

Advanced Microcomputer Repair & Upgrade Class Builds Computer From The Ground Up

Barton Foundation Advances \$1,500 Seed Money

The Foundation Board of Directors were excited to help with a project that will give the Advanced Microcomputer Repair and Upgrade classes an opportunity to showcase their mental & technical abilities. The board advanced \$1,500 to be used for seed money to purchase parts so the students can build a total computer system. Each year this showcase computer will be utilized in class projects as well as a recruiting tool when visiting area high schools. Each computer will then be sold at the Foundation's Annual Big Benefit auction and the proceeds will be used to repeat the computer project the next year. The instructor, Steve Oelke told the board they did not have funds in their normal operating budget to continue to build a computer each year and this gift will enable them to give their students an opportunity to apply the knowledge they have learned in class to a real world situation. It will also give the student some ownership in the networking program, and provide some much needed recognition for the networking program.