "Raku at B.C.C. with Gear Up." GEAR UP helps children in foster care and from limited-income families prepare for a postsecondary education. Bill Forst led the workshop participants through a hands on experience with clay in the ceramic studio at the college. Guild members assisted the students in the Raku workshop as they hand built a clay vase. The following week the workshop participants returned and the students processed the vases through a firing process known as Raku. This is an outstanding community benefit and many thanks to Bill and David Barnes for partnering on this learning opportunity.

See the following accolades:

Click [here](#) for document that recognizes the accomplishments of Karen Kratzer and Wendy Miller by the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA).

Click [here](#) for document that recognizes the dedication of Lori Crowther by KACRAO.

Fourth, click [here](#) for photo recognizes the accomplishment of Brenda Morena who recently met the project management standards as represented in Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt, through Washburn University.

From: Lori Kohls [<mailto:lkohls@gmail.com>]
Subject: Barton Softball Team

Trevor,

Just wanted to drop you a note to let you know that the girls' softball team did an amazing job with our kids today. They dressed up like super heroes, read to the kids, delivered bookmarks, and visited with our students. It was a great time for our students and we look forward to another visit with them. Anna Voss (Asst Barton Softball Coach) coordinated the effort with me and everything ran smoothly.

Lori Kohls

2nd grade teacher
Otis-Bison Elementary School

From: Janet Balk
Subject: Courtney Mercado is terrific!

Just wanted to send a note saying thanks to Courtney Mercado for her help getting students enrolled in BSEP via Bartonline this past week. She was gracious enough (and also super fast) in helping me to look up students in Banner to check if some of the students already had Barton IDs. In other words, Courtney's fantastic!

From: Gerritzen, LaVonne
Subject: Office 2013 Training

During the summer we completed the first part of the training for Office 2013.....we trained 142 employees in 10 sessions!! A BIG thanks goes to Renetta Furrow, Virginia Fullbright, Jessie Vsetecka, Kris Schneider, LaVonne Gerritzen and Renee Demel for leading and assisting with these training sessions.

During Professional Conference Days – the training continued with 4 additional sessions being led by Deanna Stevens Heier and Cristi Gale with assistance from Renee Demel. An additional 55 employees were trained during these sessions.

From: "Simmons, Elaine" <SimmonsE@bartonccc.edu>
To: "Crutcher, Caicey" <CrutcherC@bartonccc.edu>, "Willis, Steven Ray Sr." <WillisSr@bartonccc.edu>
Subject: Board Report

Good morning,

I wanted to let you know the Community Outreach board presentation is complete and I believe it went well. The data you pulled and the charts created definitely enhanced the presentation. In fact, Trustee Learned talked to me after the meeting and shared that the charts were amazing, easy to read and understand.

Thanks to both of you for your help! I know the presentation was a surprise to all and took away from other projects that you were addressing, but I very much appreciate your support, skills and talents!!

From: Marius Vanias
Subject: Barton Community College

I am reaching out to you to express my gratitude towards one of your employees, Tiffany Irizarry.

Before I do, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Marius Vanias and I am a student at BBC. I live in Chicago, Illinois, I am a six year Army Veteran, and I have just completed my Associates Degree at BCC.

Within the last year, give or take a month or so, I have been in communication with Tiffany via email and direct phone contact. I'm the type of person to always prepare for the worse possible situation in life and this leads me to constantly ask questions as I need to double check everything. I ask a lot of questions and I need specific details. I don't like surprises and I don't like to feel lost in any situation.

Tiffany, each and every time has been very informative and patient. She takes her time to explain things and always makes sure if there are any questions she can answer. Whenever I have had questions she always knows the answers and passes this on to me verbally and via email. Her wide range of knowledge and her compassion towards others speaks highly for your school. She has made this process of obtaining my associates degree a lot less stressful than it could have been.

I hope there is someone like Tiffany at my next school.

Please express to her my full appreciation.

From: Kirmer, Ronald
Subject: RE: Automotive Student Feature

It is time for AUTO to give a response! **BARTON ROCKS!**

The efforts of many on Campus have been very positive for my program, and I Thank You All ! I have had great response from the public, colleagues, and students. We have brought Automotive from Barton's Hidden Treasures in a positive way. Numbers are up and tours have been very positive for the future!

Thank You all for your help!

http://youtu.be/Um70-4r563c?list=UUesJPMzs88_jd-63qjH3iXQ

As an introduction to the following, the below thank you message is from a Battalion Commander serving on Ft. Riley. Notes from Battalion Commanders are not a common day occurrence.

From: King, Cletis Ray (CJ) JR LTC USARMY 1 ID 2 HBCT (US)
Subject: Appreciation (UNCLASSIFIED)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Ms. Mayfield, Mrs. Harper, Mr. Cloud, Mrs. Stratton, and Mr. Cox,

I wanted to personally thank each of you for the support you have provided to our Soldiers, our Families, and our organization. I had planned to personally thank each of you last week but was unfortunately and unexpectedly called to Division HQ at the same time your certificates were to be presented. Despite my absence (and my tardiness following up with you), I hope you know that we are truly and deeply appreciative of your efforts and your support--I am not sure there is another organization on this installation (or anywhere else that I have been stationed) that so willingly and cheerfully does as much for our Soldiers and Family members as you do for us here at Fort Riley.

Once again, thank you!

Duty First!

v/r
LTC CJ KING
Commander, 299th Brigade Support Battalion Fort Riley, Kansas 66442

From: Munden, Julie
Subject: RE: laptopT

You saved me, Sam! Thanks so much for working on my laptop.

I really appreciate the fast turn around and Renee letting me have hers so you could put the hard drive in it.

I owe all of you in IT!!

From: Steinert, Brandon
Subject: Super-helpful email about Barton PR & Marketing

.....Barton Public Relations and Marketing is proud of its own PR Specialist **Joe Vinduska**, who was recently named the 2014 "Rising Star" for District 5 of the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations, which covers seven states and a chunk of Canada!