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Upcoming Dates

Board of Trustees Meeting	Apr. 13
Last day to withdrawal from classes	Apr. 14

PCC Initiates Changes in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

The new normal for Pratt Community College has been a large undertaking for staff, faculty and students alike. On March 13, 2020 PCC President, Dr. Michael Calvert, along with college vice presidents and a crisis management team, decided to extend spring break by one week, ask all students to leave campus and all on-campus classes would transition to an online format; the spring 2020 semester would resume completely virtually March 30.

According to the World Health Organization Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered coronavirus. A respiratory illness that is highly contagious and has caused a global pandemic.

PCC's response to COVID-19 was viewed as a necessary measure to protect the college and our community from being negatively impacted by the enigma that is COVID-19. As of today students have resumed their classes in a virtual format for the last week, most staff and faculty are working remotely or limiting their presence on campus and all services are fully functional and operating though the campus is closed to the public.

Two weeks after PCC announced that classes and services would transition online and campus closed two employees tested positive for COVID-19. Both employees worked primarily in Chandler Hall in Pratt and had not been on campus since March 12, 2020. The employees have been in home isolation since before being tested.

Dr. Calvert also announced that the Commencement and Nursing Pinning ceremony schedule for May 15, 2020 is cancelled. Students anticipating completing this semester will still graduate and receive diplomas in the mail. PCC is considering alternative ways to honor the class of 2020.

PCC staff and faculty are working diligently to provide the quality of service and instruction that is our mission. PCC's priority is to do our part to slow the spread so that we as a community can help save lives, save people from illness and eventually get back to normal and welcome students to campus after the pandemic has cleared.

Updates and information about PCC's response and operations, including student info, contact lists, announcements and FAQs can be found at prattcc.edu/coronavirus.



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Sophomore Sees Success On eSports Team

Pratt Community College Sophomore, Luke Hurt, has been with the eSports team for the past two years. In that time, Hurt, has seen his team accomplish an undefeated season through hours of practice, dedication and camaraderie.

eSports is a form of competitive sports played online against people around the world. Multiple games such as League of Legends and Hearthstone are played, allowing all types of people to compete. PCC's eSports team launched Fall 2017 and are currently competitive members of the Collegiate Star League (CSL).

Hurt is from Fall River, Kan. He heard about the eSports program when a PCC recruiter came to his high school.

"The recruiter heard that I had an interest in computers," said Hurt. "He asked if I would be interested in joining the eSports team."

Hurt has grown up playing video games, but it wasn't until college that he began playing video games competitively.

"As a sport, I like how flexible eSports is and that anyone can do it," said Hurt. "It's more of a team required game and requires strategy. Anyone can play but it takes practice."

In addition to dedicated practice time, the eSports team watches game film of their competition. This helps them learn how the opposing team plays and what type of strategy their opponents have. They also watch professional team's game film to pick up tips and strategies. eSports teams are very competitive and PCC eSports is no different.

Beaver eSports relies on each team member to follow their respective role. Everyone has to do their part, or the entire dynamic will fall down. This partly falls back on their overall team strategy and the role of each character while competing.

"You don't have to be a gaming master to be a part of the eSports program," said Hurt. "With the required practice time and dedication to improve, you will see progress and playing time. You get out of it what you put into it. If you put enough time into the game you can master it."

The PCC eSports program finished the regular season undefeated in the Central 2 division. The Central 2 division consists of schools in Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Colorado. Throughout their season, PCC completed against mostly universities and tech schools.

"This season has definitely been a good season, we are undefeated going into the playoffs," said Hurt.

One of Hurt's favorite aspects of eSports is before the game when the players are discussing strategy and joking around. Hurt also enjoys seeing all aspects of the game pan out during the competitions. On the eSports team they have main-liners and subs. The main-liners are the players that have a higher skill level and are the first to be called on for a competition. The subs have a slightly lower skill level and will step in to compete if one of the main-liners is unable to compete.

Anyone with a gaming background can be a part of the eSports team. In addition to meeting peers that have similar interests and hobbies, there is also a scholarship opportunity through eSports. Many of PCC's eSports players agreed that their eSports scholarship has made an impact in their lives.

"One of the only reasons I'm able to afford college is because of the eSports scholarship," said Hurt.



Experiencing Diversity Through Food

At the start of the Spring semester Pratt Community College staff started a new organization to observe diversity and inclusion among the world, our community and on campus. The organization is called the Celebrate Diversity Team. Their mission is to develop and coordinate college-wide initiatives which aid in fostering a campus culture that is welcoming, safe and inclusive of all stakeholders and supports PCC's diversity core value.

PCC respects, values, and celebrates the diversity of our students, faculty, staff and the communities we serve, believing that diversity enriches the educational experience.

April is Celebrate Diversity Month! It was started in 2004 to recognize and honor the diversity surrounding us all. By celebrating differences and similarities during this month we hope that people will get a deeper understanding of each other.

To recognize and celebrate diversity within our PCC community during the month of April we are hoping to share, swap and exchange food traditions and recipes.

As we face uncertain times one thing remains clearer than ever; we are in this together. COVID-19 has effected countries, communities and mankind alike. A challenge that is unprecedented in our lifetime. As we continue to shelter-in-place we have the opportunity to make the most of being at home, connecting with our families (in-home or from afar), and sharing our personal stories, ideas and recipes!

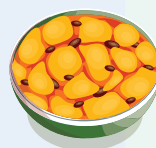
Share with us your favorite foods, traditions and recipes and we will do the same. Visit the Celebrate Diversity page on the prattcc.edu website to submit your recipes and pictures to be included in a digital cookbook available on the website. The more submissions we get the bigger and better our Diversity Cookbook will be! Keep an eye on PCC's social media channels as we will be sharing your recipes and traditions with our community!

We can't wait to see what you're cooking up and can't wait to learn about your traditions and where you come from.

PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE CELEBRATE DIVERSITY TEAM

EXPERIENCING DIVERSITY THROUGH FOOD

Share your recipes and traditions on our website at <http://prattcc.edu/CelebrateDiversity>. Include a picture and story behind the recipe.



David Schmidt Welcomed Home By Community

By Kahrie Stegman

After nine months of military service in the Middle East, Pratt Community College Director of Planning & Assessment and Pratt USD 382 Assistant Superintendent David Schmidt came home. He was welcomed back to the community during a special ceremony at Pratt High School earlier this month.

Schmidt served as the Command Sergeant Major of the U.S. Army Hospital in Kuwait where he managed medical care for over 10,000 soldiers in Kuwait and 27 other countries in the Middle East.

Though it was a tough nine months, Schmidt enjoyed his duties there.

“Providing medical care to America’s best and brightest was the high point of my tour,” Schmidt said. “Knowing that we were able to provide the best medical care in the world to our warriors truly made the tour of duty tolerable.”

The United States’ soldiers rely on units like Schmidt’s to provide medical care for them so they can do their own jobs in hostile areas.

“Knowing that medical care is available on short notice provides them with the courage they need to do the job that they do,” Schmidt said.

The most difficult part of his tour was being away from home, he said, but his strong network of family and friends provided the peace of mind he needed to get the job done.

“The amazing support that I received during my time in Kuwait was phenomenal,” Schmidt said. “The care packages and letters received made a huge impact not only on my morale but the morale of my soldiers.”

Schmidt believes that the United States is in good hands because of today’s military forces.

“Our country is blessed to have a solid volunteer force of young men and women who are willing to serve,” Schmidt explained. “I met hundreds of young men and women during my tour and I saw first hand the dedication they have to our nation.”

Schmidt was glad to return home to his community and to the people he missed, but he also learned some important lessons during his time overseas.

“Serving in austere environments really makes you enjoy the finer things of life and causes you to really slow down and enjoy the ride, stop and smell the roses, and really show appreciation for your family, friends, and co-workers,” Schmidt said.

He is thankful to be able to come home to Pratt.

“Pratt is a great community and I cannot thank my family, Pratt USD 382, Pratt Community College, and my Church of Christ family enough for the outpouring of support that was provided not only to me but to my family as well in my absence,” he said.



PCC Vice President Receives Two National Awards



Pratt Community College Vice President of Students and Enrollment Management, Lisa Perez-Miller received the 2020 Community Colleges Professional Award and the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (PTK) Distinguished College Administrator Award at the national level.

Perez-Miller, was awarded the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (PTK) Distinguished College Administrator Award. The Distinguished College Administrator Award is awarded to college vice presidents, deans, or directors serving at post-secondary institutions who have shown strong support of student success on their campus by recognizing academic achievement, leadership and service among high-achieving students.

Perez-Miller was nominated for the award by PCC PTK students and organization sponsor, Dr. Trisha Jackson, physical science instructor.

“Wow, how special to be nominated by the Pratt CC Phi Theta Kappa students and Dr. Jackson, I am very, very touched by their thoughtfulness and recognition,” said Perez-Miller. “It truly is an honor to be selected and awarded the Distinguished College Administrator Award by the PTK Honor Society which I have such great respect for.”

To be nominated for this award, nominees should have served in their position for at least three years and should have demonstrated during their tenure a strong level of support for the society. This honor is presented to up to 25 college administrators nationally each year.

“I am so proud of the Pratt CC PTK students and the leadership they provide throughout campus,” said Perez-Miller. “Under Dr. Jackson’s leadership, the organization provides excellent opportunities for our students to engage in academic success, service and leadership at the local, regional and national levels through the PTK Honor Society.”

The PTK Distinguished College Administrator Award in-person convention and awards ceremony was previously scheduled for April 1-4 in Texas and has been canceled and instead is organizing a live broadcast to honor the recipients. The administrator award winners were to be recognized during PTK’s second session on Friday, April 3.

Perez-Miller was also awarded the National Association for Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Community Colleges Division (CCD) Community Colleges Professional Award, which was to be awarded on March 30 in Austin, Texas at NASPA’s annual meeting. NASPA’s Region IV-West honored Perez-Miller in the early Fall of 2019 after being nominated by members of PCC’s SEM team. Perez-Miller was then selected as the 2020 Community Colleges Professional Award recipient.

To read the complete article of Perez-Miller’s Region IV-West NASPA award go to <http://prattcc.edu/our-middle-name-community/pcc-vice-president-studentsenrollment-management-awarded-community-college>

Chariah Daniels Named 2020-2021 Above And Beyond Scholar At PCC

Pratt Community College is pleased to announce Chariah Daniels as a 2020-2021 Above and Beyond Honor Scholar. The Above and Beyond Honors Scholarship is the highest academic award available from PCC.

"This scholarship award means a lot to me," said Daniels. "It means that I do not have to stress about paying for school, and it also means that I do not have to give my parents the burden of paying for school."

"The Above and Beyond Honors award provides full tuition and books plus a stipend of \$500.00 per semester," said Monette DePew, Interim Vice President of Instruction. "This is one of the best scholarships available anywhere and it is the highest award available from Pratt Community College."

Daniels, of Wichita, will be a freshman this fall and will be working towards her degree in pre-engineering.

"I plan to go to Pratt and study pre-engineering, then go to a 4 year college and become a Mechanical Engineer," said Daniels. "I also plan on playing basketball at Pratt and then moving on to a 4 year university."

Daniels is currently a senior at Northeast Magnet H.S., where she is involved in National Honors Society, Law Magnet, and basketball. In basketball she is a team captain, 4 year letter earner, and received honorable mention her sophomore and junior years.

"This scholarship award will help me in many ways. For one, I can focus on my studies without having to worry about paying for school," said Daniels. "It also will help me to be focused on being in a great basketball program. With this money I can solely focus on getting better at basketball and being a great teammate."

Daniels also actively helps coordinate pep rallies, volunteers within her church, assists with the Fashionetta scholarship fundraiser event, Random Acts of Kindness and Red Ribbon Week activities.

During her high school career, Daniels has maintained an accumulative 3.86 grade point average and scored a 24 on her ACT.

To be eligible, the student must meet or exceed two of the three eligibility criteria: ACT composite score of 25 or higher, top 10 percent class rank and/ or have a 3.6 cumulative grade point average or higher. To learn more about this scholarship and others available at PCC visit prattcc.edu/scholarships.



Apply for Pratt CC Scholarships

Pratt Community College awards more than \$1 million in scholarships to students annually

APPLY - PCC scholarship information and applications can be found online at prattcc.edu/scholarships

DEADLINE - Priority Deadline is August 1st. Excluding the Presidential Above and Beyond scholarship deadline of January 31

PCC eSports Team Ends Regular Season Undefeated

The Pratt Community College eSports team has seen a successful season for the 2019-2020 season. Pratt Community College eSports is entering playoffs undefeated with a record of 12-0 in the game, League of Legends. In addition to being undefeated, they are also the Central II Division Champions. The Central II Division is made up of schools in Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, and Colorado.

The eSports Central Divisions are based on in-game ranking, not school size, and students must be enrolled at the school to compete for that eSports team. Throughout the season, PCC eSports played many universities, including Big 12 teams. A few of the teams PCC's eSports team competed against include: Wichita State University, Oklahoma University, Oklahoma State University, Kansas State University, and Kansas University.

PCC eSports player, Colin Bell, says the team is preparing for playoffs and their strategy for the next level. He says that not much will change but they will adjust their style and tactics to what they see as best fit against their opponent.

"When we find out who we will be playing against, we look them up and strategize," said Bell. "We look at the teams and adapt our strategies. Our strategy is constantly changing based on what the other team does. We all have specific roles we love to play"

Many of the students have grown up playing video games, either with a controller or on a keyboard.

"Personally I've only been playing competitively for the last year or two," said eSports player Luke Hurt. "But I've been around the competitive scene for years."

Many of the students have years of experience in the field of competitive video games, and some only have a year or two of competitive gaming experience.

"When I came into our eSports program I had never touched a keyboard and mouse before, I was used to a controller," said Bell. "I was the worst player at League of Legends and Overwatch that I had ever seen. But now I am able to compete on a competitive level, I also bought my own gaming PC."

Playoffs started in February and PCC eSports currently is in the Sweet 16 having a bye in round one, loss to Princeton University and win over University of Hawaii in round two. Round



three the Beavers took the two game win over win over University of Toledo and Sunny Brook University. Round four takes place March 14 and 15. The Beavers play Brock University from, Ontario, Canada Saturday and Laurentian University on Sunday. Watch the Beavers play via live stream at www.Twitch.tv/PCCesports.

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Student Success Center

Mental Health Wellness Tips For Quarantine

REMEMBER: It is okay to ask for help. The Student Success Center is still here for you!

Email Amanda at amandaw@prattcc.edu if you would like to talk about counseling services that are still free and available to you from afar.

STICK TO A ROUTINE.

Go to sleep and wake up at a reasonable time. Write a schedule down that includes schoolwork and time for self-care.



DRESS UP SOMETIMES.

Get showered and dress in comfy clothes. It's amazing how our dress can impact our mood.

GET UP AND MOVE!

Move around for 10 minutes every hour. Stretch. Walk around. Don't just sit all day. Exercise for at least 30 minutes – there are plenty of at-home options if you don't get outside.



REACH OUT.

Call, test, FaceTime, Skype, etc. – connect with your family and your friends from afar.



GET OUTSIDE!

Get out in the sun for at least 30 minutes a day. Follow the guidelines of social distancing, but get outside for some fresh air and Vitamin D.

STAY HYDRATED AND EAT WELL.

Stress and eating often don't mix well, so we often over-indulge, forget to eat, or avoid food. Drink plenty of water. Eat good, nutritious foods. If you cook – challenge yourself with a new recipe each week.



For additional mental health wellness information and tips go to the links below.

<https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/current-events/supporting-your-emotional-well-being-during-the-covid-19-outbreak/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/managing-stress-anxiety.html>

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Athletic Trainer Hails From France

Story courtesy of the Pratt Tribune

PRATT, Kan.- Ritchy Hitoto, the new Head Athletic Trainer at Pratt Community College (PCC), has come a long way, both literally and figuratively, since leaving his native France in 2007.

While his parents migrated to France from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Hitoto was born and raised in Europe as one of 12 children. "I was number 9," he said.

Spending his formative years playing soccer, like many other European youth, Hitoto switched to basketball during the days Michael Jordan and Kobe Bryant ruled the hardwood.

"My dream was to become a pro basketball player in the NBA. It never happened," he said.

However, as a youth, he played point guard for town teams in France, which, he said, is a step above school sports.

At 18, however, he faced a crossroads: should he continue playing sports or instead serve a mission for his church?

He opted to serve a two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and was assigned to the West Indies.

"For two years, I didn't touch a basketball," he said. "The main sport there is cricket."

All together, Hitoto served in four countries during his mission, including St. Martin, Martinique, French Guiana, and Guadeloupe.

Once he returned home, he studied English at La Sorbonne University.

At this time, he also met his future wife, Naomi. Following an 18-months separation from each other during which she lived in Utah with a three months stint in Minnesota, the two married in October 2006.

Afterward, Ritchy was determined to study and play basketball in the United States.

He enrolled at LDS Business College, later transferring to the University of Utah, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communications.

"While there, I tried out for the team for two years in a row but never got accepted," he said.

It was during their time in Utah that Naomi and Ritchy welcomed their new born daughter Keshia.

After graduation, Hitoto played in various basketball camps throughout the United States and was scouted to play professional basketball in France for a short time.

The Hitotos then moved to England, where they lived for five years and during which time Hitoto worked as a personal trainer and strength coach. He also decided to return to school, obtaining multiple fitness certifications and even pursued a Master of Sports Rehabilitation from St Mary University College.

Hitoto and his family then hopped across the ocean, landing in Tampa, Florida where Ritchy pursued a Master's degree in Sports Medicine at the University of South Florida (USF).

Hitoto also worked for various professional sports teams, including the MLB Tampa Bay Rays, the NFL's Houston Texans and Detroit Lions.

"It was great," he said.

Hitoto recalled an experience he had when shopping at a Wal Mart in Detroit: "I had my Detroit Lions gears on. There was an elderly couple that noticed me. Later, we met at an aisle



Athletic Trainer Hails From France (cont.)

crossing. The gentleman asked me, 'Are you Barry Sanders?' After I said that I wasn't, the man hollered at his wife nearby, 'I told you he wasn't Barry Sanders.'

Hitoto's resume also includes time working with G-league teams for the NBA's Washington Wizards and Orlando Magic.

Prior to being hired for his current position at PCC, Hitoto experienced what he described as "the hardest six months of my life." During those 180 or so days, he sent out 10 applications a day to locations across the country. He said he had multiple interviews during this period but no success.



During this difficult period of life, he gives ample credit to his wife.

"I could not have made it without Naomi. Multiple times, you think, 'I'm going to give up.' Then you say, 'Let's see what the next day's going to give,'" Hitoto said.

Finally, the next day arrived, and bright sunlight shone down upon the Hitoto family when Ritchy was hired by PCC after interviews with college personnel in August 2019.

Ritchy finally started his new position in January 2020, after going through many hurdles.

Since then, the Hitoto family has been settling into Pratt. Each member of the family has good things to say about their new home.

"What we have learned is, 'Bloom wherever you are.' So far we have met really kind and generous people. We're looking forward to what spring will bring, because it's supposed to be really beautiful," said Naomi.

Ritchy echoed similar sentiments.

"As for me, I grew up in Paris. I'm a city boy but I like it here. It's just good to be in a town where you have time to think. Everything is five minutes away. People are really, really nice," he said.

The couple's daughter, Keshia, who attends Liberty Middle School, offered her perspective as well.

"I like the school. The people are really nice here. I like this town because everybody knows each other," she said.

Hitoto intends to apply his diverse background and experiences in the best way possible.

"My goal is for the Sports Medicine Department at PCC to be the best. The level of care I bring to the athletes at the college is the same level of care I brought to professional athletes," he said.

While things have changed dramatically in sports scene at PCC, due to the coronavirus, Ritchy is busy teaching online classes, including "Sports Injury Prevention."

Incidentally, the Hitotos are a multilingual family. Ritchy speaks French, English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole. Naomi speaks French, English, Spanish, and German. Keshia speaks French and English and is currently learning Spanish.

Pratt Community College will be hiring an assistant athletic trainer in the new future to work with Hitoto in the expanding program.

PTK Students Honored At 2020 Kansas Academic Team luncheon

Two Pratt Community College students joined their peers when Kansas saluted the community college scholars for their academic accomplishments March 12 in Topeka, Kan. Representing the state's 19 community colleges, a private college, and a technical college, these scholars were named to the 2020 All-Kansas Academic Team.

The event was sponsored by the international headquarters of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees and the Kansas Council of Community College Presidents.

Faculty member, Trisha Jackson sponsors PCC's PTK chapter. The two student award recipients are Victoria Addington and Mason Eck.



"It was an honor to be able to represent PCC at the luncheon. I was also proud to represent the professors and faculty in Pratt that have worked hard to help teach us and provide us with these great opportunities while encouraging us along the way," said Addington. "The luncheon was a great experience overall and gave me a chance to meet other exceptional students and advisors. My favorite part of the luncheon was being able to speak to Kansas representatives and important leaders in our education system."

Those in attendance included the scholars, members of their families, PTK chapter sponsors, community college administrators and trustees, university representatives, legislators, and members of the Kansas Board of Regents staff.

Eck, who is a sophomore, also says the experience was an absolute honor.

"It was an honor to achieve the title of All-Kansas Academic Team Member, and represent my teachers who have invested in me as a person and pushed me in my education as well as being a constant source of positivity and motivation. The luncheon was a one of a kind experience that I won't soon forget, it gave me a chance to look back on all the hard work I've put in, and remember the people who have helped me achieve my goals," said Eck. "My favorite part of the luncheon was being able to share the moments with mentors, officials from my college, state leaders, and my fellow All Kansas Scholar from PCC, a close friend. Overall, it was a wonderful experience that I am proud to have been a part of."

Phi Theta Kappa is the honor society for students attending community and two-year colleges. Membership is based on grade point averages and other criteria, with members focusing on scholastic achievement and service to community and campus. The student scholars are part of a statewide student body of more than 123,000 students enrolled at the 19 Kansas community colleges.

Each scholar was selected by his or her community college for the annual statewide academic team, and was presented with a medallion, certificate, and scholarship awards from the Presidents' and Trustees' organizations at the luncheon. Each scholar is also a nominee for the 2020 All-USA Academic Team, sponsored by the newspaper USA Today, Phi Theta Kappa, and the American Association of Community Colleges. First team members will receive a \$2,500 stipend and will be featured along with second and third team members in USA Today. Names of the students will be placed on the Society's website, www.ptk.org.

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Communication is key! That is why we present to you PCC's PC3 Initiative. PC3 is a guide for our PCC Community to be informed about where they can go for information.

The purpose of Pratt Community College's PC3 (Consumer Information, Complaints/Constructive Criticism/Student Feedback, Campus Life). Is to provide all stakeholders a controlled space to share their thoughts on the institution, learn about the institution and institutional aims, and be educated on campus life and campus facilities.



Men's Basketball Receives Three 2019-2020 All-Conference Selections

A 19-win season gave the Beavers men's basketball team a hardy reputation, proving to be one of the stingiest groups in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference. Earlier this week, players from both basketball programs were recognized for their efforts, as six Beavers, including three of head coach Sean Flynn's hoopers, were recognized as All-KJCCC selections.

Jamel Horton

Horton, a redshirt sophomore, was named to the All-KJCCC West First Team after averaging 17.3 points per game, fifth-best in the conference. A point guard, the Queens, New York native also finished with a per-game average of 4.6 assists, also the fifth-highest total in the KJCCC. Horton was recognized by the conference earlier this season, when he was named the Player of the Week for Week 10, when he averaged 23.7 points per game while shooting 47 percent from the field.

Zool Kueth

Kueth was named to the All-KJCCC West Second Team after averaging 14.5 points per game and 4.9 rebounds per game. A 43 percent shooter from the field, Kueth was also named the Player of the Week for Week 13 by the KJCCC, leading Pratt to wins over Barton and Seward County while averaging 22.5 PPG.

Deontae Davis

A consistent threat from long range, Davis joins Kueth on the All-KJCCC West Second Team, as the guard finished the year averaging 12.5 points per contest, as well as 5.6 rebounds per game. Davis' 39 percent three-point field goal percentage was 16th-best in the KJCCC, and the best among qualified Beavers.

Jamel Horton Selected To All-Region Team

A First-Team All-KJCCC selection following the 2019-20 season, Jamel Horton, a redshirt sophomore, has also been named to the All-Region VI Second-Team.

Horton averaged 17.3 points per game, fifth-best in the KJCCC. A point guard, the Queens, New York native also finished with a per-game average of 4.6 assists, also the fifth-highest total in the KJCCC. Horton was recognized by the conference earlier

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Beavers Lead Nation With Nine NWCA Scholar All-Americans

While much of the country remains barricaded, a vast quarantine hesitates to stop the spread of good news into the Pratt community. On Friday, the National Wrestling Coaches Association announced its Scholar All-American selections, and head coach Ken Kepley's group were awarded the most selections with nine.

Among the Beavers Scholar All-Americans were national champions Michael Spangler and Jake Beeson, as well as Max Bazan, Luke Culbertson, Jacob Mitchell, Misael Monarrez, Juan Urbina, Bryce Westmoreland, and Bobby Williams.

NWCA Executive Director Mike Moyer said the following regarding the announcement of the 2019-20 NJCAA Scholar All-American selections:

"On behalf of the NWCA and our Board of Directors, I am excited to honor the amazing academic achievement demonstrated by this year's Scholar All-Americans. We are proud to work with our NJCAA member coaches to honor outstanding student-athletes from across the country."





Women's Basketball Sees Three Named To All-Conference Teams

A 17-win season for the Beavers was rewarded with a Region VI tournament home game for the second time in as many seasons. Earlier this week, players from both basketball programs were recognized for their efforts, as six Beavers, including three women, were named to All-Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference teams.

Rylee Alexander

An All-KJCCC West Honorable Mention selection as a freshman last season, Alexander received even more prestigious honors this go-around, being named to the All-KJCCC West Second Team. The do-it-all guard for the Beavers, Alexander averaged 9.0 points per game, as well as 5.7 rebounds and 1.2 assists. From Coldwater, Kansas, Alexander finished the year with the fourth-best free throw percentage in the KJCCC (79.8 percent).

Jordan Mathis

In spite of missing Pratt's final nine games due to injury, Mathis' numbers still impressed, as she was named a All-KJCCC West Honorable Mention. In her first collegiate season, Mathis led the Beavers in scoring with a points per game average of 10.4, shooting 53.4 percent from the field. In her 22 games played, the freshman also managed 5.5 rebounds per game. Mathis' 3.1 offensive rebounds per game was second-best in the KJCCC.

Janell Douvier

Having received the honor a season ago, Douvier was once again named a All-KJCCC West Honorable mention for the 2019-20 season. The sophomore posted 8.6 points per game, as well as a team-high 6.4 rebounds per game in her 28 appearances.

Coach Ishee Named WBCA COTY Finalist



Following a 17-14 (11-11) year in his third season at Pratt Community College, head women's basketball coach John Ishee was named a finalist for the 2020 United States Marine Corps/ Women's Basketball Coaches Association Two-Year College National Coach Of The Year. Ishee was among the five coaches selected as candidates for the award, chosen by a committee of coaches.

In his three full seasons leading Pratt women's basketball, Ishee has compiled a 40-51 record, though the Beavers are 37-25 over the past two seasons as the Mississippi native has put his stamp on the program.



Five Beavers End Indoor Season As All-Americans

Five Beavers competed their way to the final rounds of their respective events on Friday, and Saturday's closing session at the NJCAA National Indoor Track & Field Championships saw Pratt's group end its season on a high note.

By way of reaching the final rounds of each event, five Beavers, including long jumper C.J. Hill who finished sixth in the nation with a distance of 7.26m, secured All-American status. That list includes Kadesha Prescott, Che Lara, Michael Hudson, and Warren Williams.

Prescott clocked in at 7.47 seconds in the women's 60m dash on Friday, the sixth-best time in the preliminaries. In her final go at the 2019-20 National Championships, Prescott concluded with a time 7.48 seconds, finishing third-overall. Pratt's men's 400m dash qualifier, Lara's first round time of 48.34 seconds was good for sixth, leading Lara to up his game on Saturday. Closing his indoor season in Lynchburg, Lara also finished sixth after a final run-time of 47.73 seconds.

Of the three Beavers to run in Friday's men's 60m dash, Hudson was the last Pratt runner standing, finishing seventh in the preliminaries and doing so by milliseconds. Hudson capped his indoor campaign with a sixth-place finish, clocking in at 6.84 seconds. Williams carried the momentum from his Friday seventh-place preliminary finish into a sixth-overall placement in Saturday's men's 60m hurdle finale. Williams qualified for the finals with a time of 8.06 seconds, and wrapped up his indoor season with a final round time of 8.16 seconds.



Cheerleading Takes Home Two Titles At Region VI Championships

Head cheerleading coach Shae Napier has put in many extra hours revitalizing Pratt's program, and in her second season, the Beavers are champions.

At the Region VI Cheer and Dance Competition, Pratt faced off against two other KJCCC schools (Seward County and Independence). The Beavers in-competition routine was enough to crown the group not only Region VI All-Girl champions, but Gameday champions as well.

"This is the first time in school history that Pratt has gone to the Region VI Conference Cheer Championship and won not ONE, but TWO championships," Napier said. "I could not be more proud of this group and I could go on and on about the countless amount of hours that this team put into this routine and all the literal blood, sweat and tears that have held this team together. This group will hold a special place in my heart and in the school's history as the first cheer team for PCC to bring home not one, but two Region VI Championship titles."

Under the direction of Napier, the Beavers placed first in the All-Girl portion of the competition, executing the stunt and cheer routine the group had practiced and performed in the months leading up to the event.

The Gameday category, a simulation of how "School Spirit Programs work together to showcase their ability to promote school spirit and excitement in support of their school and its athletic teams", was open for all three teams. In the end, Pratt's performances through a band chant, crowd cheer, and school fight song was rewarded by the judges.

"Personally, I was nervous," said freshman cheerleader Alexia Torres. "But then I started to think to myself, 'we've been through all these practices together and we've had everything go wrong in these practices' and that just reduced my nerves a little bit. That was the best performance. You could literally feel everything and the crowd and the cheering and it was just an amazing experience."

Fellow cheerleader Lexi Marshall echoed a similar sentiment.

"Our Region VI experience was one not to be forgotten," Marshall said. "It will be one we will remember for the rest of our lives because it was the start of something. It was a chance for us to progress and show the conference just how far we have come in such a short span of time. To be able to go to this competition and take home two championship titles just shows how much work Coach Napier has put into this program and into us and how our team will only continue to progress as the season goes on."



PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE CELEBRATE DIVERSITY TEAM

The Celebrate Diversity Team is responsible for developing, coordinating and/or facilitating college-wide initiatives which aid in fostering a campus culture which is welcoming, safe, and inclusive of all stakeholders and supports Pratt Community College's diversity core value.

Pratt Community College respects, values, and celebrates the diversity of our students, faculty, staff and the communities we serve, believing that diversity enriches the educational experience.

WHAT IS INCLUSION?

INCLUSION IS...

Realizing that giving value to diversity does not always mean agreement, but it offers respect.

Martha Cortés
PCC Staff &
Diversity Team Member



INCLUSION IS...

To accept someone for who they truly are.

Charles Keefer
PCC Staff &
Diversity Team Member



INCLUSION IS...

Ensuring that people feel welcome. We must have inclusivity for diversity to be meaningful.

Haley Lindsey
PCC Staff &
Diversity Team Member



INCLUSION IS...

Representation of openmindedness and equality among a group of people.

Megan Mayhew
PCC Staff &
Diversity Team Member



JOIN US!

**CELEBRATE DIVERSITY TEAM
MEETS THE FIRST TUESDAY
OF THE MONTH
3PM • ART GALLERY**

WHERE DO YOU COME FROM?



Lucas Cordeiro, Assistant Director of Financial Aid Belo Horizonte, Brazil

I am originally from Belo Horizonte, Brazil. When I was 14 I moved to Sao Paulo, the largest city in the country with over 40 million people. I moved to the U.S when I was 19 to go to college and play soccer. I lived in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, for 4 years and then went to Tulsa to play professional soccer for 2 years. All of my family still lives in Brazil, besides my brother who goes to college in Oklahoma.

Brazil is well known for their love of soccer, Carnaval, dances and parties. Brazilians have so much passion for the sport, especially soccer. Big soccer players came from Brazil, such as Ronaldo, Pele, Ronaldinho, etc... Carnaval is a traditional festival that happens in February before Lent begins, it is the biggest celebration in Brazil. The cities of Rio de Janeiro and Salvador are particularly famous for their parades. Brazil is also famous for their New Year's Eve party. The celebration include wearing all-white clothes, lighting candles and setting small boats loaded with trinkets into the ocean. Everyone get together at the beaches to watch the midnight fireworks display.

Food: First thing that comes to mind is a Brazilian barbecue, where premium cuts are seasoned just with salt, before being grilled over charcoal. Brigadeiros (chocolate truffle), Pão de queijo (Cheese and bread), Feijoada (Hearty stew of black beans, sausages and pork), Coxinha ('little thigh') is another popular choice, made with shredded chicken and mashed potato. Pastel (deep-fried parcels of crisp pastry, filled with cheese or ground beef).

What I wish people knew about Scotland: Some facts about Brazil: Brazil is the only country in South America that speaks Portuguese. Brazil is the largest country in South America. The capital city is Brasilia, while the largest city is Sao Paulo. The population in Brazil is around 200 million people. The Christ Redeemer Statue in Rio de Janeiro is one of the 7 Wonders of the World. only 1% of the country still uses. It is one of the most beautiful countries in the world! We will always offer you a cup of tea and a biscuit when you come to visit!

APRIL DIVERSITY

April is Celebrate Diversity Month! It was started in 2004 to recognize and honor the diversity surrounding us all. By celebrating differences and similarities during this month, organizers hope that people will get a deeper understanding of each other.

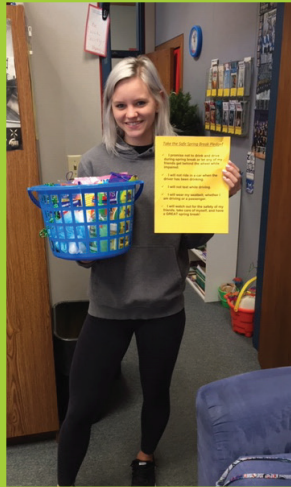
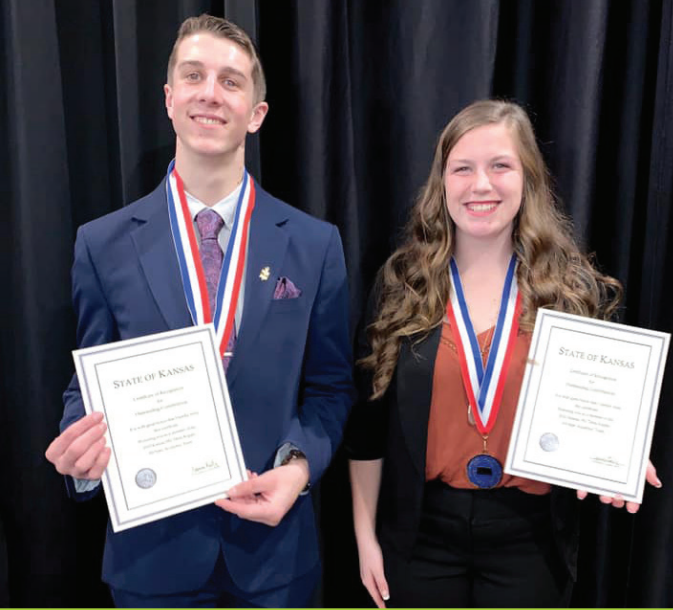
Diversity is defined as the condition of having or being composed of different elements; the inclusion of different types of people (as people of different races or cultures) in a group or organization.



Key events in American history. April 3, 1860 Pony Express Service Starts. April 30, 1952 Diary of Anne Frank was Published.

NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

World Autism Awareness Day (April 2), World Health Day (April 7), National Lineman Appreciation Day (April 18).



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