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Hamm, Calvert Elected as KACCT and COP Presidents

Pratt Community College Board of Trustees member Michele Hamm was recently elected as the president of the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees (KACCT). This is Hamm's fifth year serving on the executive committee, after serving as treasurer and vice president in past years, as well as president for the 2015-2016 term.



The KACCT works to build better futures by advocating on behalf of the 19 community colleges in the state of Kansas through cooperation, collaboration, and communication. As president, Hamm will take a lead in the committee's quarterly meetings and monthly phone conference calls.

"All 19 community colleges meet together quarterly," said Hamm. "While each college has different goals and needs, the organization strives to become one voice and give out one message to serve the whole state while serving each own individual interest as well."

Hamm brings her passion and 9 years of experience on the PCC Board of Trustees to the position.

In addition to Hamm being elected as the KACCT president, PCC President Dr. Michael Calvert will transition into the role of president of the Council of Presidents (COP). Calvert served as the secretary on the executive committee during the 2016-2017 term as well as vice president for the 2017-2018 term.

As president of the COP, Calvert will chair a variety of meetings, including a monthly meeting with the System Council of Presidents, which includes the state's university presidents, through the Kansas Board of Regents. He will also report at the monthly Kansas Board of Regents meetings as well as the Technical Education Authority monthly meetings. He will also be called upon to testify on a regular basis in front of legislature on issues involving the community college sector.

"It's an honor to be elected the president of the 19 community colleges," said Calvert. "I look forward to the extended role that I will be involved with. We have a dynamic and diverse group of presidents and I look forward to working with all of them."

"It's great that PCC is well represented in state leadership," said Calvert.

Upcoming Dates

Beaver Building Day	July 11
Board of Trustees Meeting	July 16



FEATURED ALUMNUS

Dwane DeWeese

"This community college is dear to my heart. If it hadn't been for Pratt Community College, I would never be where I am at today. If it hadn't been for a couple of my favorite teachers, I wouldn't be where I am at today."

Dwane DeWeese graduated from Cunningham High School in the spring of 1959. The following fall, he along with five other friends, carpooled from Cunningham to Pratt to enroll at what was known as Pratt Junior College at the time.

"All six of us enrolled," said DeWeese. "Three of the gentlemen I road with enrolled in engineering. One girl enrolled in secretarial studies. I didn't know what I wanted to do and I don't think the other guy knew what he wanted to do, so we enrolled in Liberal Arts."

At the time, tuition was \$35 per semester. DeWeese enrolled in 15 credit hours and discovered college was more challenging than he thought.

"I didn't do well grade wise," said DeWeese. "I didn't apply myself like I should have."

That following summer, DeWeese joined a wheat harvesting crew. The crew started out in Burkburnett, TX and Wichita Falls, TX. Using two Massey-Harris combines, the crew would cut wheat in Burkburnett and Wichita Falls, then they traveled to Fredrick, Lawton, and Burlington, OK. Eventually they ended up in Cunningham, KS where the owner of the company farmed. After wheat was cut there, they loaded the combines up and traveled to Tribune, KS, Julesburg, CO, and ended the

summer in Kimball, KS.

"I didn't enjoy sitting in a combine all summer," said DeWeese. "There was nobody to talk to. We were sitting out in the sun all day. I ended up with dust pneumonia. I got home and decided that maybe cutting wheat wasn't my forte."

DeWeese decided to enroll at Pratt Junior College again for the following year, but this time, with much more success.

"I made the honor roll my first semester back," said DeWeese. "My mother thought she ought to come to college because she thought I bought my grades since I made the honor roll!"

During his time at PCC, DeWeese met two instructors who made a great influence on his life. They, along with his previous high school shop teacher, Warren Fouse, inspired DeWeese and he credits them for his lifelong successes.

"When I got to the college, I was taught by Dan Manwarren and C.S. Woods," said DeWeese. "Both of them were excellent instructors and role models."

Woods taught electricity and geology while Manwarren taught industrial arts and mechanics, all of which DeWeese enjoyed.

"I suffered through English and Algebra and some of those other core classes so I could take shop classes," said DeWeese.

In his second semester of his second year, DeWeese was introduced to yet another person who would eventually become his biggest inspiration



of all.

"There was a gal that sat behind me who kept pushing my briefcase down the aisle," said DeWeese. "Her name was Sue Crowl."

DeWeese recalls the class having to come up with their own projects.

"The research that I did was over Pavlov's dog salivating," said DeWeese. "The gal behind me, which was Sue, took on a different project. Her project was me and it's lasted 54 years!"

After graduating from PCC, DeWeese attended the Kansas State Teachers College, now known as Emporia State University. As soon as Crowl was finished with her classes at PCC a year later, she attended the school as well. The couple continued to date during their time there. DeWeese graduated from Emporia in 1963 while Crowl graduated in 1964.

"We kind of thought we would get married after I graduated in 1963," said DeWeese. "But, I

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made a business decision. If we didn't get married until 1964, her folks would pay for her last year of education instead of me!"

The couple married in August of 1964.

After graduating from Emporia, DeWeese worked on his student teaching at Campus High School in Wichita. A week after he started his student teaching, he was called into the principal's office. The principal informed him they were hiring teachers for the next year and wanted him to sign a contract.

"I signed a contract for Campus High School and I was going to teach in the other five or six teachers' planning periods," said DeWeese. "I was trained in welding, woodshop, and machine shop, which is what I did my college training in."

A week before school started, however, he was called into the principal's office again. He told DeWeese he was the new automotive teacher.

"I only had six college hours in automotive training when I started teaching at Campus High School," said DeWeese. "I studied each lesson the night before I was going to present."

DeWeese spent six years teaching at Campus High School. On nights and Saturdays, the couple would drive to Emporia to school to work on their master degrees. They both graduated with their masters in 1968.

"That allowed me to look around for another job," said DeWeese. "A job had opened up at Pratt Community College. They were wanting to expand the tech area and I was lucky enough to apply and get a job at the college."

DeWeese taught at PCC for eight years. Then, he had a chance to farm and did so for nine years. A family tragedy caused DeWeese to lose three quarters of his farming ground so he had to find another job.

"PCC needed another instructor again, so I spent 22 more years teaching," said DeWeese.

The college had tried to make DeWeese an administrator a time or two, but he decided he got along better in the classroom.

"I taught some classes I never taught before," said DeWeese. "But I told them to give me 12-15 people that want to learn and we'll learn together."

Air conditioning and electrical classes were among DeWeese's favorite classes to teach.

"You don't get as greasy or dirty in those classes," said DeWeese. "You can't beat teaching air conditioning and you can't beat teaching electrical."

DeWeese also enjoys all things engines.

"I love engines," said DeWeese. "To bring in an old diesel engine that is all dirty, grimy, and wore out but still has the basic components to work on was great. We would take them, rebuild them, and paint them. We would put them on a dyno and develop horsepower like it was new. To me, that is a lot of satisfaction. I've got one engine that's personal that has over 39,000 hours on it. It's only been rebuilt twice."

DeWeese started the diesel mechanic program at PCC. However, due to an administration change, the college canceled the program so they could focus on something else.

"Eventually it was brought back," said DeWeese. "However during my years of working on cars, I am master certified in ASE, Automotive Service Excellence. They wanted me to stay in the automotive area since I was a master tech in the field."

Perhaps his favorite memory during his time at PCC was the time the school obtained its vocational accreditation under the leadership of President John

Gwaltney.

"That was probably the biggest thing that helped us in establishing Pratt as a tech school," said DeWeese. "We took a busload of people to Topeka for that hearing. We all carried a book of letters of recommendation. It was one or two manuals that was six inches thick. We spent \$500 to feed the bus load of people and I think I even drove the bus. I would say that was probably the highlight of my experience at PCC."

DeWeese retired from PCC in 2007. He taught at Kingman High School for a couple years after that before he quit. Overall, he spent 40 years in the classroom. He remains in contact with several of his former students today.

DeWeese is still very active in the Pratt community. He has been involved with Pratt County 4-H since 1970. He has worked the Thanksgiving community dinner for over 15 years. He has also served over 25 years on the Township 12 fire department. Both, Dwane and Sue, are elders at the First Christian Church. They have three children.

Five years ago, DeWeese ran for the Board of Trustees at PCC and he continues to be a Board of Trustee member today.

September 6, 1938, Pratt Junior College opened its doors as the 14th junior college created in Kansas. Years later, Pratt Community College, is proud to have helped build the futures of thousands of students on-campus, online, at our Winfield and Wichita learning centers and through high school concurrent enrollment.

Each month during 2018 PCC is proud to feature stories and memories from people who have helped see our institution and mission grow. If you would like to be considered for one of our monthly features contact Jessica Sanko, 620-450-2192. jessicas@prattcc.edu.

PCC Enrolls 44 Nursing Students to Begin This Fall

On June 27, 2018 Pratt Community College enrolled 14 new Practical Nurse (PN) and 30 new Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) students to begin the rigorous Nursing Programs this Fall.

These nursing students, make up the entire class for the Winfield, Pratt, and online cohorts, visited the main campus where they met with Admissions, Bookstore, Financial Aid, and Student Success representatives, and received their official introduction into their respective Programs.

Students, divided by Programs, met with the Director of Nursing, faculty and staff as well as Vice President of Instruction, Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick.

"The fact you are all here is remarkable," said Fitzpatrick in reference to the voluntary cessation to the ADN Program during the 2017-2018 academic school year. "You [students] were handpicked from a competitive pool of applicants and accepted into this [ADN] Program because we believe you are of the highest academic quality and will be a valuable part of rebuilding our future."

In April of 2017 PCC put its ADN Program on hold for one year to allow nursing faculty the opportunity to conduct a complete transformative restructuring of the Program starting with the mission and concluding with sustainable and repeatable measures to help ensure a high quality program in the future. PCC was granted approval by the Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN) to voluntarily cease admissions to the ADN Program for one academic year.

In March 2018 after several on-site reviews and collaborative meetings in Topeka with PCC administration, nursing faculty, and KSBN, the ADN Program was granted approval to allow enrollment for the 2018-2019 academic year.

Fitzpatrick reiterated the demand of the Program and the absolute need for more qualified licensed nurses within the industry.

"I am excited to have you all in this Program," Fitzpatrick said to the group. "I know all of the faculty and staff you have worked with to get to this point are excited to have you here. They have worked for more than a year to make sure you will have the tools required to succeed and that's what we are striving for."

The Fall semester begins Aug. 21 for all Programs including the PN and ADN classes. The ADN Program will still be under review as it could take at least 3 years of test scores to regain national accreditation. KSBN does have recommendations for the Program moving forward. They approved the Practical Nursing (PN) program for another 5 years given that they maintain their National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) pass rates which have been higher than required 75% at 90.91 percent pass rate. As of April this year, the ADN NCLEX pass rates for the 2016-2017 academic school year are also up at 83.33 percent.



PCC Men's Basketball Coach Sean Flynn To Work Clinics Abroad

Pratt Community College men's basketball coach Sean Flynn will direct four basketball clinics in Adelaide, Australia over 12 days in July. The clinics are part of International Hoops Camps of South Australia. Each event features Australian high school aged players.

"A four year coach recruiting one of our players last year connected me with this opportunity. My player ended up signing at a different school so hopefully the four year coach isn't sending me on this trip to get jumped," joked Flynn.



Flynn will work four clinics with a wide variety of athletes while in Australia. Three of the camps are for high school players developing their skills for middle school and high school play. One of the camps will allow Flynn to make an impact on players beginning to play basketball develop the basic and technical skills required to be competitive in the game. Flynn will also speak at a coaches forum during the basketball clinics to help spread the game of basketball in southern Australia.

Flynn understands how much this event can help with future international recruiting.

"I'm eager to see how coaches teach the game in Adelaide because so many Australian players play the right way. This opportunity allows PCC to get in front of the most talented young players in South Australia. Down the line these camps could help us meet some good players. Right now I'm grateful to coach basketball."

PCC Women's Basketball Coach Speaks at Wichita East High School

On June 26, head women's basketball coach John Ishee spoke at Wichita East High School from. Brian Johnson, who two seasons ago took Wichita West to the state semi-finals for the first time in over 40 years, has invited Ishee to address their camp on the values of education, basketball, teamwork, discipline, competitiveness, and citizenship.

"I'm extremely honored and excited to address Coach Johnson's team and any team for that matter," Ishee said. "Coach Johnson and his staff, who last season took Wichita East to their first winning season since 2006, do a great



job of teaching, coaching and growing the young women in their program. We're excited about this opportunity and hope to convey some things both basketball and life-wise that will benefit the Wichita East team. We have an outstanding Wichita East High product in Dymond McElrath coming to Pratt in the fall. We're excited about her and what she will bring to our program, the college and the community of Pratt. She is an outstanding person and potentially an outstanding player. She has had great parenting, coaching, and a great family history of outstanding basketball. Her mom and dad were great athletes. Paul Stovall (her uncle) is a hall of fame player at Pratt. He later starred at Arizona State and in the NBA with both the Phoenix Suns and the Los Angeles Clippers."

New Student INFORMATION SESSION



AUG. 21 • 1:00PM • 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 2018**

Pratt Community College will host a New Student Information Session on Tuesday, Aug. 21 from 1:00 to 3:00 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 2018 semester.

This is the second year of the orientation style 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.



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Fall Start Info

Residence Halls

Residence halls open August 19 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 20-21 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 2018.

•Tuesday, August 21, 2018 •1-3 p.m •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 22 at Pratt Main Campus. Check your class schedule for class start dates at the Coffeyville, Winfield, Wichita campuses as well as online.

EduKan fall start dates:

Option 1: August 13 (16 weeks) **Option 2:** August 13(12 weeks) **option 3:** Sept. 10 (12 weeks)

Option 4: October 9 (8 weeks) **Option 5:** Dec 3 (2 weeks)

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THE NEW STUDENT APP FOR PCC



The new mobile application provides a convenient way for students to access SelfService, grades, class schedules, student financial information, view campus maps and find valuable campus information!

- On your smart phone visit the app store and download/launch **Ellucian Go**
- **Search** for Pratt Community College from the school list
- Click on the **menu** in the upper left to see available applications like PCC News, Self Service, Canvas, Campus Maps, Events Calendar and Financial Info
- Use your SelfService **login and password** to unlock secure applications with a “locked” icon on the right

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