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Labor Day Holiday	Sept. 7
Certification Date for Full-semester classes	Sept. 16
Board of Trustees Meeting	Sept. 21
Mid-Term Week	Oct. 13
Spring Enrollment Opens	Oct. 13
Board of Trustees Meeting	Oct. 19

PCC to Host Senior Day in October

(held virtually or face-to-face pending campus COVID restrictions)

Pratt Community College Senior Day is an opportunity for high school seniors to explore what Pratt Community College has to offer. Students will be provided information on PCC Admissions, Student Services, Financial Aid and concurrent enrollment opportunities. They will also have the opportunity to explore their program of choice and meet program instructors. A tour of campus and residence halls will be provided, as well as lunch.

WHEN: October 28, 2020 - Registration is now open

WHERE: Pratt Community College Main Campus

WHO: High School Seniors interested in exploring all PCC has to offer

Register Online at: **prattcc.edu/seniorday**

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Sanko Promoted to Chief Information Officer

Over the summer, Pratt Community College (PCC) and PCC President Dr. Michael Calvert promoted Jerry Sanko to Chief Information Officer. Sanko will maintain oversight of the IT department in his new role, while assuming a larger institutional focus as a member of the president's cabinet.

"Technology touches everything we do and having Jerry as a cabinet member will ensure planning and operations will align," said Dr. Calvert. "Jerry brings a wealth of PCC knowledge and experience and his military background in strategic planning will be an asset."

The idea for this position came about during planning and preparation for the college's HLC accreditation. A committee was formed to develop what the position would include and to write a proposal for cabinet.

"Through the guidance of Dr. Gene George, he recommended having a representative from institutional research and IT to have a position in cabinet be a part of the decisions being made," said Sanko. "Instead of having a position in institutional research and IT, the committee decided to combine them into one and I stated that I could transition into that position."

Sanko grew up in Spearville, KS and spent 30 plus years serving in the military. He started at PCC in November of 1998 and has served as the IT Director since his first day. This September Sanko will celebrate his 30th wedding anniversary with his wife and their four children. In addition to working at PCC Sanko has continued to serve our country through the national guard has been deployed a couple of times during his tenure at PCC. During his free time, Sanko likes to hunt and fish.

"I'm looking forward to being more involved in the decision making process for the progression of the college," said Sanko. "I feel my strategic planning experience attained from the military coupled with my IT experiences can support that process."

During Sanko's transition the IT department was in the middle of several large-scale projects for the college. The first project was migrating PCC faculty and staff accounts to Office 365. Secondly, IT worked with a new internet service provider to completely overhaul and put in new wireless access points in all the buildings and to update ethernet ports in a few residence halls. This project is still ongoing. The third project the department worked on was to help the COVID-19 response team create a database and forms for students who are in isolation/quarantine throughout the academic year. The IT department has also faced many challenges throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The biggest challenges were how are we going to conduct operational business in terms of communicating across the departments and divisions," said Sanko. "The college quickly adopted the Microsoft Teams platform and the IT department learned and pushed out information about Microsoft Teams for the rest of employees to be able to use the platform."

In addition, to overseeing the IT department Sanko will be providing support and supervision to the data management office. Traditionally this office has been under the Division of the President.

"I hope to develop data services department a little more depth with analysis and auditing capabilities," said Sanko. "That's the main goal to get where the college can benefit from data and analytics by incorporating them into the data driven decision making process."

STAFF SENATE

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"The purpose of Pratt Community College Staff Senate is to provide input to the President's Cabinet on

1. Work related issues/ concerns/suggestions raised by staff in an effort to improve staff morale
2. To recommend staff development activities which will provide opportunities for professional growth, enrichment, and improved productivity in the institution's working environment
3. Assist all staff in supporting the college mission."

Current Members:

1. Justin Schwab – President
2. Sarah Binford – Vice President
3. Allen Wiese - Treasurer
4. Shae Napier – Secretary
5. Katrina Beat
6. Nathan Buchmueller
7. Frank Stahl
8. Kimberly Albright
9. Donna Meier Pfeifer
10. Nick Cicere
11. Sarah Babson

Staff Senate encourages PCC staff to submit ideas and concerns by completing the anonymous staff feedback form located on our website at: http://prattcc.edu/about-pcc/staff-senate

Youngers Pursues Agriculture Goals at PCC

Camryn Youngers, a recent Pratt Community College (PCC) graduate has continued her educations goals this semester at Fort Hays State University (FHSU).

"I moved to La Crosse, KS and worked this summer as a CNA and at Vanderbilt's," said Youngers. "In the fall I will start at Hays and major in Animal Science/Pre-Vet."

Youngers grew up in Dodge City, KS and attended Dodge City High School. Both of Youngers parents work in the agriculture industry. They work at feed yards and raise cattle and horses on their family farm. In high school Youngers worked at a local vet clinic and helped her mom at the feed yard.

After graduating high school in 2018 Youngers decided it was time to leave home and started looking at community colleges. During her research she was impressed with the agriculture program at PCC.

"During my visit I meet with Lori and she encouraged me to do more school than I originally planned on," said Youngers. "The agriculture program was well suited."

She spent her time at PCC earning an Associates Degree in Science majoring in agriculture. She was a part of Collegiate Farm Bureau, Block and Bridle, and a manager of the PCC rodeo team. During her sophomore year Youngers place 2nd in the Collegiate Discussion Meet that took place at the Kansas Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers conference.

"A discussion meet is where you sit on a mock panel discussion, you are given a current event question, and then given the opportunity to answer on how you could help the ag industry solve that problem," said Youngers. "I won 2nd place which I believe was a $500 check."

*Photos taken in 2019

In addition, Youngers received her Master's of Beef Advocacy (MBA) certification by taking an online training course. The course teaches members of the beef community the tools and resources to become a beef advocate and answer tough questions about beef and raising cattle.

"Lori and Barret are awesome and try their best to get you a summer job, or internship and can help get you a job during the school year," said Youngers.

Youngers was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa the second semester of her freshman year. During her sophomore year she served as a resident assistant in Wojciehowski Hall.

"Living in the dorms was great because without the dorms I wouldn't have gotten to know as many people as I did." said Youngers.

Within the next couple of years Youngers plans to decide whether, or not she will pursue a degree in veterinary medicine.

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SENIOR DAY
9 - 1PM
LUNCH PROVIDED
CAMPUS TOUR INCLUDED
LEARN ABOUT
• Admissions
• Financial Aid & Scholarships
• College Start Courses
EXPLORE PCC ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
• Psychology/Social Work
• Business/General Education
• Sports Performance & Wellness
• Physical Education & Coaching
• Education/Graphic Arts
• Science/Math
• Pre - Nursing
OCT 28
Register at Prattcc.edu/SeniorDay
Registration closes Oct. 20

Golf Tournament Sees Growth in Second Year

The August 22 Beavers Backers Golf Tournament, having taken place at Park Hills Country Club, gave the local community an opportunity to lend its support to the Pratt Community College athletic department, and the town did not disappoint.

A picture-perfect Saturday morning saw 15 teams and 27 hole sponsors assist in creating a tremendous atmosphere over the weekend. In its second year, the Beaver Backers Four-Person Scramble not only grew in size (15 teams compared to 12 in 2019) and sponsors (27 sponsors compared to 24 in 2019). Athletic director Tim Swartzendruber was extremely appreciative of all of those involved in making the event another rousing success.

"We had a beautiful day and Park Hills was in great condition," said Swartzendruber. "A big thank you to all those who helped sponsor our event and also those who played. The proceeds from this tournament will go towards purchasing a flag pole for the new track-soccer complex along with assisting in the purchase of a sound system for that same venue. Also, a thank you to all our coaches and athletes who assisted with the tournament as well. We had a great day!"

Below are the results of the four-person scramble.

Championship Flight

1st – Legacy Bank

2nd – Maydew Thibault Optometry LLC

3rd – C.L. Meigs, New York Life

First Flight

1st – Dan Gillig, State Farm Insurance

2nd – Eugene Stotts, Kincheloes

3rd – Darrell Shumway, Mike Calvert, Jeff Shumway, Mike Koler

Special Prizes

Longest Drive Women: Debbie Estes, Diane Ladenburger

Longest Drive Men: Chet Hartley

Closest to Pin: Jeff Malone

Longest Putt: Jerry Hayes

Welcome to the Dam, New Employee Feature

Bradley Herndon

From: Ransom, KS

Background: I have taught in several states including Kansas, Colorado, Texas, Washington, and Alaska. I have taught many different subjects including band, choir, jazz, orchestra, steel drums, general music, New Testament, and Old Testament.

I am a music instructor with a wide and diverse background in teaching. I consider myself a music generalist since I teach both instrumental and vocal music. I did most of my preparation in Choral music and Voice but have been involved in instrumental music since elementary school. I have always loved music and knew I would be a teacher.

Courses teaching this semester: Choir, Pep Band, Encore, and Introduction to Music

Favorite Part about Teaching: I love the ah-ha moment when the students get it and understand how something works.

About: I have six children and 10 grand children with number 11 on the way. We are enjoying Pratt and I appreciate the warm welcome I have received from the family here at PCC.

Jason Ratcliffe

From: Utah originally, but I am coming most recently from Florida

Background: I have an MA in history, and I have nearly completed a PhD in history. I have taught for a few years at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida.

My particular area of expertise is the Japanese Occupation of the Philippines during World War II. I chose to focus on that period because I am a military historian and the concepts of nationalism and imperialism fascinated me and could be explored by looking at that era. I lived in the Philippines for a number of years, I speak three Philippine languages, and I am in love with their culture and their history. The relationship between the United States and the Philippines, I think, reveals a lot about the United States, and how we, as Americans, view ourselves and our relationship with the world.

Courses teaching this semester: Survey of Civilizations I, American History to 1865, and Basic Reading.

Favorite Part about Teaching: I am an entertainer! I most enjoy the performative aspect of teaching. I like getting up in front of a class and sharing what I know in a fun and entertaining way.

About: I am a father of one boy. He is three, and he just started preschool. He and my wife are my world. When I am not teaching and helping students, I enjoy more than anything the time I get to spend with my family.

Mental Health Minute

Each month, there will be a small area devoted to mental health and wellness topics. To kick off the 2020-21 academic year, I would like to take this first "minute" to introduce myself and my role.

My name is Amanda Wade. I have lived in Pratt for the past eight years, working here at PCC for seven of those. I obtained my Master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Fort Hays State University in May of 2019 and am a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in the state of Kansas.

So, what is an LPC exactly? Simply put, I am a therapist. My goal is to help each client improve their abilities to resolve problems they encounter, determine and discover strengths, and learn skills that can be used through life. Many people get my title confused with School Counselor, which is what many of you coming from high school will have some familiarity with. Below is a chart to show you a couple of the differences in these two areas of counseling.

Service Provided	LPC	School Counselor
Therapy	Individual, group, couples, family, etc. in a clinical (office) setting	Individuals and groups typically seen in a K-12 school
Psychoeducation	Speak at events or to groups, give presentations	Designated time and subject in the classrooms; small groups focused on a specific topic
Referrals from Faculty/Staff	Names will be provided to SSC staff to have on our radar and reach out to in a general check-in; will not reach out as a counselor in this setting	Pulls students in to have conversations when concerns are raised

Remember that **it is absolutely okay to reach out for help**. We, here at PCC, offer mental health and wellness services to students for FREE.

To schedule an appointment
Email: amandaw@prattcc.edu
Text: 620-953-1185
Call: 620-450-2263
You can also call Student Success at 620-450-2156 or email ssc@prattcc.edu

Mental Health Minute

September is Suicide Awareness Month.

Yes, suicide is a difficult topic to talk about. However it is one that absolutely needs to be discussed. Keeping it locked away, hidden behind closed doors, only furthers the stigma surrounding it and mental health. Contrary to popular belief, talking openly about suicide does NOT put the idea in someone's head.

Here are some facts about suicide*:

- Suicide is the second leading cause of death for people ages 10-34 in the United States. It is also the 10th leading cause of death in the United States.
- The overall suicide rate in the U.S. has increased 31% since 2001.
- Nearly 50% of people who die by suicide had a diagnosed mental health condition.
- 90% of people who die by suicide had shown symptoms of a mental health condition (according to family, friends, and medical professionals).
- Lesbian, gay and bisexual youth are 4x more likely to attempt suicide than straight youth.
- 75% of people who die by suicide are male.
- 18-25-year olds make up 11% of the U.S. annual prevalence of serious thoughts by suicide.

Please remember that if you start thinking about suicided, seek help.

- Call or text a trusted friend, family member, or a crisis line.
- Make an appointment with Amanda Wade (contact information below).

Suicidal thoughts are a symptom, just like any other symptom, and can be treated and improve over time.

Statistics provided by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

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suicidepreventionlifeline.org

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Darin Ford Joins Men's Basketball Coaching Staff

One of the final vacancies of the Pratt Community College athletic staff has been occupied, as Darin Ford has been hired as the men's assistant basketball coach.

"He's a good guy," said head coach Sean Flynn. "He's gonna be good for our program."

Ford has already accrued a vast amount of sideline experience. Most recently, Ford was a graduate assistant at the University of Akron during the 2019-20 season, where his duties included player development, scouting, game-planning, video operations, as well as supporting academic and recruiting efforts. In his lone year on the Akron staff, Ford's presence contributed to a 24-7 regular season finish as the Zips finished the regular season as Mid-American Conference champions. From 2017-19, Ford was the varsity head coach at Harborfields High School (Greenlawn, NY) and was tasked with the responsibilties of overseeing the entirety of the program. Under Ford, the Tornadoes clinched annual berths to the state playoffs, while accumulating a 29-15 record in his two-year tenure.

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As an undergraduate Ford assisted the Stony Brook University men's basketball program as a student manager, and was responsible for video operations, player development, and travel logistics among a myriad of assigned duties. In that time, Ford spent his summers as the head coach of the AAU Global Squad program based in Pottstown, Pennsylvania. He coached players from 40 different countries while overseeing the development of countless future collegiate players.

Ford has also made stops at Indian River State College (Fort Pierce, FL) as an assistant coach (2015-16) as well as assisting the Bradley University (Peoria, IL) men's basketball program as a student manager (2014-15). His first stint in the coaching world began in 2012, where he was the head coach of the Peoria Area Elite AAU team, also carrying the title of vice president of basketball operations for three years.

Ford graduated from Stony Brook University in 2018 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in American history, and is tentatively scheduled to graduate later this year from the University of Akron with a master's degree in sports administration.

Women's Basketball Announces 2021 Schedule

As the school year finds it momentum, so too has the anticipation of sports making its way back.

Among the sports to paint a clearer 2021 picture in regards to its schedule is women's basketball. Due to COVID-19 protocols, women's basketball was given the allowance of one non-conference matchup, as the Beavers have a tentative agreement with Bethel College to fill that void. The date of the game is still in the works, but the rest of the conference-only schedule is set in stone.

The Beavers will first travel to Coffeyville on January 30 to kick off the conference slate, followed by a trip to Neosho County to play the Panthers on February 3. The Beavers first home game sees Pratt take on Butler February 6. Next, Coach Ishee and his group will travel to Cloud County on February 10, host Independence on February 13, and then travel to Allen County on February 17. The Beavers schedule is constructed in a way that allows only three back-to-back home matchups, and the first such starts on February 20 when Pratt plays Cowley County. Pratt will then play host to Garden City on February 22. The Beavers February schedule closes with a trip to Colby on the 24th, and a home game against Northwest Tech on the 27th.

Pratt opens March with a pair of crucial trips to Hutchinson and Barton on March 3 and 6, respectively. The Beavers second homestand is on the docket for March 10 and 13, as the Coach Ishee's women will take on Dodge City and Seward County. The schedule then staggers for the Beavers, as they travel to Garden City on March 15, return home against Colby on March 17, and then travel to Northwest Tech on March 20. Pratt's final four games are against familiar divisional foes, where the Beavers will host Hutchinson and Barton on March 24 and March 27 before traveling to Dodge City on March 29 and to Seward County on March 31 to close out the regular season.

All start times are still pending.

Beaver Bites Menu

Breakfast- *served until 10:30*

All Combos Served with Tater Tots & Juice

1. Bacon/Egg/Cheese Sandwich Combo $7.00
2. Sausage/Egg/Cheese Sandwich Combo $7.00
   turkey, toasted)
3. Ham/Egg/Cheese Sandwich Combo $7.00
4. Pancakes *(Two)* $3.00
5. Pancakes & Sausage $7.00
6. Ham & Cheese Omelette $4.00
7. Deluxe Omelette *(Onion, Ham, Pepper, Mushroom & Cheese)* $4.00
8. Breakfast Burrito $4.00

Appetizers

Soft Pretzel w/ Cheese	$2.00
Add Extra Cheese	$0.50
Frito Chili Pies	$3.00
Nachos	$2.75
Chef Salad- *(ham or turkey or fried chicken or grilled chicken, green peppers, onion, croutons, bacon bits, cheese)*	$4.00
Fried Pickles *w/ ranch*	$3.00
Add a Ranch	10 for $0.50
Small French Fries	$1.50
Large French Fries	$2.50
Tator Tots	$2.50
Chicken Strip Combo	$6.00
Chicken Strips *(ranch)*	$4.00

Drinks

Coffee		$1.00
Hot Chocolate, Cappuccino		$1.25
Fountain Drink	20 oz.	$1.00
	32 oz.	$1.25
Alligator Ice		$2.00
Cup of Ice *any size*		$0.50
Monsters Energy Drink		$2.50

Quesadilla

Quesadilla	$4.00

Sauces/Dressing

Ranch, Honey Mustard, BBQ, Italian, Thousand Island, Catalina & Salsa

Extra Sauces/Dressing	$ .50 ea

Sandwiches

9. Ham & Grilled Cheese Combo $5.00
10. Grilled Ham & Cheese $4.00
11. Grilled Turkey & Cheese Combo $5.00
12. Grilled Turkey & Cheese $4.00
13. BLT Combo $6.00
14. BLT $5.00
15. Grilled Cheese Combo $5.00
16. Grilled Cheese $4.00
17. Chicken Salad Sandwich Combo $5.00
18. Chicken Salad Sandwich $4.00

Hamburgers

Cheeseburger	$5.00
Beaver Bite "Sliders"	
1/2 Order	$2.50
Full Order	$5.00
Jalapeno Cheeseburger *(Pepper Jack, Jalapenos, special sauce)*	$6.00
Double Cheeseburger	$6.75

Add Chili.....$.50
Add Bacon.....$.50
Add Jalapenos..$.50

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Hot Dogs

Hot Dog Combo	$5.50
Add Chili	*$ .50*
Add Cheese	*$ .50*

Wraps

Fried Chicken Wrap Combo	$7.00
Fried Chicken Wrap	$5.00
Grilled Chicken Wrap Combo	$7.00
Grilled Chicken Wrap	$5.00

Revised 2021 Volleyball Schedule is Official

Given the weight of the COVID-19 pandemic and the need for extreme precaution, the KJCCC announced earlier this summer that most fall sports would be moved to the spring of 2021, essentially wiping out previously scheduled games.

Now, the conference has issued each school its respective sports schedules, with most adhering to a majority conference-only slate. Beavers volleyball has officially announced its new 2021 schedule, and as mandated, its chock-full of familiar foes.

Head coach Zac Rambo and his group of women will begin their 2021 season at the Beaver Dome on January 25 against Butler Community College, squaring off against a Grizzlies team that finished 18-12 a season ago. The Beavers only other January matchup will take place on the 28th at Hutchinson Community College.

Pratt's February schedule will begin on its first day, as the Beavers host Garden City Community College on February 1. The Beavers will have a full week of recovery before traveling to Barton Community College on February 8. Three days later on the February 11, the Beavers will host Independence Community College at the Beaver Dome. Following is a trip to Colby Community College on February 15, a home matchup against Dodge City Community College on February 18, and then a massively important affair on February 20 on the road against the defending division champions Seward County Community College, a team that compiled a 31-3 regular season record in 2019 while also finishing a perfect 16-0 within the conference. Pratt then closes out the second month of its schedule on the road at Butler on February 25.

March will begin a with home matchup against the Hutchinson Blue Dragons on the first of the month. Next, the Beavers have a March 4 date against Garden City, and then some extra time for rest before a March 11 home game against Barton. On March 15, Pratt travels to Indepedence to face the Pirates, then hosting Colby on March 18. The Beavers will close out the regular season on the road at Dodge City on March 22 and with a March 25 home tilt against the Seward County Saints.

All start times are currently pending.

Kansas Art Guild on Exhibit in Art Gallery Through September

Throughout the month of September the Delmar Riney Art Gallery will exhibit works of art from multiple artists in 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, then in January, 2018 we moved to the newly constructed Mark Arts | Mary R Koch Arts Center, its present location.

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 1:00 PM on the first Tuesday of each month at Mark Arts in Wichita, Kansas.

Members share their recent works which are judged by visiting speakers. The Guild also holds exhibitions at several locations in the area throughout the year.

The Guild's goal is to promote art and artists.

Riney Art Gallery at PCC. 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.

PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE CELEBRATE DIVERSITY TEAM

Pratt Community College Ally Program

Three years ago the residence life department created the ally and safe space program. Each year the resident assistants (RAs) participate in social justice training consisting of several activities and roundtable discussions. At the end of the training information is provided on what an ally is and what they do. If the RA agrees to sign the ally agreement they are given a sign to post on their door deeming themselves as an ally and there room as a safe space.

To become an ally one must understand and agree to the following statements.

- All students and people in the campus community should be treated equally, fairly, and with respect.
- I will do my best to confront prejudice based on sexual orientation or gender identity and respond to instances of discrimination and harassment in an appropriate manner.
- I will continue to monitor and assess my own attitudes, actions, and possible biases. I will attempt to use inclusive language in every conversation.
- I will display an open and willing attitude to learn about resources, campus organizations, training topics and community issues relevant to all individuals.
- I will create an environment and welcome individuals to talk with me openly about issues. I will listen attentively, participate in the conversation, and respect their values and decisions.
- I will continue to educate myself about all types of diversity issues.
- I will respect the privacy of individuals who contact me in my role as an ally, and will not share information they provide without their permissions.
- I will make referral when I am overwhelmed or unable to assist someone who contacts me in my role as an ally.

A safe space is one where students, faculty, and staff can share information, opinions, and talk openly about issues surrounding social justice. They provide opportunities for information to be shared and for people to feel comfortable doing so. An ally agrees to create that space and an opportunity for communication to occur.

The Celebrate Diversity Team met earlier this month to address current events and to start preparing for the fall 2020 semester. The team decided to implement the ally program for all faculty and staff who may want to participate. In addition, the team will be working on placing diversity signage around campus and implementation of a diversity training seminar for all faculty and staff.

More information will be coming on these initiatives. If you are interested in joining the Celebrate Diversity Team feel free to reach out to Team chair **Lisa Perez Miller** at **lisam@prattcc.edu.**

Join Us!

CELEBRATE DIVERSITY TEAM

MEETS THE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

3PM • ART GALLERY

PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CELEBRATE DIVERSITY TEAM

Hispanic Heritage Month

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402.

The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September18, respectively. Also, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, which is October 12, falls within this 30 day period.

SEPTEMBER DIVERSITY

Key dates in September

September 2, 1789 - The third Presidential cabinet department, the U.S. Treasury, was established by Congress.

September 3, 1783 - The Treaty of Paris was signed by John Adams, Ben Franklin and John Jay, formally ending the American Revolutionary War between Britain and the United States.

September 7, 1822 - Brazil declared its independence from Portugal after 322 years as a colony.

September 13, 1814 - The Battle of Fort Henry in Baltimore Harbor occurred, observed by Francis Scott Key aboard a ship. He watched the British attack overnight and at dawn saw the American flag still flying over the fort, inspiring him to write the verses which were later coupled with the tune of a popular drinking song and became the U.S. National Anthem in 1931.

September Birthdays

September 1- Boxing champ Rocky Marciano was born in Brockton, Massachusetts
September 4-Austrian composer Anton Bruckner was born in Ansfelden, Austria.
September 7-Queen Elizabeth I was born in Greenwich Palace
September 12-African American Olympic athlete Jesse Owens was born in Oakville, Alabama

Sources: https://www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov/about/
https://www.historyplace.com/specials/calendar/september.htm

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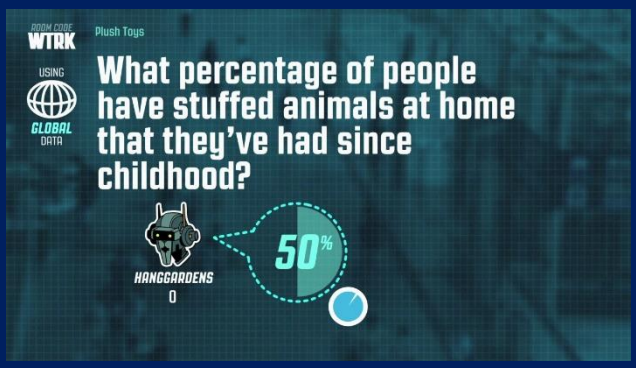
WEEK FOUR!

Tuesday 9/8 Jackbox Games: Guesspionage Zoom 9PM

Guesspionage is quite simple: Guess the percentage (From 0% to 100%) of people who answered yes, or no, to a survey question. The closer the player is to the correct percentage, the more points they gain. The other players can also guess if the guessed percentage is higher or lower than the true percentage to gain points themselves, even not during their turn. To Play you will need a computer or two mobile devices. There are 8 players per round.



Zoom Code details will be sent to your PCC Email.

Thursday 9/10 Make a Bead Beaver Zoom/DIY Request Supplies by 2PM
Zoom Tutorial @ 9PM

Supplies will be delivered to those who request by **2PM** at **https://tinyurl.com/y64gak4k**

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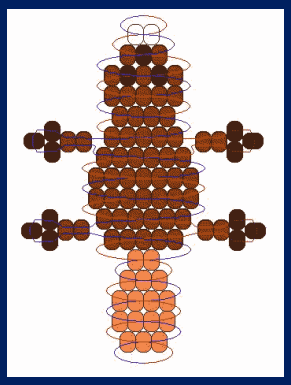

Weekend Suggestions Jam out to your favorite song, Watch an old movie, Volunteer at our humane society, Check out The Barron, look up at the night sky and see if you can find a satellite

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