



Pratt Community College

Monthly Newsletter

The

The official newsletter of PCC

# BEAVER

June 2022

Buzz

Maximum Student Learning

Individual & Workforce Development

High Quality Instruction & Service

Community Enrichment

## Call for upcoming newsletter content

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

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*A Dam Good Future Starts Here*

PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Why Pratt Community College? Just think of the possibilities. Community college is a choice that makes good financial sense, and one that can pave the way for a smoother transition to a 4-year institution.

Maybe you're a first generation student, unsure of what that first step in life is, but you know you want to make a change. Maybe you're expanding on what you're already skilled in, or want a new career change entirely. Maybe you just want to learn something new.

Pratt Community College can help you no matter where you're standing. We have so much to offer! We have a wide [variety of scholarships](#) and financial aid to help cover costs and multiple paths that are possible. You just need to take the first step.

The first step is setting up a campus tour with us! You may do so online at <https://prattcc.edu/tour>. Our tour form has a list of programs, athletics and activities that may interest you.

Enrollment for Fall 2022 is now open and class schedules are available at <https://prattcc.edu/summer-fall-2022-enrollment-now-open>. Let us show you what's possible! It's a great day to be a Beaver!

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## Upcoming Dates

Beaver Building Day	6/14
First Mini Session	6/1-6/29
Full Session	6/1-7/29
Board of Trustees Meeting	6/20

See next page for more important dates!

# ENROLLMENT

*Now Open!*



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# JUNE

## IMPORTANT DATES

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### **Beaver Building Day**

June 14

### **First Mini-Session, Certification date: June 8**

June 1-June 29

### **Full Session, Certification date: June 15**

June 1-July 29

### **Board of Trustees Meeting - Riney Student Center**

June 20 @6pm

### **Last Day to Withdraw from First Mini-Session**

June 22

### **Second Mini-Session, Certification date: July 8**

June 30-July 29

## JULY

### A LOOK AHEAD

### **Independence Day, Campus Closed**

July 4

### **Virtual Beaver Building Day via Zoom**

July 12

### **Virtual Beaver Building Day via Zoom**

July 14

### **Last Day to Withdraw from Full Session**

July 15

### **Board of Trustees Meeting - Riney Student Center**

July 18 @ 6pm

### **Last Day to Withdraw from Second Mini-Session**

July 22

\*Dates subject to change due to COVID-19 situation.

For more upcoming dates and information,  
please visit [prattcc.edu/calendar](http://prattcc.edu/calendar)



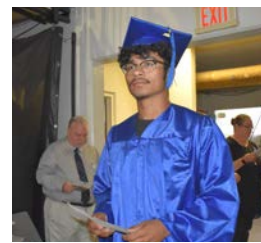
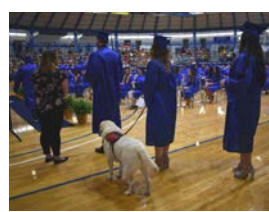
# 2022 COMMENCEMENT *Ceremony*



The May 2022 Commencement Ceremonies at PCC went off without a hitch! Two ceremonies were held at 1pm and 3pm. It's always great to have our student's families with us on campus to celebrate student achievements. We are proud of our students and are excited to see how they will go out and change the world!

Dr. Calvert took Commencement selfies during both ceremonies. They turned out great! See more great moments from Graduation on the following page!





# PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE BEAVER *Building Days*

Hundreds of families have taken advantage of the Beaver Building Day events held on campus in the past few months at Pratt Community College.

What the heck is a **Beaver Building Day**? It's an all-in-one event where students and their families take care of all of the essentials to get officially enrolled. Attendees receive personalized attention with a lot of opportunity for questions, and walk away with a class schedule in hand for Fall.

Students log into our Self-Service system using their credentials with IT on standby to assist. Multiple staff members are available to escort families to the appropriate offices, such as Financial Aid and the Business Office for financials and the Student Success office to meet with advisors and take care of any needed testing.

The Registrar's office is on site to talk about transcripts and degree information, Residence Life is present for Housing, and assistance is also available with filling out forms provided in a packet personalized for each student. Light refreshments, PCC swag and fun photo ops are also available.

There is another Beaver Building Day event coming up on June 14. Take advantage of the opportunity to meet directly with advisors and staff ready and willing to help you get started on a #DamGoodFuture! See the Beaver Building Day Registration link below.



**[Register for the June 14 Beaver Building Day](#) today!**

\*Virtual dates and individual dates by arrangement are also available this summer, see next page.

## WELCOME TO THE DAM!

PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

# BEAVER

*Building Days*

**PREPARE FOR FALL**

**MEET WITH ADVISORS**  
*and* **REGISTER FOR CLASSES**

**IN-PERSON**

APRIL 21

MAY 25

JUNE 14

**VIRTUAL**

JULY 12

JULY 14

**PLACEMENT TESTING AVAILABLE  
LOGIN & SET UP STUDENT ACCOUNT  
APPLY FOR HOUSING**

**REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!**

**PRATTCC.EDU/BEAVERBUILDINGDAY**

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Late Night

BREAKFAST



The Late Night Breakfast tradition during Finals Week continues at PCC. Students were greeted by PCC President Dr. Michael Calvert and the Residence Life team, served a full breakfast by members of cabinet, gifted a free t-shirt and bag of study snacks and invited to sign each other's shirts to round out the school year. Thank you also to chef Josh and his Great Western Dining team. We are proud of all the student accomplishments this year, it's a great day to be a Beaver!



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## Student Life Activities at PCC

Education happens both inside and outside the classroom, and a successful college career includes social as well as intellectual development. The Student Life Department and Staff at PCC is here to encourage involvement in campus life, and support student initiatives.

Student Life provides a wealth of activities throughout the year to give students a chance to socialize and have fun in a variety of ways in order to be as inclusive as possible, and also suit busy student schedules. It's great to see how so many students blossom from the first day of classes to the close of campus at the end of the year.

All activities are planned with a purpose and safety in mind, scheduled around and often promoting attendance at PCC athletic competitions. Several of the events also include great door prizes. Student feedback also plays a part in activity planning.

Residence Life Director Brad Luthe reflects on being able to make up for lost time towards the end of the year with in-person activities.

"It's been an awesome year! We were glad to bring back some events we truly missed. For many, it was the first and the last PCC Skate Night, Neon Dance, and more! So glad they got a chance to celebrate before we see them go. We can't wait until next year! We have so much planned and are ready to create many more lasting memories."

Visit our [Student Life page](#) to learn more and fill out the suggestion box!

More photos on the next page! 



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# RESIDENCE LIFE AT PCC

Residence Life has already been hard at work, hiring the Resident Assistants at PCC for the 2022-2023 academic year. Resident Assistants assist fellow students in the residence halls on campus.

It is an important job and a big responsibility. Their formal training begins over the summer. Residence Life staff, in conjunction with Pratt County officials, provide training in many important areas such as:

- CPR
- ALICE Training (active shooter)
- Personality Assessments
- Conflict Management
- Fire Safety and Extinguisher Training
- Bloodborne Pathogens and Student Health
- Emergency Procedures
- Who To Call/Support Services
- Social Issues
- Campus Resources



# BEAVERS

**What does it mean to be an RA? We have developed an acronym and themes around our mascot BEAVERS!**

**Building**- the beginning of each academic year is about building and finding community, friendship, and a sense of belonging.

**Engaged**- it is important to get engaged on campus by joining a student organization or attending an activity.

**Awareness**- educate residents about the differences among people and social justice.

**Virtuous**- it is important to live your values, to do the right thing, and give back to others.

**Education**- teaching a new skill or subject can help develop residents' personal skills.

**Resiliency**- the residential life department wants to assist our residents in all of these changes and in becoming resilient through difficulties.

**Send-Off**- the end of the semester is here. For our communities it's about closure and our residents continuing friendships.

Continued...

# MEET THE 2022-2023 RA'S



**Kailey Barnard**



**Madison Bergkamp**



**Sarah Briggs**



**Vinicius Costa**



**Adam Delaney**



**Gavin Djurovic**



**Bryana Gallagher**



**Oscar Gallardo**



**Jalen Ghee**



**Jonah Karber**



**Samuel Kelly**



**Ingrid Maldonado**



**Nathaniel Moore**



**Cameron Nanu**



**Jacelyn Rios**



**Peyton Samms**



**Andile Sibanda**



**Bobby Williams**



**Tatianna Vincent**



**Apostolo Zuniga**

# RODEO

2022-2023

## Introducing 2022-2023 PCC Rodeo Coach Jake Ritz

If you follow us on social media, you've likely seen several pictures of students signing with the PCC Rodeo Team for the 2022-2023 academic year. The students are seated next to Jake Ritz, who has a long history in the Pratt community and joined PCC upon the retirement of decorated and long-time Rodeo coach Rocky Patterson in Spring 2022. We interviewed Coach Ritz to reintroduce him to the Pratt community.



### Tell us about your history and previous experience with Pratt Community College and what you bring to the table at PCC.

I came to PCC in 2002 and was a member of the rodeo team. I received 2 Associates Degrees (Farm and Ranch Management, and Animal Science ). While at PCC I also furthered my education and received a Bachelors in Tech Leadership from Fort Hays State University. I was the student director for central plains region which gave me another year of eligibility.

During my 5 years at PCC, I qualified for Great Lakes circuit finals in PRCA, Roy Duvall 19 and under steer wrestling champion, Central Plains reserve steer wrestling champion, and 3x CNFR qualifier. With the skills and information that I have obtained in last 20 years from college and operating a construction company, I believe I bring a goal oriented, and strong mindset to help and share with the program.

**What do you feel is key in recruiting for the Rodeo team? What do you look for in a student that tells you they are a good fit?**

One key I look for is how they act outside the arena. How they carry themselves, win or lose shows true character. Ones that want to be here and are willing to work at their skills make mine and any other coaches job easy.

**What specifically about Pratt and/or Pratt Community College brings you back to us?**

I live in this community, I never left. This community has been great to me and has allowed me to support a family. I want to give back, and be a positive influence on others lives.

**What is something about you people may not know?**

I'm originally from Michigan.

**What are your personal accomplishments in Rodeo?**

Along with what is listed above. After college I was the central plains rodeo association steer wrestling champion, finals champion, Kansas professional rodeo association reserve champion, many other Amateur rodeo event winner. For couple years I was member of Osage steer roping association... won couple events there and was an active board member.

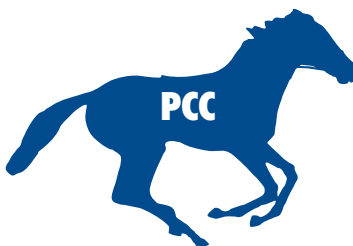
**Do you live in the Pratt area? Tell us about your background and family.**

I live between Preston and luka, my kids Lainey And Wyatt both enter and compete in many rodeos. I've been doing construction, wife Hannah used to work at PCC, now she works at Elementary school. We raise a lot of goats.

**Feel free to add anything else you want to talk about as it relates to PCC Rodeo.**

Stepping in and taking over for Rocky Patterson are some very big shoes to fill. I'm looking forward to this opportunity and build this program.

**We look forward to the 2022-2023 Rodeo season. Welcome back to PCC, Coach Ritz!**



# MENTAL HEALTH MINUTE



## National Men's Mental Health Week, June 13th-19th

Many are not aware that in June, there is an annual event to normalize and bring awareness about mental health issues and to help reduce the stigma that often stops men from finding help.

Too often, men -of all ages- are taught or told not to talk about their struggles, their emotions, their issues, which makes it difficult when they do want to ask for help or even just to admit that they need it.

Men are typically going to describe mental health issues as a physical symptom such as a headache or some sort of chronic pain. While the link between signs of mental illness and those physical symptoms often goes unacknowledged, it can and often does lead to matters being undiagnosed.

Undiagnosed mental illnesses, according to research, have shown that men are more likely to develop schizophrenia at a younger age.

What are some ways that we -as a mass society- can show support to men's mental health? The main one is to simply encourage and allow men to share and show their emotions.

By stifling them, we force the age-old stigma of 'men must be tough' or 'men don't cry'. Those stigmas only push them farther from seeking help, stuffing emotions down until they could erupt or a myriad of reactions.

Remember, men, it is okay to share your emotions...to talk about what you are going through...and, most importantly, crying is not a weakness, it is a silent strength.

**1 in 4**  **MEN ARE AFFECTED**  
BY MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS OR ILLNESSES.

**Let's Talk About It**



Amanda Wade  
Licensed Professional Counselor

To schedule an appointment, email Amanda Wade at [amandaw@prattcc.edu](mailto:amandaw@prattcc.edu) or call 620-450-2263.

# Roy Clark Retires from PCC After 23 Years

Roy Clark has been an educator for 40 years, and he spent 23 of those years at Pratt Community College.

A retirement reception was held in his honor on campus, where he was recognized for his sense of humor, fondness for the outdoors, talents on the harmonica and unique Bocce Ball umpiring skills. Though Clark is a Math teacher, he says calculating scores at games is not high on his list.

Clark was gifted a book from PCC Instruction titled *The Cardinal Way*, for his love of the St. Louis Cardinals and a fishing pole from the Pratt Higher Education Association (PHEA) for his love of the outdoors.

Clark was named the 2021-2022 Teacher of the Year at PCC by PHEA, as announced at the 2022 Commencement Ceremonies.

Clark says he plans to buy a kayak and bedding that sits a little higher off the ground, given his recent experience on a practice camping trip.

Congratulations to Roy Clark in his retirement, thank you for your dedication to PCC and our students.



# PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## CELEBRATE DIVERSITY TEAM

### An Annual LGBT Pride Celebration

Every year, during the month of June, the LGBT community celebrates in a number of different ways. Across the globe, various events are held during this special month as a way of recognising the influence LGBT people have had around the world. Why was June chosen? Because it is when the Stonewall Riots took place, way back in 1969.

As well as being a month-long celebration, Pride month is also an opportunity to peacefully protest and raise political awareness of current issues facing the community. Parades are a prominent feature of Pride month, and there are many street parties, community events, poetry readings, public speaking, street festivals and educational sessions all of which are covered by mainstream media and attracting millions of participants.

The New York Pride Parade is one of the largest and most well-known parades to take place, with an estimated 500,000 people participating in it by the time it had reached its 25th anniversary.

Pride Month is so important because it marks the start of huge change within the LGBT+ community, as well as the wider societal implications. Although attitudes and injustice still remain, we have come a long way since the riots of 1969 and by continuing in this long-standing tradition we continue to raise awareness, improve the attitudes of society and encourage inclusiveness. #Pride2022

#### What were the Stonewall Riots?

The riots were prompted by a raid that took place during the early morning, at the Stonewall Inn in

Greenwich Village, Manhattan. The LGBT community held a series of spontaneous, often violent demonstrations to protest against the raid and calling for the establishment of places that gays and lesbians could go and be open about their sexual orientation. In such places there should be no fears of being arrested. The riots served as a catalyst for the rights of LGBT people, and within 6 months, 2 gay activist groups had formed in New York. Over the years since the event, many gay rights organisations have been formed. Not just in the US but around the world.

#### What is LGBT or Gay Pride?

It is a movement that celebrates sexual diversity. For lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people it is a way of protesting about discrimination and violence. It promotes their dignity, equal rights, self-affirmation and is a way of increasing society's awareness of the issues they face.

#### Who Started the June Celebration?

Known as the "Mother of Pride", it was Brenda Howard who coordinated the first LGBT Pride march. As well as sparking the idea for a week of events around Pride Day. These events then developed into the annual LGBT celebrations held every June.

Source Cited:  
Awareness Days  
<https://www.awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/pride-month-2022/>



# Join Us!

## CELEBRATE DIVERSITY TEAM

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VALUE | CULTURE |

Contact Lisa Perez-Miller at  
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# PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE PERFORMING ARTS

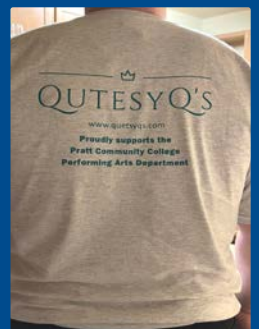
## Road Trip



PCC's Performing Arts students hit the road shortly after Commencement on their annual road trip to Tennessee. They visit Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge with many stops in between for food, fun, sightseeing and even performing. Local businesses and families sponsor their matching shirts for each day. What an amazing way to enjoy each other and close out the academic year!



*Dollywood*





## PCC Science Faculty Visit USD 349 Stafford



Jason Ghumm, Justin Maughan, Paul Primrose and PCC students Abby Martin and Jessi Ferneau, walked into USD 349 Stafford with arms full of fun and science entertainment for about sixty kids. This is the third Science Show for elementary students performed by PCC Science faculty and students.

PCC Physical Science instructor Paul Primrose gets to see the excitement of the students firsthand.

"These 3rd, 4th and 5th graders were attentive, participated in some great Q & A times, and were just a load of fun. Elliot, a very inquisitive volunteer, found out that a little diaper polymer in a solo cup goes a long way to prevent you from getting wet! He later said during clean-up, "I want to be a scientist". Nathan, a 5th grader, mentioned to me that he loved the disappearing ink. When Jason commented on both the importance of the scientific method and math another kid named Connor shouted out, "I love math!" All in all, it was a great day for a science show in Stafford, Kansas."

There were expanding marshmallows, suspended beach balls, erupting soap suds and a few other cool physics and chemistry demos. The toilet paper roll experiment using a leaf blower was also a big hit outdoors.

[View the fun video](#) to see all this and more along with all of the oohs and ahhs in action! More science shows by PCC Faculty and students are planned for the coming school year. Yay Science!

[View this story on our website](#) and learn more about the many Science offerings at PCC.



# PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE EPT SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

## ITC Great Plains Visits PCC Lineman Class



Pictured left to right, Monette DePew VP of Instruction, Brett Leopold President of ITC Great Plains, students Konnor Pfeifer and Owen Alexander, Dave Campbell Director of EPT, Dr. Michael Calvert PCC President.



EPT Student Owen Alexander



EPT Student Konnor Pfeifer

ITC Great Plains is a large utility company in Kansas, operating power transmission infrastructure serving parts of Kansas and Oklahoma. ITC has held a long-standing relationship with the Electrical Power Technology (EPT) program at Pratt Community College, in the form of scholarships for the lineman training program.

They traveled to meet with the 2021-2022 lineman class on campus and award two scholarships at a small reception. The scholarship recipients were chosen with the help of EPT Director Phillip "Dave" Campbell and instructor Jeff Hoffman.

The scholarship recipients were **Konnor Pfeifer** and **Owen Alexander**, who both earned the one-year certificate in Electrical Power Technology and were grateful to ITC for investing in lineman students.

"When I first got the scholarship I was pretty surprised, I didn't expect it at all. I'd like to thank Pratt Community college for a fun first and last year and Dave and Jeff as my instructors for making it feel like home and my classmates for making it fun, a lot of memories made, a lot of lifetime best friends made. Overall to ITC, thank you for giving back to industry for the younger generation, thank you."  
-Konnor Pfeifer

"It has helped with my finances and it'll benefit me this summer, I appreciate ITC so much. It'll help me a lot because I pay for my own way. Dave and Jeff are great teachers, I will always remember them. Some of the best I have had over my years. Really good and hands on if you need something. It's a great program."  
-Owen Alexander

Brett Leopold, President of ITC Great Plains, explains that ITC invests in the lineman program at PCC because it is critical to find well-educated and well-trained lineman to own and operate high voltage transmissions systems.

"We can't have enough well-trained qualified lineman that know how to do the job safely. In this particular line of business, and for the foreseeable future, these jobs will continue to be in demand. There are new demands on the industry to expand the grid to accommodate interconnection of a lot of new renewable energy in this part of the country. There's also continuing turnover with a lot of utility workers who tend to have long tenures and stay in their job for a long time. It's a good investment and we're proud to have supported this program for the past several years."

Upon graduation, Pfeifer will work in an internship with Midwest Energy in Hays, KS and Alexander hopes to work with a utility company in Woodward, OK this summer.

The EPT program is offered in Pratt, Wichita, Dodge City and Coffeyville.

**New for Fall 2022 on the Pratt campus is the new EPT Support Specialist program! See more on the next page. Learn more about [both EPT programs](#) on our website.**



# PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE HONORS



## EPT Student Earns Top Graduate Award from Klein Tools



EPT student Dylon Baum was recognized with a Top Graduate Award from Klein Tools. EPT Director Phillip "Dave" Campbell and instructor Jeff Hoffman nominated Baum for the award.

"Dylon has been a fine example of what we expect a PCC Lineman to be. Dylon works hard in the lab field and in the classroom, he is on time every time and is eager to learn everything he can to be a successful lineman. Dylon will be working for Custer Public Power in Nebraska, and I have no doubt that he will serve that community well and do his best to help keep the lights on." -Jeff Hoffman

Baum will receive a tool award and recognition certificate by mail, and was gifted a tool bag from Campbell and Hoffman. Congratulations Dylon!

[View this feature on our website](#)

Interested in learning more about our Electrical Power Technology program? In addition to the lineman pathway, we now offer a [Support Specialist program](#) that trains in the vital support positions of electrical distribution, including earning a CDL license. Read more on the next page!





# COMING FALL 2022!

**EPT SUPPORT SPECIALIST (EPTSS) MAJOR\***  
STUDY IN SIX DIFFERENT  
SUPPORT SPECIALIST PATHWAYS

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- SUBSTATION TECHNICIAN
- UNDERGROUND SYSTEM CREWMAN
- OVERHEAD SYSTEM GROUNDMAN
- WAREHOUSE & STORES
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# Biology II Lab Project

## PCC Biology Class Partners with KDWP for River Project



On Wednesday, April 20th, 2022, Mr. Chambers' Biology II class, and two students from the Wildlife Outfitting and Operations (WOO) program collaborated with biologists from the Kansas Department of Wildlife Parks (KDWP) on a project to assess the biological communities on a short stretch of the South Fork Ninnescah just north of Pratt County Lake.

Students had an opportunity to sample the macroinvertebrate community using dip nets and collected fish using an electroshocking technique.

The project is part of an animal diversity unit in the Biology II curriculum. Support for the project is provided by biologist from the KDWP, including Ryan Waters, Jeff Seim, Brody Lathum, and Kali Boroughs, a former PCC graduate. KDWP has been instrumental in helping PCC students for nearly twenty years in association with this project.

The majority of the invertebrates collected were damselflies, which are moderately tolerant of pollution. The fish community continues to show an impact from invasive species, but there were several native sucker and minnow species collected. In total, students collected more than 20 different species of fish.

The biological assessment of the river provides students with a chance to gain a better understanding of the overall health of the river. Recognizing how organisms interact with one another and their environment is a fundamental principle in ecology. Observing macroinvertebrate and fish communities in-situ gives students the opportunity to see how these organisms interact with one another and the environment in a natural setting. Thanks to KDWP for their continuing support of this project.

**Learn more about [Mathematics and Sciences at PCC on our website.](#)**

***\*Information and photos provided by PCC Science Instructor Dave "Kip" Chambers***



Pratt Community College

# BEAVER ATHLETICS

2021-2022

Visit [gobeaversports.com](http://gobeaversports.com) for schedules, rosters, statistics and more!



## Two Beaver Athletes Honored on the 2022 NATYCAA Scholar-Athlete Team



On May 18, the National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA) announced its third annual Scholar-Athlete Team for 2022.

This year, Pratt Community College (PCC), had two student-athletes recognized with a selection on the 2022 Scholar-Athlete Team.

According to the release, the organization received a record number of nominations this year.

**Jacob Mitchell** was recognized as the wrestling recipient and has spent three years on campus not only wrestling, but being involved on campus and giving back to the community of Pratt. Mitchell capped off his three years in Beaver Nation by winning the 141 pound national championship at the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Wrestling Championships in March. Mitchell was also awarded the PCC Male Athlete of the Year award at the annual Athletic and Academic Awards Ceremony in April.

**Chariah Daniels** was recognized as the women's basketball recipient and has spent two years on campus not only playing basketball, but being heavily involved with Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) and giving back to the community of Pratt. This season on the court, Daniels averaged 11.8 points, 9.7 rebounds, and 2.6 assists per game for the Beavers. Daniels was also awarded the PCC Female Athlete of the Year award at the annual Athletic and Academic Awards Ceremony in April.

"I am extremely proud to have two student-athletes from Pratt Community College recognized for this honor. As you can read in the qualifications to be nominated, you must excel in both the classroom and on the field, mat, or court," said Athletic Director Tim Swartzendruber. "Both Jacob and Chariah are very deserving. They each had outstanding careers at Pratt Community College; both athletically and academically."

Read the full press release at [GoBeaverSports.com](http://GoBeaverSports.com)

**#DefendtheDam**



## Pratt Baseball KJCCC Honors



**Devon Nicholson  
Honorable Mention C**

47 Games Played  
 .313/.424/.469  
 12 2Bs/1 3B/3 HRs  
 25 Runs Scored  
 24 RBIs



**Mitchell Smith  
2nd Team 1B**

54 Games Played  
 .429/.470/.724  
 13 2Bs/3 3Bs/13 HRs  
 44 Runs Scored 70 RBIs



**Marcelo Aguirre  
Honorable Mention DH**

54 Games Played  
 .347/.460/.566  
 11 2Bs/3  
 3Bs/7 HRs  
 40 Runs Scored  
 53 RBIs



**Cason Long  
Honorable Mention 3B & SP**

45 Games Played  
 .342/.382/.601  
 12 2Bs/1 3B/9 HRs  
 39 Runs Scored  
 42 RBIs



**Josue Vazquez  
Honorable Mention SS**

52 Games played  
 .327/.372/.464  
 8 2Bs/3  
 3Bs/3 HRs  
 31 Runs Scored  
 28 RBIs  
 5 SBs



**Garryn Plummer  
Gold Glove 1B**

50 Games played  
 148 Total Chances  
 134 Putouts  
 13 Assists  
 1 Error  
 .993 Fielding %

6-5  
 2 SVs  
 74 Innings Pitched  
 79 Ks/30 BBs  
 5.23 ERA







## Post Season Wrap-Up with Coach Shae Napier

**Talk a little bit how the Region VI Championship works and the success you had there this year?**

The Region VI Championship has looked a little different each year since I've started here at Pratt partially due to the growth we've had each year with each team and due to the conference making adjustments each year to better mirror the competition with NCA College Nationals in April.

Ultimately, like any other cheer competition whether that is high school, all-star, college, etc. there is a break out of divisions usually based off your teams skill set size and male/female breakdown. This year the team was built to be able to compete in the small co-ed intermediate division as I felt that's where the team

would be most successful considering our skill set and male/female ratio. The small co-ed intermediate division means we were only allowed to compete 4 males and remaining athletes were females. Additionally, while our team throws advanced baskets (i.e. ball x-fulls like what you see on the Netflix documentary) and advanced inversions (i.e. backhandspring ups, rewinds, etc) and other advanced skill transitions and pyramids a majority of the team does not have twisting tumbling (i.e. two to fulls, round off hand fulls etc.) meaning while we would be able to maximize our score in stunts, baskets, pyramid, we would not be able to maximize our score in the tumbling section if we competed in the small co-ed advanced division.

I am a firm believer in smart and strategic cheerleading. I believe it results in the most reward not just from a placement perspective, but from a personal reward perspective for each athlete and the team as whole. We won the conference this year in the small co-ed intermediate division by two whole points, which is a tremendous accomplishment (for those familiar sometimes the difference between 1st and 2nd place can be hundredths of a point).

**Going back to NCA for the second year... what experience and leadership were your sophomore class able to provide?**

Going back to NCA for the second year with experience and leadership from the sophomore class provided a lot of new value that we haven't previously had. While our first year at NCA last spring was also very successful and we had excellent leadership from the sophomore class. It was an added benefit to have had athletes on the team that had actually competed on a National stage before and knew what that felt like and knew what was required all season leading up to that moment.

**You have been busy recruiting and signing several new student athletes to your team... what are you looking forward for next year's team?**

I was very busy all year this past season recruiting and signing several new student athletes, as mentioned we have 26 for the 2022-2023 season (still looking for one more top with tumbling) so maybe 27, we will see what happens by the time mid-July rolls around. I am really looking forward to watching what these athletes can do. Watching them grow physically, mentally and reach their full potential and start to build the best version of themselves for themselves and for the success of the team.



*2021-2022 PCC Cheer Team in Daytona with Coach Napier (shown in black).*

Read the full interview with PCC Cheer Coach Shae Napier on [GoBeaverSports.com](https://GoBeaverSports.com)

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# PRATT CHEER

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PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

# FLAG FOOTBALL



## Women's Flag Football Coach Speaks at NAIA Senior Showcase

The inaugural 2022-2023 Women's Flag Football season is coming together for Pratt Community College. New equipment and player gear is arriving every week.



Head Coach Jenitra Shields has been traveling and networking with players and fellow coaches nationwide, recently speaking at the NAIA Senior Showcase at Mercedes Benz Stadium in Atlanta, GA during the Women's Flag Finals. Shields is the first Junior College Head Coach to speak at Mercedes Benz Stadium during the Senior Showcase. Season play for PCC begins March 2023.



Players are signed and the team is forming, spots are still available! Scholarship money is up for grabs. What a great opportunity to train under a decorated coach and help catapult this new program forward!

Guaranteed follow-up, get in touch today!



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# PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE TENNIS

## PCC Tennis Competes in NJCAA Championships



The Pratt Community College (PCC) men's tennis team competed at the 2022 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Men's Tennis Championships over the week of May 16-20. The Beavers finished ninth in the tournament with 21 points. The highlight of the tournament for the Beavers was having two doubles teams play their way through the consolation round and win.

"The guys fought hard all week and faced some really tough competition," said Head Coach Jeret Johnson. "We started the season ranked 12 and was able to compete throughout the season to finish 9 at the national championship."

### NJCAA Tournament Results

#### Singles #1- Dante Despontin:

First round- defeated J. Madlock (Coastal Alabama) 6-2, 6-2  
Second round- defeated by L. Gonzalez (Eastern Florida) 6-0, 6-3

#### Singles #2- David Arrieta:

First round- defeated A. Lopez Gonzalez (Hinds) 6-0, 6-2  
Second round- defeated by S. Gamez (Wallace St) 4-6, 6-0, 6-2

#### Singles #3- Vitor Goncalves:

First round- defeated T. King (Coastal Alabama) 6-1, 6-2  
Second round- defeated A. Socias Salvo (Mesa) 6-3, 6-2  
Quarterfinals- defeated by K. Savary (Seward) 6-3, 6-2

#### Singles #4- Maxime Guyon

First round- BYE  
Second round- defeated I. Gordan (East Central) 6-0, 6-1  
Quarterfinals- defeated by B. Kalaba (Barton) 6-1, 6-0

#### Singles #5- Oleksandr Makarov

First round- defeated P. Lyons (Meridian) 6-3, 6-2  
Second round- defeated by M. Hamman (Wallace State) 7-5, 4-6, 6-4

#### Singles #6- Vinicius Costa

First round- defeated J. Mitchell (Sauk Valley) 6-4, 6-1  
Second round- defeated by M. Woodman (Tyler) 6-2, 6-1

#### Doubles #1- David Arrieta & Dante Despontin

First round- defeated by W. Brewer & T. Nader (Jones) 6-1, 6-3  
Consolation first round- defeated H. Azhar & B. Friedman (Lake County) 8-1  
Consolation second round- Bye  
Consolation quarterfinals- defeated C. Bulte & M. Dessureau (Harford) 8-0  
Consolation semifinals- defeated B. Devries & S. Miyata (Paradise Vally) 8-1  
Consolation finals- defeated L. Gonzalez & G. Myers Millington (Eastern Florida) 8-5

#### Doubles #2- Vitor Goncalves & Oleksandr Makarov

First round- defeated by A. Dulaney & P. Gayk (Mississippi Gulf Coast) 6-4, 6-2  
Consolation first round- Bye  
Consolation second round- Bye  
Consolation quarterfinals- defeated A. Haner & Z. Wallace (Sauk Valley) 8-3  
Consolation semifinals- defeated C. Bonds & P. Waggoner (Coastal Alabama) 8-0  
Consolation finals- defeated H. Browning & A. Socias Salvo (Mesa) 9-7

#### Doubles #3- Auron Hoyer & Nathaniel Moore

First round- defeated J. Murrie & A. Oster (Lake County) 6-3, 6-2  
Second round- defeated A. Carlsson & T. Whata (Harford) 6-1, 6-2  
Quarterfinals- defeated by G. Lopez & E. Shteyn (Collin) 6-3, 6-0

**Congratulations to Coach Johnson and Men's Tennis!**  
**What a great first year!**



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## Head Softball Coach Ryan Anderson Resigns



**Pratt, Kan.** – Ryan Anderson, head coach of the softball program at Pratt Community College (PCC), submitted his resignation to the school after serving at the helm since July of 2021. Anderson took a position as Athletic Director in the Pretty Prairie school district.

“I am sorry to see Coach Anderson go, but also happy for him and his family. With his wife working in the Pretty Prairie district, it will be nice for their family, said Athletic Director Tim Swartzendruber. “Coach Anderson is a quality person who did a great job here in his short time. We wish him the best in his future.”

During his only season at Pratt, Anderson compiled a record of 3-35 overall and 1-31 in conference play. Quality wins during the season came at home against Central Christian (JV), North Platte, and Northwest Tech.

The school will conduct an immediate search in order to target a suitable replacement.



# We're Hiring!

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- Marketing Communications & College Relations Specialist
- Welding Instructor
- Head Softball Coach / PASS Coordinator
- Computer Specialist (Support)
- Assistant Athletic Trainer
- Office Assistant – Student Services
- Clinical Adjunct Instructors – Allied Health
- Day Time Security
- Evening Security
- Maintenance/ Bus Driver
- Bus Drivers (Part Time)
- Custodian (Part Time)

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If you have any questions, please contact the Director of Personnel, Pratt Community College, 348 NE SR 61, Pratt, KS 67124, 620.672.5641 ext. 139, Title IX/Section 504 Coordinator.



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