

Dr. Garstecki Monthly Board of Trustees Update

October 2024

- I traveled to Ellsworth with the Barton team to visit the Ellsworth Correctional Facility. We met with Warden Langford and his staff to discuss current state of the program, future options, as well as some longer range wishes.
- I attended the TEA meeting via zoom. One of the main topics included the Institutional Program Alignment Compliance process which is starting in October.
- I attended the Great Bend Key Stakeholders/CEO meeting.
- Barton hosted the Chamber After Hours at Camp Aldrich. It was a great event, and we had a very good turnout from the community.
- Our team met with EAB, who is a leader in student success analytics. We currently have a contract with EAB which is set to expire in December. The current contract does not meet our current needs, so we are discussing a potential new contract with different deliverables.
- Barton was represented at the Kansas Business Awards which was hosted by the State Dept of Commerce. Trustee Maneth, Trustee Burke, Lindsey Bogner, and I attended.
- I attended the McKown Masquerade Ball to celebrate the kickoff to the Friends and Acquaintances show in the Shafer Gallery.
- This month Trustee Burke and I attended the Optimist Club of Great Bend, as well as the Kiwanis Club meetings. This is part of a series of presentations that I am providing to area service clubs. I am sharing my background, vision, and current Barton happenings with these groups.
- The Barton team of Elaine Simmons, Kathy Kottas, Chris Baker, Nicole Barr, and I visited the Larned State Correctional Facility. Warden Easley gave us an in-depth tour and we discussed how well the welding program is working.
- I attended a Math Pathways webinar hosted by KBOR.
- I attended the Barton Foundation Board Meeting.
- The Barton team traveled to Pratt to meet with PCC on the nursing agreement. Both institutions would like to see the partnership continue. We will be working out the new contract details over the next couple of months.
- Our Barton team traveled to Superior Essex in Hoisington. We met with their leadership team on some possible partnership opportunities. We discussed future tours of the facility for our students, as well as some short-term training possibilities.

- I attended the Autumn Performing Arts Concert. This was an amazing performance by all of our fine arts programs.
- I was a guest on the Cougar Pause radio show this week. I discussed some of the college's highlights for this fall, as well as some of the upcoming fine arts and athletic events.
- Our team held a joint meeting with Clara Barton Hospital and TalentGro to discuss Registered Apprenticeships pathways (Career Advancement Programs) for healthcare employers and current/potential workforce. This was a great meeting that came from an initial conversation between Barton and Clara Barton regarding the nursing shortage they are facing.
- VP Simmons, Dean Kottas, Josh Winkler, and I attended a meeting with Fuller Brush. We toured the facility, covered internship opportunities, future Fuller growth, and potential customized training needs.
- This weekend the Barton Fine Arts Department held the Compleat Works of William Shakespear (Abridged) show in the Cavanaugh Room.