



FOUNDATION GROWTH + IMPACT

We inspire, connect, and support donors and friends of Barton Community College, strengthening the bond between the community and student success.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS AND CAMPAIGNS



BARTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

A Night of Giving

47th Annual Big Benefit Auction

August 22, 2026

The Foundation's annual Big Benefit Auction brings together donors, businesses, alumni, and friends of Barton to raise funds supporting scholarships and programs.

Old Bill Honorarium: Jim and Kathy Vopat were recognized as the 2026 honorees, supporting student scholarships, with over $16,150 raised.

198
guests

$56,062
net revenue



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Yeraldi's Western Wear
Zarah Coffee Shop

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Take Aim to Support

16th Annual Sporting Clay Shoot

September 26, 2026

The shoot raises funds for the Faculty Mini-Grant program, providing faculty with resources for classroom equipment, instructional materials, and educational experiences.

The event features 100 targets across 13 stations, with support from participating shooters, businesses, and community sponsors.

182
shooters

$11,487
net revenue



Thank you to our clay shoot sponsors!

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- Barton Wrestling Athletes and Coaches

SET UP AND EVENT HELP

- Camp Ranger James Jackson
- Barton Facilities Team
- Barton Information Services Team

PHOTOS AND VIDEO

- Barton Communications Team



Making Every Event Count

Looking Ahead

The Foundation is evaluating its annual events to ensure they are effective, sustainable, and aligned with fundraising and engagement priorities.

Events-at-Large Committee: A committee is being developed to evaluate the purpose, effectiveness, resource requirements, and long-term sustainability of Foundation events. The goal is to build a coordinated annual event strategy that maximizes fundraising and engagement while making responsible use of staff and volunteer resources.

Event or initiative	Primary purpose
Big Benefit Auction	Unrestricted fundraising and scholarship support
Sporting Clay Shoot	Faculty Mini-Grant funding
Sips and Scholarships	Scholarship support and donor engagement
Employee Giving Campaign	Fundraising and employee engagement
Corporate Sponsorship Program	Business partnerships and securing annual support for events, programs, and initiatives
Annual Fund	Donor relationships and sustainable annual support



GRANTMAKING

BARTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

2026 Faculty Mini-Grants

Small grants. Significant impact.

The Foundation's Faculty Mini-Grant program provides funding for instructional equipment, classroom resources, and hands-on learning experiences that enhance education across Barton. Funded through proceeds from the annual Sporting Clay Shoot, these grants of up to $2,500 each help faculty address instructional needs that might otherwise go unfunded.

Since its inception in 2008, the Faculty Mini-Grant program has awarded $227,800 through 249 grants, providing nearly two decades of support for instructional innovation and student learning across Barton.

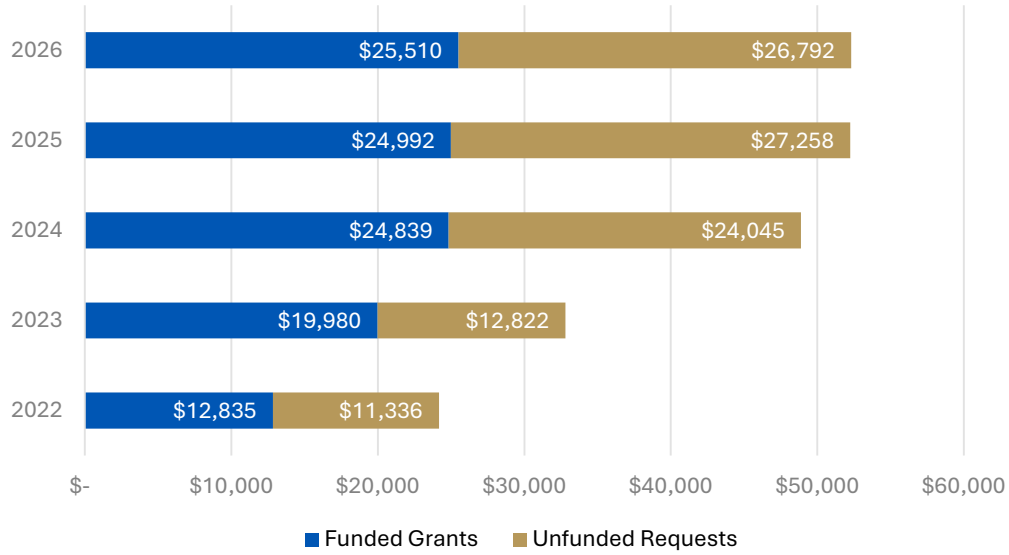
29
requests

$52,302
total requested

19
awards

$25,510
total funded

Five Years of Investment & Unmet Need



Academics

Supporting Academic Excellence

7
awards

$9,650.10
total funded

Faculty Member	Program	Project & Impact
Kimberly Dohm	Nutrition	Mobile demonstration table with portable sink to provide hands-on food preparation and nutrition activities in classrooms without water access.
Kelsey Feist	Physical Education	Anatomical models of joints, organs, and body systems to help students visualize and understand human anatomy.
Eric Foley	Music	Three portable, battery-powered speakers to improve sound monitoring for student rehearsals and performances on and off campus.
Mark Freeman	Ceramics	Additional pottery wheel to expand studio capacity, accommodate more students, and introduce another professional equipment model.
Aleia Gonzalez	Music	Guitar amplifier, DI boxes, and accessories to support the growing guitar ensemble and improve rehearsals and performances.
Philip Jacobson	Visual Arts	Artwork drying rack to improve studio functionality, organization, and student workspace.
James Miller	Theatre	Replacement stage makeup and application supplies to support student performers in theatrical productions.

Health & Public Service

Strengthening Hands-On Learning

6
awards

$9,906.06
total funded

Faculty Member	Program	Project & Impact
Mark Colglazier	Nursing	AED trainer for hands-on practice in CPR, cardiac emergencies, and emergency response procedures.
Hanna Demel	Nursing	Seizure protection pads to help students practice patient safety procedures during realistic clinical simulations.
Samantha Hazen	Nursing	Four digital stethoscopes to strengthen patient assessment skills and identification of heart and lung sounds.
Heidi McKennon	Nursing	Updated CPR mannequins and AED trainers to provide realistic emergency response practice and meet current training requirements.
Christian Rivas	Criminal Justice	Tablets for crime scene photography, evidence documentation, and digital mapping using professional investigative practices.
Andrea Thompson	Medical Laboratory Technology	Four tube racks and eight traceable timers to support accurate, timed testing procedures across multiple MLT laboratory courses.

Workforce Education

Equipping Tomorrow's Workforce

6
awards

$5,953.84
total funded

Faculty Member	Program	Project & Impact
KellyAnn Bonnell	Early Childhood Education	Portable StoryWalk materials to teach future educators creative literacy activities and engage children at community events.
Deanna Brown	Business	*The Culture Code* books available through the library to reduce textbook costs and support student coursework.
Keith Frank	Natural Gas	Workbenches for hands-on practice disassembling, inspecting, and rebuilding natural gas equipment.
Matt Mazouch	Carpentry	Concrete bench molds for hands-on construction projects that create durable benches for campus and community use.
Joshua Nuss	Military Programs	Three computer workstations and tools for a Networking lab focused on hardware assembly, troubleshooting, and technical skills.
Kaitlyn Sill	Business	Kansas City trip featuring the Federal Reserve, CBIZ/KPMG, and Chiefs Stadium to explore career opportunities and business operations.

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26/27 Scholarships

Opening Doors. Creating Opportunities.

The Foundation's scholarship program helps make higher education more accessible and affordable for Barton students, providing financial support as they pursue their educational and career goals.

NEW - We're piloting a second-semester application for Spring 2027, creating another opportunity for students who have not already received a Foundation scholarship during this academic year.

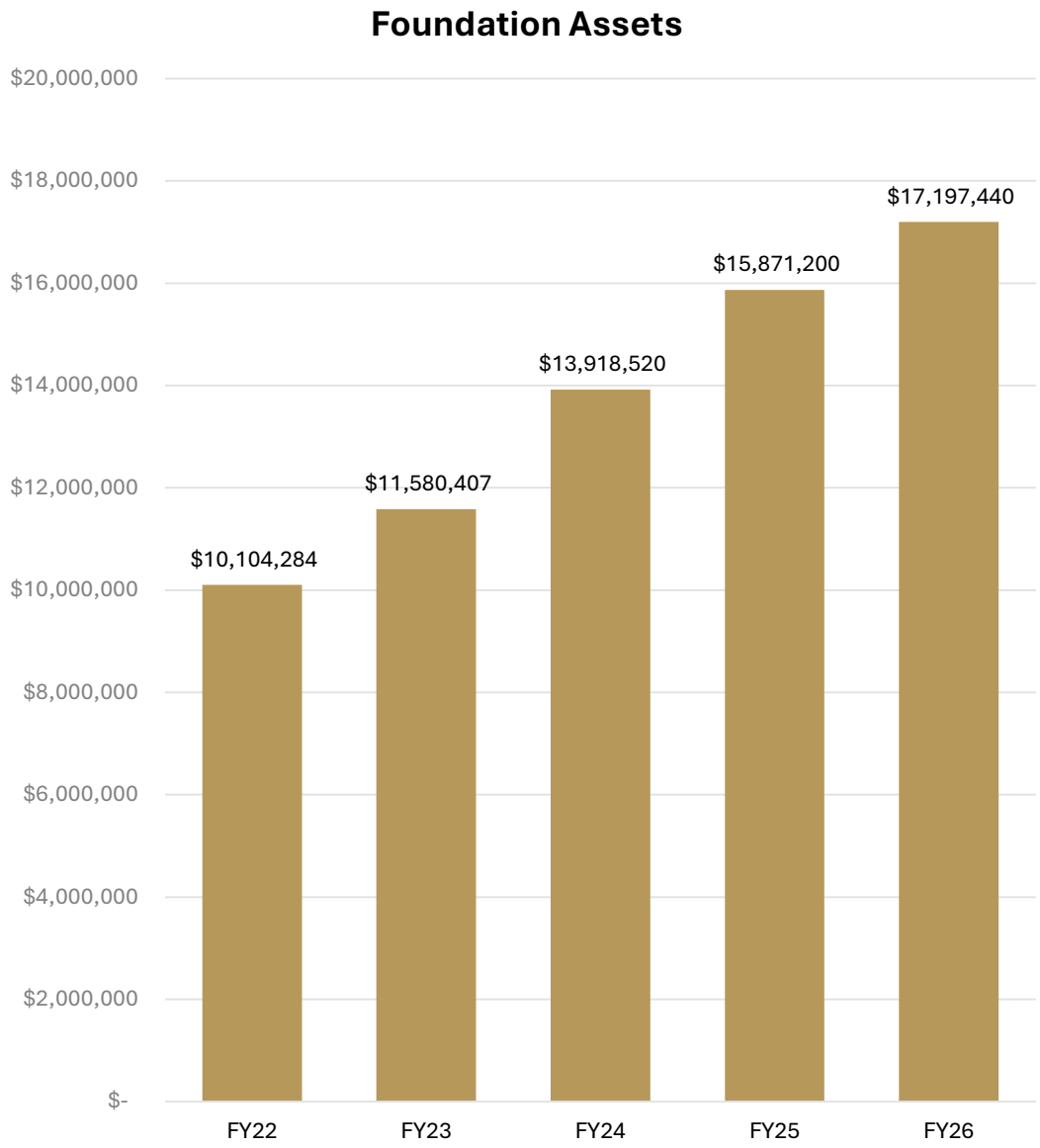
283
students

$313,272
in scholarships (so far!)





FOUNDATION FINANCIALS



Building Long-Term Financial Strength

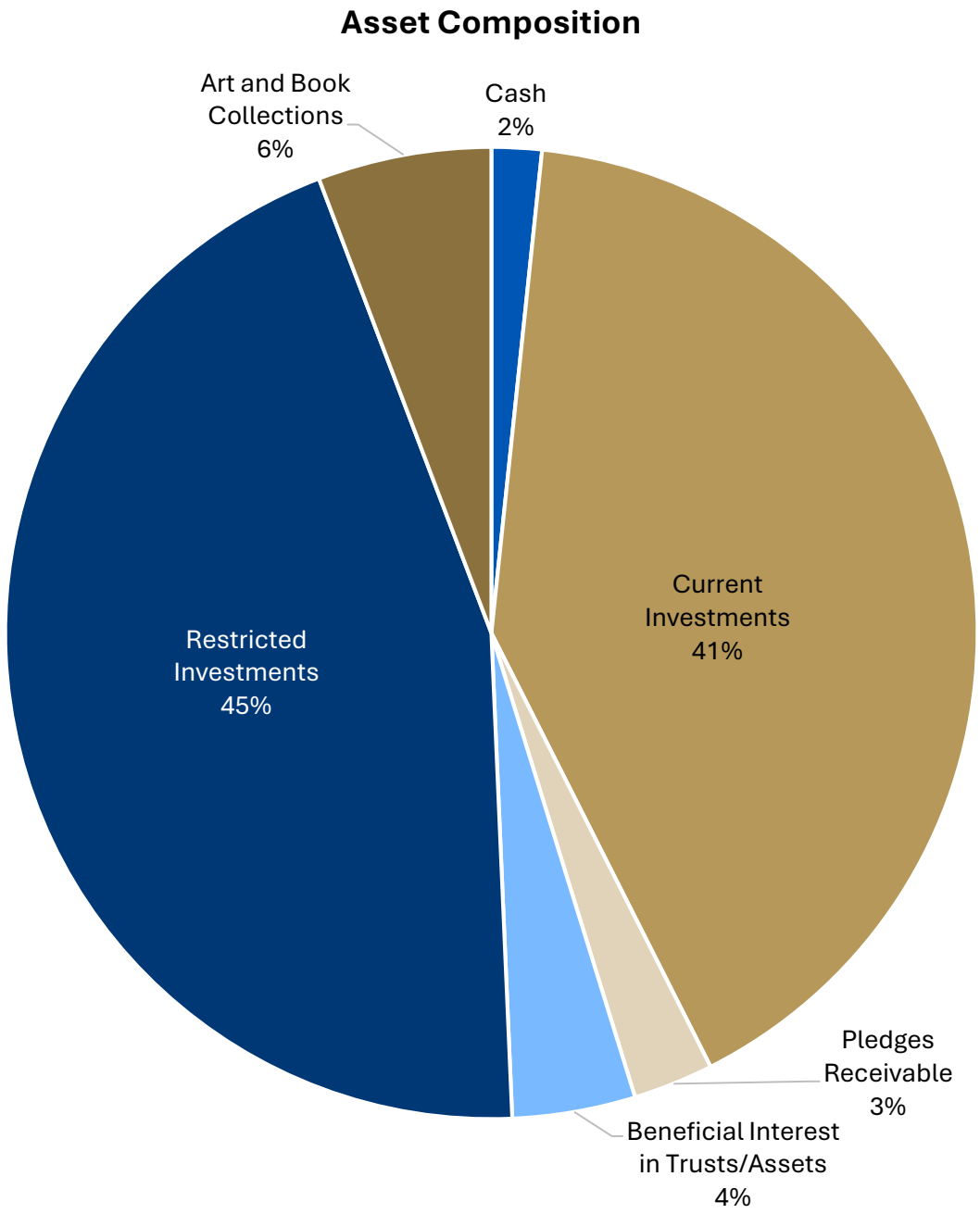
Total growth from FY22 to FY26 = +70.2%

Increase of $7,093,156

Over the past five years, the Barton Foundation has experienced substantial growth in its financial resources. This growth reflects the generosity of donors, long-term investment strategies, and continued development of philanthropic support for Barton Community College.

Why This Matters

Increasing Foundation assets strengthens our ability to provide scholarships, support instructional programs, respond to emerging needs, and sustain donor-established funds for future generations.



Stewarding Resources for Barton's Future

Total FY26 Foundation Assets = $17,197,440

The Foundation's assets include invested funds, donor commitments, beneficial interests, and art collections that support both current College priorities and long-term philanthropic commitments.

Asset Composition

- **$14.75 million in investments (86%)** represents the Foundation's largest asset category, providing resources for both current priorities and long-term commitments.
- **$992,895 in art and book collections** reflects the Foundation's investment in preserving and supporting Barton's cultural and educational resources.
- **$1.45 million in other assets** includes cash, pledges receivable, and beneficial interests in trusts and other assets.

Together, these assets reflect the Foundation's commitment to honoring donor intent and sustaining support for Barton.



Fundraising & Donor Support

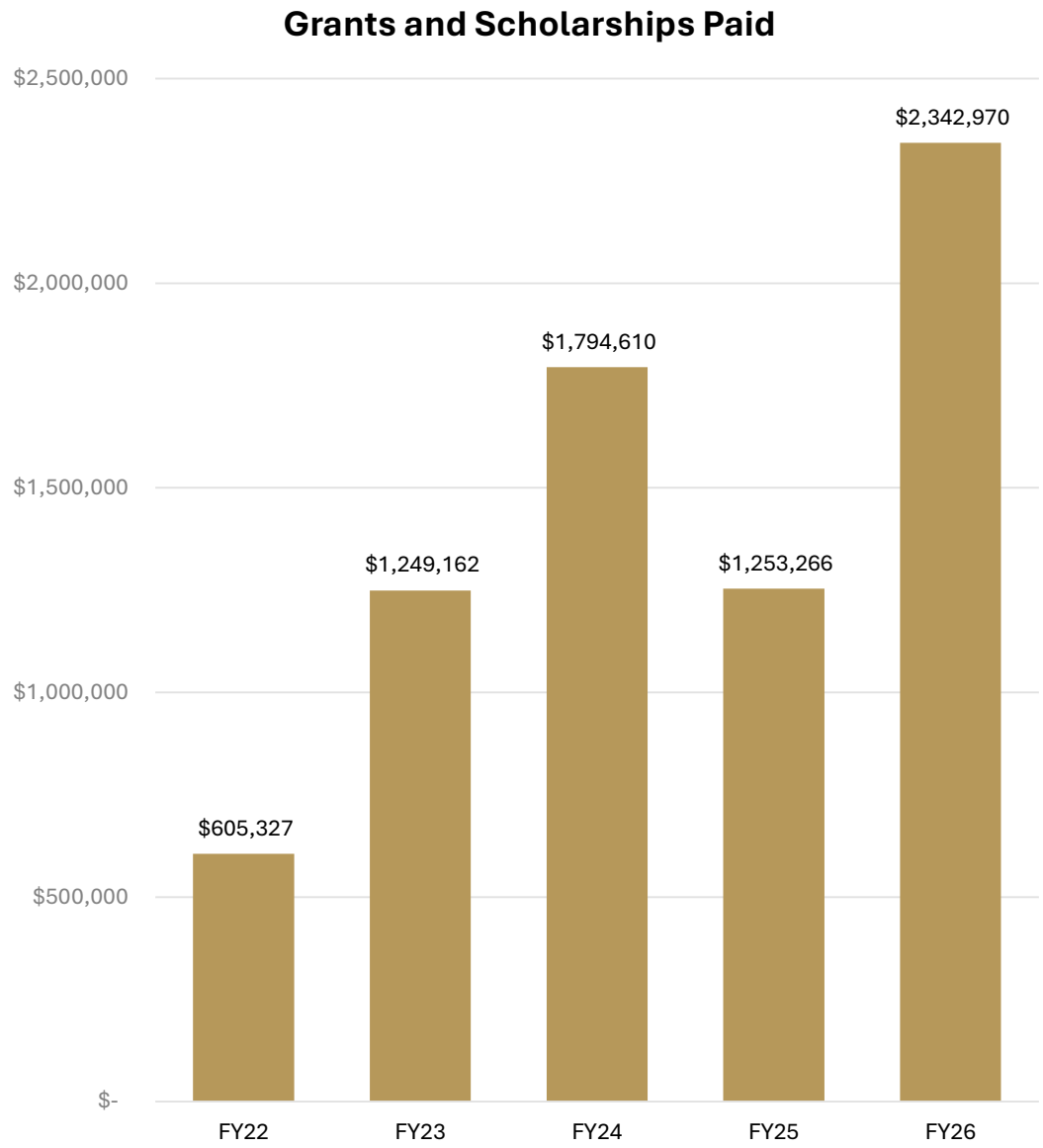
Generosity Fuels Growth

The Foundation connects donors and community partners with opportunities to support scholarships, academic and workforce programs, capital improvements, and emerging College needs.

Understanding Fundraising Activity

Public support includes gifts generated through Foundation fundraising efforts as well as departmental and institutional campaigns. For the audit, it also includes the College's support of Foundation operations.

The Next 50 is an example of fundraising collaboration. Athletic Director Trevor Rolfs solicited approximately $3 million in campaign gifts, while the Foundation manages gift agreements, accounting, and donor stewardship.



Foundation Grants and Scholarships

Putting Resources to Work

Over the past five years, the Foundation has distributed **$7.25 million** in grants, scholarships, and support for College initiatives.

Understanding Foundation Distributions

- **Foundation-Directed Support - $4.36 Million :** Scholarships, grants, and other College initiatives funded through Foundation resources and donor-established funds, supporting student success, academic programs, and institutional priorities.
- **Fiscal Sponsorship - $2.89 Million :** Funds raised for designated College initiatives, primarily The Next 50 capital campaign, and administered by the Foundation through gift processing, financial management, donor stewardship, and disbursement to the College.

Both represent important ways the Foundation puts philanthropic resources to work in support of Barton's mission.

The Foundation's continued growth reflects the generosity of our donors, the strength of our partnerships, and our shared commitment to Barton. We're proud of the opportunities we've helped create for students and programs, and we look forward to building on that impact in the years ahead.

Thank you for your continued support of the Barton Foundation!

Questions?

