

Dr. Garstecki Monthly Report

May 2026

- We held the PTK All Kansas Academic Award luncheon on the Barton Campus in the Cavanaugh Room. Barton had seven students receive PTK All-Kansas recognition this year the Barton County, Fort Riley, and Fort Leavenworth campuses.
- I attended Barton's annual Assessment Institute graduation.
- I attended a meeting at Cloud CC with several other presidents to discuss ideas for Performance Based Funding and strategies for getting ahead of funding issues next year in the legislative session.
- I was the Barton representative on Cougar Pause, providing an end of the year recap of all the great things that happened at the college this year academically, in athletics, and in student clubs and organizations.
- I met Senator Brad Starnes from the Junction City/Manhattan area. Senator Starnes is a strong advocate of community colleges and Barton. We had a great discussion about the future funding of our colleges.
- The Fort Riley Graduation was held this month. Approximately fifty students in total walked that day, with twenty-five being Barton graduates. It was great to see Barton represented so well during the ceremony.
- I met Hunter Carson and Jayreth Barten from Senator Moran's office. They were in town for the day and Mr. Barten will be taking over Barton County for Senator Moran's office.
- I attended the annual Music Department Endowment Concert. This was the first time we had a VIP reception after the concert, which was a success. We sold forty tickets to the VIP reception, where guests were provided with dessert, wine, listened to the Jazz Ensemble, and were able to mingle with our faculty and students. The additional dollars raised will go to the Endowment for the Music Department.
- I attended the Rural Learning Lab listening session tour to share ideas on how to enhance workforce development and partnerships in rural areas to help meet the needs of our employers and provide the appropriate training to local employees.
- I participated in a meeting with Association of Governing Boards (AGB) and several colleagues throughout the state on Thursday. AGB is leading the search for the next KBOR CEO.
- I attended the Hoisington Chamber Coffee hosted by the Barton Foundation.
- Last Friday was all things graduation. We hosted the MLT Pinning, LPN and ADN Pinning ceremonies, EMS Cording, and the main Commencement Ceremony. It was a wonderful day celebrating the conclusion of the academic year.