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With a 75 year history, Pratt Community College is a two-year public, comprehensive community college and an area vocational school. We offer a well-rounded general education for the student planning to transfer to a four-year college or university. For our technical students, we provide the skills needed to enter directly into the workforce.

PCC provides an active campus environment for more than 350 residents housed in six residence halls. In addition to numerous student activities, the college offers over a dozen student organizations and clubs with additional opportunities to participate in music, arts, and athletics.

PCC is a member of the highly competitive NJCAA Region VI, Jayhawk West Conference and offers 7 men's and 7 women's athletic programs.

With a focus on providing a student-centered education, we know that you will discover why at Pratt Community College you will learn from the best and experience the difference with our people, programs and service.

The mission of Pratt Community College is maximum student learning, individual and workforce development, high quality instruction and service, and community enrichment.



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DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION



Pratt Community College hosted a weekend of events in April of 2013 to celebrate the college's 75th Anniversary. During the weekend of April 12 – 14, PCC offered several special events as part of its "Diamond Jubilee" celebration.



BEAVER BACKER BASH

The 75th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee kicked off in style with the **25th Annual Beaver Backer Bash** on the evening of Friday, April 12. The dinner and auction were held in the 4-H Building at the Pratt County Fairgrounds.

A commemorative 75th Anniversary quilt created by PCC employee Janie Whitman and a party for eight featuring an Alaskan King Crab and Fillet dinner were just two of the many items auctioned off.

The Beaver Backer Bash was co-hosted by 1985 Outstanding Alumnus Don Woolfolk and Don Blasi of Pratt. Special recognition went to Dorothea Giannangelo, who was a member of the Class of 1942 and the 1968 Outstanding Alumnus Award Winner. All proceeds of this annual event go to provide scholarships to deserving PCC students.

ATHLETIC EVENTS

The Men and Women's Track & Field team hosted a **75th Anniversary 5K Run & 1K Walk/Kids Run** which took place Saturday, April 13 on the campus of Pratt Community College.

On Sunday, April 14th, Pratt Community College hosted a **Golf Tournament** at Pratt's Park Hills Country Club to benefit PCC Athletics.



SOUTH PACIFIC

On April 12, 13 & 14, Pratt Community College's Performing Arts celebrated the Diamond Jubilee by presenting **"South Pacific."**

According to Misty Beck, "We wanted to choose something that had a long-standing tradition in music theatre like the college has in Pratt."



OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

On Saturday, April 13, the **2013 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year Award** was presented to Steven E. Eubank in Carpenter Auditorium on the campus of Pratt Community College.

"Steven is known statewide and have received many honors for his musical accomplishments," said Jim Stratford, vice-president of instruction.

Eubank has been a vocal music educator in Kansas and Missouri since 1973. He received his post-secondary education from Pratt Community College and Friends University in Wichita (BME), with graduate studies at Wichita State University, the University of Kansas, and St. Louis University.



HALL OF FAME

For the second year in a row, Pratt Community College recognized outstanding athlete alumni at the **Athletics Hall of Fame Induction**.

PCC opened the Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012 and inducted the first class of 23 members. This year 15 more were inducted in conjunction with PCC's 75 Anniversary.

"We are excited to be honoring people that have not only made their mark here but went on made their mark elsewhere as well," said Kurt McAfee, athletic director. "They are some of the people who have made this place great over the past 75 years, so it only made sense to have them be a part of the event."

During the ceremony, each inductee was recognized and given a plaque, and given the opportunity to tell a little bit about themselves and their experiences at PCC.



L-R: Krystle McCorgary, James Lemley, Ken Sargeant, Joe Searles, Jennifer Paynter, Bill Larson

Bill Larson	<i>Football 1971-1972</i>
Joe Searles	<i>Football 1959-1961</i>
Tony Elliot	<i>Football 1980</i>
Bob Stankovich	<i>Football 1965-1966</i>
Ken Sargeant	<i>Track 1960-1962</i>
Shawn Johns	<i>Track 1986-1987</i>
Gretchen Semsroth	<i>Track 1986-1988</i>
Gary Blosser	<i>Wrestling 1970-1972</i>

Shawn Jamison	<i>Basketball 1988-1989</i>
Jennifer Paynter	<i>Softball 2000-2002</i>
Steve Neal	<i>Baseball 1996-1998</i>
Krystle McCorgary	<i>Golf 2003-2005</i>
James Lemley	<i>Golf 2002-2003</i>
Kenny Wetzel	<i>Tennis 1965-1967</i>
Tyrene Crouch	<i>Rodeo 1986-1988</i>

FAREWELL TO PRESIDENT WOJCIECHOWSKI



BUILDING RENAMED

After working at the college for 24 years, Wojciechowski announced in March that he would be retiring. On May 13, Pratt Community College's Board of Trustees showed their appreciation to President Dr. William Wojciechowski by changing the name of East Hall to Dr. William Wojciechowski Hall.

"I am shocked and surprised. It is quite the honor," Wojciechowski said. "Anytime people go out of their way to recognize a person, it's a great feeling to know that people appreciate your hard work."

COMMUNITY RECEPTION

Relatives, employees, colleagues & community members gathered on July 26 to bid farewell to President Wojciechowski.

At the closing of the reception, Board Chair Michele Hamm presented a resolution on behalf of the Board to Dr. Wojciechowski, conferring upon him the honorary title of **President Emeritus**.



PTK BESTOWS AWARD

On April 5, Dr. William Wojciechowski was recognized for his hard work and dedication to the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.

Wojciechowski received the **Michael Bennett Lifetime Achievement Award** at the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention. This award is given to college presidents who have been support the PTK organization and are retiring from their careers.

"He is the definition of leadership through his strong inspiration, bounteousness, expertise, integrity and involvement," said Sandra Wagner, PTK co-sponsor. "He has shared these strong characteristics for 24 years with PTK students, as well as throughout the PCC environment."

"The award means a lot because I was nominated by the students," he said. "I am wowed and humbled because I don't think I have done more than any other president would do to help support their students and help them to succeed."



THE YEAR IN REVIEW

NEW PROGRAMS

In the fall semester, PCC introduced the **Wildlife Enterprise Management** program, which prepares students for a career in the growing commercial industry of recreational hunting, fishing and outdoor activities.

PCC also received a 2013-2014 Innovation Grant for \$20,000 to develop training leading to an **associate's degree in multimedia**. PCC will partner with the Kiowa County Media Center to provide this new program.

NEW ARTICULATIONS

In January, PCC signed an articulation agreement with **Baker University**, the first agreement between PCC and a private Kansas college. On Nov. 6, PCC signed an articulation agreement with **Kansas Wesleyan University**. Both agreements allow PCC students who have earned an Associate of Science or Associate of Arts to transfer as a baccalaureate degree-seeking student with junior standing.

COMMUNITY CHANNEL

In Oct., PCC launched a community channel now airing on channel 121 and 95.2 through Cox Communications. PCC is partnering with local sponsors to provide information about the college and local programs and events.

EXECUTIVE IN RESIDENCE

On Feb. 7, PCC proudly hosted **Bill Keller**, President of Stanion Wholesale Electric Co., Inc. Keller is the recipient of the 25th Annual Boyd Davies Executive-in-Residence, a program developed to connect students and community members with prominent businesspeople in the community.



PASS / SI UPDATE

The **Program for the Academic Success of Student-athletes** (PASS) was institutionalized after the fall 2012 semester. Its focus is providing student-athletes with orientations, structured study halls, and intrusive advising to increase chances of student success at PCC, and after the student transfers to a four year college.

The **Supplemental Instruction** (SI) program is a valuable tool for students that are enrolled in "high risk" classes such as Physical Science, College Algebra, Biology, etc. SI was absorbed by PASS this fall. This is an effort to increase the effectiveness of the SI program by including it as an option for student-athletes to meet their PASS academic requirements.

Since our student-athletes range from developmental to valedictorian level students, we discovered a need for specified academic opportunities. Some of our students have a need for tutoring services, while some benefit more from peer-lead study groups. Including the SI program as an option for our PASS students allows them a chance to choose their method of study.

The program showed improvements in student-athletes' GPAs, retention and graduation rates for a three-year period. The PASS director, the assistant to the president, and the VP of students accepted an invitation to present their findings at the Higher Learning Commission's 2013 National Convention.

RELAY FOR LIFE

On August 16, Pratt Community College students, faculty and staff took place in the Pratt County Relay for Life. The team theme was "**101 Dalmatians**," and PCC had 101 volunteers donating their time to setup, planning, organization and walking during the relay. The volleyball team is pictured above walking for the cure, Dalmatian style!



STUDENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

CAMPUS CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Kappa Beta Delta, the honor society for business students, recycled 50 toner cartridges during the fall semester, both large and small.

“Several years ago, we started a paper recycling initiative in computer labs, since we use so much paper in the classroom. Shortly after, we expanded to toner cartridges to prevent them from being put into the landfills so quickly. We deliver the cartridges to the **Pratt Humane Society**, and they use it as a fund raiser. As a business honor society, we felt this was a good way to promote awareness for how many cartridges and how much paper is being used across our campus and in businesses everywhere. We like that it allows us to benefit a local shelter and help the environment at the same time.

- Carol Ricke, business instructor and Kappa Beta Delta adviser

The **Gay-Straight Alliance** volunteers at the Country Estates Mobile Home Park. The group effort includes picking up trash, brush cleanup and light yard work.

Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society sponsored a community blood drive on the PCC campus in September, collecting 44 units of blood for the Red Cross.

Beavers on Stage performed for, assisted with, or donated to the following events and organizations:

- Hillside Terrace
- Nursing Home
- Rotary Club
- County Choral Concert
- State Music Festival for HS
- PCC Graduation
- PCC Summer Kids Camp
- Church Night at Lemon Park
- The Lodge in Medicine Lodge
- Medicine Lodge All-School Reunion
- PCC Rodeo Concessions
- Harvest Farm
- PHS Class of 1953 Reunion
- St. Boniface Auxiliary
- Community Concert
- Hospice Auction
- PHS Fall Musical
- HOPE Center
- Old-Fashioned Christmas
- Community Thanksgiving Service

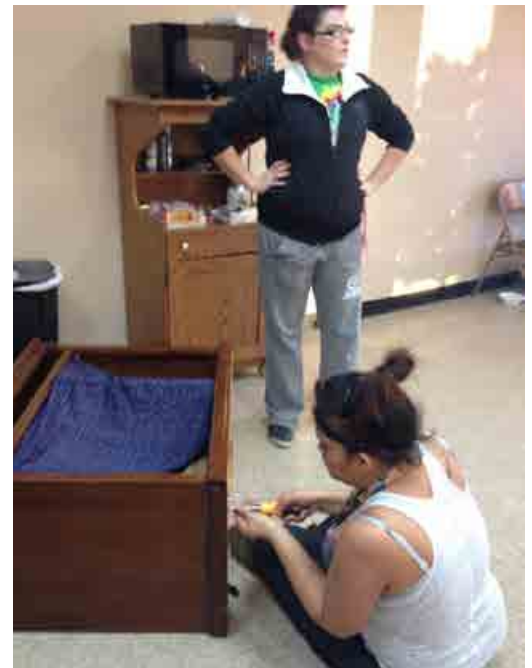
During the 2012-2013 school year:

11,000 Hours of community engagement by PCC faculty, staff and students.

190 Community groups used PCC facilities.

20,000 Visitors to campus from community functions, group meetings and out of town guests.

Beavers on Stage students volunteer at the HOPE Center. Below, Beavers on Stage gives a Valentine's Day performance at the Rotary Club.



OUR STORIES



While attending PCC I have volunteered at the Pratt Public Library, the Humane Society and St. Paul Lutheran School. When I spend time at the preschool helping in the classroom, the teacher has more time to actually teach the students, which helps them to learn and grow as they're being prepared for the next chapter in their life.

My time at the preschool not only helps the teacher but it has also helped me grow as a person. I have developed a lot of patience as well as being more skilled in talking to both children and adults.

Community service has always been a big part of my life, and I believe that **helping others makes the world a better place.**

- Jessica Osner, Geology Major



"One of the ways my college education has been helpful to me is by helping me become a better person, and giving me the tools use my knowledge to be helpful to other people.

I choose to volunteer my time at the Pratt Country Estates because it's my neighborhood, and as a member of the community, I think we all should be more involved and donate our time to make our community better.

Pratt Country Estates reached out to us and it's my duty to help - whether it be mowing, picking up trash or raking up leaves. **It's the little things that make communities stand out.** I'm thankful that I had the chance to help.

- Austin Alstatt, Liberal Arts Major



I volunteer at the Pratt Regional Medical Center and help patients get to the right places if they don't know how to get to their destination. My public speaking skills and my psychology knowledge help me know how people react in different situations and how to treat them depending on the situation.

My endeavors while at PCC have benefited my school, community, and society in ways that without my education would have been difficult.

I hope that my success will one day make me a role model in society.

- Angie Alvarez, Pre-Med Major

ABOVE AND BEYOND

The Above and Beyond scholarship provides full tuition and books plus a stipend of \$500.00 per semester. Selection is based on overall academic work, performance on the ACT assessment test and participation in school and community leadership activities.

Students on scholarship must also perform 50 hours of community engagement each semester. We take pride in being an integral part of the community through volunteer service, engagement and enrichment.

During the Fall 2013 semester:

552 Hours of community engagement by **Above and Beyond Scholars** alone for these businesses and organizations:

- St. Paul Lutheran Preschool
- Greenback Booster Club
- Pratt Teen Center
- Skyline Schools
- Camp Quaker Haven
- Pratt Friends Church
- Red Cross
- Medicine Lodge High School
- MJ Dance Studio
- Hospice
- City of Isabel
- PCC Volleyball Kids Camps
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Sacred Heart School
- Middle School Lil Buddies

ATHLETES IN THE COMMUNITY

2297 hours of community engagement performed by student athletes during 2013. The following are just a few of the many activities the individual teams have been involved in last spring and this past fall:

Men's Basketball was active in the Lil' Buddies Program at Pratt Middle School and assisted with the MS Bike Ride.

Women's Basketball helped with the Southwest Carnival and was instrumental in helping the City of Pratt ready the Christmas lights for the season's holiday display. **Track and Field** helped with both Pratt High and Skyline's Cross Country meets. **Cheer** put on the Little Beaver Cheer Clinic. **Wrestling** helped several individuals in the community load their belongings for their move and were involved in numerous clean-up projects around PCC and the city of Pratt.

Women's Soccer helped with the Pratt County Fair watermelon feed and served as referees for the youth soccer program here in Pratt. **Men's Soccer** helped with the Relay for Life and also assisted in several cleanup projects on campus and around the area. **Softball** decorated the Spook Train and helped with the serving of the Community Thanksgiving Dinner and the Rotary Valentine dinner. **Baseball** helped set up the Halloween Train and were invaluable in getting the Lemon Park lights ready for the display. **Volleyball** helped with Relay for Life, the Chamber of Commerce dinner, and helped to pack and move a PCC employee.



If you talk to the students they will tell you that it is the people of this community that make them feel like Pratt is their "home away from home". Although it would be impossible to list all of the ways the athletic teams of PCC have helped the individuals and organizations of Pratt, it is our hope that, through community service, the student athletes of PCC might be able to give back a portion of what is given to them by this community while they are students at Pratt Community College.

ATHLETICS UPDATES



KURT McAFEE *athletic director*

As I reflect back on another year, a lot has changed, though many things stay the same. As usual, the success we have enjoyed has come at the price of losing a few good coaches who utilized a good season and accepted a more lucrative position with another institution. We are grateful for their contribution but struggle with an all too familiar process of recruiting another coach. As we close out last year I think it is also important to note that PCC Beaver athletes racked up a total of 2297.5 hours of community service. We had 39 student-athletes with a 3.6 GPA. of higher and several of our teams outperformed their peers in team GPA, graduation rates and retention. Proving again that Pratt Community College is not only a great place to get a quality education, but a place where individuals learn to compete in life.

Women's Basketball finished 6th in the conference for the 2012-13 season. They began the 2013-14 season with a 9-0 run, the best in school history. Soph. guard Tatiana Grant was named back-to-back Player of the Week in the conference, and alumnus Kelsey Strobel was named Player of the Week at Sterling College. Head Coach Stephanie Thompson takes on her 6th season and has won more games during her tenure than any other women's basketball coach at PCC.

Wrestling had a year to remember. Landon "Tug" Keiswetter took the national title in his 184 lb. weight division and became the second wrestler in PCC history to become a two-time All-American. Tug holds the Pratt all-time career wins record. Other national qualifiers were Luke Dutch in the 141 lb. bracket, Korey Pfannensteil in the 149 lb. bracket, Sheldon Graves in the 165 lb. weight class, Taylor Baird at 197 lbs. and Kasey Crump in the 285 lb. class. Baird is now wrestling at Bethany College, a team ranked 10th in the nation. The team finished the 2012-13 season ranked 21, marking the second straight year finishing in the top 25. This year's successes make second-year Head Coach Ken Kepley the first PCC wrestling coach to have a national champion and the second to have a two-time All-American. The 2012-13 team had the highest GPA of any program in the country at 3.03.

Baseball was once again in the 2012-13 Region VI playoffs. Eric Thompson took over the team last year, instilling a work ethic coupled with a solid recruiting class has everyone around Stanion Field excited for the start of the season. No one has spent more time in the weight room than the baseball team.

Softball declared Division 1 status and will move to the Jayhawk West division next year. Upgrades to Lemon Park field make it one of the best venues in the conference. The team has 27 consecutive semesters with a 3.0 or above GPA as a team. Head Coach Mike Manderino took over the program in Fall 2012 with expectations of continuing the strong winning and academic traditions at PCC. Finishing his first season at 21-25, PCC Softball made the Region VI play-offs.

Track & Field and XC was dealt a blow in the off season. Coach Ryan Turner was lured away just days before the signing period and many of our verbal commitments back out. After an extensive search we were fortunate to hire Daniel Adler. Last year's track team broke six school records: TaQuisha Drisdell once again broke her school record in the 200m and the 4 x 400m relay with Tamika Crawford, Arbonee Marshall, Jenny Boroughs, and Maribel Fraire. Darius Hyacinth finished 5th place at the national outdoor in the triple jump with a jump of 14.56 meters (47-09.25). Also qualifying for the Beavers were Blake Thompson who finished 19th in the mile and Jared Walker who placed 34th in both the 55 meter and 200 meter races.

Volleyball saw a coaching change midway through last season. Misty Arnold took a crew deep on talent but lacking direction and righted the ship. She could hardly contain her enthusiasm for her first recruiting class but injuries decimated the team. Returning honorable mention Darian Konrade, freshman outside hitter, tore her ACL and highly-recruited freshman Kelsey Wegleitner tore her rotator cuff during the pre-season. This group of girls remained resilient but more injuries and a very talented Jayhawk conference was too much to overcome and the team bowed out to Barton in the first round.

Men's Soccer also went through a coaching change and missed the play-offs for the first time in the program's history. Coach Kevin Kewley left before the start of the season to take over at Barton CC. The highlight of the season was beating Coach Kewley, Barton's second loss at home in seven years. Kevin Edwards took over the reins weeks before the season and managed to keep this year's squad in the hunt for post season until the last week of the season. The men finished 9th in the Jayhawk Conference. Jonathon Callaghan, a sophomore defender from Falkirk, Scotland, was awarded KJCCC honorable mention.

Women's Soccer is moving forward in the 4th year of the program under Jerrid Schicke. Freshman Lauren Snyder was named KJCCC honorable mention and NJCAA region VI 2nd team honors for the 2013 season. Alumnus Corrin Cook received honorable mention in the NSIC NCAA DII conference for the university of Sioux Falls. The team competed in indoor tournaments and several "friendlies."

Men's Basketball have improved in conference standings with each season under third-year Head Coach Jesse Shaw and are poised to make an even bigger jump this season. This is Shaw's sixth season on the sidelines for the Beavers altogether.

Cheer placed fifth in the National Cheerleaders Association (NCA) College Nationals. Nicole Strecker, Head Cheer Coach, is excited to begin working with the PCC squad. Strecker hopes to have a squad that helps in the community and provides support and service for civic organizations and projects.

FACULTY AND STAFF IN THE COMMUNITY

The faculty and staff of Pratt Community College are active on campus, in the classroom and in the community. The following areas are just a few of the areas in which our employees are involved:

1128 Hours of community engagement performed by faculty and staff from July - November 2013.

- Girl Scouts of America
- American Legion Baseball Tournament
- Rotary Club
- Barber County Fair
- Pratt County Fair
- Kingman County Fair
- Pratt Young Professionals
- Pilot Club
- Nomar CDC
- Relay for Life
- St. Paul Preschool
- PHS Volleyball
- Pratt County Lake
- Pratt Food Pantry
- Miss Kansas / Miss America
- Red Cross
- AGAPE clinic
- Bike MS
- First Christian Church clothing store
- Hospice thrift store
- District 7 VFW
- Pratt Area Churches
- PCC Rodeo
- Pratt Chamber of Commerce/ Tourism Committee
- Area rest homes
- Old-Fashioned Christmas Downtown
- Middle School Lil Buddies



OUR STORIES



GEORGIA PERRY *custodian*

"I'm from Pratt and I've lived here most of my life. I've moved away a few times but I always come back, because **this is my community and my home**. I was part of one of the largest graduating classes at the high school, and now I have grandchildren in the school system too. I feel connected to so many people in Pratt.

It's important to me to be able to give back to the community and especially the older people. They need and appreciate the help, and the service organizations I'm part of have so much fun doing it. I always wear my PCC shirt when I attend our meetings, and I'm glad to represent the college to people in the community that might not be aware of all the facilities and services that PCC has available."

FRANK STAHL *director of admissions* *36 hours of service in 2013*

"I learned from my grandmother the very basics of life.

I learned from watching her that you not only prepared food for yourself, but you prepared food, canned fruits and vegetables, for our friends. 'Our Friends' for grandma were any persons she knew that needed a pick-me-up. She would often give away the last pie, and she would pull something else together for the two of us. And it really was great, because she made it 'special for me.'

My graduate education included a major in Social Justice; Therefore, **my education and my experience both entail a lifetime commitment to service...**
it is the right thing for me to do!"



LEIGH ANN HALL *college health nurse* *56 hours of service in 2013*

"My volunteer involvement is just a regular part of my life and has been for years. I have been involved in my church for as long as I can remember. Growing up in my small, rural town, helping our neighbors with whatever need arose was what my parents and grandparents did. **I truly believe that's a big part of why we are all here: to help each other.** That's also why I enjoy my nursing career so much!

My prayer, my hope is to pass that on to my children, and anyone else who is witness to any kind of volunteer service. Giving back comes in many forms and you can almost always guarantee you will get back as much, or more, than you give!"



CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION

INTRODUCTION

The intention of Career Technical Education (CTE) is to offer **tuition free college credits** in technical education programs to high school students, while they complete their high school diplomas.

The college is committed to providing courses onsite (at the high school and college campus) and online to high school students throughout south central Kansas.

WHAT IT COVERS

Courses eligible for CTE inclusion include all those offered by Pratt Community College that are considered by the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) to be “tiered,” or those courses determined to be technical in nature. This includes Agriculture, Farm and Ranch Management, Farrier Science, Agriculture Power Technology, Automotive Technology, Information Network Technology, Nursing, Allied Health, Business Administrative Technology, Wildlife Enterprise Management, Solar Technology, Electrical Technology, Multimedia Production, and Electrical Powerline Technology.

There is no cost for tuition, but students will be responsible for purchasing their own textbooks, tools and course supplies, and some courses require special fees.

ELIGIBILITY

Students that are Kansas residents and currently enrolled in a high school, homeschool or high school equivalency program of at least junior standing are eligible for this program. Students of sophomore standing may apply with written recommendation of their high school administrator.

Students enrolled in a GED program or those already possessing a high school diploma are not eligible.



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE FOLLOWING CTE COURSES DURING SPRING 2013 AND FALL 2013:

Accounting I	Electrical II	Network System Tech.
Advertising	Engine Analysis	Nurse Aide I
Anatomy & Physiology	Engine Repair I	Occ Work Experience I
Animal Science	Engine Repair II	PC Repair & Support (A+)
Applied Welding	Fund. of Engines	Prin Tech I
Artificial Insemination	Horse Production	Spec Proj Welding
Auto Service & Maint	Ind Safety & Rel.	Steering & Suspension
Basic Nutrition	Intro to Accounting	Web Page Design
CAD I	Machine Tool Proc.	Welding I
CAD II	Medical Terminology	Welding II
Computers in Agr.	Medication Aide	
Crop Production	Microcomp Office Apps I	
Electrical I	Microcomputer App I	

STUDENTS ENROLLED IN CTE COURSES CAME FROM THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS:

Attica High School	Medicine Lodge High School
Bucklin High School	Norwich High School
Chaparral High School	Pratt High School
Cheney High School	Rolla High School
Cunningham High School	Skyline High School
Dodge City High School	South Barber High School
Kingman High School	St. John High School
Kiowa County High School	Stafford High School
Macksville High School	The Learning Center at Pratt

ACCREDITATION UPDATE

Accreditation is a marathon, not a sprint. This past year, we finished one of many marathons! Early in 2013, PCC received word from the Higher Learning Commission that it would be reaccredited for another seven years – the maximum timeframe under the current model. PCC has maintained accreditation since 1976.

In the 2004-2005 academic year, the institution transitioned to a new model of accreditation, known as the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP), which focuses on continuous quality improvement (CQI).

One tangible show of continuous improvement is through action projects.

These projects should enhance the institution's processes or programs. This is a breakdown of PCC's current action projects.



While accreditation is but a small part of what we do at PCC, it is proof that we are moving in the right direction and providing a quality education to our students. If you would like to learn more about accreditation at PCC, please contact the office of Planning and Assessment at 620-450-2188.

SUPERVISOR DEVELOPMENT

As a small institution, all of PCC's supervisors have responsibilities in addition to managing a department. It has become increasingly important for these supervisors to be provided a development program that helps them build the tools necessary to successfully lead. This project is building that program. As it grows, we hope to open the development program to our partners in the community, helping build strong organizations across Pratt.

MEASURING STUDENT CRITICAL THINKING

A recent book by Arum and Roksa, *Academically Adrift*, harshly criticized the ability of higher education to improve students' ability to think critically. PCC has measured student learning outcomes since the 90s. Core disciplines (reading, writing, mathematics, and critical thinking), have been measured through a standardized test given to graduates. In order to provide a benchmark for students, it has become necessary to measure core disciplines abilities before graduation. Last year, we added a reading measure, and have begun work on a critical thinking measure.

IMPROVING STUDENT SUCCESS

The final project focuses on student retention. A recent study by Noel-Levitz found that it costs up to 4 times the amount of money to recruit a new student than it does to retain an old student. With this concept in mind, this project will explore out-of-the-box ideas to increase retention. We already have one of the top retention rates in the state, we have set a goal that we have one of the top rates in the nation.



ECONOMIC IMPACT

Pratt Community College annually is one of the largest economic contributors to Pratt County. PCC is responsible for the livelihood of 1,214 Pratt County Wage earners (based on 2011 average Pratt County Wage of \$32,947). This is 13 percent of 2011 estimated Pratt County population of 9,676. (KS Statistical Abstract, 47th Edition, Sept. 2013)

Over the course of 2013, Pratt Community College's impact looked like this:

Employment: 332 Employees (Full time and Part time)
Payroll: \$6.358 million
Pratt Community College Purchases: \$2.601 million
Student Purchases: \$615,000
Visitor Purchases: \$365,000

Value at Minimum Wage: \$79,750
Annual Purchase of Local Goods: \$2.601 million
Annual Economic Contribution: \$40 million
Annual Local Tax: \$5,557,874
Annual Net Contribution: \$34,442,126

EDUCATIONAL IMPACT

Students Served: 2,325

Credit Hours: 33,911

Scholarship Dollars Awarded Annually to Pratt County Residents: \$136,838

Programs Offered:

- EduKan
- Pratt Online
- Student Success programs including the PASS program, developmental courses, financial aid, assessment testing and scholarships.
- Fort Hays State University Baccalaureate Programs - B.A. Education
- Kansas State University Baccalaureate Programs - B.S. Technical Management
- Concurrent technical education courses for area high school students with tuition waived.
- Continuing education opportunities in business and industry training for business professionals, health occupations and public service occupations.



PCC students interact with First State Bank at "Meet Pratt Night" in August 2013