

FY26 Accomplishments

1) Brandon Steinert for Faculty Council –

- Interest/involvement appears to be rising. We are at full capacity (bylaws say 8-15 members and we have 15). Everyone whose term was up wanted to stay on for another.
- The Distinguished Instructor Award process was streamlined. It was also documented along the way so we'll have a more standardized process that we can continue to improve. Thanks to Justin Brown for that!
- We stayed focused on our goals and made some progress, which will continue through 26/27. **Some of the goals may change at our retreat on the 17th.**
 - Increase awareness of FC and improve communication with our constituents.
 - Keep faculty council aware of strategic planning progress.
 - Develop professional development opportunities centered on retention/completion.

2) Trevor Rolfs for Barton Athletics

- Two more NJCAA National Championships (making Barton's total 62)--- Women's Bowling & Men's Indoor Track & Field
- Barton Athletics finishes second in the scholarship division of the NATYCAA Cup Standings making it nine straight years the department has finished in the top four of the standings

3) Mark Dean, Vice President of Administration

- Boiler replacements
- Heat Exchanger and Central Plant modifications
- Energy Management System (HVAC) updates & modifications
- Sprintax software implementation (International Student tax implementation software, reporting, and tracking).
- Gym renovations
- Track and Soccer renovations

4) Jo Harrington, Assessment Coordinator

- **Institutional Learning Outcomes Framework**
Implemented the transition from Fundamental Learning Outcomes to Institutional Learning Outcomes, creating a framework that aligns assessment of student learning with Barton's mission, Board of Trustees ENDS, strategic priorities, and current higher education practices.
- **General Education Assessment Integration**
Advanced the integration of General Education assessment into the Instructional Review process as part of Barton's Strategic Planning Initiative, further connecting student learning data, curricular discussions, and continuous improvement efforts across instructional programs.

5) Chris Case – Institutional Effectiveness

- PERI Data Submission
- KBOR AY

6) Lindsey Bogner

- Foundation is currently in the process of go-live with the software that runs all donor stewardship and finances.
- The Alumni and Friends Association held its first event in May - Barton Trivia, collaborating with GB Public Library and Dry Lake Brewing.
- The Shafer Art Gallery had a successful kickoff to the summer with the Fierce Planets fiber arts show with a new director.

7) Angie Maddy, Vice President of Student Services

- new SSS grant - 1st year of new cycle in progress - new Program Specialist and approval of all yearly activities proposed
- submission of EOC - awaiting grant award information
- receipt of the RSVP grant
- Advisement Center taking over Switchboard calls - one year in
 - added 9200 switchboard phone calls to 1224 individual appointments and 9393 email responses to personal and Advisement hotline emails
- Bonus - Patrick 100 comforters and blankets distributed, 110 coats and jackets, 70 appliances rented/\$2300 earned for CKUB participant scholarships
- 6 months of students receiving virtual orientation programming - averaging nearly 100 students a month, about 50% complete it
 - 87% of those who access the program are fully online students
 - every student population represented although some at very low levels
 - survey data reveals -
 - 88% responded they felt more welcomed and reassured about their decision to attend Barton (0% indicated it did not help)
 - 92% indicated they were more aware of services available to them as a Barton student (0% indicated they were not more aware)
 - 92% indicated they better understood college policies and procedures (0% indicated they did not better understand)
 - 100% indicated the checklist of next steps made their next steps more clear
 - 88% the program was a great first step in their Barton experience (0% indicated it was not a great first step)

8) Early College Opportunities – Karly Little

This list is not necessarily about things Karly has done or things the Early College program has done, but more about how other areas have engaged further to work

with this important student group.

- **Increased community connections/visibility:**

- Increased visibility through Student of the Week sponsorship at GBHS
- Sponsorship, promotion, and collaboration with local homeschool co-op
- Celebrations and features of high school students sharing their success stories
- Ellinwood enrollment/shared on the USD's Facebook page (see below)



- **Support & Engagement**

- The team that travels to on-site enrollment times has grown to include staff from WTCE support staff, Admissions, Business Office, Information Technology, and most recently, Advisement. Testing Services staff travels to schools in advance of on-site enrollments to assess students for placement into gateway courses. Enrollment Services and Barton Online staff provide on-call assistance to staff and students involved in these days. The increased support and level of engagement that this on-site enrollment team provides a one-stop shop of services and forges connections that serve this student group beyond enrollment day.
- The upcoming mailing to high school students in campus classes has included collaboration with executive directors and program leaders, the ADC, and the welcome week committee. These are resources and activities that high school students have technically had access to in the past but haven't had shared with them in this way. The logistics of the mailing itself have included several individuals as well to make sure we are financially responsible and compliant with mailing expectations.

- **Handling of Excel in CTE changes:**

- While this is far from finished and accomplished, how we've handled the collaboration and processes internally is an accomplishment in and of itself. Small groups of various people with area and process knowledge continue to show up to brainstorm creative solutions to these changes and challenges.

- **Career Fair Additions:**

- As the Career Fair continues to evolve, the 2026 fair hosted a new track of programming, t-shirts sponsored by Communications which we ordered and distributed in addition to the rest of the event's happenings, and alternate schedules to accommodate tracks of three and four programs. The event went smoothly and hosted 448 students.

9) Military Academic Service, Technical Education and Outreach Services – Dean Jared Hall

- Military Friendly Gold Status earned for 2026.
- Fort Leonard Wood MOA nearly completed.
- First Military Programs certificate graduates in 5 years recently graduated.
- Military Programs Cybersecurity programs about to start in fall.
- OSH Micro Credentials goes live soon.

10) Workforce Training & Community Education Division – Dr. Kathy Kottas

- HOSA skills camp (January 2026)
- Established Skills USA Chapter
- Established FBLA chapter and competed at state and national competitions
- Continued success with our HOSA chapter at state and international competitions
- Partnership with the University of Utah for the PERI Grant – Prison Education
- Placed Top 10 in the Bellwether Award competition
- Early Childhood program updates and establishment of new opportunities in Paraeducator and Substitute
- Established Mental Health Micro-Credentials in partnership with Larned State Hospital
- Implemented Driving Simulator and Apex Officer simulators for Criminal Justice program
- Implemented Augmented Reality Headsets for our EMS education programs
- Received grant funds and built a mobile Welding truck to enhance instruction in our campus Welding courses
- Awarded continuing MOA for Post-Secondary Education @ Ellsworth Correctional Facility (ECF) and Larned State Correctional Facility (LSCF)
- Awarded continuing MOA for Adult Education @ ECF and LSCF
- Updated and signed MOU for BCC-Pratt MOU for Nursing partnership
- Awarded the Metallica Grant for welding in our BASICS program
- Awarded funding from Senator Jerry Moran for enhancements in our Ag and Transportation programs
- Received a Patterson Grant for establishment of an Electrical Technology program.

- Developed and launched new Federal Human Resources online associate degree
- Completed the Digital Opportunities to Connect Kansas (DOCK) grant – we served approximately 800 people in Barton and surrounding counties (we served a total of 9 counties in central Kansas)

11)Academics Division – Dean Stephanie Joiner

- We survived... I kid, kind of - three new administrators, 1.5 military deployments, and a new baby.
- Corequisite symposium hosted over 100 attendees from 16 of 19 community colleges
 - Barton Selected in Sunflower Fellows Research
- Attendance at Fine and Performing Arts events up, as is revenue generation. Last year introduced two new events: Faculty Recital and Playwrights Festival
- Successful JKSD, Prairie Ink Launch, and Vortex Day events - increased participation
- ADC: Retention coaching first round with baseline data and partnership with Advisement on updating student alert process
- Selected as a national EDGE participant school, working towards the submission of a National Science Foundation grant application

12)Center for Learning Excellence – Associate Dean Claudia Mather

- Implemented Canvas Credential Badging software for fall launch of two microcredential pathways (MENT and OSH).
- Began and nearly complete KDOC 101/103 faculty training course in partnership with Chris Baker and Nicole Barr.
- Online student orientation remake is complete. (Waiting for new employee photos to put in the shell. Those will be done while we are there in September) Launching this fall.
- Began work on Onboarding/Offboarding course.
- Facilitated faculty webinars for Turnitin Clarity. Received sufficient faculty and Admin support to proceed. Training will start this fall.
- Conducted AI workshops for online and F2F faculty and staff. AI Cohorts start this fall.
- Launched ADA reviews. Since our launch in October 2025, 49 courses passed the review.

13)Dean's Council – Reported by Elaine Simmons

- Authored a new college procedure – Program Dismissal; approved
- Modern Campus - Identified, purchased and in process of implementation in collaboration with Student Services
- Expanded Youth Camp offerings (summer 2026) to include Cyber, Healthcare, Forensics/STEM and Stag

14) Jenna Hoffman for HR

- HR personnel files have been scanned and digitized, allowing us to access and view them electronically instead of relying solely on paper files.