

# COMMENCEMENT

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024 · 7.00PM · GREAT BEND, KANSAS

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- 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.

## **2024 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM**

#### **\*PLEASE STAND**

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION	Processional Ushers - Barton Student
Ambassadors, President, Board of Trustees, Guests, Candidates for Degrees, I	Members of Faculty, President's Staff
PRESENTATION OF COLORS	Kansas Army National Guard
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Cassidy Eschliman
INVOCATION	Tonya Andrews Pastor, Peace Church - Hudson, KS
GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT	Dr. Carl Heilman President
OUTSTANDING GRADUATE AWARD	Angie Maddy Vice President of Student Services
DISTINGUISHED INSTRUCTOR AWARD	Elaine Simmons Vice President of Instruction
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD	Lindsey Bogner The Director of Institutional Advancement
<b>CONFERRING OF DEGREES</b> Vice-President of Instruction and Chair, Barto	
PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES	Abby Howe Instructor, Developmental Education
AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS	Dr. Carl Heilman President
RETIREMENT OF COLORS	Kansas Army National Guard
CELEBRATION OF GRADUATES	Angie Maddy Vice President of Student Services
RECESSIONAL	Stage Members

## **KANSAS STATE HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA**

Denis Alfaro-Valleda Gage Anderson Steve Blackburn Makayla Burton John Carr Mirabel Castaneda Rodriguez **Bryce Chapman** Anthony Chavez Alexander Creamer Izayah Depperschmidt **Kaylee Elmore** Jose Escalante Moshe Goldman Gilbert Goodson Andrew Guillen Hayle Haney Landon Haney Juan Hernandez-Reves Christopher Hitchcock **Colby Hopkins** Dylan Hunt Wesley Jackson Willie Jackson

Patrick Javonovich Lavla Ketch **Thomas Lammer** Antionio Luna **Rodolfo Martinez** Kevin McNown CJ Lonnie McPhie Ernesto Medina Gavin Metzinger Scott Mosher Alexis Munoz-Granados **Roger Nichols** Franciso Noches-Padilla **Brandy Pepperman** Alyssa Romjue **Hector Salas Alexis Stanley** Kerry Tilghman **Garrett Tomlison** Danial Vanbebber Hector Velazguez-Meddoza **Barry Weber** Silvestre Zapote

## **CERTIFICATE 1**

List of graduates includes Summer 2023, Fall 2023, and Spring 2024.

Stephan Baldwin - Bus Management & Leadership Janaye Brew - Bus Management & Leadership Bobbie Jackson - Bus Management & Leadership James Quinton - Bus Management & Leadership Aubrey Sullivan - Bus Management & Leadership Aliyah Wiley - Bus Management & Leadership Stephan Baldwin - Carpentry Brecken Carroll - Carpentry Christian Cavender - Carpentry Kendryk Turner - Carpentry Kaid Wagner - Carpentry Kacie Anderson - Child Development Mercedes Downie - Child Development Martine Johnson - Child Development Chayla Maichel - Child Development Isabel Mayes - Child Development Jamel Barnes - Dietary Manager Sheila Bennett - Dietary Manager Tanika Brown-Mackey - Dietary Manager Mandy Buenaventura - Dietary Manager Maegan Cain - Dietary Manager Wanda Cody - Dietary Manager Wysteria Corbett - Dietary Manager Josie Crisp - Dietary Manager Callie DeLain - Dietary Manager

Wade Dempsey - Dietary Manager Michelle Gaddis - Dietary Manager Gregory Gorman - Dietary Manager David Hand - Dietary Manager Kevin Hawkins - Dietary Manager Danielle Isaac - Dietary Manager Kaila Kline - Dietary Manager Latica Lax-Green - Dietary Manager Mariama Mboob - Dietary Manager Tacovia McCullor - Dietary Manager Angel Miller - Dietary Manager Makenzie Morgan - Dietary Manager Cecillia Poore - Dietary Manager Ashley Price - Dietary Manager Joanne Ramsoomair - Dietary Manager Sherry Seley - Dietary Manager Jennifer Vanpelt - Dietary Manager Cameron Beatty - Emergency Operations Spec Timothy Sifuentes - Emergency Planning & Mitigation Malinda Anderson - Environmental Mgmt Professional Malinda Anderson - Environmental Reg Specialist Sanasha Adelman - OSH Safety and Health Liam Dale - OSH Safety and Health Alexander Duran - OSH Safety and Health Kenzie Moore - OSH Safety and Health

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John Sauble - OSH Safety and Health Bryan Schroeder - OSH Safety and Health Melissa Suddeth - OSH Safety and Health Kelly Lopez - Pharmacy Technician Scarlett Reinecker - Pharmacy Technician Jaxon Christiansen - Plumbing Caleb Gould - Plumbing Karson Kern - Plumbing Braxton Love - Plumbing Brady Rockenbach - Plumbing Cadin Spore - Plumbing Kendryk Turner - Plumbing Charles Abarro - Welding Technology Hector Amaro - Welding Technology Rafael Araujo - Welding Technology Nalo Bishop - Welding Technology Trenton Bishop - Welding Technology Tristen Cody - Welding Technology Timothy Cooke - Welding Technology Donshai Copridge - Welding Technology Brennan Crummey - Welding Technology Jacob Davis - Welding Technology Daniel Dupree - Welding Technology David Eslinger - Welding Technology Kaden Foster - Welding Technology Tony Foster - Welding Technology Daniel Fox - Welding Technology Gatien Georges - Welding Technology Asmar Hameen - Welding Technology Ethan Hammeke - Welding Technology Keaston Isern - Welding Technology Raymond Isom - Welding Technology

Wesley Jackson - Welding Technology William Jeter - Welding Technology Angel Jimenez - Welding Technology Cherone Johnson - Welding Technology Breckstin Jones - Welding Technology Kenneth Libich - Welding Technology Ronnie Mardis - Welding Technology Alexis Munoz-Granados - Welding Technology Torion Neloms - Welding Technology Dalton Newlan - Welding Technology Emma Nienke - Welding Technology Francisco Noches - Welding Technology Curtis Palmer - Welding Technology Edgar Perales - Welding Technology Liam Proffitt - Welding Technology Gabriela Ramirez - Welding Technology Jose Ramirez - Welding Technology Eligus Ricketts - Welding Technology Manuel Rivas - Welding Technology Robert Robison - Welding Technology Ricky Salazar - Welding Technology Manuel Saldana - Welding Technology Samuel Seck - Welding Technology Steven Shipley - Welding Technology Javen Stoney - Welding Technology Dakota Thornhill - Welding Technology John Towner - Welding Technology Troy Tutak - Welding Technology Yulisa Valdez - Welding Technology Jose Varela - Welding Technology Jody Younger - Welding Technology

## **CERTIFICATE 2**

List of graduates includes Summer 2023, Fall 2023, and Spring 2024.

Paige Koehn - Beef Cattle Production Kooper Maneth - Beef Cattle Production Malinda Anderson - Hazardous Materials Management Joshua Witek - Hazardous Materials Management Chalice Carter - Medical Assistant Nicole Berger - Medical Coding Andrea Collins - Medical Coding Lanasia Cottner - Medical Coding Krystal Dao - Medical Coding Chelcie Lomax - Medical Coding Heather Ramirez - Medical Coding Emily Schornick - Medical Coding Samantha Simpson - Medical Coding Angela Thompson - Medical Coding Jaclyn White - Medical Coding Igor Razhba - Military Leadership Carlos Batres - Natural Gas Trans/Distrib Tech Edwin Chavez - Natural Gas Trans/Distrib Tech Daniel Hammeke - Natural Gas Trans/Distrib Tech Jamie Lewis - Natural Gas Trans/Distrib Tech Wade Potts - Natural Gas Trans/Distrib Tech John Wasinger - Networking Security Specialist Inus Keyser - Networking Specialist Tyler Porter - Networking Specialist James Swimmer - Networking Specialist Austin Wells - Networking Specialist Randall Sweat - OSH Safety and Health Angel Jimenez - Welding Technology Wade Potts - Welding Technology

## **CERTIFICATE 3**

List of graduates includes Summer 2023, Fall 2023, and Spring 2024.

Kaylee Anglin - Nursing - PN Shelby Calvillo-Ramirez - Nursing - PN Anna Campbell - Nursing - PN Ciera Depenbusch - Nursing - PN Karlee Dougherty - Nursing - PN Kimbra Dowling - Nursing - PN Michelle East - Nursing - PN Erica Fitzgerald - Nursing - PN Rachel Fulton - Nursing - PN Javier Gonzalez - Nursing - PN Madelynn Gregg - Nursing - PN Shakota Housman - Nursing - PN Sean Kenyon - Nursing - PN Angelina Leeper - Nursing - PN Cagney Lemuz - Nursing - PN Savannah Lohr - Nursing - PN Enrique Martinez - Nursing - PN Florence Obat - Nursing - PN Januaree Ratchford - Nursing - PN Hannah Rohlin - Nursing - PN Kennedy Sandy - Nursing - PN Chloe Schenk - Nursing - PN Baylee Sizemore - Nursing - PN Sadi Strain-Shepherd - Nursing - PN Elena Taboada - Nursing - PN Sarah Tarn - Nursing - PN

## **ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE**

List of graduates includes Summer 2023, Fall 2023, and Spring 2024.

Rodah Afoa - Bus Management & Leadership Janaye Brew\* - Bus Management & Leadership Giovonni Hale - Bus Management & Leadership Joshua Horner - Bus Management & Leadership Claude Johnson - Bus Management & Leadership Dustin Spivey - Bus Management & Leadership Charles Suchy - Bus Management & Leadership Andrew Todd - Bus Management & Leadership Liane Boutin - Business Admin Technology Evelyn Harr - Business Admin Technology Amanda Holland\* - Business Admin Technology Pricilla Villarreal-Galicia - Business Admin Technology Veronica Wiley - Business Admin Technology Dylan Graham - Crop Protection Derrick Antonio - Emerg Mgmt/Homeland Security Jaqueline Antonio - Emerg Mgmt/Homeland Security Cameron Beatty - Emerg Mgmt/Homeland Security Timothy Sifuentes - Emerg Mgmt/Homeland Security Malinda Anderson\*\* - Hazardous Materials Management Chrischella Claude - Hazardous Materials Management LaToya Soyke - Hazardous Materials Management Laura Jaske\*\* - Medical Admin Technology Thea Grizzle - Medical Assistant Kristi Khan\*\* - Medical Assistant Olivia Petrik - Medical Assistant Stephanie Scifres - Medical Assistant Brianna Auker - Medical Lab Technology Morgan Barnes - Medical Lab Technology Triffany Belin - Medical Lab Technology Hannah Conn - Medical Lab Technology Grant Dawes - Medical Lab Technology Valeria Gallardo-Pulido - Medical Lab Technology

Megan Grandy - Medical Lab Technology Abigail Groot - Medical Lab Technology Rebecca Hillman\* - Medical Lab Technology Audrey Lancaster - Medical Lab Technology Nubia Martinez - Medical Lab Technology Scoutt McConnell - Medical Lab Technology Magdiel Mcgee - Medical Lab Technology Whitney Nuss - Medical Lab Technology Willow Olsen\* - Medical Lab Technology Valerie Sherrill - Medical Lab Technology Allyson Townsend - Medical Lab Technology Carlos Batres - Natural Gas Trans/Distrib Tech Daniel Hammeke\*\* - Natural Gas Trans/Distrib Tech Wade Potts - Natural Gas Trans/Distrib Tech Cohen Suchy - Natural Gas Trans/Distrib Tech Kindric Castro - Networking Specialist Clark Davis - Networking Specialist Inus Keyser - Networking Specialist Adam Kirkbride\*\* - Networking Specialist Joseph Ramos Andreas\* - Networking Specialist Laken Smith - Networking Specialist James Swimmer - Networking Specialist Liam Dale - OSH Safety and Health Tyler Fleming - OSH Safety and Health Heather Gipson\*\* - OSH Safety and Health Kyrstin Nelson - OSH Safety and Health Justin Reed - OSH Safety and Health John Sauble - OSH Safety and Health Melissa Suddeth - OSH Safety and Health Caiten Britt - Paramedic Eric Buck - Paramedic Jordan Elliott - Paramedic

## **ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE**

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Brandon Halling - Paramedic Todd Hamby - Paramedic Dustin Henry\*\* - Paramedic Joshua Hettenbach - Paramedic Josh Komarek - Paramedic John McNabb - Paramedic Baylee Schrag\*\* - Paramedic Jesse Schreiner - Paramedic Ty Sothers - Paramedic Alexander Winters\* - Paramedic Rebecca Bell - Registered Nursing Cassandra Burden - Registered Nursing Jose Carrillo - Registered Nursing Bridget Castro - Registered Nursing Kimberly Christian - Registered Nursing James Dean - Registered Nursing Chandra Ehler\*\* - Registered Nursing Leticia Flores-Stembaugh - Registered Nursing Joseph Givens - Registered Nursing

Katie Hazen - Registered Nursing Braeden Hopkins - Registered Nursing Kristyn Hungerford Packard - Registered Nursing Sydney Johnson\*+ - Registered Nursing Amber Keenan - Registered Nursing Sierra Kraatz\*\* - Registered Nursing Leisi Kuoh - Registered Nursing Brandi Lara\* - Registered Nursing Karina Lopez - Registered Nursing Jason Mireri\* - Registered Nursing Kristina Moungkhoth - Registered Nursing Summer Neeland - Registered Nursing Madison Pata\*\* - Registered Nursing Brooke Ricke - Registered Nursing Morgan Sallabedra - Registered Nursing Darien Sanchez - Registered Nursing Kimberly Torres - Registered Nursing Alidsha Vazquez Centeno - Registered Nursing Wade Potts - Welding Technology

## **ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE**

List of graduates includes Summer 2023, Fall 2023, and Spring 2024.

Elizabeth Adame\* Ariana Arriaga Dakota Aumiller\* Augusto Moreno Barbosa Ferreira Militao\*+ **Brittany Becker\*** Shawntav Broadnax\*\* Kelsie Brooks\*\*+ Leasta Buckman Mckenzie Burks Malachi Carter Cesar Colchao Laura Daniel Randa DeWeese Amber Eskew\*\* Kylee Ezzio Ivanna Alexandria Faria Martinez Alexander Flinn Emiliano Garcia\*\* Selina Gensch Cassidy Goans\*\*+ Davud Guler Samantha Haney Ashlynn Harrelson\*\* Harley Headley\*+ Joshua Holladay **Bailee Hudson Reagan Huslig\*** 

Abigail Ibarra\* Eita Ishikawa Nickolas Judy Hinata Kojima\* Marilyn Kowalewski Lineza LaFace Kara Lonnon Angel Lopez\* **Cheyenne Martin** Trinity Martinez\*\* **Christian Mason Rachel McJunkin** Allison McReynolds Yuki Minari\*\* Heather Moomey Tayshlei Owen Mireya Payne-Malave\*\* Nicole Philen-Braun Arthur Prado\*\* Maurina Prieto David Reid Arianna Russ Patricia Sanchez\* Benisa Stanbrough Tabitha Taylor Genesis Trowbridge Tsheqofatso P Tsiang\*

## **ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE**

List of graduates includes Summer 2023, Fall 2023, and Spring 2024.

James Urbanek Datasia Vassol Filip Velghe Haley Voelcker Emily Wilson\*\*+ Meisha Wilson Rebekka Winters

#### **ASSOCIATE IN GENERAL STUDIES DEGREE**

List of graduates includes Summer 2023, Fall 2023, and Spring 2024.

Marcos Alegre Peter Anderson **Davin Antillon** Jefferson Antoine Karlyn Bacha Joy Becker Luis Berber\*\* Erick Bethea Joshua Bingham **Edward Brown** Jakayla Castile Jewel Chase Carmen Chavez Christopher Cluts **Aidan Collins** Jacob Copas Elena Curtis\*\* Kassandra Deleon Christian Diaz Centeno Laura Dukes Ali Edelman Miko Edwards **Cory Elkins** Toni Engle Hannah Ewert\*\* Samantha Fanelli **Dominick Fattig** McKenzie Fessenden Maya Franklin Simon Garcia Jackson Goyette\*\* Haley Gutierrez\*\* Justin Habel **Rebekah Hickerson Ronald Hill** Kavasea Hunter Taylor Jefferson\*\* Alda Jones Elisheva Kerstein

Whittney Kralina **Michael Lowas** James Marty William Maynard Emma McClellan Joshua McDermed\* Shyanne Meinert Davyon Moore **Brendan Mummert** Ryan Munoz **Brent Naab Charles Neuman Timothy Oliver** Ife Oyesile **Kimberley Peterkin Nicole Philen-Braun Clayton Pryor** Johnnee Pryor **Michelle Quintal Edward Rios Ryan Roberts** Jessenia Rodriguez LaPetra Rolle **Broghan Ryan Paxston Sailers** Jasmin Sanchez Jacob Sautter Lucas Smith Hailey Starkey Ashley Stockley **Molly Thomas** Evan Toll Christoper Valencia Jeremy Vargas Luz Vazquez Jeffery Walker Cassondra Warnes\*\* Jazmine Williamson Lekenja Willis

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Quezia Bertoni Da Silva Abrao\*\* Alicia Abrego\*\* **Ragen Alexander** Shea Alfrey Mahoghany Allen Danielle Amerson\* Nicholas Amerson Maryann Anderson Melissa Ard\* Lamberto Arellanes Mireya Arreola Anthony Arriola Annie Asmus Simone Atkinson Esther Ayara Rylee Ayon\*\* **Owen Bailey Tina Bailey** Breyanna Baize Breena Bajwa Cheyenne Ballard Luigi Ballivian\* **Rylan Bally Ring Banggol\*** Aleah Barksdale Tanya Barnes Madison Barrera\*\*+ Katinam Bartel\*+ Sovanna Bartolome Kenyon Base Kayla Bates Natalie Bates\* Danilda Batista **Baylie Baxter** Natalie Bayona Bradley Beck\*\* Presious Benson Demitri Bergstrom\* **Deinessy Bermudez Ouentin Bickham\*\*** Jarrod Black Margaret Blackwell\* Tyler Blair\* Nathaniel Blankenship\*\* Patricia Blankenship Kyndall Blessing\*\* Tatum Boettjer\*\* **Robert Bolin** Ethan Bonnett Ashley Boots Jessica Borjon Braden Boswell **Dennis Bottcher\*** Christian Bowen-Webb

**Brenna Bownes\*** Luciana Braga\*\* Quartenay Braven Tasha Bravo **Blaque Brin** Audra Brunner Connie Buitron+ Oslyn Calder\*\* Megan Call\*\* Jasmine Campos Leiny Carrillo-Ponce **Robert Casas** Allison Casey Katlynn Chandler Jordan Chapman\*\* **Aaron Charles** Antonio Chavez **Bayne Chism** Ajok Chol **Michelle Cimenton\*** Carley Clark Kay Lagay Clarke\* Morgan Clary Owen Clyne\*\* Casey Cobb Quade Cobb\* Alex Cochran Nicholas Coldren Lucas Constante\*\* Jordan Copple Natasha Corbin Harrison Corn **Dominique** Cos Kristie Costa Jaron Cotton\*\* Ana Luisa Couto Soares Ferraz\*\* Ivan Cox Keiara Craig Christopher Crawford\* **Bailey Creamer\*** Alexander Critton\*\* Taylor Croisant\*\* Ashley Cruz Peter Dandos Micah Davis\* Lillian De Visser\*\* Jenna Dean\*\* Amanda Deason Jessica Dee Madeline Dee\*\*+ Vanessa Delacruz Taylor Deleon Amy Depperschmidt **OceAne Deslauriers\*** 

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Jordyn Dessel\* Madelyn Dillon\* Tina Dimarzo **Blake Dimond Kimberly Dominguez** Matthew Donecker\*\*+ Julie Dorsey\* **Rylan Doshier\*** Laci Dryden\*\* Lani Dryden Keith Dunn\*\*+ Ethan Duong Adriana Egues Rivas Shelby Ellegood Alicia Enriquez Logan Erway Cassidy Eschliman\*\* Franco Estabillo Francesco Esteban Boher Haileym Estes Karina Estrada CeAra Evans Erica Evans **Riannalyn Faisao** Haley Feldmann **Caydince Finch** Lakyn Fischer\*\*+ Vanessa Flores Alexis Fox\*\* Mylene Franz\*\* Joao Gabriel Freiria\*\* Henrique Freitas Vera Cruz\*\*+ Kimito Christopher Fritz\* Aliyah Fryberger\* Angielynn Fuller\* **Riley Gaer** Nicolas Galanis\*\*+ Lesslie Galindo Emil Garafola\*\* Erica Garcia Jacob Garcia Perez\*\* Darren Garner\* Kelsi Gaston Maria Laura Genizelli\* Drew Gillaspie Lindsay Golden Yuleidi Gonzalez Itzel Gonzalez Jurado\* Danny Gordon Peyton Graber Tashauna Graves Erin Griffith Clara Griffiths Maria Guzman

Alyssa Habash\* Gavin Haberman Ayden Hadley\*\* Jordan Halaquist Isabelle Halbach\*\* Treneese Elouise Hamilton\*\* **Brandon Harris** D Andria Harris Kamiel Harris\* Dana Hauge **Michael Heffner** Reece Hemmerling\*+ Zidania Henry Jackson Herbel\*\* Jillian Hernandez Loanna Hernandez\*\* Maria Hernandez Mikaila Herring Hailey Hicks **Haylee Higgins** Luis Holguin\* **Cooper Holloway** Claire Holt\*\* Lauren Hooks Taylor Hopfer Hannah Hotalen April Hough\*\*+ **Brock Howard** Chloe Howard Jaden Howell MeKelle Hurlbut\*\*+ Eunjoo Hwang\*\* Cindy Ibarra Dominic lozzo\*\* **Cooper Jackson** Jasmin Jackson\* Adisyn Jacobs\* Silvana Jacquez Viveros\*\*+ Janessa Jaime\*\* Thomas James Ann Mikee Jarmel Zachary Jarvis lan Jennings\*+ Grace John\*\*+ Daegan Johnson\*\* Julianna Johnson Hunter Jones Jennifer Jones Lajae Jones Tanner Jones\* Stacey Jordan\* Allyson Kaiser\* Keishun Kanesaka David Kappel\*\*

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Abdul Wahab Kassim\*\* Shoei Kawamura\*\* David Kelly Samantha Kepple\* Jaehyun Kim Lillyan Kimberlin Noah Kincade Timothy Klingbeil **Byanca Koehler** Paige Koehn Lillian Krohlow Katie Kuhlman\*\* Tyler Labadorf Julie Lambert **Carolina Landeros** Jaden Lang\*\* Noah Lansbury\*\* Cailyn Lee Angelina Leeper Valentina Leyva Serrano\* Achara Fengying Li Danielle Light\* **Kristen Lindsey** Clara Lindstrom\*\*+ Emma Loomis Hannah Loomis\*\* Juan Lopez Monica Lopez Alejandra Lopez Santiago Carmen Lyons\* Sydney Magnuson **Dylan Mankins** Lauren Manley Wilmont Manneh Christopher Manning Christopher Manning **Brian Martin\*** Jeramiah Martin Mary Martin\*\* Grace Marzan Justine Maximilien Emma McClellan Rachel Mchenry\*\* James McLin Ashleigh Mcpherson Brooke McReynolds\*+ **Kirsten Meier** Dylan Meyer Patrick Meyer\* Mirah Miarisoamalala\*\* Tessa Miller\*\*+ Lindsey Mitchell Kennedy Moi Raegan Moore\*\*

Naiya Morgan Rochel Moya\* Kalil Murphy **Danielle Nay** Amiri Ndayisaba\*\* Deja Ned Claudia Nelson Adrian Nethersole Julie Nino Austin Nitcher Kassidy Nixon\* Nina Norshie Grant Nottlemann Chinaza Okafor\* Dawayne Opferman Yasmin Orellana Martinez Andrea Orona Favela\*\* Keegan O'Shea\* Anthony Paez Heather Pagulayan **Hilary Papillion** Autumn Pate\* Ana Alice Pauli Tosetto\*\* Nicholas Peckham Olivia Pelker Cameron Pelzel\* Andrea Peraza\* Katelyn Petrik Josh Petty Osayande Philip\*\* **Devoy Pinnock** Jade Poe Miranda Poissant Tyler Polk Andre Pontbriant\* Ashley Price Ashley Quinn Leslie Ramos **Collin Rankin** Elizabeth Rasmussen\* Andy Reckers Julio Redwood Jayden Rehlander Alexis Reid **Trenton Reitmayer** Arely Reyes\* Jordan Rhynes Jeanna Richter Brenna Ricke\*\* Sherrie Rickerson Analiz Rivas\*\* Frances Rivera **Mozae Rivers** Danielle Roberts

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**Carlos Rodriguez Eithan Rodriguez** Leilani Rothwell Elisa Ruiz\*\* Jessica Ruiz Ella Rumford\*\*+ Tara Runnells\*\* Sadie Russell Aya Saiki\*\* **Ricardo Sanchez** Melissa Sandoval\*\* Rin Sato\*\* Amonti Saunders-Norris Akeir Scales\*\* Cole Schieffer Jason Scott Hunter Seier\* Jennifer Shipman\* Lori Shomber Sarah Showers\*\*+ Calvin Shuk\*\* Anita Simmons Rachel Sims\*+ Manjot Singh Jayden Singleton Jennifer Slusser Almond Small Darby Smith\*\* Hunter Smith\*\* Valaguis Smith **Amelia Sommers Atticus Sondy** Jesse Sonoda Carlos Soto\*+ Aidan Sowers\*\* Stefan Spray **Braxton Springer** Felecia Staggers Amy Staley Sydnee Stanley\*\* William Steele Jessie Steyn Kaden Stones\*\* Adrienne Strodder LeiLani Sumile+ Fawaz Surakat

Caden Sutter Jakob Swan **Brenden Swindle** Ashley Tarin Arroyo Camden Taylor\* Meilia Taylor\*\* Adriana Thomas Jannalee Thomas\*\* **Quincy Thomas Rayaunia** Thomas **Myles** Thompson Nathan Thompson Jarron Tinkler Javan Titus Madalyn Toll\*\* Liya Tomaszewicz\* Catarina Tribst\*+ Wyatt Trombley\*\* Khadijah Tucker **Chridel Turtillien Bernaved Urena** Traci Urguhart\*\* Evelin Valadez\*\*+ Abigale Van Lanen Einar Vargas\*\*+ Melanie Vargas-Cervantes Mekenzie Vice **Giovanni Vichique** Shane Voelcker Ashton Waggoner Jonavan Walker Tatianna Ward **Heather Weathers** Jason Weatherwax Lauren Weaver Shelly Wells **Brady Wharton\* Trenton Whiteman** Sha'Kierriah Williams\*\* Tayshaun Williams Ortiz June Winebright\* Hayley Wise\*\* **Kaycie Yeumans Christopher Young Brooklynne Zielke** Katelynn Zongker

## **RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES**

- \* 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.

#### $\Delta$ Awarded Posthumously

#### **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.

#### **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.

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

**Paramedic** (green cord)

**HOSA** (*navy/maroon cord*) Future Health Professionals

## **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

## FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE GRADUATE

A first generation college student is a student from a family in which no parent or primary caregiver has earned a four year college or university degree.



## 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 2024!

Stephan Baldwin Jasmine Campos **Kindric Castro** Edwin Chavez Donshai Copridge Tina Dimarzo David Eslinger Kaden Foster Tashauna Graves **Daniel Hammeke** Luis Holguin **Bobbie Jackson** Cherone Johnson Hunter Jones Allyson Kaiser Jamie Lewis **Emma Loomis** Hannah Loomis Michael Lowas Joshua McDermed Allison McReynolds **Edgar Perales Tyler Porter** Wade Potts Elizabeth Rasmussen Samuel Seck Steven Shipley Pricilla Villarreal-Galicia Dakota Aumiller **Rylee Ayon** Kaden Baird Breyanna Baize Natalie Bayona **Bradley Beck** Luciana Braga Jose Carrillo **Taylor Croisant** James Dean Jenna Dean Randa DeWeese Matthew Donecker Keith Dunn Chandra Ehler Logan Erway Karina Estrada Haley Feldmann Alexander Flinn Leticia Flores-Stembaugh Henrique Freitas Vera Cruz Aliyah Fryberger **Cassidy Goans** Abigail Groot Samantha Haney **Evelyn Harr** Ashlynn Harrelson Harley Headley Claire Holt Joshua Horner April Hough **MeKelle Hurlbut** Silvana Jacquez Viveros Laura Jaske lan Jennings Daegan Johnson Sydney Johnson Noah Kincade Sierra Kraatz Audrey Lancaster **Carolina Landeros** Angel Lopez Karina Lopez Carmen Lyons **Kooper Maneth Enrique Martinez Isabel Mayes** Magdiel Mcgee **Brooke McReynolds** Jason Mireri Austin Nitcher **Kassidy Nixon** Grant Nottlemann Andrea Orona Favela Madison Pata Ana Alice Pauli Tosetto Katelyn Petrik Jade Poe Heather Ramirez **Brooke Ricke** Elisa Ruiz Morgan Sallabedra **Darien Sanchez** Chloe Schenk Hunter Smith Stefan Spray Sadi Strain-Shepherd Cohen Suchy

Elena Taboada Liya Tomaszewicz Catarina Tribst Wyatt Trombley Genesis Trowbridge Evelin Valadez Jeremy Vargas Alidsha Vazquez Centeno Ashton Waggoner Veronica Wiley

## **INTEGRITY AT BARTON**

Integrity is integrated into Barton's culture through the use and discussion of six values: Trust, Responsibility, Honesty, Courage, Fairness, and Respect. The values provide context to discuss integrity and how it impacts students' academic and professional lives. In support of the six values, Barton created the role of the Academic Integrity Ambassador. Students selected for this opportunity are empowered to share their voice and story around a specific value. Please join Barton in recognizing the 2022-2024 Academic Integrity Ambassadors:

Jonathan Beers – Trust Marina Clark – Responsibility Tionna Caldwell – Respect Molly Norris – Fairness Harley Headley – Courage



## **2024 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 2024 Barton County Campus Outstanding Graduates from the nominees.



#### **Evelin Valadez**

Evelin Valadez of Stafford, Kansas, is completing her associate's in science degree. She is the daughter of Elidia and Andres Valadez of Stafford. During her time at Barton, Evelin was a participant in the TRIO/Student Support Services Program, Hispanic American Leadership Organization (HALO), and was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) National Honor Society. Evelin also provided volunteer service to the Cougar Supply Den/Barton Food Pantry during her tenure at Barton.

Evelin plans to continue her education at Wichita State University to complete the dental hygienist program. Eventually, she hopes to attend the University of Missouri-Kansas City's School of Dentistry.

As part of the Outstanding Graduate selection process, Evelin indicated that Barton had helped teach her the importance of finding balance. She noted that being a fulltime student while working two jobs had not been easy, and that learning to find a balance in life was an important skill that her Barton experience helped her develop.



#### **Hayley Wise**

Hayley Wise of Silver Lake, Kansas, is completing her associate's in science degree. Hayley is the daughter of Liane and Josh Wise of Silver Lake. During her time at Barton, Hayley participated in the Barton cheer team and was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) National Honor Society. Additionally, Hayley served as a peer tutor in the Student Support Services tutoring lab.

Hayley will transfer to Fort Hays State University to work toward her bachelor's degree in elementary education. While doing so, she will participate in the Kansas Teacher Apprenticeship Program and will be employed full-time at an elementary school. She hopes to eventually become a first-grade teacher.

As part of the Outstanding Graduate selection process, Hayley indicated that her Barton experience helped teach her that hard work pays off in the end.

## **2024 DISTINGUISHED INSTRUCTOR AWARDS**

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 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 Distinguished Instructor Award:



Danika Bielek Barton County Campus



**Nolan Esfeld** Barton County Campus



Jessica Fullen Fort Leavenworth Campus



**Ericka Peoples-Howard** Fort Leavenworth Campus



**Christopher Vanderlinde** Fort Riley Military Programs

## **2024 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

The Barton Community College Foundation proudly presents the 2024 Distinguished Service Award to Jim and Kathi Armatys, esteemed members of our community whose unwavering dedication has significantly enriched the missions of Barton Community College and Foundation. The Distinguished Service Award was created in 1981 to recognize individuals that have shown genuine regard for and performed outstanding service to Barton Community College.



#### Jim and Kathi Armatys

After moving to Great Bend in 1987, Jim and Kathi quickly became involved in college events attending basketball games, fundraising events, and enjoying theatre productions.

Since the 1990s, the Armatyses have served as volunteers, directors, chairs, and advisors. Kathi co-chaired two consecutive Big Benefit Auctions for the Foundation in 1993 and 1994, and she served as a Director on the Foundation Board from 1999 to 2005. In 2007, Jim and Kathi served as honorary chairs of the Academic Enrichment Fund campaign, showcasing their enduring care for Barton students.

In addition to their personal support, Jim is celebrating his 40th year with Edward Jones, and serves as an financial advisor empowering others in our community to maximize their philanthropic giving to the Foundation.

Expressing his admiration for the well-rounded approach embraced by Barton Community College, Jim said, "We have always been impressed with the mission to nurture not only academic growth but also social and cultural development, equipping students with the essential skills to navigate the workforce successfully."

Kathi echoes this sentiment, recognizing the power of a college education, stating, "Each diploma earned at Barton represents a triumph, equipping graduates with the tools to confront the challenges of today's world."

Together, Jim and Kathi champion the Foundation and College's initiatives, building a culture of empowerment within our community. Their commitment to expanding opportunities underscores their belief in the transformative impact of education.

"The high cost of education often puts it out of reach for many," Kathi reflects. "It takes all of us, through our committed support, to open doors for our friends, neighbors, and fellow community members to pursue their goals, improve their lives, and effect positive change in the communities we call home."

Their years of service and unwavering dedication have earned them the distinct honor of receiving the Distinguished Service Award. Their enduring legacy resonates across our campuses, enriching the lives of countless individuals and shaping the future of Barton Community College. The Foundation is honored to recognize Jim and Kathi with this award.

## **FACULTY AND STAFF**

**Christine Abbott** Luke Abbott Jaime Abel Amanda Alliband Lisa Amerine Patti Amerine **DJ** Anderson **Emily Archer** Alejandro Avila Alvarez Alain Avognon Paulia Bailey Chris Baker Janet Balk Jeri Ball Dayna Ball **Tanner Balsters** Chris Barlow **Krystall Barnes** Nicole Barr **Terry Barrow Courtney Barton** Jenni Bauer Zac Bauman **Risa Bayliff** Amber Bebout **Barb Beckstrom** Genovevo Benavidez Nick Bergan **Tish Bergantz** Nicole Berger Jenn Bernatis Megan Besecker Danika Bielek **Brent Biggs** Sasha Bingaman Tami Birkholz Debi Blake **Chris Blanton** Alana Blessing **Jim Blevins** Alvssa Bliven Penny Blue Mark Bogner Lindsey Bogner Grady Bolding Dennis Boltman Art Bowersox Abi Boxberger Sabrina Boyd Brenda Brack Michele Brack Stephenie Bradford-Clark Kara Brauer Nathan Broeckelman **Carol Brooks** Justin Brown Walter Brown Tyler Brown **Cheryl Brown** Dave Brown Daniel Buller

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## **2024 BARTON DIFFERENCE**

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



#### Danika Bielek

Instructor of Dance/Fine & Performing Arts Coordinator, Barton County Campus

Ms. Danika offered me a dance scholarship and a spot for Barton Dance Theatre even with the knowledge that I would be dancing while pregnant. She didn't treat me any differently. Danika made the last few years of my dancing career memorable. She made accommodations for me while ensuring I was getting the most out of it. I cannot thank her enough for pushing me to my potential and allowing me to thrive as a Barton Dance Theatre Dancer. She also helped me start Myrlee's dance career by allowing her to be a snowflake on stage. Thank you, Danika, for growing my confidence as a dancer, especially while I was 39 weeks pregnant. I will never forget you. Myrlee and I love you dearly.

- Nominated by Jessie Steyn



#### Jessica Fullen

Adjunct Faculty, Fort Leavenworth Campus

Mrs. Fullen is the best teacher I have ever had. She always interacted with students, had a class schedule, and knew what she was talking about. She is available to ask for advice, and you will always get an answer for your situation, not a generic answer. Overall, she has always been there for her students, including myself, and I would like to recommend her for this award.

- Nominated by Sarah Showers

She always believed in me, even when I didn't believe in myself. She always cared about her students and would go out of her way to help however she could.

- Nominated by Ariana Arriaga

Professor Jess Fullen always made our class feel safe and included. She made me realize how important it is for a professor to set the tone for the class. Most of the students were cheerful and more involved than I've seen in any other class.

- Nominated by Jot Becker



#### Sayde Fitzgerald

Instructor of Nursing, Barton County Campus

Mrs. Fitzgerald has been a positive light throughout the nursing program. She pushes us, supports us, and uplifts us. Mrs. Fitzgerald is always willing to lend an ear or help however she can to ensure you are getting the best out of your education. She has made me a better nurse through this experience. She makes learning fun and is relatable in her teaching methods. She is great at keeping the students engaged and focused.

- Nominated by Kristina Moungkhoth

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#### Dr. Ann Ingala

Adjunct Faculty, Fort Leavenworth Campus

Dr. Ann Ingala was one of my very first professors here at Barton. With it being the first time in a while back at school, I was anxious about how it would go. Dr. Ann Ingala was so understanding and reassured me that there was nothing to be worried about. When I had questions about any assignments or even just wanted to chit-chat, she was there without a doubt. She wrote me a letter of recommendation for Phi Theta Kappa scholarships, and what she wrote was truly amazing. I am very blessed to have the opportunity to be one of her students and learn all the knowledge I gained from her. She is a very bright and caring individual.

- Nominated by Breyanna Baize



#### **Jason Lindstrom**

Instructor of History, Barton County Campus

Jason took the time to know a little bit about his students, demonstrating genuine care and interest. Not only was he considerate and caring, but his teaching abilities were unquestionably good. He mastered his course material and taught with full confidence. He included a sense of humor and incorporated current situations to help us enjoy the course and gain a better understanding of it.

- Nominated by Rachel Sims



#### Nolan Esfeld

Director of Student Academic Development, Barton County Campus

Mr. Nolan has been a great help to some of my teammates and me at the academic development center. He does his best to make me understand and enjoy whatever class I am struggling with. Nolan spends extra hours at the ADC helping students. I admire and appreciate his work and dedication.

- Nominated by Grace John



#### Angie Maddy

Vice President of Student Services, Barton County Campus

Angie Maddy is the Vice President of Student Services. She has organized a meeting with her colleagues, including Lee Miller, Penny Zimmerman, and Rita Thurber, on the first day of my classes to plan for the transition of a student with medical conditions. Her sensitivity towards the needs of each student exceeded my expectations. During difficult times on campus, she reminded everyone that reaching out to her, irrespective of the nature of the conversation, is never a sign of weakness. From this experience, I have learned that Angie is an expert in all areas of higher education, including holistic health, consulting, employee relations, campus resources, student retention, and academics. Angie has become my go-to person for her quick advice, visibility, and empathic listening, making her a prominent woman leader. She deserves the utmost praise, and I would write more about her if I had the space. I always look up to her as my role model and envision empowering each other she has demonstrated.

- Nominated by Cheryl H.

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#### **Julie Peterson**

Developmental Lab Coordinator, Barton County Campus

I have always struggled in Math. Julie Peterson always welcomed me and helped me when I needed it. She is amazing to everyone, whether it is helping with math problems or having conversations with me and others. She always knows how to light up the room.

- Nominated by Cooper Holloway



#### Steve Sell

Facility Management, Barton County Campus

He helped me get my car unstuck from the snowstorm. This allowed me to get to class and work. He keeps the campus clean and is always waving at you as you pass by. He seems to always have a positive attitude and that goes a long way!

- Nominated by Angelina Leeper



#### **Eric Smith**

Instructor of Psychology, Barton County Campus

He made me enjoy classes no matter what. He always had a cheerful vibe and cared more for Barton than anyone I've seen. He goes to games whenever he is able, teaches with passion, and creates a safe space in his office for students if they need it. He went through a life-altering event, and within a week, he was back in the office making sure his students knew he was fine and then instantly got them engaged in class. His classes also fill within the first week of signup practically every semester. That clearly indicates that students enjoy his support and dedication to Barton and his students.

- Nominated by Harley Headley

## DR. CARL HEILMAN, BARTON PRESIDENT 2006 - 2024

Dr. Carl Heilman has served as the College's fifth president for over 17 years. Under his leadership, a focus on new and diverse programming and affordable, accessible options for all students established his commitment to students and the communities the College serves.



#### Dr. Carl Heilman recognized for outstanding contributions to Kansas by US Senator

Barton Community College President Dr. Carl Heilman was recently recognized in front of the Senate for his outstanding contributions to the College and the state of Kansas.

In December, US Senator Roger Marshall highlighted Heilman's rich history of serving the students and communities of Kansas through the congressional record. Marshall's acknowledgment of Heilman's legacy underscores his significant impact on Barton and Kansas community colleges.

With a long history in higher education and serving community colleges, Heilman began his service to Kansas in 2006 when he became the fifth president of Barton. Marshall said he quickly learned the nuisances of higher education in Kansas and its 19 community colleges.

"Carl hit the ground running, quickly building rapport with the board of trustees, faculty and staff, local community constituents, and the student body," he said. "With this support, Carl set attainable goals for the future of Barton, establishing it as a dynamic institution able to weather limited access to resources, fluctuating economic conditions, and shifting State demographics."

During Heilman's leadership, Barton has expanded its programming to 170 programs of study, up from 107 in 2006, with local industry-driven opportunities like Natural Gas, CDL, Network Security Specialist, and most recently Ag Mechanics.

"Our local industry partners and their needs are an important part of the College's mission," he said. "The needs of Barton County are the needs of the College, and we are committed to developing specialized programming to meet those needs."

Heilman's guidance has also been instrumental to the enrollment growth at Barton, even in the face of national trends of decline. Since the start of his tenure, Barton's overall enrollment has almost doubled in size, with over 10,500 students in 2023.

The increase in enrollment was supported by new program development along with expanding resources to students through online coursework and 100% online degree options. Barton Online has grown to be one of the premier online destinations for our local students and across the state, with almost 50,000 credits completed in 2023.

"Our online opportunities provide flexibility for our local students while also providing opportunities to a wider audience of students seeking a quality education," he said. "It is our responsibility to meet our students wherever they are."

Heilman will exit the president's office at the end of June, leaving behind a legacy of commitment to further the experience for Barton students and the communities of Barton County.

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