

BARTON FOUNDATION UPDATES

Faculty Mini-Grants
2026 Employee Giving Campaign
FY 2025 Annual Report
Alumni and Friends Association



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- 🐾 31 requests, totaling \$52,250.04
- 🐾 20 grants, totaling \$24,992.44
- 🐾 The funds for this initiative are raised at the clay shoot each year
 - 🐾 The 15th Annual Sporting Clay Shoot raised \$21,035.72 in September



Academics

- 🐾 **Danika Bielek, Dance** – Student Dance Workshop Fees
- 🐾 **Eric Foley, Vocal Music** – Digital Mixing Console
- 🐾 **Aleia Gonzalez, Instrumental Music** – Guitars
- 🐾 **Jamie Minneman, Instrumental Music** – HD 300 Harmony Director Music Ed Tool
- 🐾 **Brandon Steinert, Communication & Fine Art** – Camera Kits
- 🐾 **Denise Williams, Theatre** – Costumes and Supplies
- 🐾 **Marcia Williams, Mathematics** – Scientific Calculators

Workforce Training

- 🐾 **Kelly Ann Bonnell, Early Childhood, Elementary & Secondary Education** – Sensory Impairment Kits
- 🐾 **Kara Brauer, Nursing** – Toxic-Haze Vaping Poison Display
- 🐾 **Mark Colglazier, Nursing** – Moulage Kit
- 🐾 **Keith Frank, Natural Gas** – Digital Thermometers
- 🐾 **Karen Gunther, Medical Lab Tech/Assistant** – Acusera 24.7 Software
- 🐾 **Logan Higbee, EMS** – TruCric Surgical Cricothyrotomy Simulator
- 🐾 **Jay & Lindsay Holmes, EMS** – CPR Training Equipment
- 🐾 **Jill Lawson, Nursing** – GE/Corometrics 250XC Fetal Monitor
- 🐾 **Matt Mazouch, Carpentry** – Dust Collector System

Workforce Training

- 🐾 **Heidi McKennon, Nursing** – Fetal Monitoring Equipment
- 🐾 **Timothy McKiernan, CDL** – Portable Air Compressor, Battery & Hose
- 🐾 **Joshua Snodgrass, BASICS Welding** – Ingersoll Rand Air Dryer
- 🐾 **Jennifer Steinert, Business** – CliftonStrengths Access Codes & Ebooks
- 🐾 **Maggie Tracy, Agriculture** – SOMSO Cow Hoof & Equine Skull Models
- 🐾 **Tana Yellowwolf, Nursing** – Demo Dose-Inject-Ed Injection Pad Trainer



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Employee Giving Campaign



Employee Giving

- 🐾 November 1-24
- 🐾 Foundation Open House Nov. 20
- 🐾 Barton employees are **AMAZING!**

\$11,770 raised
65 employees donated
13 funds supported



Employee Giving

Funds Supported:

Barton BASICS Scholarship

Ed and Berniece Olejniczak Endowment

Barton Foundation Memorial Scholarship

LaOportunidad Scholarship

Barton County Alumni Scholarship

Student Emergency Assistance Fund

BEST Scholarship

Unrestricted Fund

Betty Erikson Memorial Scholarship

Veterans Scholarship

Cougar Supply Den and Closet

Vocal & Instrumental Music Endowment

Dr. Raymond J. Leiker Scholarship for MLT Studies

Employee Giving

Donors:

Anonymous (26)

Krystall Barnes

Nicole and Anthony Barr

Mark and Lindsey Bogner

Dr. Narren Brown

Julie Bugner Smith

Kristan Connell

Lori Crowther

Dannebohm Family

Gary and Renee Demel

Don Vinni D'Italia

Jason and Melissa Feist

The Fiala Family

Dr. Marcus and Kacie Garstecki

Larissa Graham

Harrington Family

Linn and Dale Hogg

Christy Huslig

Pat and Kathy Kottas

Dani Kultgen

Angie and Bill Maddy

Mahsa

Mollie McReynolds (Gibbs)

Wendy Miller

Celia Nicolet

Jonell Niles

Alicia D. Otto

Gina Marie Owen

Sue Ann Peter

The Rivas Family

Trevor and Kim Rolfs

Doug and Elaine Simmons

Dee Ann Smith & Girls

Tina Stout

The Thompsons

Vsetecka Family

Dustin and Amy Wheeler

Lora Zink

New This Year

- 🐾 All donors were entered into a drawing for a paid day off
- 🐾 Employees donating \$120 or more are receiving a Foundation t-shirt as a thank you



A photograph of two young men in blue graduation caps and gowns, smiling at the camera. They are standing in a large auditorium or gymnasium filled with people. In the background, a sign on a banner reads "#GoCo".

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Annual Report



IMPACT

THAT MATTERS

Every gift has a ripple effect. A scholarship becomes a degree, a grant becomes a new opportunity, and a simple act of generosity becomes lasting change. This year, our collective impact reached further than ever, empowering students, strengthening programs, and enriching our communities.

Together, we are not just investing in education; we are shaping the future.

2025 Impact Highlights

- 🐾 **255** scholarships
- 🐾 **20** faculty mini-grants
- 🐾 **58** program and project grants

- 🐾 **\$227,251** in total scholarships
- 🐾 **\$942,899** in total grants

Enhancement Grants

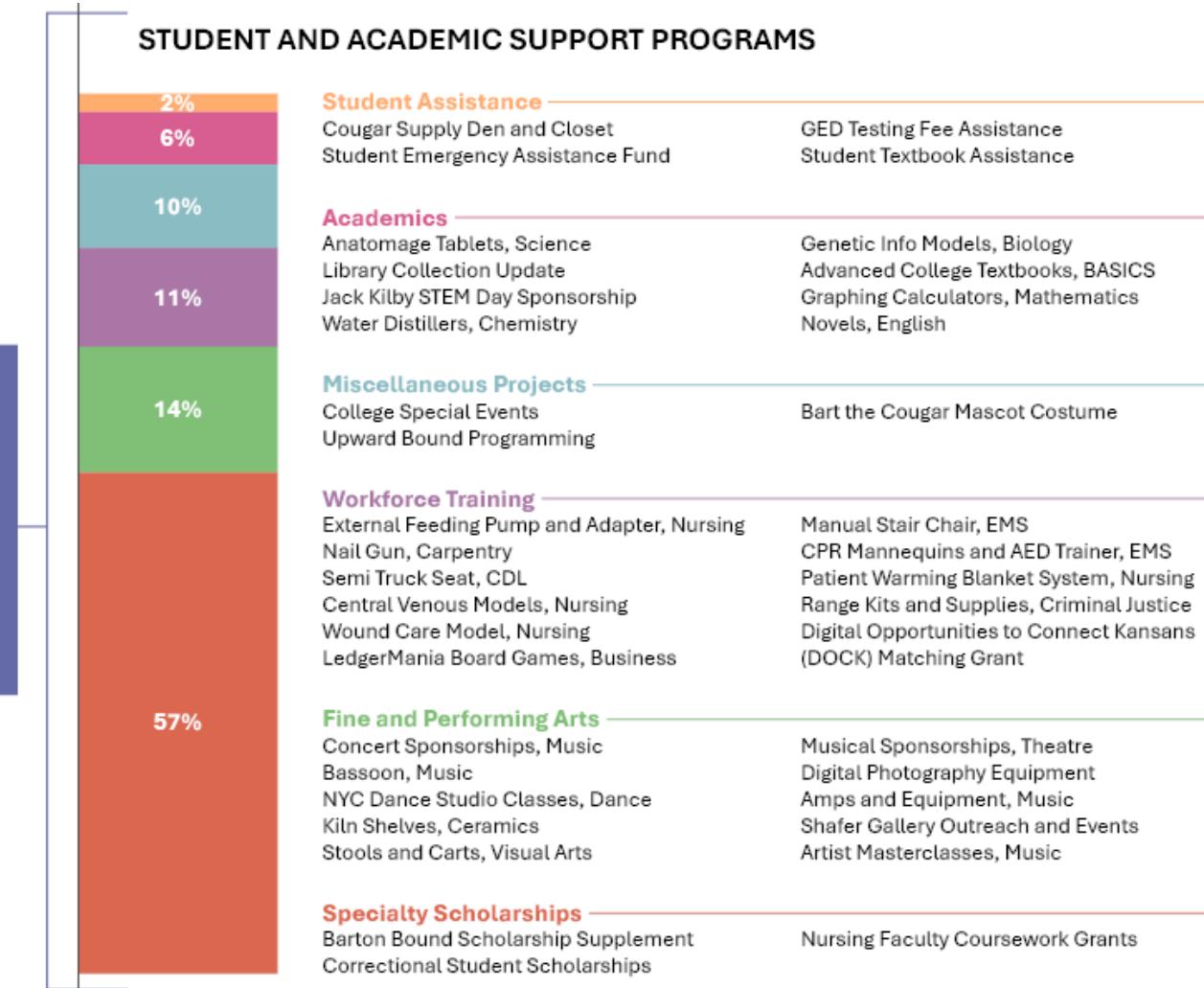
58 total program and project grants

- 20 faculty mini-grants
- 3 specialty scholarships

\$942,899
for projects and programs
distributed through
58 grants to Barton

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS
Donor-Directed Facilities & Equipment
through The Next 50 Capital Project

STUDENT AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAMS
Specialty Scholarships, Workforce Training,
Academics, Fine and Performing Arts,
Student Assistance, and Miscellaneous Projects



Scholarships

255
students

\$227,251
in scholarships



PEOPLE THAT MATTER



People make the mission possible. Every story shared in these pages begins with someone who believed, a donor who gave, a volunteer who served, a student who worked hard, or a faculty member who inspired.

Your faith in Barton and your passion for our students are what transform possibilities into progress. Thank you for being the reason behind every success we celebrate.

2025 Community Highlights

- 🐾 1,369 total donors
- 🐾 164 new first-time donors
- 🐾 23 board and committee volunteers
- 🐾 3 recognition awards

New Endowment Fund

Ed and Berniece Olejniczak Endowment

The Ed and Berniece Olejniczak Endowment was established by Elaine Simmons, Barton Vice President of Instruction, and her husband, Doug Simmons, in memory of Elaine's parents. Following Berniece's passing last year, Doug and Elaine chose to honor both Ed and Berniece through an endowed enhancement fund supporting Barton's Adult Healthcare and Nursing programs. The endowment will help strengthen these programs through enhancements to facilities, equipment, and learning resources, creating a lasting tribute to Ed and Berniece's lives and values.



New Annual Scholarships

Lily Akings Legacy Scholarship

Following the passing of Lily Akings in May 2025, her family, friends, and community came together to establish the Lily Akings Legacy Scholarship. Lily's lifelong commitment to public health through her work at the Barton County Health Department left a lasting mark on our community. This annually funded scholarship honors her legacy by supporting students in the Barton Nursing Program who are graduates of Great Bend or Russell High School. Community members are invited to continue honoring Lily through gifts to this memorial scholarship.



Veterans Scholarship

Barton employees and community members united to create a new crowd-funded scholarship dedicated to veterans. Initiated by Barton's Veteran Services department, the fund is supported through a grassroots fundraising effort, including proceeds from shirt sales. The scholarship has also been added as a designation option within the Employee Giving Campaign, where many employees chose to direct their gifts in support of student veterans.

NUMBERS

THAT MATTER



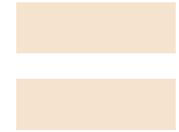
Stewardship is the foundation of trust. We know every dollar represents belief in our mission, and we treat that responsibility with care and transparency.

Through thoughtful management, generous giving, and strategic investment, the Foundation continues to grow, ensuring long-term support for students and programs for generations to come.

2025 Financial Highlights

- 🐾 **\$15.8 million** in total assets
- 🐾 **\$8.0 million** in endowed funds
- 🐾 **\$2.4 million** in donations
- 🐾 **\$84,769** raised at fundraising events
- 🐾 **3** new named funds created

Financials

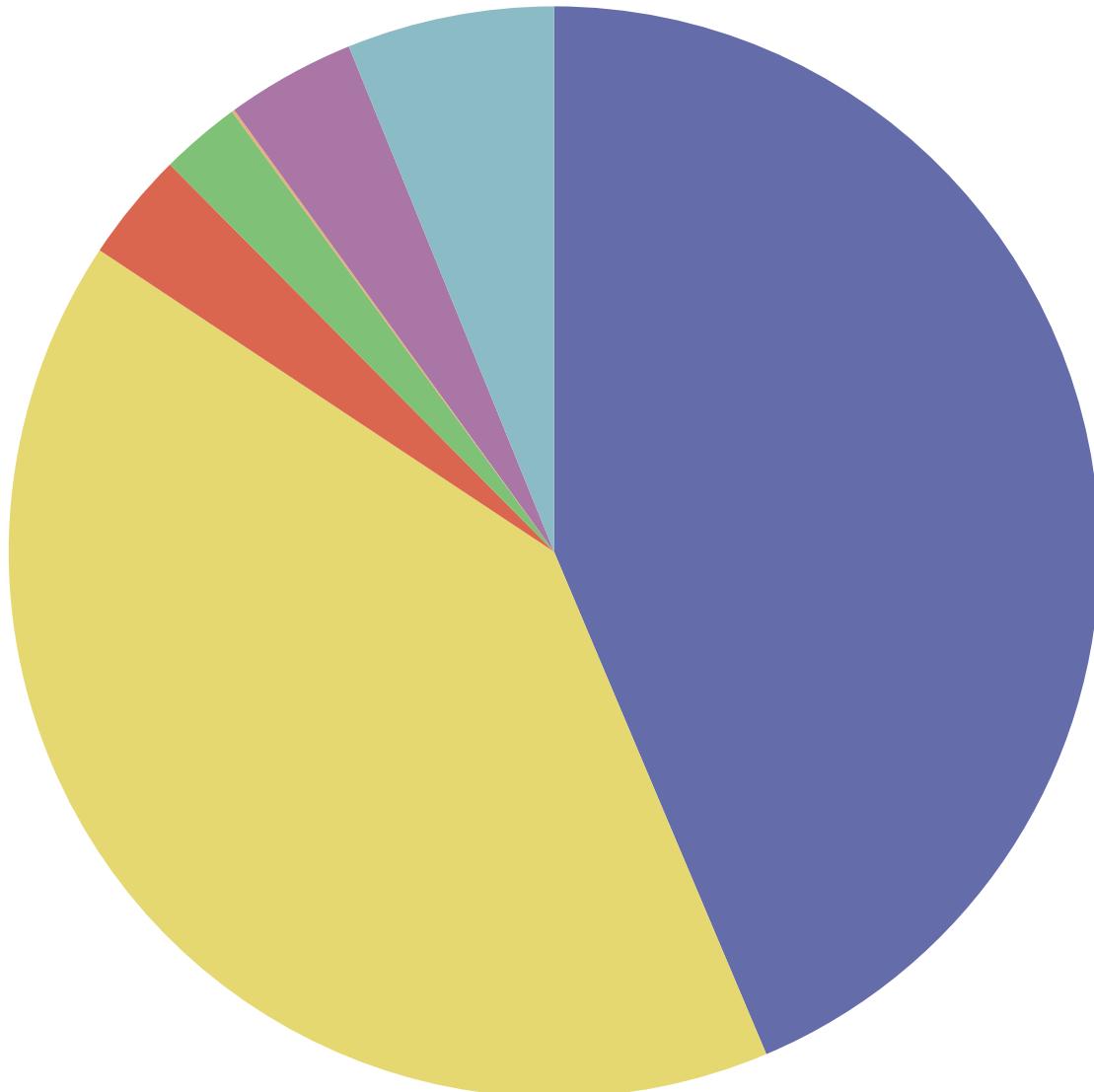


↑6.9%

↑16.5%

↑14.0%

Financials



ASSETS = \$15,876,519

- Restricted Investments, 43.6%
- Current Investments, 40.6%
- Cash, 3.3%
- Pledges Receivable, 2.4%
- Inventory, 0.1%
- Beneficial Interest in Trusts/Assets, 3.8%
- Art and Book Collections, 6.2%

Financials

REVENUE

- 🐾 **Public Support** ↓14.7%*◊ (from FY24)
- 🐾 **Revenues & Gains** ↓16.3%

EXPENSES

- 🐾 **Grants and Scholarships** ↓32%*◊◊
- 🐾 **Management Costs** ↓6%*
- 🐾 **Fundraising Costs** ↓58%*◊◊◊

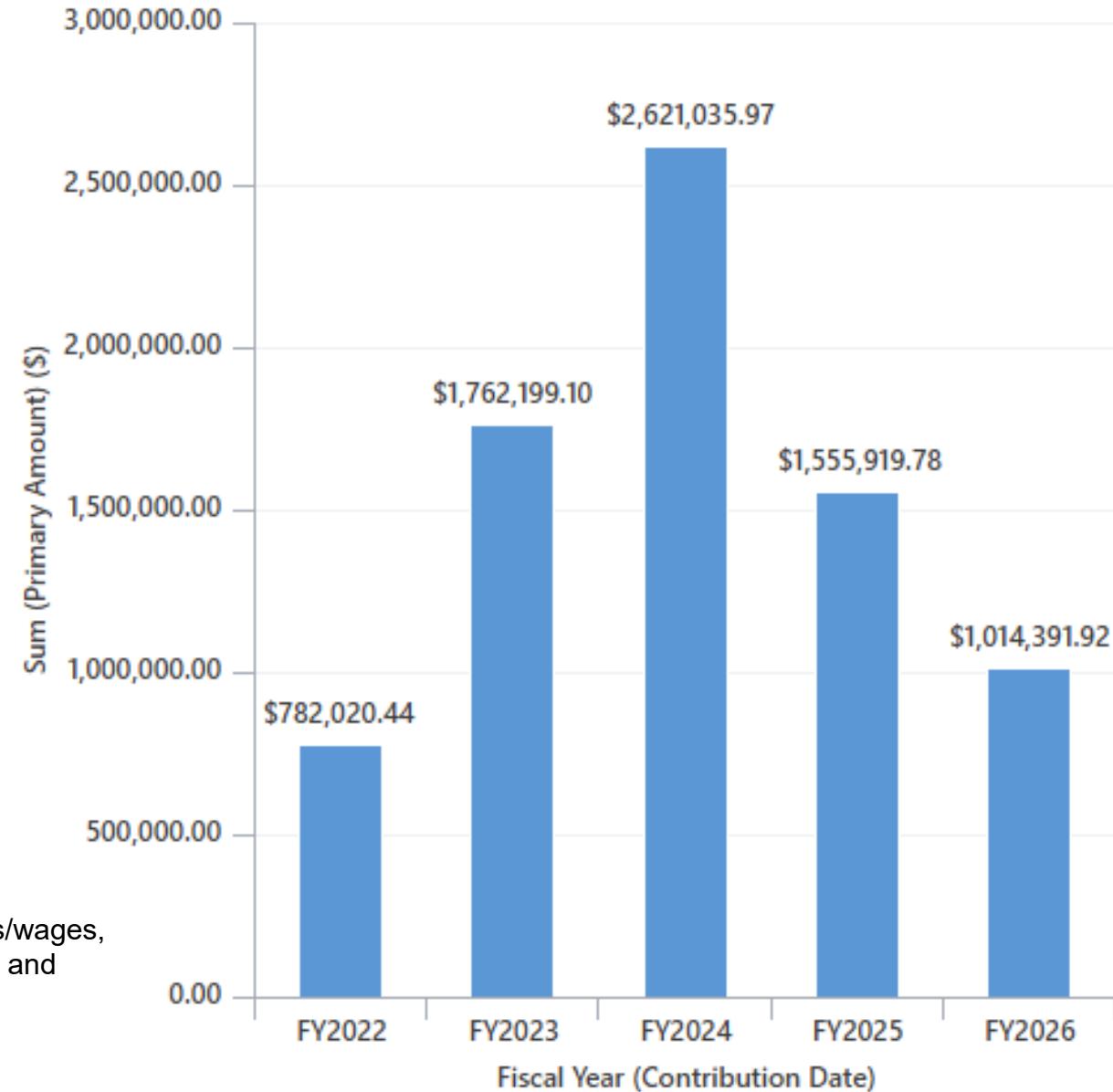
*Adjusted to remove in-kind support from the College. Audit financials include salaries/wages, software, and facilities, paid by College. Non-adjusted changes: ↓18%, ↓30%, ↑212% and ↓26%, respectively

◊ Decrease reflects the realization of a planned gift in FY2024

◊◊ Decrease reflects campaign completion and timing of grant deposits

◊◊◊ Decrease reflects a change in accounting procedure

Total Giving by Year





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Alumni and Friends Association

Alumni & Friends Association Mission and Vision

Vision: To create change through alumni connections.

Mission: Building a dynamic, engaging community dedicated to the prospering of alumni, students, and friends of Barton Community College.

- 🐾 Support and encourage a continuing interest in Barton and its programs
- 🐾 Promote cultural, academic, and career advancement of its members
- 🐾 Encourage generous support to the institution through volunteer time, gifts, and bequests
- 🐾 Assist in the recruitment and support of students attending Barton

Priorities

Infrastructure

- Define membership levels and pricing
- Define member benefits
- Implement member management system

Branding

- Create identity
- Develop communication channels and plans
- Build partnerships

Identify Members

- Reconnect with lost alumni
- Fund graduation fees for current students
- Conduct membership drives

**Do you have
a great idea?**

We want to hear it!

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THANK YOU!

 *Questions?*

