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Pratt Community College September 2023

Monthly Newsletter

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Move-In Day 2023 at PCC

Sunday, August 13th was Move-In Day for PCC students. New Students arrived on campus between 9am and 1pm. Returning students began arriving on campus between 1pm and 4pm. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who were available to help make Move-In Day a success. Welcome to Beaver Nation!

Call for upcoming newsletter content

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

>>> marketing@prattcc.edu

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Upcoming Dates

- October 2nd - 6th: Mid-term week
- October 9th: Fall Break, No classes
- October 10: Early Spring 2024 Enrollment Begins
- October 18: Advising Day, No classes

See next page and online calendar for more important dates!

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September

Important dates

Labor Day, No Classes - Campus Closed
September 4th

Stem Club Cookout - Between Riney and Benson
September 5th @ 5:00pm-6:00pm

Certification Date for full-semester classes
September 13th

Board of Trustees Meeting - Riney Student Center
September 18th @6:00pm

Encore Performing Arts Showcase in Carpenter Auditorium
September 24th @2:30pm

OCTOBER A LOOK AHEAD

Mid-Term Week
October 2-6th

Fall Break No Classes/Faculty Work Day
October 9th

Early Spring Enrollment Begins
October 10th

Current Student Advising Day - No Classes/Faculty Work Day
October 18th

Performing Arts Performs Matilda The Musical at Carpenter Auditorium
October 27th, 28th, 29th





New Student Information Session & Parent Meeting 2023





Resident Assistant Group Photos





PCC Honors and Awards

Pratt Community Colleges Receives Kansas Board of Regents Award

Pratt Community College was honored with the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) Data Quality Award. This award honors two selected colleges for their efforts, excellence, and timeliness in data submission. Today, President Dr. Michael Calvert spoke, provided donuts, and celebrated with various departments for their contributions. The departments included: Office of Admissions, Office of the Registrar, Student Success Center, Financial Aid Office, Student Accounts, Data Services, and Cathy Blasi. A huge thank you to all these departments on this group effort. It's a great day to be a Beaver!

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PCC Honors and Awards

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Pratt Community College Ranks 18th in the Nation on the 2023 WalletHub List

Pratt Community College ranks 18th in the nation among two-year post-secondary institutions, according to the 2023 Best and Worst Community Colleges list compiled by [WalletHub.com](https://www.wallethub.com). WalletHub, an award-winning personal finance company with experts who help people save money, sampled 668 schools from member institutions in the American Association of Community Colleges.

Primary factors used by WalletHub include financing, cost, education, and career outcomes. These units are key for prospective students when considering what college to attend—based on the metrics applied, Pratt Community College excelled in all areas, reflecting the institution's mission, vision, and institutional aims.

"These categories (WalletHub) certainly fit our institutional aims well and reflect the hard work that all of you have done to support these aims. Thank you for all your work in recruiting, retaining, instructing, training, and assisting our students toward their ultimate goals," stated Dr. Michael Calvert, Pratt Community College president, to the campus community.





Welcome Week 2023 at PCC

PCC Student Life Kicks off the Fall Semester with Welcome Week

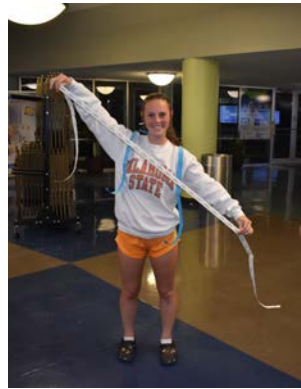
After students settled in from a successful move-in day Welcome Week began. PCC Student Life held events beginning the evening of August 15th. Events included: Kickball, Skate night, Casino night, S'mores Outdoors, Pool party, Spike ball tournament, Game night, and ended with a dance in the commons at the Benson Education Center. In addition to these events were food, prizes, the opportunity to create community, and connect. Both new and returning students participated in these events. Be sure to follow @PCCstudentlife on Instagram. Turn on your post notifications for the latest events and updates.

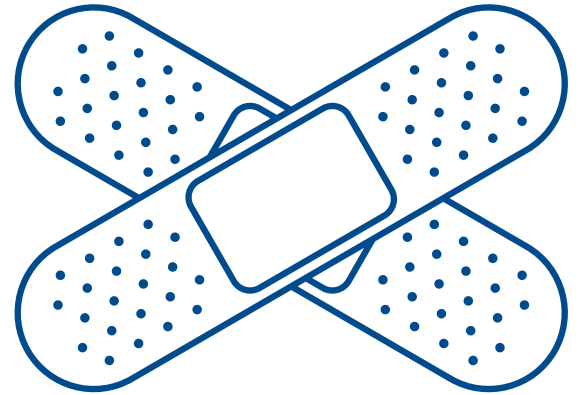
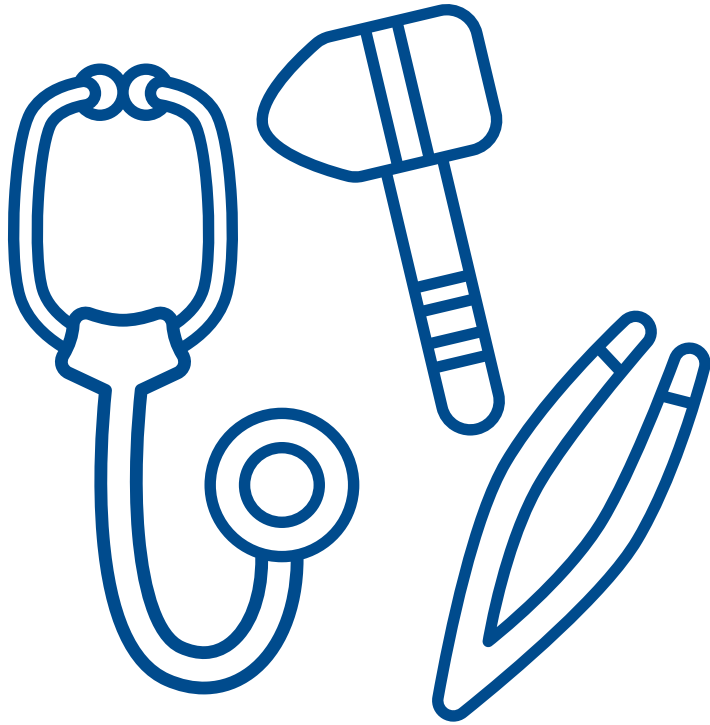




Welcome Week 2023 at PCC

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ALLIED HEALTH

Love people and helping others?

Make it a career!

- Work as a CNA, CMA, or HHA
- Earn a Certificate in 2 - 7 weeks
- Work in hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, etc.

Contact techprograms@prattcc.edu for more information.



PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

RODEO



CENTRAL PLAINS REGION NIRA RODEO SCHEDULE 2023-2024

Contact Coach Jake Ritz, jaker@prattcc.edu, 620-450-2211 with any questions

2023

COLBY
SEOSU
OSU
NWOSU

SEPT. 15, 16, 17
SEPT. 28, 29, 30
OCT. 19, 20, 21
OCT. 26, 27, 28

2024

KSTATE
FSCC
GCCC
SWOKSU
FHSU
OPSU

FEB. 16, 17, 18
MARCH 8, 9, 10
APRIL 5, 6, 7
APRIL 11, 12, 13
APRIL 18, 19, 20
APRIL 25, 26, 27



FALL SPORTS REVIEW

Read all of the latest news in Beaver Athletics at
GoBeaverSports.com

PCC FALL SPORTS: VOLLEYBALL, CROSS COUNTRY, BASEBALL, TENNIS, MEN AND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Volleyball

Volleyball is being led by Head Coach Brittany Urenda and new Assistant Coach Karen Adams. The Volleyball team is comprised of 22 players and managers.



Men's Soccer

KJCCC Back-to-Back Coach of the year Coach Kevin Kewley is returning at the helm for his 10th year and leading the PCC Men's Soccer team. The team is coming off a NJCAA Region VI championship. Last season, the men's Soccer team also made it to the district championship game for the second straight year. They finished with a record of 9-3-4 overall and 5-2-1 in conference play. The Men's Soccer Team is compiled of athletes from all over the world.



Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team is being led by new Head Coach Thomas Gaskins and new Assistant Coach Gabrielle Chavez. The team is coming off of a Region VI Championship run last season. The team has a total of 22 members which include 15 Freshmen and 7 Sophomores with PCC Female Athlete of the Year Leticia Tessi returning.

Fall Tennis

The Tennis team has 16 players this year. The team is comprised of many new freshmen players with high expectations. The team's fall scheduled will be more individual contest.



Fall Baseball

The Baseball team is coming off a Region VI playoff tournament run last season.



Cross Country

With the graduation of Jamaira Ross and her many accolades and records; the cross country team now has nine athletes. Two sophomores are returning, mostly new faces have joined the team this year.

#DefendtheDam



SPORTS REVIEW

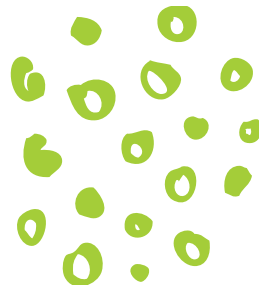
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NEW IN THE GAME



**ASSISTANT COACH
GABRIELLE CHAVEZ**

Women's Soccer



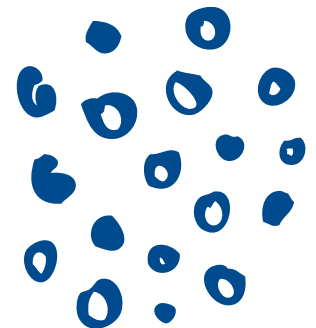
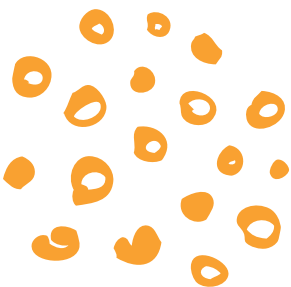
**ASSISTANT COACH
CHRIS JEFFERSON**

Women's Basketball



**ASSISTANT COACH
KAREN ADAMS**

Volleyball





SPORTS REVIEW

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CHEERLEADING

Congratulations are in store for our Pratt Community College cheer team! With Coach Shae Napier at the helm, the talented group secured 1st place in Crowd Segment, 2nd place in Rally, and a Silver Paid bid to the nationals. Not to be outdone, our mascot Bucky Beaver also received multiple awards at the competition held in Missouri. Great job, Coach Napier and cheer team!



Congratulations!

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Pratt Community College Performing Arts

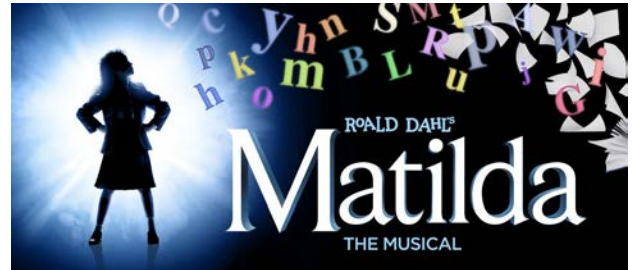
2023-2024 Schedule

All performances are in Carpenter Auditorium unless noted. Tickets are \$5.



Encore Showcase

September 24 @ 2:30pm



October 27, 28 at 7:30pm

October 29 at 2:30pm

Choir and Jazz Band Concert

November 19 @ 2:30pm



Christmas to Remember

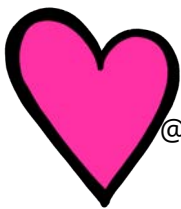
December 1, 2 at 7:30pm

December 3 at 2:30pm

Valentine Dinner and Show

February 11 @ 6:30pm

@ The Front Porch 115 East Fourth



Broadway Nights

March 22 and 23 at 7:30pm

March 24 at 2:30pm

Encore Finale Concert

April 21 @ 2:30pm



Cinco de Mayo Choir and Jazz Band Concert

May 5 @ 2:30pm

Contact Misty Beck
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with any questions



WHAT'S NEW AT PCC

The Office of Enrollment Management ordered new blue furniture for the common area of the Benson Education Center. We hope the community and students enjoy the new look.



The new PCC Foundation conference room is located next to the Mailroom in the Benson Education Center.

Currently, the space includes blueprints and layouts from Pratt Community College as well as upcoming goals, former, and current projects funded by the foundation.

Some of the projects include the current Track and Soccer facilities, renovating Huffman Arena for Rodeo, and Stanion Field for baseball.

Also, a donor marquee screen is available as well. Stop by and you will be able to see where Pratt Community College began and where we are presently.





PCC Foundation Conference Room

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2023 Outstanding Alumni Award



Pratt Community College Foundation is pleased to announce that Dwane DeWeese is the recipient of the 2023 Outstanding Alumni Award. Dwane has been an invaluable pillar of support and service in the Pratt area, leaving an indelible mark on the lives of its residents.

Dwane earned an Associate's Degree in Vocational Education from PCC in 1961. He then attended Emporia State University, completing his Bachelor's Degree 1963. Subsequently, in 1969, he obtained his Master's Degree, also from Emporia State University.

Dwane served Pratt Community College for over 30 years as an automotive technology and diesel mechanic instructor. His passion for teaching and sharing his knowledge with the next generation of technicians has been the key to success of students in their career paths. Another of Dwane's significant contributions was his 20 plus years as a member of the Pratt Community College Board of Trustees. Serving in this capacity, he has been instrumental in guiding the college towards excellence, implementing strategic initiatives, and ensuring that the institution meets the evolving needs of its students and the community at large. His dedication to promoting accessible and quality education has had a profound impact on numerous aspiring individuals seeking to advance their careers through PCC's programs. Additionally, Dwane and his wife Sue have been generous financial supporters of PCC's Annual Scholarship Auction. Dwane has been an active leader in the foundation's Build Our Future comprehensive fundraising campaign.

*For more information, please stop by the PCC Foundation Conference room or the Donor Wall at the entrance the Benson Education Center



MINDFULNESS MINUTE

Student Success Center

#MentalHealthMatters

The Student Success Center is located in Dennis Lesh Sports Arena, upstairs, and in office 55. The office is open regular business hours: Monday through Thursday 8am-5pm and Fridays 8am-12pm. In the Student Success Center students have a variety of services available to them. Some of the services include online tutoring, success coaching, counseling referrals, academic advising, testing lab access, case management, follow-up services from academic alerts, test readers, and other academic accommodations. I had the opportunity to speak with Director Diego Esparza and have a Q & a session.

Q: What is the goal of this department?

A: "To help students develop themselves and equip students to handle any obstacles they may face."

Q; What is the importance of connection and community? (Recognizing that this department serves as a bridge between students, faculty, and staff.)

A: The student success center is "A place of belonging for students, a Space where they can be their authentic selves, and A place where they can be vulnerable."

Q: Anything else you would like readers to know?

A: "Feel free to stop by with any questions, concerns, or students can stop by if they need someone to talk to." "Students can stop by and talk through whatever might be on their mind and learn more about services available to them."