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Upcoming Dates

Winterfest Royalty Court Jan 18
Martin Luther King Jr. Day Jan 21
(Campus and Offices Closed)
Winterfest Talent Show Jan 22
Wrestling vs. Labette Jan 23
Winterfest Bonfire Jan 24

Open Casting Call For Second Annual Winterfest Talent Show

The week of Jan. 22-26, Pratt Community College, is celebrating their second annual Winterfest Week.

The week of events includes a student and community talent show, bon fire pep rally, Beaver wrestling duel, a formal dance and the crowning of Winterfest King and Queen.



Winterfest kicks off the week with the student and community Talent Show in Carpenter Auditorium. The Talent Show is open to community members and college students who would like to share their talent. There will be prizes for the Talent Show winners including two \$150 cash prizes; one for the community category and one for the PCC student category. There is also one \$50 cash prize for Judge's Choice.

PCC is actively searching for talent entries of community members and PCC students. If you are interested in participating or would like more information fill out and complete the entry form and submit to Charles Keefer, Director of Student and Resident Life, via email at charlesk@prattcc.edu by Jan. 18 at 5 p.m.

The Winterfest Talent Show will hold one dress rehersal on Jan. 21 in Carpenter Auditorium at 7 p.m. The live Talent Show will be Jan. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Carpenter Auditorium.

Stay up to date with all Winterfest events and activities by following PCC on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. As always each event with dates, times and locations is available on the Go Beaver Nation app available for Apple and Android smartphones.

For more information about Winterfest, the Talent Show and King and Queen you can visit the Student and Resident Life offices below the arena, office area 77 or contact Keefer directly.



January 22, 11 am-1 pm

Pep-Banner Making, Riney Student Center Art Gallery

January 22, 7:30 pm

Talent Show, Auditorium

January 23, 7:00 pm

Beaver Wrestling vs. Labette, Auditorium

January 24, 8:00 pm

Bonfire & Pep Rally, PCC Rodeo Grounds

January 25, 9:00 pm

Formal Dance, Upper Commons *Current PCC Student ID required

January 26, Halftime of Men's Basketball
Game

Beaver Basketball vs. NW Tech, King & Queen Crowning

The week of Jan. 22-26, Pratt Community College, is celebrating 80 years of spirt by hosting the second annual Winterfest Week. The week of events includes a talent show, bon fire pep rally, a formal dance and the crowning of Winterfest Royalty King and Queen.

PCC Foundation Seeks Nominations for the 2019 Outstanding Alumnus

The Pratt Community College Foundation is seeking nominations for the 2019 Outstanding Alumnus Award.

The Outstanding Alumnus award was established to honor outstanding alumni who have made contributions to career and community. Alumni who have completed at least 30 hours at PCC are eligible for this award, previous honorees are not eligible. The selection criteria are based on the following:

- 1. Exhibits outstanding leadership and character
- 2. Achieved significant accomplishments in career area
- 3. Exhibits outstanding service
- 4. Evidence of support to PCC
- 5. Other pertinent information

The Outstanding Alumnus Award will be presented in May at a luncheon prior to commencement. The honoree will deliver an address during commencement.



The 2018 Outstanding Alumnus was awarded to Doug Brehm. Brehm grew up in Pratt, Kansas and graduated from Skyline High School in 1980. He decided to begin his college career at PCC as both his parents

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The Foundation office is accepting nominations through Feb. 15. The nomination form can be found on our website at prattcc.edu/OutstandingAlumnus. Submit your nominations to Barry Fisher via email barryf@prattcc.edu or to the Foundation office.

PCC Business Department Accepting Nominations for Executive-in-Residence

The Boyd Davies Executive-in-Residence program was implemented in 1988 by the Accounting and Business Department to give the students at Pratt Community College the opportunity to interact with a business person from the area and learn about his/her experiences. Nominees come from a large background of fields, exhibit a long and successful career in business, and are willing to share that knowledge with our college community.

Past recipents of the Boyd Davies Executive-in-Residence award include Dale Withers (2017-2018), The Parsons Familty (2016-2017) and more.

Please consider the following qualifications when submitting your nomination. The nominee should meet these requirements:

- Have a long and successful career in a business in which they have functioned as an owner or manager.
- Express an interest and willingness to share with others the unique knowledge obtained in their business experience.

Carol Ricke, Business and Accounting Instructor, is accepting nominations through Jan. 25.

The 2018-2019 Executive-in-Residence to be named will be presented their award in the Spring 2019 semester along with a convocation to PCC Business students and community members.



PCC HOSTS ACTIVE SHOOTER EXERCISE ON CAMPUS

Pratt Community College started off the 2018 calendar year by hosting an active shooter exercise on January 5th. The exercise tested how the college and first responder agencies, such as law enforcement, emergency medical services, emergency management, and the hospital can work together to address and respond to emergency situations. All parties involved learned valuable lessons that can be used in the case of a real-world mass casualty event.

PTK STUDENTS HONORED AT KANSAS ACADEMIC TEAM LUNCHEON

On February 15th, two PTK students, Natalie Holguin and Kassidy Weaver, were honored in Topeka during the Twenty-Third Annual Kansas All-State Academic Team Luncheon for their academic accomplishments. The scholars were named to the 2018 All-Kansas Academic team, which 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.



PCC WRESTLING COMPETES AT 2018 NJCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The PCC wrestling team wrapped up the 2017-2018 season in Council Bluffs, IA on February 23 and 24 at the NJCAA Wrestling Championship meet. Five PCC wrestlers qualified for the event and competed for a chance to be a national champion of their perspective weight classes. Brayan Balderrama, Justin Hershberger, JT Ellis, Nick Lucas, and Kevin Kissane competed with Ellis taking seventh place and Kissane taking sixth. Overall, PCC wrestling finished the season ranked in the top 25 nationally.

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT MUSICAL

PCC Performing Arts took the stage in March to perform the internationally acclaimed musical and dance extravaganza, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Students and college staff were joined by more than 80 community members to make up the colorful cast directed by Misty Beck, Speech Communications/Drama and Theatre Instructor. PCC freshman Joseph Stewart starred as Joseph while freshmen Kayley Geesling and Kayla Harbaugh told the story as narrators. Community member and alumnae Josh Jacobs channeled his inner Elvis as the Pharaoh.



PCC FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES MILLION DOLLAR CHALLENGE

In March, the Pratt Community College Foundation launched a capital campaign to build a track and field complex east of the current Green Sports Complex located on the southeast side of Pratt. The College Foundation took the lead on securing the funding but the facilities are designed to help the entire community. In addition to the local schools and PCC, the track will be available to host events such as AAU meets and the Special Olympics. It will also serve as a health and exercise venue for the public.



PCC OPENS ENROLLMENT FOR NEW TECHNICAL PROGRAM

PCC began quarter two of the calendar year by announcing a new program to begin in the fall of 2018. The new program, Modern Distribution Sales & Management, provides an exceptional opportunity for students to experience learning outside of the classroom as well as a paid internship. The program is a combination of supply chain logistics, sales, information systems, finance, marketing, and procurement. Students have the opportunity to earn an MSDM Certificate after one year, earn their AAS of MDSM degree, or earn their AS degree and transfer to a four year university for a BS in Industrial Distribution.

NURSING ANNOUNCES APPROVAL TO ADMIT STUDENTS FOR 2018-2019

PCC announced in the second quarter that the Pratt Community College Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program had been approved by the Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN) to allow enrollment for the 2018-2019 academic year. In April of 2017, PCC put its AND program on hold for one year to allow faculty the opportunity to conduct a complete transformative restructuring of the ADN program. PCC administration and nursing faculty presented the restructured curriculum and syllabi which was granted approval to admitt students. The program opened Fall 2018 at full capacity.





PCC SHOOTING SPORTS TEAM TAKES 4th IN SAN ANTONIO NATIONALS

Seven students from the Pratt Community College Shooting Sports team traveled to the National Collegiate Clay Target Championship in San Antonio, TX, to complete against 76 teams from all over the nation. PCC Shooting Sports came home with a Division 4 seventh place win and fourth place win overall for two year colleges in the nation. The team took seven shooters to compete – Tyler Skaggs, Chase Bunyard, Joshua Dixon, Morgan Domme, Audriaunna Martin, Shania Hansen, and Haley Slattery.

30TH ANNUAL PCC SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION A HUGE SUCCESS

Approximately 300 people attended the 30th annual PCC Scholarship Auction, which was held on April 13 in the Dennis Lesh Sports Arena. According to Barry Fisher, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement and Alumni Relations, this was the most successful auction to date. The auction was a milestone for the event being the 30th year. Over \$74,000 was raised during the auction, with 100% of the proceeds going directly to scholarships for PCC students.



EPT STUDENTS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS FROM ITC GREAT PLAINS

ITC Great Plains, LCC, awarded scholarships to two students in the Electrical Power Technology program at Pratt Community College on May 1. Students Willie Wilkerson and Brayden Bittel were recognized for their hard work in the program and received the scholarships in front of their peers and instructors. Kim Goodnight, Regional Manager for Community Affairs at ITC Great Plains presented the scholarships to the students. This was the sixth year the company has provided scholarships to the EPT students at PCC.



PCC STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

On May 2, PCC held their annual student achievement awards. Several students were awarded for their accomplishments over the past year in the classroom and on their fields of play. Clubs, organizations, and student life groups all presented awards to various students for their contributions in their respective areas.

PCC FACULTY AND STAFF EARN END OF YEAR AWARDS

During commencement on May 11, several PCC faculty and staff were presented with end of year awards due to their hard work during the school year. The 2018 Dennis Lesh Teacher of the Year was awarded to education instructor, Rhonda Westerhaus while Monette DePew, English instructor, was announced as the PHEA Teacher of the Year. James Lemon, Snack Bar Supervisor for Beaver Bites, received the Dennis Lesh Foundation Food Services Recognition Award while Amy Jackson, Director of Student Success, was awarded the first annual





PCC COMPLETES RENOVATIONS TO THE SPORTS PERFORMANCE AND FITNESS CENTER

PCC held a ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate the completion and opening of the newly renovated and revitalized Sports Performance and Fitness Center. The fitness center boasts the utilization of both the north and south rooms in the lower level of the Riney Student Center. The north room houses the cardio equipment while the south room is geared more towards strength and conditioning. The center provides students, athletes, and PCC employees state of the art equipment to meet their fitness needs.

HAMM, CALVERT ELECTED AS KACCT AND COP PRESIDENTS

Pratt Community College Board of Trustees member, Michele Hamm, was 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. In addition to Hamm being elected as KACCT president, PCC President Dr. Michael Calvert transitioned into the role of president for 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 2017-2018.







PCC RANKED IN TOP 5 PERCENT IN NATION

In September, it was announced that PCC was ranked one of the top community colleges in the nation for the third year in a row from the 2018 Best and Worst Community colleges by Wallethub, a company dedicated to helping people efficiently attain top wallet fitness. PCC is ranked in the top 5 percent of all community colleges, officially ranking in at 36 out of 715 community colleges. PCC is also listed as the second best community college in Kansas according to their metrics.



PCC ATHLETICS HOST BEAVERS ON THE BRICKS

The PCC athletic department hosted the third annual Fall student athlete meet and greet on September 20. PCC provided a variety of yard games, concessions, and prizes for staff, students, and community members at the Merchant Park in downtown Pratt. Over 256 PCC student athletes attended the event. The event was orchestrated by Assistant Athletic Director Scott Goodheart and sponsored by Woody's Bar & Grill as well as the Barron Theater.

PCC HOSTED FIRST PRESEASON JAMBOREE IN OCTOBER

On October 20, the PCC men's basketball team hosted the first ever Pratt County Jamboree. Teams from across the country went head-to-head to showcase their skills in full length games and scrimmage style matchups at the Dennis Lesh Sports Arena and Blythe Family Fitness. Redlands Community College, Southeast Community College, Lamar Community College, Northeastern Junior College, Allen County Community College, Garden City Community College, and OnPoint Hoops Academy joined the Beavers in participating in the pre-season event.





PCC STUDENT SUCCESS DIRECTOR RECEIVES COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROFESSIONAL AWARD FROM NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

The National Association for Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) hosted their annual Region IV West conference on Oct. 23-25 in Wichita, Kan, where Amy Jackson, PCC Director of the Student Success Center, was awarded the Community college Professional Award for her dedication to students and leadership within the institution. Jackson attended the conference was presented the award by PCC's Director of Student and Residence Life, Charles Keefer, who received the award in 2017.

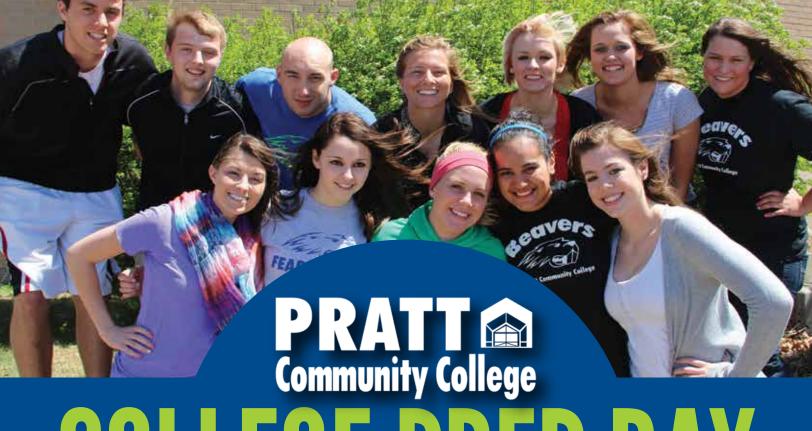
SKYLAND GRAIN GIVES \$25,000 TO PCC FOR FUTURE SCHOLARSHIPS

On Tuesday, October 30, representatives from Skyland Grain, LLC, presented a \$25,000 check to PCC to be used as scholarships for students in the Crop Applicator program. Students can earn up to \$600 per semester by enrolling in the Crop Application certificate program while also enrolled in any other associate's degree program at PCC. The certificate program takes one year to complete and students work closely with PCC instructors and industry professionals at Skyland Grain to earn their Commercial Pesticide Applicator License upon completion of the program.



BUSY BEAVERS FIND TIME TO GIVE BACK

In December, it was announced that PCC's 11 sports teams have combined for more than 5,570 total hours of community service since the start of the school year. Each team has directed and assisted with various projects within the school and the community, such as directing shoe drives, hosting mini-sports clinics, engaging with local youth, and more. One of PCC athletics' main goals is to show appreciation for the continuous support of the community. Each student-athlete is tasked with completing a minimum of 40 hours of community service each year.



COLLEGE PREP DAY

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EXPLORE WHAT PRATT CC HAS TO OFFER

APRIL 3 - 9AM - 12:30PM LUNCH PROVIDED

- Presentations and interactive activities to enhance knowledge of:
 - ✓ FAFSA
 - ✓ Scholarship Applications
- √ Admissions Applications & Requirements
- ✓ Degree Options
- Take a Tour of Campus and Residence Halls
- Learn the Ins and Outs of Everyday College Life!

To Register Visit Prattcc.edu/CollegePrepDay

Registration closes March 31

Registration Open for Skyland Grain FFA / Ag Day

High School sophomores, juniors and seniors interested in education and careers in Agriculture are invited to join Pratt Community College and Skyland Grain, LLC on campus to take part in hands-on activities in an interactive, educational, and career networking event. Participants will learn about educational opportunities available at PCC, agriculture related career fields, PCC admissions requirements, programs, and scholarships. The free event takes place on March 26, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch is provided.

To register, please visit www.prattcc.edu/agday.

Pratt Community College partnered with Skyland Grain, LLC in 2016 to provide a certificate program in crop application. The one year, 34 credit hour program prepares students to test for the Commercial Pesticide Applicator License and obtain a Class A

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Register Today

FFA AG Day

March 26, 2019

Prait Community College
9am-2pm

Commercial Driver's License upon employment. Since the partnership, Skyland Grain has provided thousands of dollars in scholarships to PCC students along with collaborating with the college for yearly events such as the Skyland Grain FFA Ag Day.

To learn more about the Crop Application certificate program at PCC in partnership with Skyland Grain and how you can apply for admission visit www.prattcc.edu/CropApplication.

Save the Date!



Save the date! The 31st annual foundation scholarship auction, is set for April 12, 2019 and will be held in the Dennis Lesh Sports Arena. Our theme is "Build Our Future".

The auction funds raised will be used strictly for student scholarships to help offset the cost of tuition, books, and room and board. In 2018 the auction raised a record breaking \$79,000 dollars for the scholarship fund thanks to our Pratt area community, businesses and PCC faculty and staff!

Tickets go on sale at the start of the new year .If you would like to donate items for the auction, be involved as a sponsor or attend the event you can contact Barry Fisher at barryf@prattcc.edu or call his office, 620-450-2179.

BELVER BACKER

BEAVER WRESTLING VS. LABETTE JAN. 23 PCC UPPER COMMONS DINNER 5:30-7PM • MATCHES 7PM

SOUP DINNER & WRESTLING ADMISSION

ADULTS - \$10

SENIOR CITIZENS - \$7

CHILDREN [7-17] - \$5

Ages 6 and below - FREE

DINNER ONLY Suggested Donation

ADULTS - \$7

SENIOR CITIZENS - \$5

STUDENTS - \$3

TO GO \$5













No. 8 Pratt Wrestling Competes At The Cusatis Open

No. 8 Pratt Community College wrestling returned from the Winter break to hit the road and compete in the Cusatis Open hosted by Hastings College.

Wrestling at 197 pounds, sophomore Chris Henderson had the most noteworthy day for the Beavers. All opponents Henderson faced were from either NAIA or NCAA DII schools. Although beginning his day with a 6-5 decision loss to Easton Rendleman from the No. 11-ranked NAIA school in the nation, Oklahoma City University, Henderson bounced back with 3-straight wins. The first victory of the day for Henderson came by way of an 18-5 major decision. Henderson earned a 14-7 decision victory in his next contest by defeating yet another opponent from No. 11 Oklahoma City. His final win of the day ended in a pin fall over the duration of just two minutes and 15 seconds. Henderson's



3-match win streak was ended in his last bout of the open while competing against a wrestler from NCAA DII Colorado School of Mines.

184-pounder Gavin Lively hit the mat for the Beavers at the open as well. Lively opened up the tournament with a loss to Russell Rucklos from NCAA DI South Dakota State. He then proceeded to earn his first win by way of major decision against an Air Force opponent, 22-11. His day of competition ended with a loss to an NAIA wrestler from Northwestern College in a close 5-2 decision.

Pratt wrestling will compete once more at the Kansas Cup before ending their open tournament season. The event will take place on Jan. 13 beginning at 10 a.m.

PCC to Host Jayhawk Duals Feb. 2-3

Wrestling takes center stage in Pratt, Kan. on Feb. 2 and 3 for the First Annual Jayhawk Duals. Pratt Community College and the Dennis Lesh Sports Arena will host the inagural event.

"Wrestling in our conference is really competitive. We have great coaches, and highly-ranked squads" said Carl Heinrich, KJCCC commissioner. "This new event will showcase the talent we have. I'm excited for these matches."

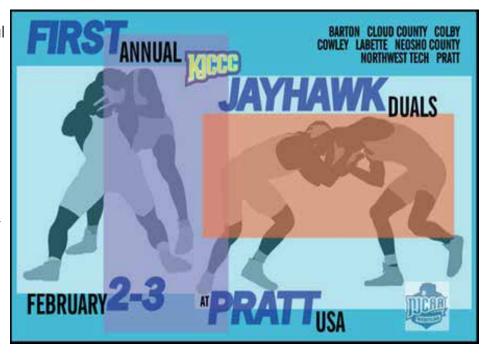
All eight conference schools offering wrestling will participate in the two-day event, with each squad having two duals each day.

2-DAY PASS (wristband)

ADULTS - \$15 SENIOR CITIZEN (Club 62) - \$12 STUDENTS (14-18 Years) - \$10

1-DAY PASS

ADULTS - \$10 SENIOR CITIZEN (Club 62) - \$8 STUDENTS (14-18 Years) - \$6



Women's Basketball's Streak Ended By No. 20 Butler

Pratt Community College women's basketball had their 8-game win streak at home snapped this past Wednesday as they hosted No. 20 Butler Community College. The Grizzlies got the edge over PCC, 57-42.

The Beavers hung tough with their nationally ranked foes. Both teams in the contest produced the same number of made field goals. The key factor in Butler's win was 30 free throw attempts that came by way of a tightly-officiated contest.

PCC outperformed the Grizzlies in several areas of the box score including outrebounding their conference rival 40-36 which in turn helped to provide them a noticeable shot advantage. The blue and white took 58 shots in comparison to Butler's 42.



A 14-4 score in just the first quarter put Pratt behind early in the contest. The Beavers battled back in the second period to outscore the Grizzlies 14-7 and reduce the deficit at the half to only a 3-point margin.

A tight 20-17 third quarter ensued where Butler got the best of Pratt. Down by potentially two possessions, the Beavers started the final period of play looking to upset the No. 20 team in the country.

Butler managed to pull away for a 16-7 score advantage in the final ten minutes, giving them the victory.

Men's Basketball Earns First Conference

In their first conference win of the 2018-19 season, the Pratt Community College men's basketball team hosted Cloud County Community College for a Saturday afternoon matchup in the Dennis Lesh Sports Arena. The Beavers' overall record improved to 8-8 after downing the T-Birds, 93-73.

PCC held Cloud County to one of their lowest-scoring performances of the season and did so by forcing the T-Birds to take low-percentage field goal attempts. The T-Birds were contained to only 36 percent shooting from the field as a team and were flushed out to the 3-point line where they finished only 2-of-19 from distance.

Seven blocked shots compared to zero from the side of Cloud County set the tone for PCC in an already advantageous home-court situation. Forwards Jerome Bivins and Demarcus Fisher came

up with two swats apiece to help set the precedence defensively.



As a unit, The Beavers shot just over 50 percent from the field. Unlike their opponent, PCC had the hot hand from downtown, making 11-of-24 shots, sinking 46 percent of baskets from deep.

The win powers Pratt to a 3-way tie for the sixth place spot in the KJCCC West alongside Northwest Kansas Technical College and Dodge City Community College.

The Beavers will look to continue to rise in the conference rankings by competing next against Hutch Community College on Jan. 19 in Hutchinson.







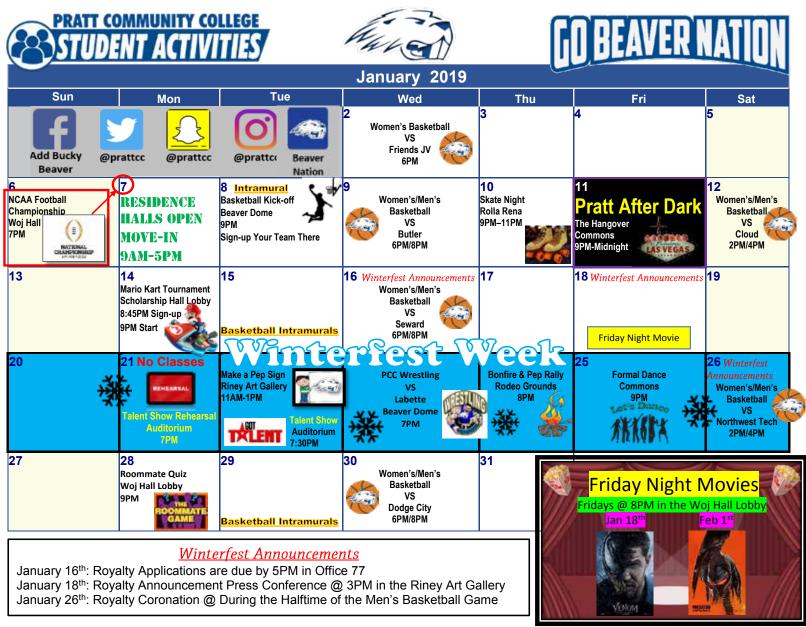












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