

The background of the slide features a large tree with green and yellowing leaves on the left, and a building with a 'BARTON Cougars' banner on the right. The banner shows a cougar's head and the text 'BARTON Cougars'.

BARTON FOUNDATION UPDATES

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



FOUNDATION UPDATES

Faculty Mini-Grants

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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 McKiearnan, 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

A smiling woman with long brown hair, wearing a blue graduation cap and gown, is holding a blue banner. The banner features a cougar logo on the left and the text "BARTON Community College" on the right. The background is a solid blue color with a repeating pattern of the college's name and logo.

FOUNDATION UPDATES

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



Give a little

CHANGE A LOT

2026
Employee Giving
Campaign

 Barton Community College
FOUNDATION

Employee Giving

Funds Supported:

Barton BASICS Scholarship

Barton Foundation Memorial Scholarship

Barton County Alumni Scholarship

BEST Scholarship

Betty Erikson Memorial Scholarship

Cougar Supply Den and Closet

Dr. Raymond J. Leiker Scholarship for MLT Studies

Ed and Berniece Olejniczak Endowment

LaOportunidad Scholarship

Student Emergency Assistance Fund

Unrestricted Fund

Veterans Scholarship

Vocal & Instrumental Music Endowment

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 male graduates in blue caps and gowns, smiling at the camera. They are in the foreground, with a blurred background of other graduates and spectators in bleachers. A basketball hoop and a "#GoCo" sign are visible in the background.

FOUNDATION UPDATES

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

STUDENT AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAMS

2%

Student Assistance

Cougar Supply Den and Closet
Student Emergency Assistance Fund

GED Testing Fee Assistance
Student Textbook Assistance

6%

Academics

Anatomage Tablets, Science
Library Collection Update
Jack Kilby STEM Day Sponsorship
Water Distillers, Chemistry

Genetic Info Models, Biology
Advanced College Textbooks, BASICS
Graphing Calculators, Mathematics
Novels, English

10%

11%

Miscellaneous Projects

College Special Events
Upward Bound Programming

Bart the Cougar Mascot Costume

14%

Workforce Training

External Feeding Pump and Adapter, Nursing
Nail Gun, Carpentry
Semi Truck Seat, CDL
Central Venous Models, Nursing
Wound Care Model, Nursing
LedgerMania Board Games, Business

Manual Stair Chair, EMS
CPR Mannequins and AED Trainer, EMS
Patient Warming Blanket System, Nursing
Range Kits and Supplies, Criminal Justice
Digital Opportunities to Connect Kansans
(DOCK) Matching Grant

57%

Fine and Performing Arts

Concert Sponsorships, Music
Bassoon, Music
NYC Dance Studio Classes, Dance
Kiln Shelves, Ceramics
Stools and Carts, Visual Arts

Musical Sponsorships, Theatre
Digital Photography Equipment
Amps and Equipment, Music
Shafer Gallery Outreach and Events
Artist Masterclasses, Music

Specialty Scholarships

Barton Bound Scholarship Supplement
Correctional Student Scholarships

Nursing Faculty Coursework Grants

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 Akins Legacy Scholarship

Following the passing of Lily Akins in May 2025, her family, friends, and community came together to establish the Lily Akins 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

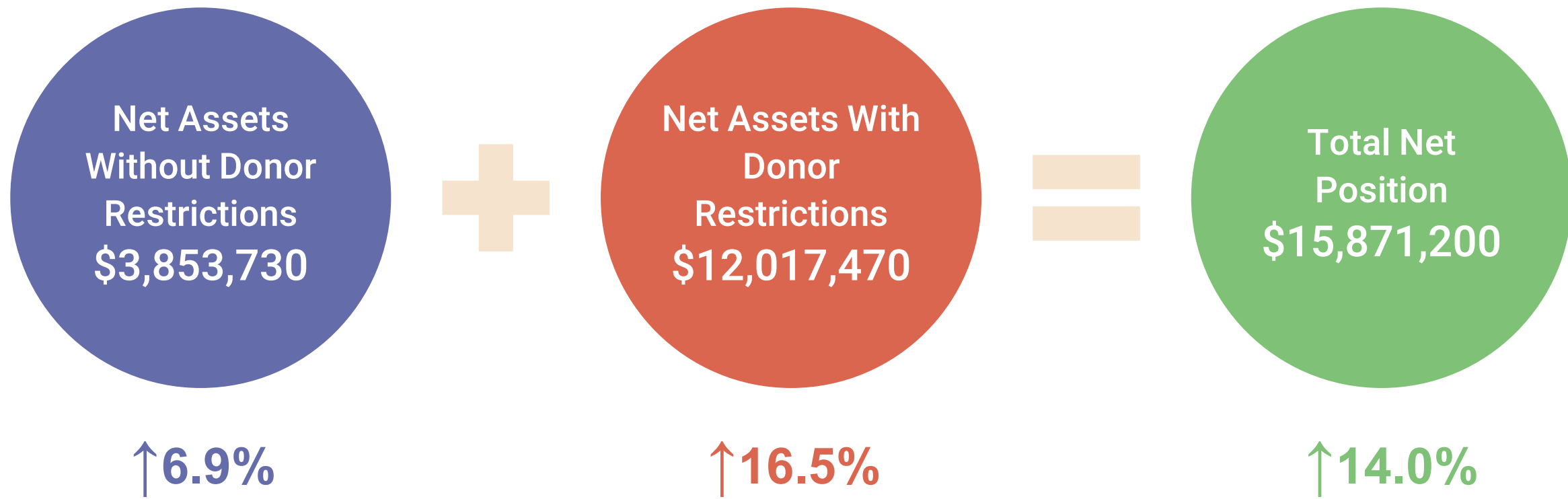
Stewardship is the foundation of trust. We know every dollar represents belief in our mission, and we treat that responsibility with care and transparency.

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.

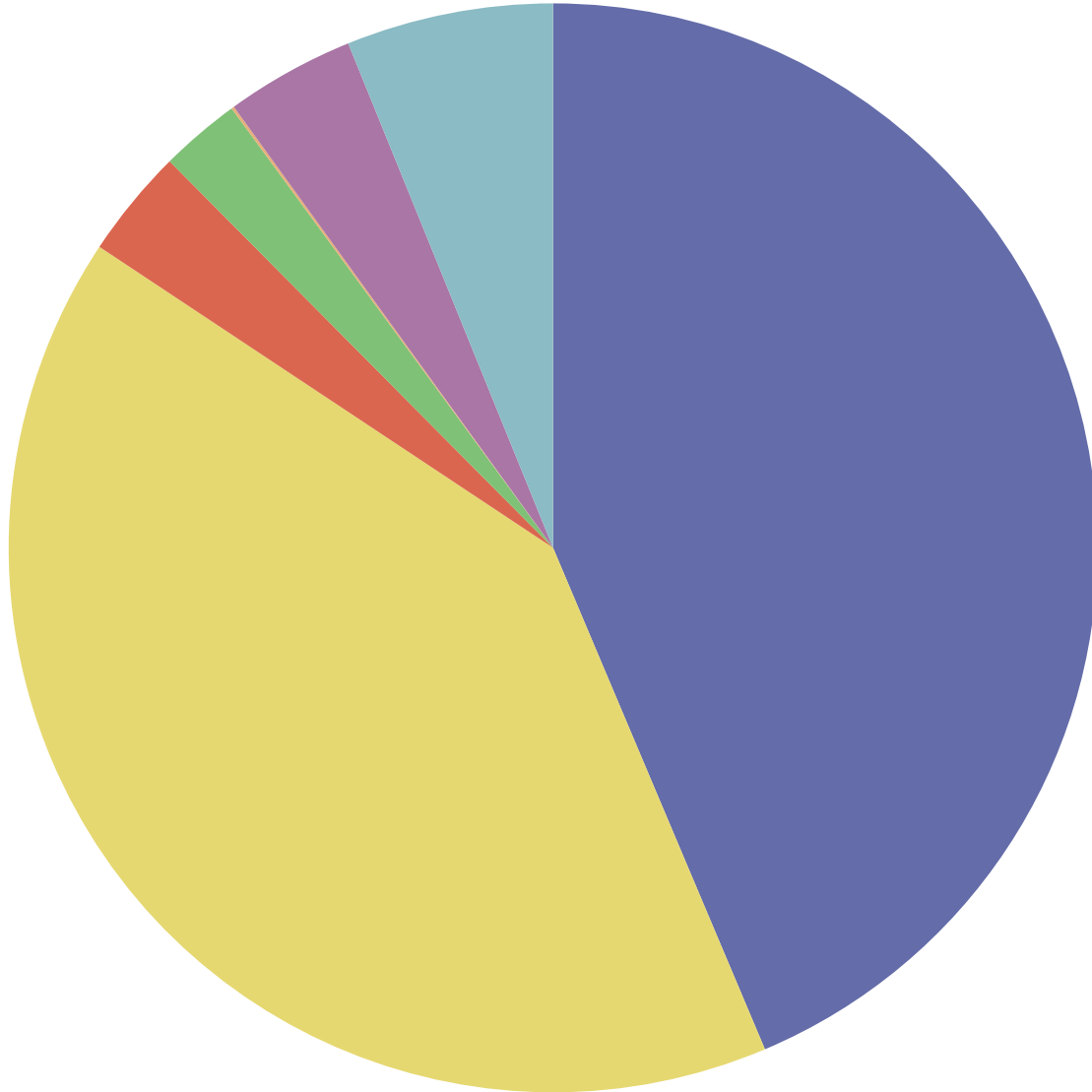
2025 Financial Highlights

- 🐾 **\$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



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

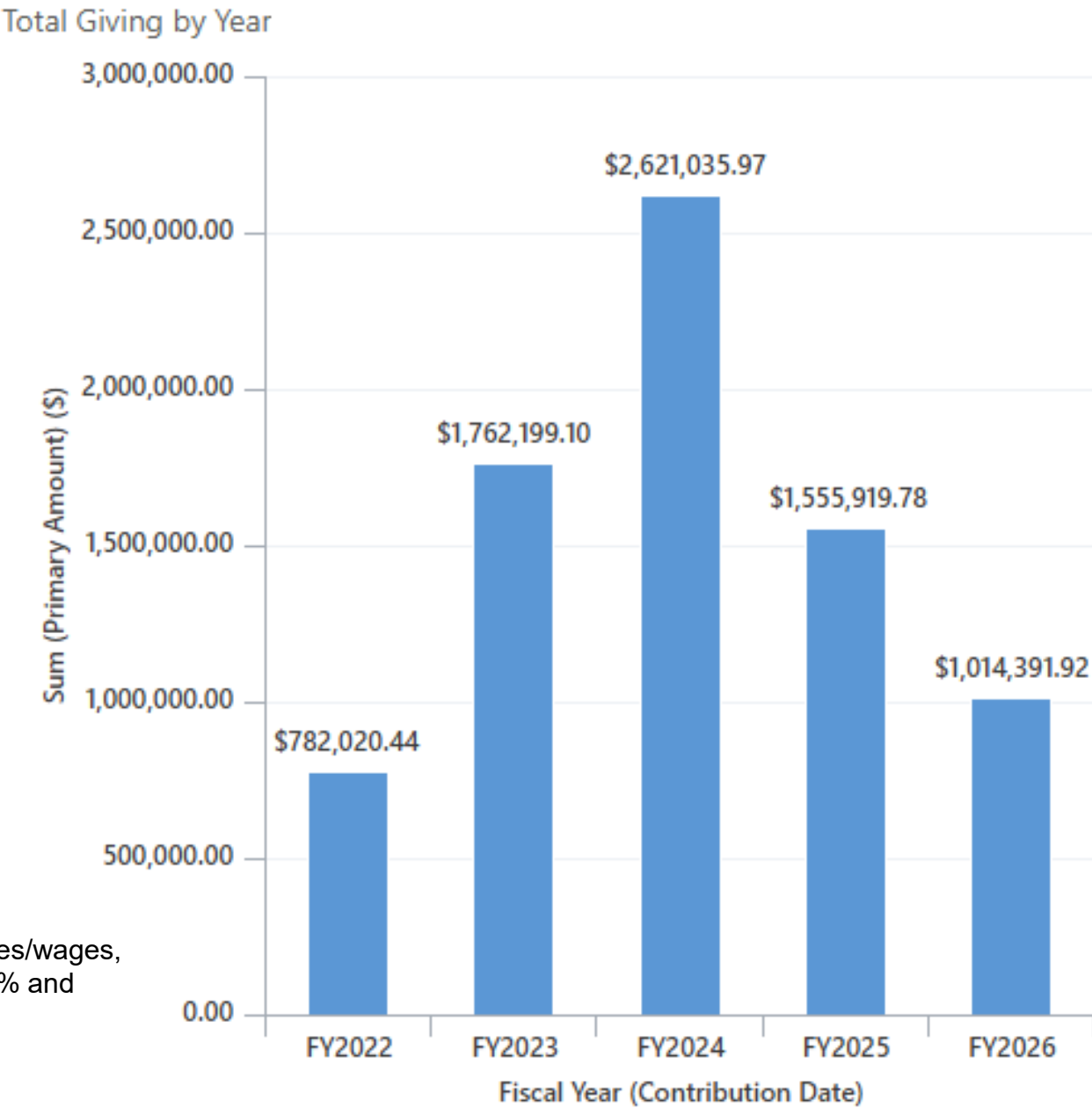
- Grants and Scholarships ↓32%*◇◇
- Management Costs ↓6%*
- Fundraising Costs ↓58%*◇◇◇

*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



A photograph of two women in a hospital hallway. The woman on the left is wearing a grey blazer over a pink shirt and has a stethoscope around her neck. The woman on the right is wearing purple scrubs and a name tag. They are both looking at a document held by the woman on the left. The background shows a hallway with a door labeled 'EXAM 2' and a staircase.

FOUNDATION UPDATES

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!

Email Julie Bugner Smith
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THANK YOU!

 *Questions?*

