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## Upcoming Dates

Final Exams	Dec 10-12
Board of Trustees Meeting	Dec 16
Campus Closed	Dec 21 - Jan 5

Pratt Community College has opened the enrollment period for Spring 2020. The full list of classes offered can be found on the PCC Course Catalog as well as in the PCC Admissions office.

For more questions about enrolling returning students can schedule an appointment with their advisor and new students and/or community members can call us at 620-450-2217 or visit [prattcc.edu/enroll](http://prattcc.edu/enroll) to get started.

# ENROLL for SPRING 2020

## CURRENT STUDENTS

**Schedule an appointment** with your advisor  
To find your advisor check the bottom of your current schedule on self-service

**Plan ahead** for your meeting! See what courses are being offered at [prattcc.edu/CourseCatalog](http://prattcc.edu/CourseCatalog)

**Meet with your advisor** before semester end to complete your class registration for Spring '20

Check your **class schedule** on the PCC App - Ellucian Go for Apple & Android



## PREPARE FOR SPRING SEMESTER WITH YOUR PCC ELLUCIAN GO APP!

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## SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOUR ADVISOR TO REGISTER FOR SPRING CLASSES

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# Stanion Wholesale Electric partners with MDSM program

With the addition of the Modern Distribution Sales Management (MDSM) Program at Pratt Community College in 2018, it has added new opportunities and industry partnerships. One such partnership is with Stanion Wholesale Electric Co., Inc. (Stanion's) based in Pratt, Kan.

Bill Keller, current president and CEO began working at Stanion's in 1978 at the Lawrence, Kan. location. At that time, the Lawrence branch was the largest of all the Stanion branches. After graduation from law school, Keller practiced law for several years before deciding that a legal practice was not the right career for him. He was offered a job in the company by his wife's (Cindy's) family, the owners of the business; and he accepted the offer even though he had no prior knowledge of the industry.

"I started out in the warehouse and moved my way up," said Keller.

From the warehouse he moved up to sales, project quotations, customer service, and to assistant branch manager. In 1982, he moved to the companies headquarters in Pratt; and, in 1990, he became the president of the company.

Leading up to development of the MDSM program, Keller saw a need for the ability to bring in workers who had a foundation in the knowledge and skillset needed for wholesale distribution and an interest in the industry. Such a foundation made it much more likely for the development of a workforce that would grow and prosper at Stanion or with other distributors

"With the MDSM program at PCC, it will help give visibility of the industry to students", said Keller. "Most potential workers entering the job market have very little, if any, knowledge about wholesale distribution. It is a huge part of the US economy that is not well-known or understood by the general public."

Keller believes that the partnership between Pratt Community College's MDSM program and Stanion's will help spread awareness and understanding of what the wholesale industry truly is. This program helps students gain the skills and training that will be valuable in the wholesale industry. Through the MDSM Program, students are able to go to school for one or two years and gain the training and knowledge that they need in order to be successful in the industry.

"It gives people that we may want to hire an opportunity to get training and skills that would be beneficial to our industry," said Keller.

The MDSM program is a one or two year technical program focused on preparing students to successfully enter the distribution industry. MDSM provides exceptional opportunities for traditional and non-traditional students to network with industry professionals, experience the industry first-hand by learning directly from industry experts in and out of the classroom, and take part in paid internships and potential job placement through the program.

The MDSM program is offered on-campus in Pratt as well as online. Online courses provide remote students the chance to learn from another location. The virtual classes are beneficial to current employees, as they will be able to take courses and refresh their knowledge while continuing to work.

The MDSM Program is designed around a business model with the intention of providing students with the skills to grow within the industry, much like Keller did.

"Students need to be motivated to work and have the desire to be in business," said Keller, "along with a desire to succeed."

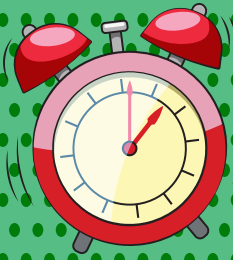


# College Prep Day

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# DePew Named Interim Vice President of Instruction

Monette DePew, Humanities and English instructor, has been named interim Vice President of Instruction at Pratt Community College. DePew assumed the role in the middle of the 2019 fall semester, taking on the responsibilities of supervising faculty as well as maintaining her role as instructor of Humanities and English. PCC President, Dr. Michael Calvert, agrees that DePew's experience inside and out of the classroom along with many years of experience make her uniquely qualified for the position.



"Monette is uniquely qualified for the role of Interim VP of Instruction in that she has served the college for over thirty years and has multiple experiences with the institution outside of the classroom," said Calvert. "She has been very active in the accreditation process, faculty negotiations and multiple committees over her tenure at PCC. She is well grounded in the institution that is Pratt Community College and understands the importance of PCC within our community. I appreciate her willingness to take on this expanded role and am confident she will lead the instructional division in a high-quality manner towards the ultimate goal of helping our students be successful."

As interim Vice President of Instruction, DePew aims to help instructors be their best, provide quality instruction, assist with scheduling and advising for upcoming semesters, and be involved in community engagement and enrichment. DePew focuses on the mission statement which includes student-centered learning, workforce development and training, quality instruction, and community enrichment.

"I would like for instructors to feel the vice president's office supports what they do and helps them be their best," said DePew. "We are a resource to help improve classroom and student success."

DePew is always looking for ways to help others meet their goals and advance the institution toward its goals.

"Many of the committees I serve on have helped prepare me for this new role," said DePew. "The staff and faculty have been kind and helpful in assisting me with this transition. I am very grateful for all the assistance and support."

During her tenure at PCC DePew says she aspires to reflect on policies and help shape them to be the most beneficial for all involved. DePew says being an instructor in addition to the interim Vice President of Instruction gives her a unique viewpoint; and she is able to see how policies directly impact the faculty members, as well as an insider's view into the classroom. She has found this viewpoint beneficial for the position.

"Teaching provides a different type of interaction with students," said DePew "I try to keep front and foremost what is best for the students."

DePew earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in English and a Master of Arts degree in English from Fort Hays State University (FHSU). During her time at FHSU, she completed additional graduate hours in journalism. She was both a copy editor and then editor of the newspaper, University Leader. In the classroom at FHSU DePew earned the honor of best speaker in college class and various journalism awards.

DePew has twice received the Pratt Higher Education Association (PHEA) teacher of the year award, most recently in 2018, and she was the first recipient of the Dennis Lesh Teacher of the Year award in 2007.

# Lisa Perez-Miller Receives Community College Professional Award

The National Association for Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) hosted their annual Region IV West conference Oct. 28-30 in Fargo, N.D. Pratt Community College's, Lisa Perez Miller, Vice President of Students/Enrollment Management, was awarded the Community College Professional Award at the event for her dedication to students and leadership within the institution.

"I am so very honored to be recognized by NASPA with this award and the fact that I was nominated by members of the Pratt Community College Students/Enrollment Management team was extra special. I am grateful for each of them and the amazing team of professionals I have the opportunity to work with at PCC," Perez Miller shared.

PCC's Director of Student and Residence Life, Charles Keefer, who received the award in 2017, accepted the award in Fargo on her behalf. Keefer, who became involved with the organization in 2014, is an active member in the NASPA Region IV-West Advisory Board as the Technology Knowledge Community representative.

"It is a rare thing for one institution to win a NASPA award three years in a row... well we did it here at PCC," said Keefer. "I think it speaks volumes to the staff that work here and our dedication to student success"

Amy Jackson, Director of the Student Success Center, was awarded the Community College Professional Award in 2018. Jackson is dedicated to helping students meet their goals and encourages her colleagues to be passionate about their work.

Perez-Miller attended Allen County Community College. She received a Bachelor's Degree from Kansas State University and a Master's Degree from Wichita State University.

"Lisa truly encompasses this award with her thirty five year dedication to community colleges and her tireless work for the success of our faculty, staff, and students here at Pratt," said Keefer.

The Region IV-West Community College Professional Award is awarded each year to one community college professional in the region. The award goes to someone who is committed and is actively working in a community college. The award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated leadership and a commitment to NASPA and/or the profession in relation to community colleges.

NASPA, is a national organization for college students and professionals involved in student affairs, leadership and professional development. For more information about NASPA you can visit their website, [www.naspa.org](http://www.naspa.org).



# EPT Alumnus Becomes Instructor at Newest EPT Facility

Recent graduate of Pratt Community College's Electrical Power Technology (EPT) program, Otto Orosco, became the instructor at the PCC EPT program at Dodge City Community College (DCCC). In August, PCC and DCCC entered into a three year partnership to allow current DCCC students to complete credentials as well as bring in potential students to the EPT program. DCCC provides the facility and equipment for the program and PCC provided the curriculum and awards the certificate or degree as well as hiring Orosco as a full-time instructor.

Upon completion of the EPT program at PCC, Orosco worked as a lineman for two and a half years for the city of Lakin, Kan. Orosco said that initially family got him interested in training to be a lineman.

"It is a family trade and my uncles told me you won't regret it," said Orosco.

Orosco's family, specifically his uncles, are linemen and encouraged him to look into it as a career path. When Orosco was researching career opportunities he had a few requirements. He wanted a profession that provided rewarding work and working outside.

After working in the field for a short time he was approached with an opportunity to become an instructor. Dave Campbell, PCC EPT instructor, said he liked what Orosco achieved when he was a student teacher aid at PCC and offered him the instructor position at the Dodge City site.

"Being a student teacher aid helped me develop my leadership and helped me assist other students," said Orosco.

During Orosco's time as a student at PCC, he enjoyed being a leader and helping others both in the classroom and at the climbing poles. When it comes to being an instructor Orosco still holds these same interests.

"My favorite part of being an instructor is seeing the student's eyes light up when they figure out a task. Then it clicks and they excel and help others."

With this being the first year for the PCC EPT program at DCCC, it is not yet at full capacity. With a smaller class size Orosco is able to focus on individual students better. Orosco also noted that many students are able to commute since it is closer to home for them.

"The smaller class gives me the opportunity to give individual help to students."

Orosco has learned many skills in his short time as an instructor. Ranging from how to conduct a classroom to what teaching styles works best for his students.

"I find it beneficial to show the students what I know, provide real life knowledge, and we all improve and benefit together," said Orosco.

Electrical Power Technology offers degrees in Applied Science and Job Certification on PCC's campus, Coffeyville Community College's campus and in Wichita. Students receive training in the classroom and pole and wire training during in the field class training. All students are required to have 400 hours of on the job training during the summer months. The PCC program averages about 70 students across all locations making it the largest EPT program in the state. The PCC EPT locations are located in Pratt, Coffeyville, Dodge City and Wichita.

To apply for the EPT program, on-campus or online, students contact the Associate Director of Special Program Admissions, 620-450-2114, [elyseb@prattcc.edu](mailto:elyseb@prattcc.edu). For more information about the Electrical Power Technology program, contact Dave Campbell at 620-450-2127 or [phillipc@prattcc.edu](mailto:phillipc@prattcc.edu).



# PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT ADMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVES



Student Admissions Representatives serve as PCC's official student leaders in service-learning and civic engagement. Their goal is to support all PCC students and student organizations in giving back to the community. Student Admissions Representatives are supported by and responsible to the Office of Admissions. Student Admissions Representatives receive opportunities to enhance their education through servant-leadership while representing PCC on campus and in the community.

## Benefits to selected students include;

- Experience in public relations (meeting people, public speaking, representing the college) which develops the communication skills and confidence vital to success in job interviews and career advancement
- PCC polo shirt and hoodie
- Opportunities to develop leadership skills and a professional resume
- Special events for the members such as end-of-semester parties

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# Beavers Split Entertaining Afternoon at Beaver Dome



## Women's Basketball

Earlier this month, the Beavers traveled to southeast Colorado to play in the Otero Classic, where the host school pulled away from Pratt late in a 77-65 loss. In search of some early-season revenge, the Beaver women were unable to shut the door on a gritty Rattlers team, losing 68-66 earlier this afternoon.

Rylee Alexander led the Beavers in scoring with 17 points on 7-17 shooting, adding a pair of rebounds and five assists to her stat line. Jordan Mathis posted 13 points, where she was 50 percent from the field (5-10). She also had a game-high six offensive rebounds. Jaylyn Taylor was third and final Beaver to finish the afternoon in double figures, as the crafty lefty was 3-7 from deep, as the three-ball accounted for nine of her 10 points.

The Beavers will undoubtedly look at the free throw line as an area of "what if", as Coach Ishee's team connected on only 10 of 22 from the stripe. As a whole it was a tough day from the field, as the Beavers only shot 38 percent (24-63), and saw only 25 percent of their three-pointers fall (8-32).

## Men's Basketball

The latter game of the doubleheader gave the men a chance to showcase a little bit of everything, as the Beavers cruised to a 95-71 win over Bethel College's junior varsity team.

James Burns led all scorers with 27 points, and his work on the boards also went for a game-high 18 rebounds. Tonight marked Burns' second double-double as a Beaver. Zool Kueth maintained his strong work on the offensive end of the floor, finishing the game with 20 points on 61 percent shooting (8-13). He was also four of seven from the three-point line.

Deontae Davis and John Long also ended the night in double-figures, as the pair each recorded 10 points of their own. The two were a combined five of 11 from the long distance.

The Beavers did well to retain possession for the entirety of the evening, winning the rebounding battle 52-22, while out-rebounding the Threshers 17-5 on the offensive end. Pratt was efficient with its opportunities as well, shooting 50 percent from the field (35-70) and 41 percent from beyond the arc (13-32).



# Pratt Women Finish 18th in Albuquerque

The women of Pratt cross country have turned the 2019 season into a sterling one, and they did much of the same at the NJCAA Cross Country Championships in Albuquerque.

The Beavers finished 18th in a field of 38 teams running the 5K race, compiling a team score of 525. Shantierra Jackson finished with a team-best time of 20:21.26, placing her 56th. Jackson was followed by Patricia Koma (21:03.17), Jamie De La Torre (21:32.64), Nikera Durr (21:45.51), Kalen Agüero (22:08.80), Serena Blaske (24:16.25) and Meadow Valeriano (25:44.38).

The Beaver men participating in the 8K race, Erick Estrada and Uwimana Rukundo, finished 96th and 159th, respectively. Estrada completed the race with a time of 26:56, with Rukundo clockin in at 27:50.



## Burns' 51 leads Beavers to first win

Following a tough opening weekend in Iowa, the Beavers were in search of a spark.

To that effect, James Burns didn't bring just a lighter. He brought a whole case of dynamite.

The Eastern Arizona College transfer posted an astounding 51 points and 11 rebounds in the Beavers 97-72 win over Redlands Community College, scoring on 23 of his 29 attempts. Burns' double-double was padded by a little bit of everything, including a pair of assists, a steal and a block. Seven of Burns' rebounds came on the offensive end of the floor.

Three other Beavers ended the night in double figures, as Deontae Davis was four of six from the three-point line, finishing the night with 14 points of his own. Davis also managed nine rebounds and three blocks. Jamel Horton was a well-rounded contributor for Pratt, posting a 13-11-7 line off of the bench. Mahamadou Nimaga had his best showing in his still budding collegiate career, scoring 11 points to go with seven rebounds and eight assists.



# Cross Country Beavers Named All-Americans

What was a magical 2019 season for the Beavers cross country program ended with yet another sprinkle of something special.

Two Beavers, Patricia Koma and Erick Estrada, received Coaches Association All-American honors following the conclusion of the 2019 NJCAA Half-Marathon Championships. Koma finished the half-marathon with a time of 1:31:49.3, placing her 16th in the women's field, while Estrada finished 20th with a time of 1:17:56.4.

Among the other Beavers to place on the men's side were Daniel Arredondo, who finished 34th with a time of 1:24:00.4, and Uwimana Rukundo who ended the race 38th overall with a time of 1:25:15.0. Jamie De La Torre placed 30th on the women's side, clocking in at 1:43:14.2.



## Softball Raising Awareness for Local Child

Cancer is a scourge that affects all of us, one way or another. Whether it's friends, family, or those acquaintances in between, it's highly likely that someone you know has seen the wrath of the disease take its toll.

In an attempt to do its part, the Beavers' softball program will be wearing bracelets to spread awareness for Norah West, a local child currently undergoing treatment for neuroblastoma. Norah was diagnosed with cancer in 2015 at only two-years-old.

According to her Facebook page, Norah has undergone countless rounds of chemotherapy, immunotherapy, as well as radiation since her diagnosis, and has continued her fight for the past four years. Approached by one of his players, Katy Yell, head coach Melvin Jenkins believes wearing the bracelets to spread awareness for Norah was a no-brainer.

"Katy has rallied the softball team in support of one of the bravest and youngest members of her hometown," Jenkins said. "Nori West is battling childhood cancer. Her family and support team are working to raise awareness and supplement her battle with this devastating disease."

As a show of solidarity, the team is wearing custom purple wristbands in support of Nori's fight."

For more information on Norah, please visit her Facebook page. Her family has also established a GoFundMe page for those willing to send donations, which can be found on Facebook.





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BACK  
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**SPRING 2020  
INFORMATION**



## RESIDENCE HALLS

Residence halls open Monday Jan. 13 at 9 a.m.

- Returning students proceed to the business office to obtain a blue sheet and then check-in at the Residence Life table in the upper commons.
- New students begin at check-in table in the Commons Benson Education Center.
- Contact Residence Life at 620-450-2120 for housing information.

## REGISTRATION & ENROLLMENT

Complete any registration, enrollment, advising, or placement testing before Jan. 14.

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 & BILLING

Payment plans can be set up using your Self-Service account. Instructions and details at [prattcc.edu/paymentplan](http://prattcc.edu/paymentplan).

Contact the Cashier / Business Office for assistance at 620-450-2143.

## CLASSES

Classes begin Tuesday Jan. 14 at the Pratt Campus. Check your class schedule for exact dates and times for online and off-campus classes.



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# Winter 2020 FEST



## Jan 27 - Feb 1

**January 27, 7:00 pm**

*Talent Show Rehearsal, Auditorium*

**January 28, 11 am-1 pm**

*Pep-Banner Making, Riney Student Center Art Gallery*

**January 28, 7:30 pm**

*Talent Show, Auditorium*

**January 29, 9:00 am**

*Beaver Wrestling vs. Cowley, Beaver Dome*

**January 30, 9:00 pm**

*Formal Dance, Upper Commons*

**January 31, 8:00 pm**

*Bonfire & Pep Rally, PCC Rodeo Grounds*

**February 1, 2 pm & 4 pm**

*Beaver Basketball vs. Colby*

*King & Queen Crowning - Halftime of Men's Game*







**December 2019**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Women's Basketball VS Sterling JV 6PM	3 Ornament Making Woj Hall Lobby 8:30PM	4 <b>Dec 11<sup>th</sup></b> Women's/Men's Basketball VS Independence 5:30PM/7:30PM	5 Movie, Coco, and Cookies, Ginger Bread Woj Hall 9PM	6 <b>Christmas Show</b>	7 <b>Christmas Show</b>
8 <b>Christmas Show</b>	9 Late Night Breakfast Cafe 9PM	10 	11 <b>Final Exams</b> (prattcc.edu/finals)	12	13 <b>Residence Halls Close at 5PM</b>	14 PCC Wrestling Beaver Open Beaver Dome 9AM
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 	26	27	28
29	30 <b>New Year's Eve</b>	<p>Follow us on Social Media</p> <p>  Add Bucky Beaver   @prattcc   @prattcc   @prattcc   Download the App   Beaver Nation         </p>				

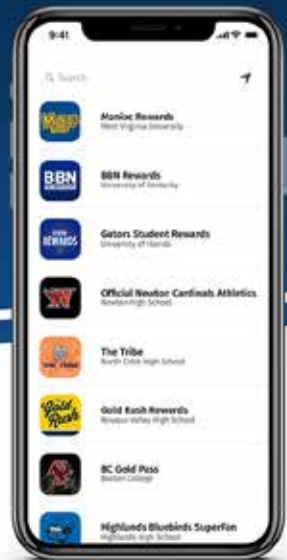
**Need to Know:**  
**December 13<sup>th</sup>:** All students are to be out of the residence halls by 5PM  
**January 13<sup>th</sup>:** Residence halls open-Move in from 9AM to 5PM

**Performing Arts Christmas Show**  
 December 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30PM in The Auditorium  
 December 8<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30PM The Auditorium

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