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45th Annual Big Benefit Auction Scholarship Awards



Big Benefit Auction

- August 24, 2025 @ GB Events Center
- Four scholarshipped students featured on different covers and student thank you notes throughout the event
- **270 guests** (+17% from '23)
- **\$70,813 raised** (+16% from '23)



Big Benefit Auction

- New event: Surprise Stash guests could buy a wrapped box for \$20, sight unseen. All prizes valued over \$20+
- 98 Silent Auction Packages (Sales -8% from '23)
- 23 Live Auction Packages (Sales +62% from '23)



Old Bill Honorarium

Barry and Monica Bowers

"I remember being inspired by the people being recognized in the past as great community leaders, and I respected them. I really enjoy seeing younger generations today getting involved, and I realize that I am the older generation now. I can only hope that I can be their inspiration to carry on with this support the same way I was inspired by those before me." Barry Bowers

"As we have been served, we serve and as we have been loved, we love. With education and opportunity, these students have the chance to serve, connect, and share their talent with our community. We feel that it is our responsibility to serve and support the College because it benefits our entire community."

Monica Bowers





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Scholarship Awards



2024-25 Scholarships

- Scholarship Universe through the My Barton portal
- January 1 July 15 application window, with awarding starting March 15
- 134 scholarship funds (109 used this year)

Every Barton student is eligible for scholarships



2024-25 Scholarships

235 students

269 scholarships

\$308,215 total scholarships awarded

- \$273,215 in individual awards
- \$35,000 Barton Bound Scholarship supplement (GPAbased award for recent Kansas graduates)



Awards in the Future

Scholarship Manager Changeover

- Students will be required to answer all criteria questions which will match them into all scholarships for which they are eligible
- Responsive application design
- Easier to use renewable scholarship capability
- Communicates directly into Banner system



THANKYOU!

Questions?

