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NEW EPT CLASSROOM BUILDING COMES TO LIFE

Pratt Community College broke ground at the northwest corner of campus on a new building that will house the Electrical Power Technology program. The building is approximately 7,500 square feet and includes three classrooms, three offices, a computer lab, commons area, and restrooms. The Law Company is the general contractor.



The facility will replace the current EPT facility that was originally constructed as a childcare facility and then moved to its current location. As the program grew a second classroom was added to the facility. Replacement of this facility has been on the Pratt Community College facility plan for several years. A grant proposal to replace the current facility was submitted but did not receive funding.

The cost of the new facility is \$2.1 million dollars financed with debt proceeds of \$1.9 million. The remainder of the project will be funded with PCC funds. The project is expected to be completed in November of 2024.

Call for upcoming newsletter content

If you have information or ideas for new content, fun facts, or PCC trivia, send them to Marketing for inclusion in the next newsletter

>>> marketing@prattcc.edu

Contributors

Thank you to all of our contributors.

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Quote of the Month

"What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."

- JANE GOODALL

April 2024

Important dates

Faculty Workday - No Classes
April 1st

PTK & KBD Induction Ceremony 6:30pm
April 1st

Current Student Advising Day - No Classes
April 10th

Last day to Withdrawal (full-semester classes)
April 10th

Performing Arts - Encore Finale Concert
April 21st

Beaver Building Day #1
April 23rd

Awards and Recognitions Ceremony
April 23rd

EPT Beaver Building Day
April 26th

May 2024 - A look ahead

Performing Arts - Choir & Jazz Band Concert
May 5th

Cap & Gown Pick-up - Upper Commons
May 7-8 - 1-4pm

Final Exams
May 7, 8, & 9th

Commencement Ceremonies
May 10th - 1pm & 3pm

Residence Hall Move Out
Non-graduates: May 10th at 5PM
Graduates: May 11th @ Noon

Final Grades Entry
May 14th

For more upcoming dates and information, visit prattcc.edu/calendar



NEW FACES ACROSS CAMPUS

Laura



Laura Davis joined us on March 18th as our new Data Coordinator. With her wealth of experience and strong analytical skills, Laura has already made a significant impact on our team. Laura's positive attitude and willingness to collaborate have been a wonderful addition to the Data Services Offices. We are excited to have her on board and look forward to achieving great things together.

Courtney McKinney is our new Student Success Coach, Specialist and started with us on April 1st. We are excited to see the great work Courtney will bring to the Student Success Office and her role in empowering our students to reach their full potential. Welcome, Courtney!



Courtney

Jeremy



Jeremy Patterson started in our Computer Specialist - Software Support role on March 25th. He has been a part of PCC Performing Arts for over a decade as the Technical Director and adjunct. Jeremy is thrilled to join the PCC staff full-time and to familiarize himself with our software. We are thankful to have him on our team and anticipate continued success with him in our IT department.



PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS

A NIGHT ON BROADWAY

PCC Encore group performed their annual Broadway Review Show this March. The show featured several group numbers, duets and solos. Eighteen different Broadway musicals were featured, including Hairspray, Rent, Mamma Mia, Six and Les Miserables. The PCC Kids' Choir and local friends also joined in the fun of singing and dancing.

Next up -

April 21st: Encore Finale Concert

May 5th: Cinco de Mayo Choir and Jazz Band Concert

View upcoming performance dates on our Performing Arts page:

<https://prattcc.edu/department/performing-arts>





TRANSFER

Scholarship

APPLICATION

AVAILABLE
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DEADLINE
APRIL 15TH

All PCC Graduates Scholarship



Irene Krueger

Female ONLY Scholarships



Pamela Dietz

Male ONLY Scholarship



Laura E. Porter



Linda Hunt



Novotny Memorial

For questions please contact Financial Aid
Email: finaid@prattcc.edu
Phone: 620-450-2247



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HONOR SOCIETY

hosts

Pratt Community College BLOOD DRIVE



Wednesday, April 24

8:30am to 2:30pm

**at Pratt Community College
inside Dennis Lesh Sports Arena**

348 NE SR 61, Pratt, KS, 67124

Click **HERE** for an appointment or see Jason Ratcliffe
or call **1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)**

American Red Cross

1-800-733-2767

redcrossblood.org

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36th ANNUAL

PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION



May 3, 2024

Dennis Lesh Sports Arena

**DOORS OPEN 6PM • DINNER 6-7:30PM
LIVE AUCTION 8PM**

Tickets \$50 & Reserved Tables \$350

ON SALE NOW

Contact Donna

620.450.2240 or donnamp@prattcc.edu

2024 PLATINUM UNDERWRITER

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COMMENCEMENT *Ceremony*

PRATT
Community College

MAY 10, 2024

DENNIS LESH SPORTS ARENA
IN THE BENSON EDUCATION CENTER
348 NE SR 61
PRATT, KS 67124

1 PM - AAS GRADUATES & CERTIFICATES

3 PM - AA, AS, AGS GRADUATES



**CAP & GOWN
PICK UP**

May 7-8 in the
Benson Commons Area
1:00 - 4:00pm



**ADDITIONAL
QUESTIONS?**

Contact Registrar's Office
620-450-2221



**CEREMONY
LIVE STREAM**

gobeaversports.com/links/LiveBroadcasts



PHOTOGRAPHY

Official photos available
for purchase at
gradimages.com

WHERE DO I GO?

Graduates should report to
Carpenter Auditorium at 12:30pm
for the 1:00pm ceremony;
2:30pm for the 3:00pm ceremony.
Graduation regalia
is required.

*Information subject to change

PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE **BEAVER**



PREPARE FOR FALL 2024
& Choose your session

<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>
23rd	14th	12th	18th
26th-EPT	23rd	26th	

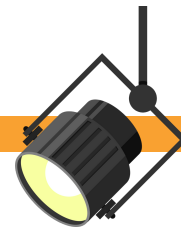
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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Grace Wilson

Hometown: Manchester, England

Field of Study: Sport Science

What brought you to PCC?

"Soccer, back home while attending college I worked with a programme to set up a profile and then received offers from colleges in America."

Do you participate in a sport or activity?

"I play soccer. I joined my first football team at age 11, but when I was younger I did gymnastics, dance, & kickboxing."

Do you have any career goals?

"I want to be a soccer coach. My all-time goal would be to be a manager of a team in the WSL, Women's Super League in England."

What inspired you to pursue this career?

"When I went to college in England I had to volunteer and do coaching sessions with kids aged 4-8 years old. I really enjoyed it and it came so naturally to get plans and strategies together."

What has been your favourite class so far? Why?

"English - it is my favorite because of my teacher and the class is easy to me."



What do you love about being a PCC Beaver?

"I love how much of a community it is. When events happen we come together like a family. I enjoy the small environment and that I have people that I can go to if I need anything."

Who has influenced you the most in life?

"My dad. He's helped me a lot with all of my efforts in life and soccer. He's supported me and taken me to games. I wouldn't be where I am without him."

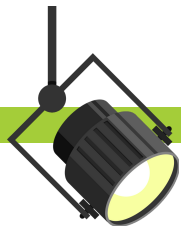
Do you have any interest and/or hobbies in your free time?

"I like to go to the gym and like to watch soccer games. I also like hanging out with friends and am good at pool."

What advice would you give to future students?

"Enjoy your time while it lasts. If you're going to do something do it, don't hold yourself back."





STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Kent Adams

Kent has been with Pratt Community College for over 31 years! He transitioned to PCC following his start in teaching MBA classes and found joy in the educational aspect of finance, a shift from his previous work with large corporations. Kent's family life includes his wife, four children and 3 spoiled dogs.

What project, responsibility, and/or aspect of your position do you enjoy the most?

"The challenge of making sure we have the resources we need to grow the college and to make sure the college is viable going forward. "

What do you consider your biggest accomplishment to date?

"I would say, work related has been that the college is very strong financially and that we have been able to do the things we need and get the mill-levy down from where it was. Not work related is probably raising four kids. "



Before joining the PCC community, what was the most unusual or interesting job/position you have had?

"I worked for Boeing and Pizza Hut in various financial positions. I would say Boeing was interesting due to the projects we were rolling out, such as new planes or security projects."

What do you do for fun/relaxation outside of the PCC Community?

"I enjoy traveling, playing tennis, and love being with family and friends."

What is an interesting fact about yourself that you believe fellow employees would be surprised about?

"I have visited all 50 states in the U.S.. Plus, I also once ended up on a plane next to Keith Richards on my way back from Hawaii when I was younger. "

Growing up, what did you want to be?

"I wanted to play major league baseball and wanted to get into politics."

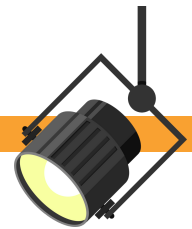
Do you have a motto, personal mantra, or favorite quote to share?

"A favorite quote of mine is from Mario Andretti. I like to stay busy and do lots of things so it speaks to me."

"If everything seems under control, you're just not going fast enough."

-Mario Andretti

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Misty Beck

Misty attended Pratt Community College (PCC) after high school and then went to Pittsburg State University to finish her Bachelor's and Master's degrees. After completing three years at Pitt State, Lisa Perez Miller offered her the opportunity to serve as Director of Residence Life at PCC. It was important for her to move back to the Pratt community to be available to care for aging family members so she accepted the job. That was the first of several positions Misty held in student services before moving to her current faculty position, as a Communications Instructor and Director of Theatre.

What is your favorite part of your job?

"My favorite part of my job is definitely the relationships with students. When I was a student at PCC, I had several instructors who were vital to my growth as a student and as a person. It has been my mission to do the same for my students."

What is the most challenging part of your job?

"I think what is most challenging for me is when students can't see their own potential. It frustrates me when my students don't see in themselves what I see in them."

Before joining the PCC community, what was an unusual or interesting job/position you have had?

"Well, I suppose being Editor in Chief of the Pitt State Collegio newspaper was probably the most interesting since I haven't done much other than work at PCC!"

What do you like most about mentoring students?

"I love seeing aha moments and watching them accomplish goals. Especially in performing arts, many students have the desire and talent, but lack the confidence to follow through. I love seeing students find confidence in themselves."

How do you like to spend your free time?

"I am very active in my church. I enjoy being a part of the worship team every Sunday and singing at community events with our band. I also like to travel to visit friends when I have the chance. I also love spending time with my God children!"

What is the most helpful advice you have ever received and words of advice you give others?

"My mom always said, "Bloom where God plants you!" That is definitely the best advice I've been given! It's advice I pass on as well."

Growing up, what did you want to be?

"This is actually kind of funny. When I was really young, my favorite TV shows were The Lawrence Welk Show, Hee Haw and Sha Na Na. I wanted to be on those shows or make those shows. I would set up my stuffed animals and make them to shows. The stuffed animals didn't talk back like my students do!"

If you won the lottery tomorrow, what would you do?

"Depends on how much! Pay off all my debts, give money to my church and build a performing arts center for the community of Pratt!"



LET'S CELEBRATE

Celebrate Diversity Month

Here at PCC we have a diverse group of students every year and display their countries flags in the Linda Hunt Memorial Library. For the 2023-2024 academic year we had a total of 29 different countries displayed and represented in our student population.



The month of April is Celebrate Diversity Month, it was initiated in 2004. The month aims to acknowledge and appreciate the world's diverse nature. It serves as a reminder to embrace and respect our individual distinctions, encompassing gender, race, ethnicity, faith, and sexual orientation, while highlighting the shared human experience. By valuing both our similarities and differences, the month encourages people to develop a greater understanding of others.



Ways to observe Celebrate Diversity Month:

Respect and appreciate EVERYONE

Listen to people from other cultures

Learn something about another culture or lifestyle

Source: <https://www.womansday.com/life/a34908026/womens-history-month-facts/>

EASTER - TRIVIA FACTS

Easter is a Christian holiday that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter takes place three days after Jesus's death on Good Friday. This holiday concludes the "Passion of Christ" series of holidays that began with Ash Wednesday. Here are a few facts regarding some Easter traditions and symbols.



The lamb is an important Easter symbol and is a traditional food for the holiday



The Easter Bunny made its way to America in the 18th century by the Germans who brought the tradition of Osterhase, a bunny who magically lays eggs.



Easter's date changes every year. The holiday falls on the Sunday after the first Spring full moon. Celebrated on March 31, 2024.

Over 16 billion jelly beans are produced in the U.S. every year.



Easter lilies signify the true meaning of the holiday.



Egg decorating started in Ukraine and was brought to the U.S.

Source: <https://www.thepioneerwoman.com/holidays-celebrations/g43049662/easter-facts/>

STUDENT LIFE

Students have a busy March with Spring Break and Spring sports in full swing. This March our events included Pizza with the President in our residential halls, getting information out for next year's RA positions, and the 3rd annual Easter Egg Hunt. Make sure to join in on the fun in April - we can't wait to see you there!



April 2024 Student Life Activities

Wednesday, April 4
2K24 Tournament

Porter Hall
8:00 pm



Thursday, April 18
Karaoke

Porter Hall
8:00 pm



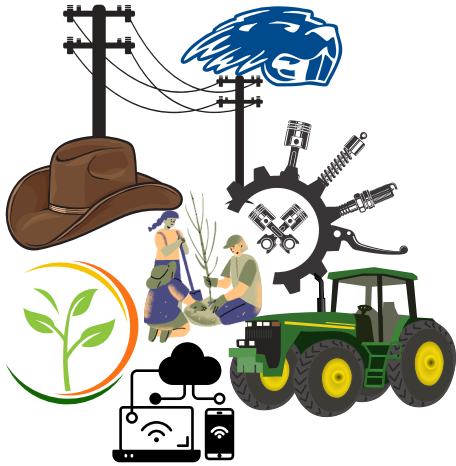
Thursday, April 25
Cornhole

Tournament

Outside
Sch-Hall
8:00 pm



STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL



Representing the technical programs for the month of April, students met with Cabinet members as the monthly student leaders. Area represented included Agriculture, Automotive, Agriculture Power Technology, Electrical Power Technology, Wildlife Outfitting & Operations, Business, Information Network Technology and Rodeo. Topics such as what brought students to PCC, Beaver Building Days, activities, student life, communications to students, dorm life and shout outs to numerous faculty and staff were discussed at the monthly meeting. The Student Leadership council is held monthly with a different group represented each month and is a great way our students can have a voice and help improve the college as a whole.

COLLEGE HEALTH HINTS

SURVIVING THE 'END OF SEMESTER BLUES'

With final exams looming less than a month away at Pratt Community College, we hope students are able to tackle the end-of-semester slump. Any student can relate to this feeling. As the semester nears the end, the initial motivation seems to dwindle away.



Ways to stay motivated for the spring semester:

1. Stay positive. As long as you try and do your best these last few weeks, you should be proud of yourself.
2. Get organized and make a schedule. Set aside time each day for studying. Make sure to also schedule some time for fun, so you have something to look forward to.
3. Remind yourself how close you are to the goal. Think about this regularly so you stay motivated for reaching your goals.
4. Change up where and how you study. This gives the brain a fresh take on how you study.
5. ASK for HELP!! Don't be afraid to ask for help. Either from your instructor, a tutor, or a friend.
6. Make sure to take care of yourself. Get sleep, remember to hydrate, go to class and you will finish the semester strong.



Source: <https://hub.hindscc.edu/blog/conquering-the-end-of-semester-blues>

PCC College Health
620-450-2150 - Riney Student Center
Monday - Thursday: 8:30am - 3:00pm & Friday: 8:30am - 12:30pm

BEAVER TRACK & FIELD

Joseph Michel Qualifies for Nationals in Men's 200M Dash

The Pratt Community College track and field team participated in the Mark A. Phillips Invite at Cowley College Saturday, March 23. The Beavers achieved five top-5 finishes, nine top-10 finishes, and one national qualifier.

Sophomore Joseph Michel secured a qualifying spot by taking third place in the 200m dash with a time of 21.20. Michel, who had already qualified for the NJCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in the 100m dash, also won the 100m dash for the second consecutive week in 10:39. Kareem Small came in seventh in the 100m dash with a time of 10.67.

In the 4x100m relay, all three teams finished in the top ten, with team A (Vann, Michel, Small, Sapalo) placing fourth, team B (Brooks-Davis,

Miller, Cooper, Gilbreath) in ninth, and team C (Pikes, Moss, Johnson, Sawyers) in tenth. The 4x400m relay team of Andra Baker, Daniel Amparan, JaMauri Brooks-Davis, and Sebastian Gilbreath clinched victory with a time of 3:25.94.

Additionally, Davion Smith secured eighth place in the high jump with a jump of 1.87m, while Dillon Pikes placed eighth in the long jump and ninth in the triple jump.

On the women's side, Mikayla Henry finished seventh in the 100m dash, with Tashia Bell placing tenth. Sophomore Serenity Jackson claimed fourth place in the 200m dash with a time of 25.50. The 4x100m relay team consisting of Jackson, Bell, Naomi Vagher, and Mikayla Henry finished eighth with a time of 49.59.



BEAVER FLAG FOOTBALL

Flag Football Hosts First Home Tournament

The Beaver flag football team hosted their first home tournament against Hesston and Fort Scott on chilly March 23. Even though the weather didn't cooperate the beavers toughed it out. Despite the losses the team was grateful for the opportunity to showcase their talent on their home turf.



#DefendtheDam



BEAVER BASEBALL

Beavers Swept by Barton Cougars

The Pratt Community College baseball team faced off against Barton Community College in a four-game series Thursday, Mar. 21 and Saturday, Mar. 23. This marked the Beavers' third conference series of the season.

For the double-header in Great Bend

The first game, Barton triumphed with an 8-0 victory, taking a 1-0 lead in the series. Despite opportunities to score, Pratt had eight hits in 27 plate appearances with six runners left on base. Josh Doelitsch started on the mound for the Beavers, allowing five runs in 3.1 innings, with Alex Gillig and Brayden Hatley providing relief. For Barton, Reece Hemmerlin pitched a complete game shutout, striking out six batters, while Robby Bolin and Owen Clyne led the offensive charge.

Barton also claimed victory during the high-scoring second game with a 22-12 win to lead the series 2-0. Pratt initially led 1-0 in the first inning, but Barton responded with a big second inning, scoring seven runs. The Beavers tied the game 10-10 in the fourth inning, but Barton rallied with runs in later innings. Skylar Chavez led Pratt with five hits and five RBIs. Jaron Cotton shone for Barton with a 4 for 4 performance and nine RBIs.

Double-header at Home for PCC ended the series

The series moved to Stanion Field in Pratt, where Barton clinched a narrow 5-3 win. Barton took an early lead with four runs in the first inning, and despite Pratt's efforts, they fell short. Gavin Djurovic stood out for Pratt with 2 RBIs, and Bradley Feezer earned the win for Barton with 5.1 innings pitched.

Barton completed the series sweep with a 2-1 win in the final match. Pratt's Cayden Brown pitched well but took the loss, while Barton's Ethan Minaker secured the win.



BEAVER SOFTBALL

Beaver Softball Split With Garden City at Home

The Pratt Community College softball team hosted Garden City Community College on Saturday, Mar. 16. The double header took place at Angood Field and ended in a split with the Beavers taking game two and Garden City taking game one.

In game one, Garden City came out on top with a final score of 13-6. The Broncbusters started the game with six straight runs in the first three innings, before Pratt responded in the bottom of the third with two runs. In the sixth and seventh innings, Garden City added six more runs. Pratt's offense was led by Gabbi Everitt, who hit a home run and drove in 4 RBIs. Yolanda

Aguirre also had a strong game with 3 hits, including a home run, and 2 RBIs. In terms of pitching, Everitt started for Pratt, giving up 4 runs in just 0.2 innings. Aspen DeFrain and Taygann Spencer also saw time on the mound for Pratt.

In game two, Pratt came out on top with a narrow 9-8 victory. Garden City got on the board early with a run in the first inning, but Pratt quickly responded with a run of their own. The game remained close throughout, with Garden City taking a 5-2 lead in the fifth inning. However, Pratt rallied back with five runs in the bottom of the fifth to take the lead. The Broncbusters were able to tie the game 8-8 in the top of the seventh inning, but Pratt responded with the game winning run in the bottom of the inning. Pratt's Elysia Marquez and Jaxin Logue also had strong showings at the plate, each recording multiple hits and RBIs. On the mound, Gabbie Everitt pitched a complete game, allowing eight runs but secured the win for their team.



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