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PCC Produces Highest Paid Grads in State for Fifth Year

For the fifth consecutive year, Pratt Community College associate degree graduates have earned the highest average associate degree starting salaries of the two-year sector. This year the average associate degree graduate earned \$40,231 from the technical colleges and \$30,336 from the community colleges, while PCC grads earned \$45,010.



"This is amazing," said Dr. Michael Calvert, PCC president. "Hats off to our faculty and support staff that helped these students succeed and get good paying jobs. What a great return on investment for our students."

PCC graduates salary was also higher than every state universities average salary with a Bachelor's Degree which was \$37,905.

This information comes as the sixth installment of data from Foresight 2020, a 10-year strategic agenda approved by the Kansas Board of Regents for the state's public higher education system. Established in September 2010, the plan sets long-range achievement goals that are measurable, reportable, and ensures the state's higher education system meets Kansans' expectations. The original plan included six goals, but a redesign reduced that number to three: increase higher education attainment among Kansans, improve alignment of the state's higher education system with the needs of the economy, and ensure state university excellence.

The report and its appendices provide data for 21 metrics, including demographics, graduation and retention rates, student success index rates, credential production, and data on graduates' rates of employment and average earnings in Kansas.

As well as leading the state in highest paid graduates PCC's enrollment is also up. The 20th day certification date shows PCC up 5.75 percent compared to spring last year. This coupled with a 3 percent increase this past fall helps towards meeting enrollment goals.

You can find out more about Foresight 2020 on KBOR.org.

PCC Honor Societies Hold Inductions

On Mar. 1, Pratt Community College inducted 34 new members into the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society (PTK) and 9 into Kappa Beta Delta (KBD), the business honor society in a joint ceremony.

PTK new inductees at the ceremony honored were James Brambach, Wyatt Burchett, Rathen Carter, Simon Christidis, Marc Coleman, Lily Couey, Tanner Cross, Taylor Deese, Taylor Elliot, Lupe Fernandez, Justice Flowers, Christopher Hansen, Joel



Hendershot, Kristen Hansen, Caleb Hitz, Daniel Johnson, Angelo Leggitt, Matthew Luder, Savannah Pryor, Leslie Robinson, Allison Rose, Brittany-Lee Smith, Sarah Stallings, Jordan Stubbings and Camdon Sweet.

KBD inductees were Juliana Alacron-Diaz, Dy' Jaun Carney, Anita Fagan, Guadalupe Fernandez, Joel Hendershot, Natalie Holguin, Tyanna Hughes, Emmy Parsons and Abigail Skiles.

PCC Chapter advisers of the two honor societies, Carol Ricke for KBD and Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick for PTK, presided over the ceremony alongside PTK and KBD officers Megan Poole, Pam Kuemin, Krystal Adelhardt, and Ryan Seidel. Also in attendance were family and friends of the inductees in addition to PCC faculty, staff, administrators and trustees.

Greg Wolf, owner of Family Food Store in Sawyer, Kan. gave the special address, where he lectured on the key to success of business operation which, in his own words, are guided by faith, family, food, flexibility and fundamentals of business.

For more information about Phi Theta Kappa, contact chapter adviser Michael Fitzpatrick at michaelf@prattcc.edu. For more information about Kappa Beta Delta, contact chapter adviser Carol Ricke at carolr@prattcc.edu.

Take the Pledge, Don't Text and Drive

Pratt Community College in conjunction with the Kansas Insurance Department (KID) is challenging students and community members to take the pledge to stop texting while driving.

According to the KID the chances of an accident because of any reason is increased 23 times when the driver is texting. And get this: Texting and driving is 6 times more likely to get you in an accident than drunk driving. That is a very serious statistic.

PCC challenges you to take a pledge to stop texting and driving! Beginning Mar. 15 though Apr. 15 PCC, Dodge City Community College, Hutchinson Community College and Butler Community College will be in a race to get as many pledges to not text and drive. Take the pledge online or via text. Visit KSinsurance.org and pick Pratt as your pledge or text the keywork PRATT to 50555.

PCC will also host a distracted driving simulator and Miss Kansas, Kendal Schoenekase, on campus Mar. 30 in Carpenter Auditorium for a presentation about her platform, Stay Alive, Don't Text and Drive.



Let's show them that Pratt Community College is the best in Kansas by getting the most pledges.

Please make this commitment to improve driver safety in Kansas. It's important for you, your family and our community. And remember: Eyes up, phone down, save lives.

PTK Students Honored in Topeka

On Feb. 16, two Pratt Community College students were honored in Topeka at the 22 Annual Kansas All-State Academic Team luncheon and awards ceremony as members of Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society.

PTK Chapter President Megan Poole and PTK member Arica Alexander were named by PCC's chapter as their representatives on the 2017 Kansas All-State Academic Team. Poole is a Sophomore Science/Pre-Veterinarian student as well as a women's basketball player, tutor, agriculture work study and student admissions representative. Alexander is a Sophomore studying Elementary Education. She also is active in performing arts and the PCC Encore! musical group.



The All-State Academic Team is a distinguished group of scholars from community colleges across the state who are selected for their academic achievements and contributions to their college and community. Poole and Alexander, along with the other 50 academic team members, were introduced on the floor of the House of Representatives and honored at a luncheon attended by state legislators and community college trustees and administrators.

Michael Calvert, president, Lisa Perez Miller, vice president of students and enrollment management, Michael Fitzpatrick, vice president of instruction, Misty Beck, performing arts instructor, Alyssa Rushton, assitant women's basketball coach and board member, Dwane DeWeese, were also in attendance.

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, headquartered in Jackson, Miss., is the largest honor society in higher education with 1,280 chapters on college campuses around the world.

The event held each year is co-sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa and the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees.



Alexander and Poole with KS State Senator, Mary Jo Taylor



Misty Beck, Michael Fitzpatrick, Alexander, Poole, Alyssa Rushton and Michael Calvert

PCC eLearnig Center Partners with Workforce Centers of Kansas

The Pratt Community College eLearning center in Wichita is partnering with Workforce Centers of Kansas as a provider for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Young Adult Program.



The program, for young adults, offers free education and employment services for anyone ages 16-24, who have a desire to become self-sufficient but face significant barriers in making a successful transition to adulthood. The services include leadership development, tutoring, work experiences and on the job training, financial literacy, resume building, placement into a technical program at a college provider and more.

The Workforce Centers main goal is to help others in any area they may need assistance with.

"We're here to help young people accomplish the goals they have set for themselves," said Chad Pattera, Vice President and COO of Workforce Centers of Kansas. "It's definitely something worth coming in and finding out what we can do for you."

As a provider resource for Workforce Centers PCC will be able to provide educational opportunities in a variety of areas, particularly in fields that are deemed "in demand," by the state of Kansas. Many of these in demand career opportunities are in technical fields such as healthcare, mechanical, and electrical work. The benefit to students is that the Workforce Center will be able to provide a wide range of financial assistance to students who qualify.

"This is going to be a great opportunity for students to get a great educational experience through Pratt Community College, while receiving much needed financial assistance through the Workforce Center," said Chad Shade, Pratt Community College eLearning Center Manager. "Pratt Community College's technical programs have a high placement rate after college with many students starting work right after graduation."

Workforce Centers of Wichita also provide financial assistance to help students achieve their goals by covering tuition, books and fess, gas and child care while the student is enrolled.

Eligible students must live in Sedgwick, Butler, Cowley, Harper, Kingman, or Sumner Counties. To find out more about enrollment and program process contact the Workforce Center at 316-771-6620.

Spring Musical: My Son Pinocchio

The Pratt Community College Performing Arts Department will be performing My Son Pinocchio for their spring show.

The show is a full scale Disney musical based on the movie "Gephetto". The classic tale of toymaker, Geppetto's, little wooden puppet is given new life. This new musical, which retells the classic Disney story from Geppetto's perspective, features the beloved classic songs, "When You Wish upon a Star" and "I've Got No Strings," alongside a host of new songs by Oscar- and Grammy Award winner and master melodist, Stephen Schwartz who also composed the musical "Wicked".

"This show has a very strong cast," said Misty Beck, director. "We have more than 60 cast members ranging from 4-years-old and up."

In the lead, the role of Gephetto, will be played by PCC Sophomore Zach Stone. Pinocchio will be played by the young Thatcher Jacobs. PCC Sophomore Arica Alexander will play the role of the Blue Fairy.

The show is March 10 and 11 at 7:30 p.m. and March 12 at 2:30 p.m. All shows cost \$5 at the door and will be in Carpenter Auditorium. Doors will open at 7:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. respectively.



Young Farmers and Ranchers Prep for Their Future

Students, farmers and ranchers from across Kansas gathered in Manhattan Jan. 27-29 for the annual Young Farmers and Ranchers (YF&R) leaders conference. Nine Pratt Community College students attended the conference with PCC Adjunct Ag Instructor, Jackie Mundt.

The conference provided young ag producers between the ages of 18-35 with agricultural education, motivational speakers and opportunities to connect with industry resources and network with peers.

Newly-elected Kansas Congressman Roger Marshall addressed the ag producers at the networking luncheon Jan. 28.



State committee members from each of the 10 Kansas Farm Bureau districts planned and hosted the Live to farm...Farm to live themed conference included workshops, speakers, tours and competitions during the weekend event.

PCC students had the opportunity to attend workshops focusing on industry topics, heard three keynote speakers and networked with their peers from other colleges across the state. PCC also had students competing the Quiz Bowl and Discussion Meet Competitions.

PCC ag students Ethan Bellar, Bryce McKennon, Kolton Smith and Levi Winscher performed in the Quiz Bowl competition. While Garrett Geesling, Shiloh Murray, Savannah Pryor, Addy Smith and Keenan Stultz took part in the Discussion Meet. Murray, advanced to the final round of the Discussion Meet competition and won fourth place.

Jacob Brubaker, a former member of PCC's Collegiate Farm Bureau chapter who transferred to Fort Hays State University, placed third in the competition.

Kansas Farm Bureau represents grassroots agriculture. Established in 1919, this non-profit advocacy organization supports farm families who earn their living in a changing industry. PCC's chapter of the Collegiate Farm Bureau participates in events multiple times a year to network and learn about industry trends.

PCC Library features Dr. Trisha Jackson: Gardening with Biochar Part II

Linda Hunt Memorial Library invites PCC students, employees and community members to attend guest speaker Dr. Trisha Jackson, a PCC science instructor, on her discussion of biochar.

Among other uses, biochar may be added to soils to improve the function of the soil ecosystem. Jackson will speak not only about the Amazonian origins and special characteristics of biochar but also how everyone can benefit from using it to make their crops and plants thrive.

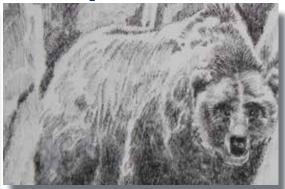
Jackson received her PhD in Geography from the University of Kansas in 2011 and attributes her discovery and passion of biochar from an advisor at KU who was researching biochar's effects on soil in the Amazon. Jackson, who has been at PCC since 2015, currently teaches three classes on campus.

Jackson's Biochar, part two, will be held Friday, Mar. 10 at 12 p.m.

Kansas Art Guild Featured as March Exhibit in Riney Art Gallery







The Delmar Riney Art Gallery welcomes a new exhibit for the month of March to Pratt Community College. This month's exhibit features multiple artists from the Kansas Art Guild.

The Friends Community Art Guild was formed in May, 1977. The first meetings were held at Friends University with eight members present. Nona Bass, President, had just moved from Anaheim, California, to Wichita and was surprised to learn that there was no organization in Wichita for its local artists. She felt it was important that artists could meet and share ideas.

The Guild grew rapidly and soon moved to the Wichita Art Museum. At that time, the name was changed to the Community

Art Guild. When the Wichita Art Museum underwent renovation, the Guild moved to the Wichita Center for the Arts, where KAG is currently located.

In the summer of 1993, members voted to change the name to the Kansas Art Guild, Inc. At that time, it was decided to incorporate. The name is very appropriate since many of the members live many miles outside the Wichita Area. Regular meetings are held at 12:45 PM on the first Tuesday of each month at the Mark Arts, formerly the Wichita Center for the Arts. Beginner, intermediate and master artists meet to learn from one another as well as other renowned artists.

The KAG exhibit features work from many artists from

around Kansas. Including mediums such as oil painting, sketches, photography and watercolor pieces depicting a range of subject matter from rural landscapes, wildlife stills and more. Most of the works on exhibit are for sale by the artist. Prices range from \$100 to \$500 per piece. For more information about the Kansas Art Guild or to contact them, visit www.kansasartguild.com.

The exhibit will be on display from throughout the month of March in the Delmar Riney Art Gallery at PCC. The gallery shows a new exhibit every month. For more information or to be considered as a "Featured Artist of the Month," contact Lisa Perez Miller at 620-672-3559 or lisam@prattcc.edu.

Presentation Explores Famous Harvey Girls

Pratt Community College in [Linda Hunt Memorial Library] will host "The Harvey Girls," a presentation and discussion by Michaeline Chance-Reay on Mar. 16 at 8 a.m. Members of the community are invited to attend the free program. The program is made possible by the Kansas Humanities Council.

The Harvey House chain of restaurants got its start in Topeka when Fred Harvey opened a café for people traveling the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad line. Preferring the term "Harvey Girl" to waitress, he recruited single women to work at his restaurants that gradually sprang up all the way to California and Texas. This presentation explores the job duties and working conditions of Harvey Girls from 1876 to the early 1950s.

Michaeline Chance-Reay teaches courses in Women's Studies and Education at Kansas State University. Her current research focuses on the Harvey Girls and historic sites on the K-State campus, especially those related to women.

"Women in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries who wanted jobs or careers outside of the home had few choices," said Chance-Reay, "but the Harvey Company offered unique opportunities. It was demanding work but also offered a decent salary in a protected environment, in addition to travel and adventure." For more information about "The Harvey Girls" in the Linda Hunt Memorial Library at 620-450-2172, www.prattcc.edu/library.

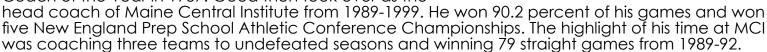
Coach Good Gets 600th Career Victory

With an 88-82 victory over Coffeyville CC on Feb. 4 Pratt Community College head men's basketball coach Max Good achieved a monumental career milestone. The win gives Coach Good his 600th post-secondary victory as a head coach.

Good is proud and humble for reaching this milestone.

"Any time you've coached for a long time you are going to accumulate some wins. I've been very fortunate and blessed to have been able to coach some talented players and had the assistance of some very good coaches. That's a formula for wins over a long period of time."

Coach Good has had most of his 45 years of coaching at the top levels of the NCAA. Good started his post-secondary career at Eastern Kentucky University from 1981-89. He was named Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year in 1987. Good then took over as the



Good took the helm at UNLV during the 2000-01 season before heading to Bryant University (2001-08). At Bryant, Good achieved new levels of success for the program. In 2004 He led Bryant to a 23 win season and the first NCAA Tournament berth in 24 years advancing as far as the Sweet 16. The next season Good led Bryant to a 25 wins season and went all the way to the NCAA Division II Championship before falling in the title game to Virginia Union.

After Bryant, Coach Good went to Loyola Marymount for six seasons. Under the direction of Good, the Lions accomplished numerous firsts for the program with their first NCAA Tournament berth and post season victory since the program appeared in the Elite Eight in 1990. During his tenure at Loyola Marymount, Good helmed two teams that had 20 wins. He was named West Coast Conference Coach of the Year in 2009-10.

Congratulations to Coach Good on this career achievement.



Pratt Community College Director of Athletics Bill Wilson announced the hiring of Ashley Burnett as the Beavers new head women's soccer coach. Burnett has competed for and coached in successful programs and enthusiastically brings these experiences to PCC.

"We are excited to have Ashley join the PCC family as our new women's soccer coach," Wilson said. "Having competed in the Jayhawk Conference as a player, she has an intimate knowledge of what it takes to be successful in this conference. We look forward to watching her build our women's soccer program."

Burnett comes to PCC after three years of being an assistant coach at Oklahoma Wesleyan University. Prior to coaching, Burnett played professionally for Monifieth Ladies FC and for Dundee United Ladies FC in the Scottish Premier League. In the United States, Burnett played in the WPSL semi-professional league as a captain for the Tulsa Spirit in 2015 and 2016. She also played for North Bay Wave in California in 2013.

Burnett is from Carnoustie, Scotland. She has a degree in sports coaching (Scotland) and exercise science (OKWU). Burnett has her MBA with an emphasis in marketing (OKWU). She also has a USSF National D coaching license.





PCC Indoor Track Competes at Region VI Meet and Qualifies 6 for Nationals

On Feb. 17 and 18 the Pratt Community College indoor track and field team competed at the Region VI Championship. At stake for the Beavers was qualifying in the NJCAA National Indoor Track and Field National Meet.

Freshman Adriauna Sirls broke her own long jump school record jumping 18ft. Her distance allowed her to take third in the region in her event as well as qualifying for nationals. Sophomore Aaliyah Brown ram a life time best and hits a qualifying time in the 60m dash. She ran a time of 7.83 in the prelims. Freshmen Tralesha Williams set a personal record in the 60m dash and the 200m dash. She broke the school record in the 200m dash with a time of 26.72. Cayla Smither took seventh in the triple jump with a new PR of 34'11. Women's 4x400m relay was broken yet again by the team of



Kristine Treijs, Madeline Jacobson, Shaquarrius Carter, and Anysia Romain. This time the team broke the record with a time of 4:16.35.

On the men's side, Wesley Jackson took ninth and set a new personal record in the long jump with a jump of 22'3. He also set a personal record in triple jump with a jump of 45'7, which placed him seventh. Freshmen Christopher McEnery had an incredible run in the 400m dash which broke his personal best, the school record and qualified for nationals. McEnery ran with a time of 48.66. The men's 4x400m relay record was also broken. The team of McEnery, Juvens Pierre, Clifford Porter, Anthony Paul set a new PCC record with a time of 3:21.86.

Coach Josh Harden was impressed with the strides his team has made in just a year's time.

"I'm really happy with how we performed this weekend," Harden said. "Everyone came out to compete this weekend and it showed. We had 12 personal records broken on the women's side, and 11 on the men's side. We broke five school records in the process and qualified six to nationals from this region meet. I'm really excited about the direction we are headed on the track. Last year, we didn't make any noise as a team in the region meet, and this year on both men's and women's side we had a presence."

Six of the runners for the Blue and White qualified for the NJCAA national meet on March 3. McEnery will be running in the 400m dash, a race he has excelled at this indoor season. Paul will be running for the men in the 200m dash. The men's 4X400 team of McEnery, Pierre, Porter, and Paul will be running for the Beavers at nationals. For the women, Sirls will represent PCC in the long jump. Brown will also compete for Pratt in the 60m dash.

PCC Wrestlers Compete in Nationals

The Pratt Community College Wrestling team qualified six student athletes to compete in the NJCAA Wrestling National Championships held on Feb. 24 and 25 in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Students JT Ellis, Kelvys Gonzalez, Dy'Juan Carney, Jayson Failer, Laaiq Hedrick, and Demone McClinton traveled to compete.

The Beaver wrestlers went 6-4 overall and were also honored as the All Academic Squad for the fourth year in a row.



PCC Men's and Women's Basketball Take on the First Round of the Region VI Tournament

The PCC men's and women's basketball teams traveled to Concordia, KS last night to face Cloud CC in the first round of the Region VI Tournament.

The PCC men's basketball team found themselves in a closely contested matchup on the road against Cloud. It took four for four free throws down the stretch by Jaylon Wilson and Dominique Bell for the Beavers to emerge with the 82-76 win to move on in the Region VI tournament. PCC was led by an overall team effort against Cloud. Devon Andrews ended the game with 14 points, three rebounds, a block and a steal. Wilson led the Blue and White in scoring with 19 points, four rebounds and three assists. Bell came off the bench for 13 points, nine rebounds and five assists. Devin Marsh was the last Pratt player to break the double digit mark with 11 points and six rebounds.





PCC women's basketball season comes to an end at the hands of Cloud 44-76.

The Blue and White took an early first quarter lead and held the lead until the final minute of the first quarter. Stifling defense by Pratt kept the game a low scoring affair in the first half as the teams went into the locker room with PCC trailing 17-23. Coming out of the locker room, the Beavers continued their strong defense, but Cloud found its rhythm from range. Cloud secured the win as their shots began to fall and their lead grew.

The Beavers were led in the game one last time by the sophomore pair of Lexi Schamberger and Megan Poole. Schamberger had 11 points, five rebounds and an assist. She ends her career at Pratt with 414 points, 189 rebounds, 81 assists, and 43 steals. Poole finished with a double-double against Cloud with 15 points, 13 rebounds, four blocks, an assist and a steal. She ends her time at PCC with 706 points, 383 rebounds, 97 blocks, 43 steals and 23 assists.

PCC men's basketball will continue the Region VI Tournament in Hartman Arena in Park City, Kan. on March 5 to face Butler Community College. Tip-off for the quarterfinal game is set for 3 p.m.























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PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT ACTIVITIES



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Beaver Basketball!

March 4th - Region VI Championship - TBA March 20th - NJCAA National Tournament - TBA

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