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Dennis Lesh Sports Arena Has a New Look



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There is a new look on the floor of the Dennis Lesh Sports Arena on the campus of Pratt Community College. On Monday July 31, PCC unveiled a new design on the playing surface in the Dennis Lesh Sports Arena, also known as the Beaver Dome. After two weeks of sanding, staining, and painting, the court has a fresh new look to enhance the Pratt Community College volleyball, men's and women's basketball, and wrestling programs.

"The facelift to the Lesh Sports Arena court is the highlight of the many athletic facilities improvements we have made over the past year. It further adds to the thrilling game day experience for the PCC fan base" said PCC Director of Athletics Bill Wilson.

Patterson Construction from LaCrosse, KS provided the renovation of the floor. The new design features a dual stain look with the competition lines in Royal Blue and white. There is a large beaver head logo as the main feature at center court with the dark and light stain and black detailing to enhance the PCC beaver head logo.

Come out and see the debut of the new floor on August 30 when the PCC volleyball team hosts Cloud County Community College. The match begins at 6:30 PM.

PCC Teams Honored for Academic Success

Student athletes at Pratt Community College are constantly in competition, whether that be in the field, on the court, or in the classroom. The NJCAA has recognized that competitive spirit with the announcement of the 2016-17 academic teams of the year.

When the selection was announced, PCC wrestling was selected as the academic team of the year in their sport.

"It's not an "or" preposition. It's an "and" preposition," said PCC wrestling Coach Ken Kepley. "We can win in wrestling and we can prepare ourselves academically as well as anybody in the country."

The Blue and White combined for a 3.23 GPA. In what has become a tradition, this year's award is the sixth consecutive time that PCC wrestling has taken home this honor.

"We have received this award the past six years, but I have to say that this was a team effort," Kepley said. "From student success, the PASS program, our tutors who put in the extra time, the faculty and academic advisors, and the support of the administration and the Pratt community. They are equally responsible for this award as this wrestling program is. We are grateful to be a part of this family."



Teams must combine for at least a 3.0 GPA in order to be considered by the NJCAA for the academic team of the year. It was a record year for the NJCAA with 740 teams qualifying for nomination. Alongside wrestling, PCC softball, baseball, men's basketball, and volleyball qualified for nomination for NJCAA academic team of the year. Overall, 32 PCC student athletes received NJCAA All-Academic awards for having a 3.6 GPA or greater.

Congratulations to PCC wrestling for the honor of academic team of the year and to the other nominees for the Blue and White.

PCC Hires New Head Track and Field coach

Pratt Community College Director of Athletics Bill Wilson announced today the hiring of Todd Biggs as the Beavers new head track and field coach. Biggs brings his knowledge of coaching in the Jayhawk conference and his Kansas connections to the helm of the Blue and White.

"We are excited to have Todd Biggs join the PCC family as our next head track and field coach," Bill Wilson said. "Todd has junior college coaching experience and knowledge of the Jayhawk Conference. He is well connected in the state of Kansas through his ties to Pittsburg State University and Wichita State University. We look forward to him raising the Beaver track and field program to new heights."

Biggs is formerly the head track

and field/cross country coach at Kansas City Kansas Community College where he was named the NJCAA indoor track and field coach of the year and the KCKCC coach of the year. Biggs has also served as an assistant coach at Pittsburg State where he also worked as a transfer coordinator within the admissions department. While coaching at Pittsburg State, he coached the 1999 NCAA division II men's national champion javelin thrower. Biggs has served as a college access advisor at Wichita State. During his time at Wichita State he gained experience lobbying in Topeka and Washington D.C. Biggs has also been the owner of Biggs' Backyard landscaping in Pittsburg and he served on the USD 250 school board.

Biggs is a graduate of Pittsburg State. During his time as a



student at PSU, he competed in track and field. Biggs is a two time PSU All-Conference CSIC track and field athlete in 1988-89, a PSU letterman, and a national qualifier for the NAIA national track championships.

"The big attractions for me in Pratt are the wonderful community, great college," Biggs said. "That's what I intend to do here!"

Club 62+ Announces Schedule of Events for Fall 2017

Pratt Community College announces the Summer 2017 activity schedule for Club 62+ and invites eligible members of the public to participate. Club 62+ is a community organization for residents of Pratt, Kingman, Barber, Kiowa and Stafford counties who are 62 years of age and above.

There is no cost for membership in Club 62+ and benefits include access to exclusive programs and activities, free admission to home sporting events at the college, and waived tuition for any college course (fees and book costs still apply).

For more information about Club 62+ or to RSVP to any of the events below, please contact Mayberry at 620-450-2184 or SusanM@prattcc.edu.



Fall 2017 Schedule

Kansas State Fair // Tuesday September 12th 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. \$10. Please RSVP by Sep. 1st

Please join us for a fun trip to the State Fair. The bus will deliver us to the gate and you decide where to eat and what to do. Enjoy outside activities or visit air conditioned buildings. There will be plenty of choices to choose where to have lunch. \$10.00 plus lunch.

Dodge City Casino // Friday October 6th 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. \$10 plus lunch. Please RSVP by Oct 1st

Transportation will be provided to the casino in Dodge City for a day of fun. You will be responsible for your own lunch at the casino. We must have 20 or more people to make this trip possible.

Dillon Lecture Series: Shawn Johnson // Tuesday, November 7th 9 a.m. \$10 plus lunch. RSVP by Nov 1st.

Shawn Johnson is a retired Olympic gold medalist and winner of Season 8 of Dancing with the Stars. Johnson is also known for her charitable endeavors, including work with many cancer related charities.

Prairie Pines Dinner Theatre // Wednesday, December 6th 4:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. \$36.50 per person must be paid by November 7th.

Join us for a Mystery Murder dinner. The price includes admission and a 3 course meal (Gratuity is included) Alcohol beverages are available but are not included in the price. We must have 20 or more to make this trip possible.

JOIN THE BEAVER BACKERS TODAY!

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FIND OUT MORE ON OUR WEBSITE

gobeaversports.com/information/beaverbackers

The Pratt Community College Beaver Backers is an organization dedicated to supporting, promoting and advancing Pratt Community College athletics. The Beaver Backers is an organization that will assist Pratt Community College with providing the support and resources necessary for student-athletes to achieve success in each of these pursuits.

Go Beaver Nation App is Ready to Reward Students and Community

As Pratt Community College prepares for the Fall 2017 semester they also plan to get students involved and engaged as they transition in college life.

In January, PCC launched a new smart phone app called, Go Beaver Nation. An app for Students and Beaver fans that is designed to reward you back for participating in events on campus. The application is supported by PCC Student Activities, Athletics and Marketing departments in efforts to engage students and community members at events and help them earn some prizes while they're supporting PCC.

The app will be coming back this Fall with new features and new prizes for both students and community super fans.

This year prizes for students include t-shirts, free concessions and even bluetooth speakers, a tablet, and gift cards.

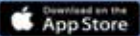
A new feature this year, community members, can download the app and get in on the perks for supporting their favorite teams and attending performing arts shows. To earn rewards community members can visit the app, check-in to events and unlock rewards for attending such as free concessions, PCC Beaver gear, and more!

Students can unlock rewards as well for attending student activities and supporting in community events.

Go Beaver Nation not only rewards students and fans for attending campus events and activities but it helps you keep track of all that is going on at PCC. The Events tab tells fans what is happening on campus as well as sends you notifications for all events like games, shows and student activities.

Earn more super fan points by using the Go Beaver Nation Fan Cam located inside of the app! Upload your picture while at the game, show or activity and see who all else is there.

The app is available for download in the Google Play and Apple App Store. Search Go Beaver Nation and download now!



CHECK IN AT EVENTS. EARN POINTS.
GET REWARDED



PCC Prepares for New Student Info Session

Pratt Community College will host a New Student Information Session on Tuesday, Aug. 22 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Dennis Lesh Sports Arena. The New Student Information Session is required for all new degree-seeking PCC students who are enrolled in 12 hours or more for the Fall 2017 semester.

In previous years, orientations for new students were held in Carpenter Auditorium and featured key speakers from a variety of departments who presented in a lecture style

presentation. While informational, the previous format did not allow students to actively partake in the discussion and remain engaged throughout the entire lecture.

This year, in an effort to increase student engagement and learning retention, students will be divided into groups to discuss a variety of topics such as financial aid, campus safety, and more. Trivia and games will be used to teach students important information they need to know while attending PCC.

“The goal of the new format is to provide a fun and entertaining way for students to learn everything they need to know during their time at PCC. We want to get the students excited and prepared for the upcoming school year,” said Jessica Sanko, Coordinator of College Relations & Student Services Assistant. “I believe students will retain the information they learn better in a small group, hands on environment instead of sitting through an hour long lecture.”

Prizes and giveaways will be awarded to students who actively participate. All students who attend will also have their name entered in a drawing for a chance to win a brand new Apple watch.

The New Student Information Session is guaranteed to be fun, informational, and engaging. For more information, please contact Jessica Sanko, Coordinator of College Relations & Student Services Assistant, at 620-450-2192 or jessicas@prattcc.edu.



AUG. 22 • 1:30PM • DENNIS LESH ARENA
INFO • PRIZES • GAMES • ICE BREAKERS

**REQUIRED OF ALL DEGREE-SEEKING,
NEW TO PCC INCOMING STUDENTS ENROLLED IN 12 HOURS
OR MORE FOR FALL 2017**

more info: Jessica Sanko, 620-450-2192



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Fall Start Info

Residence Halls

Residence halls open August 20 at 9 a.m. Check in begins in the Upper Commons in the Benson Education Center, please do not go directly to the residence halls.

Room assignments are mailed mid-July. Please contact Residence Life at 620-450-2120 for housing information.

Registration and Enrollment

Complete any registration, enrollment, advising, or placement testing on August 21 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. **If you still need to enroll:** First-time non-enrolled students should begin in Admissions (Office 51).

Returning non-enrolled students should begin in the Student Success Center (Office 55).

Payment and Billing

Payment plans can be set up using your Self-Service account. Instructions and details at prattcc.edu/paymentplan. Contact the Cashier / Business Office for assistance at 620-450-2143.

Note: Payment plans not available for EduKan classes.

New Student Orientation Session

New student information session, mandatory for all degree-seeking, new to PCC incoming students enrolled in 12 hours or more for Fall 2017.

•Tuesday, August 22, 2017 •1:30 to 2:30 pm •Dennis Lesh Sports Arena

Point of Contact: Jessica Sanko, Coordinator of College Relations & Student Services Assistant, 620-450-2192 or jessicas@prattcc.edu

Semester Start Dates

Classes start August 23 on the Pratt Main Campus. Check your class schedule for class start dates at the Coffeyville, Winfield, Wichita and online campuses.

EduKan fall start dates:

Session 1: August 14 (16 weeks) **Session 2:** August 14 (12 weeks) **Session 3:** Sept. 11 (12 weeks)

Session 4: October 10 (8 weeks) **Session 5:** Dec 4 (2 weeks) **Session 6:** Dec 11 (3 weeks)

Welcome Week



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Aug. 20

Move-In Day **9 - 5PM**
Dorm Meet & Greet **8PM**

Aug. 21

Registration **9 - 5PM**
Res Hall Meetings **8PM**

Aug. 22

New Student Orientation
Session **1:30PM**
Dennis Lesh Sports Arena
Kick Ball **7PM**
Green Sports Complex

Aug. 23

Classes Begin
Skate Night **9PM**
Rolla Rena Skate Rink

Aug. 24

Tour of Pratt **7:30PM**
Meet in front of Benson
Casino Night **9PM**
Upper Commons

Aug. 25

Pratt After Dark **7:30PM**
Upper Commons

Aug. 26

Open Pool Day **2-6PM**
Pratt Public Pool
Relay for Life **7PM**
Pratt HS Zerger Field

Aug. 27

S'mores & Hot Dog
Roast **9 - 11PM**
Outside Woj

Aug. 28

Ice Cream Social & **8PM**
Pool Tourney Rec Center

Aug. 29

Beaver Olympics **7PM**
Outdoor Courts

Aug. 31

Back to School Dance **9PM**
Outdoor Courts



