

Two learners conquer all 10 books

Barton was the right prescription

Jacob Fenske did not want to settle for his second choices when it came to the important life decisions about college and career.

He knew he was great in math, and was very interested in chemistry and a possible career as a pharmacist. But reading was such a struggle. He read very slowly, often skipping over unknown words so that at the end of a paragraph he did not fully understand the text.

He started studying the Barton System with a Literacy Council tutor during his freshman year of high school. At the time, Jacob thought he might be heading for community college and a career in construction because his grades were not high



Honor roll student



enough for a four-year college.

Barton was the right tool that he needed to boost his reading skills, and he saw his grades improve. He made the honor roll his senior year.

He completed the Barton series because he knew that the Greek and Latin influences in Book 10 would be very

helpful in reading technical and scientific assignments in college.

Jacob will be heading into his sophomore year of college in the fall at Saginaw Valley State University. Because of Barton, he is studying chemistry and **following his dream to be a pharmacist.**

Parent praises program, proud of son's progress

Kaleb Kiper's mother credits the Literacy Council's Barton program with making her son happier — an amazing endorsement.

"Kaleb is a lot more confident now because he reads better," his mother, Melissa Kirkpatrick, said. "He feels better about himself and it (knowing how to read) has taken a lot of pressure off of him."

Kaleb, now a junior, was diagnosed with dyslexia when he was in eighth grade, after years of struggling with reading. At that time, he was reading at a first-grade level, even though he had been in special education

classes and his mother had paid professionals to tutor him.

For two years, Kaleb and his tutor, Carol Zombeck, worked around his busy schedule as they progressed through all 10 books in the Barton program.

His hard work and dedication paid off because he is **now reading at grade level**. He no longer dreads going to school, because he earned his way out of special education and is now in classes with his friends.

"After trying many avenues, Barton is the one that worked for Kaleb," Melissa said. His future plans include playing football while in college.

Success stories

The Barton Reading & Spelling System is a series of 10 books designed to teach reading and phonics to people with dyslexia and struggling young learners. It was created by Susan Barton as a multi-sensory, one-on-one reading method.

The last books in the series deal with advanced language concepts. It is a unique accomplishment to finish the entire Barton series.

In the past 18 months, 179 children have been tutored using the Barton system.