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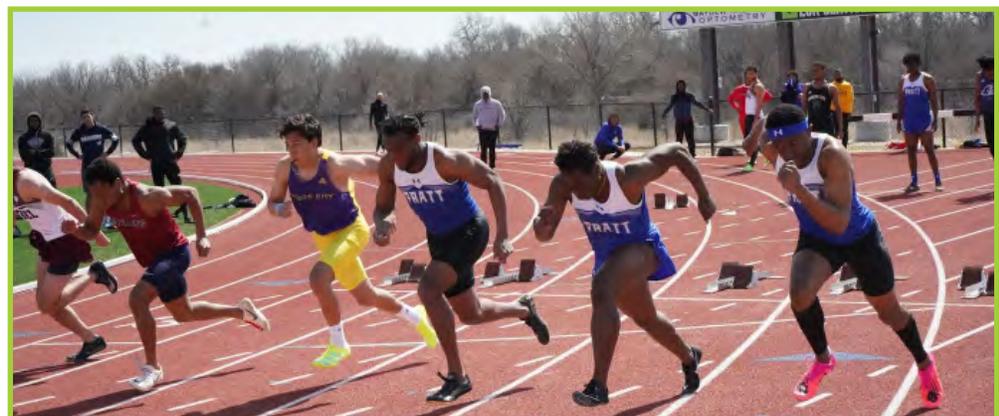
First Inaugural Beaver Classic a Huge Success at New Facility

The first annual Beaver Classic Track and Field Meet took place March 20, 2021 five years after initial plans to build the new complex began. What started as a small handful of teams competing in the first large-scale event at the complex, quickly grew to 16 junior and NAIA college tracks teams filling the competition fields.

The jam-packed parking lot brought a slew of new foot traffic onto the track, and into local businesses. Some brought in food and supplies from local vendors, as other attendees ventured out to explore and gather food and supplies during their time in Pratt, KS.

The Beaver Classic also put a spotlight on the success of the PCC Track and Field Team, which has more than doubled in size in recent years thanks to recruiting efforts and the benefit of a new facility. Numerous Pratt community and college volunteers helped make the Beaver Classic a rousing success, and PCC plans to host a large number of future college, K-12 and community events as competitions make a comeback.

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Pratt Community College **PHI THETA KAPPA**

PCC Honors Two Phi Theta Kappa All-Kansas Scholars



PCC held a ceremony on campus to honor two Phi Theta Kappa All-Kansas Scholars, Cydney Larson and Alexia Torres.

The students were selected by PCC faculty to represent the PCC's PTK chapter at the state level. PTK Advisor Jason Ratcliffe notes that students are selected based on outstanding academic achievement as well as accomplishments and services rendered outside the classroom.

They were awarded a scholarship and recognized for outstanding achievement. Larson and Torres were among 50 All-Kansas Scholars from two-year institutions around the state. Under normal circumstances, a ceremony and banquet would be held in Topeka, KS. Due to COVID restrictions, the State ceremony was observed on Zoom before recognizing the students in a brief award ceremony on campus with PCC President Dr. Calvert, members of Cabinet, faculty and staff.



PTK Student - Cydney Larson



PTK Student - Alexia Torres



PCC Honor Societies Welcome Newest Members

Phi Theta Kappa/Kappa Beta Delta Induction Ceremony



Pratt Community College held a ceremony on campus to induct its newest members to honor societies Phi Theta Kappa and Kappa Beta Delta. 25 new members joined Phi Theta Kappa and 10 new members joined Kappa Beta Delta. The ceremony included an address from PCC President Dr. Michael Calvert with KBD sponsor Carole Ricke presiding, alongside PTK sponsors Jason Ratcliffe and Angie Tatro. Former PCC PTK Advisor Wanda Deen served as guest speaker. A candlelight ceremony took place before the presentation of new members.

Phi Theta Kappa is the honor society for students attending community and two-year colleges. Membership is based on high grade point averages and other criteria, with members focusing on scholastic achievement and service to community and campus.

Kappa Beta Delta is a Business Honor Society for students in two-year colleges, or associate degree programs accredited by ACBSP. Membership is based on high grade point average and other criteria, with members focused on accomplishment among students of business, management and administration, as well as personal and professional development and service to mankind.

Phi Theta Kappa welcomed the following new members:

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| Ethan Baalman | Kimberly McClure |
| Lucas Baker | Deston Miller |
| Hailey Curran | Skye Monroe |
| Chariah Daniels | Mwanakombo Penza |
| Michaela Fisher | Levi Root |
| Kylee Harman | Morgan Schrag |
| Hanna Herd | John Schroeder |
| Garrison Herdman | Arionne Servis |
| Caleb Hinck | Clayton Simmons |
| Cheri Humphries | Jaylyn Taylor |
| Cordell Kickhaefer | Christy Wiebe |
| Angela Killough | Matthew Young |

Kappa Beta Delta welcomed the following new members:

- Jacob McBee
- Jacob Carroll
- Michaela Fisher
- Sam Gatlin
- Kobe Grijalva
- Luke Rider
- Brenden Tauber
- Chase Veatch
- Taidon Wills
- Blake Pongracz



PHI THETA KAPPA
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The Musical “Godspell”

Performing Arts

The Pratt Community College Performing Arts Department produced the Stephen Schwartz musical “Godspell” March 26-28

The cast of 12 included seven college students who are all members of Encore, two high school students and three middle schoolers.

“I first became aware of ‘Godspell’ in Spring of 2002. I was helping out with the theatre department at the time and we produced the original ‘Godspell’. It has since been one of my favorite shows. As we looked at options for this Spring, ‘Godspell’ just kept moving to the top of the list. ‘Godspell’ literally means good story and we all need a good story after the last year. I love the way the writers use comedy, improv and the unexpected to share the wonderful lessons of the parables. These lessons are so important right now. Be the light, do unto others as you would have them do unto you, forgiveness, thankfulness, appreciation and love. Our world needs more of all of these in my opinion. This cast has been great to work with. The cast varies in age from 11 to 21, but they have learned to work beautifully together. It has been a true blessing to see their own little community form.” - Director, Misty Beck

Photos by Stacey Powell



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How Do You Achieve Student Success?



Michael Spangler

Seeking Help on Campus

"The biggest help for me so far has definitely been the Student Success center. The advisors in there are great, they're really nice, they care for their students. A lot of the times I go in there and talk to them, you know, not even about school. I just go in there and talk to them about what's going on in my life. Life can get hectic you know, a lot of stuff goes through your head and it's nice to just kind of talk. And so whether you're having trouble in the classroom or you're just stressed or anything you can go in there and talk and they care a lot about people.

Also, the wrestling team, what we do is we do study hall in the computer lab for about an hour a night, sometimes a little more sometimes a little less just depending what's going on. We come in here (with Coach Kepley) for an hour, no phones, like turn all our phones in and it's just focusing on your schoolwork.

I feel like that's helped me a lot and I think it helps a lot of my teammates... and it's kind of nice just to get out of the dorm and it's a quiet environment."

Choosing Relationships on Campus

"When I came here, I'm not going to lie I was struggling badly, but I was able to hang around the right people and get myself up, so I've really grown. A lot of them push me to be better and I push them to be better so it's like, who you hang around really determines how your path goes. You want to hang around some good people and you want to hang around some fun people so it's like your time's not boring, but it's also good so you can succeed.

Also (Coach Josh Campbell) he's a big factor in my life, like cause he's always trying to get me better and we're always having conversations about how I can get better and how can I get faster. He's always pushing me. Like, he wants the best out of us even though he's hard on us from time to time, but it's because he knows what we can do. He's really a great guy. He's one of the best coaches I've ever had."



Keshawn Baptiste

Getting Involved on Campus

"As a Rodeo Manager, I run the chute so that way people that are team roping or calf roping or breakaway roping can just focus on that and not have to run the chute. It helps because it's given me a scholarship, I don't have to work as hard as I did last year. I worked off campus and I think a part of my student struggle in the classroom was not having enough time to do homework or study or just live the student life.

I was on the student leadership board last year and I'm currently an RA. You meet a lot of different people, people from like Houston or New York or people who are all friendly, just have different morals, different upbringings but you've got to find a way to work together.

Don't be afraid to ask somebody in your class, hey are you understanding this, there's so many times that you make a friend, a new friend in class, you would not have crossed paths anywhere else and you find them on social media, you get their phone number, you study, you take quizzes together and you just make a bigger circle of friends that are there to help you."



Jaden Smith

Tips to Enhance Student Success

Eliminate Distractions:

- Find a quiet place where the door won't constantly be opening.
- Leave your phone in your backpack. It will still be there after your study session is over.

Choose an Environment That is Right for You:

- Each of us thrive in different environments
- Find your study space and only bring what you need for that project.

Choose Music Wisely:

- Certain types of music improve your brain function.
- Studies show that music without lyrics work best if you're reading. Also, video game soundtracks have been proven to increase your focus.

Track Your Progress:

- Go old school and cross-out completed assignments on a to-do list.
- Try the My Study Life App.

Organize Your Project Before You Start:

- Starting a study session can feel like you're standing at the bottom of a mountain so make a plan.
- Split the assignment in to smaller parts, then you only have to tackle the first part to start.

Mindset Matters

- Psych yourself up for a challenge.
- Approach each study session with a positive attitude. It'll be easier to get started and stay focused.

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MENTAL HEALTH MINUTE



Stress & Self-Care

One of April's "months" in the mental health profession is National Counseling Awareness Month. This year's theme has a piece of it focused on something that I find we all often forget to do > take care of ourselves. As I reflected on the entire month's theme, I remember that prior to even knowing Covid would be a "thing" we would all deal with, I had presented a quick overview of stress and self-care to some PCC employees. So, I decided to dig that old presentation out and bring it back as an important reminder to us all.

Stress is typically defined as a physical response to the demands of life. However, there are emotional and mental aspects to stress that we all experience in our thoughts and in our emotions/feelings. In fact, the "psychological way" to define stress is that it is an internal and conditioned response to external pressures. Each person handles stress very differently, including what symptoms we go through when we are stressed. For some, physical symptoms arise and may include headaches, insomnia, fatigue, stomach aches, body pain, acne, and digestive issues. Others experience mental symptoms, which include but are not limited to anxiety, depression, suicidal ideation, food/eating issues, addictions, compulsions, and even substance use.

Unfortunately, many people try to cope with stress in unhealthy ways. Those unhealthy coping mechanisms can make the negative effects of stress worse rather than actually reducing them – although many will try to convince others (mainly themselves) that they are working. Just to give some examples of unhealthy coping mechanisms...drinking alcohol to excess, smoking, gambling, shopping, emotional eating, illicit drug use, and self-harm. This is why taking care of ourselves in a healthier way and understanding our physical, emotional, and mental needs is crucial.

Before I begin breaking down some different areas of self-care that are easily overlooked, I want to make one statement. If this is the only statement that gets your attention, good. Self-care is NOT selfish.

I repeat, self-care is NOT selfish. If it helps, remember the saying, "you cannot pour from an empty cup." Self-care is about incorporating behaviors and actions that allow us to refresh, replenish, and grow. By building ways up to take care of ourselves, we are helping ourselves build our quality of life. Now we can look at the three different avenues that mental health professionals suggest using for self-care:

Physical self-care. These are activities that help us improve our physical health, which does include our diet and exercise. Examples within this area include preparing healthy meals, going to the gym, going for walks, setting and meeting daily water intake goals, getting adequate and restful sleep. One major concept I want to point in for this area is that of the "Rule of 50." This rule simply means that for every 50 minutes of sitting or working, get up and move for 10 minutes. It can be as simple as a short walk or stretching. One other piece of this rule of thumb is to turn any digital screens off 50 minutes prior to going to bed and do not turn them back on until -at least- 50 minutes after waking up.

Mental/Emotional Self-Care. These are practices that maintain our mental strength and emotional well-being. Do not set ridiculously high standards for this area; instead, make them reasonable expectations. The main goal should be to stretch yourself without breaking with a focus of improving and expanding your social supports, doing fun things that give you a breather from your normal everyday routines. Fun things can be anything you enjoy that is not work-related. Some examples can be to read a book, draw, paint, watch a movie, listen to music, and journal. You may also need to remove any "shoulds" from your vocabulary like "I should be doing this instead...." or even learn to say "no" sometimes.

Last up is Spiritual Self-Care. This simply means to practice things that exercise your soul. It could prayer, meditation, going to church or other worship services, looking at and clarifying your values, reading, volunteering, advocating for others, etc. It is not strictly about faith or religion, but deeper into your own person.

As always, if you wish to speak with me or want further information, please reach out.



Amanda Wade
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Boy Scouts Earn Programming Merit Badges at PCC



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11 Boy Scouts earned their Programming Merit Badges through the Information Networking Technology department at Pratt Community College.

To meet the requirements for the Programming Merit Badge on behalf of the Boy Scouts of America, the scouts were required to code in three languages. They coded in Arduino, Python and Visual Basic. They also studied the history of programming, career options and education pathways.

The Scouts from BSA Troop 201 spent a little over four hours earning their merit badges at PCC. BSA Troop 201 includes members from Pratt, St. John and Great Bend, KS.



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Pratt's Own Thrive at Inaugural Beaver Classic

PRATT, Kan.- It was one heck of a Saturday afternoon in southern Kansas, as Pratt's track & field program christened the school's new track/soccer complex by hosting the first-ever Beaver Classic.

Simply hosting an event of such a magnitude was a win for Pratt Community College, but the performances of the Beavers' track athletes elevated the day to further heights.

Beginning the day with the 3000m steeplechase, NJCAA indoor track and cross country All-American Zach McPhee lapped the competition, winning the event with a time of 9:46.17. McPhee's time not only qualifies him for the Outdoor Championships in May, but currently stands as the second-best time in the country.

The Beavers then claimed another win in the men's 4x100m relay, as the team of Kashawn Baptiste, Jamaal Morris Jr., Rosean Young, and Devon Williams placed first atop the leadboard with a time of 41.63 seconds. The foursome also secured a qualifying place in the Outdoor Championships.

Baptiste punctuated his day with a win in the men's 400m dash, winning the event by clocking in at 49.50 seconds. An All-American in the 60m hurdles, Marvin Jean Francois won the 400m hurdles at the Beaver Classic by nearly two seconds. Jean-Francois' time of 53.98 seconds was good enough to qualify him for the Outdoor Championships.



SPORTS CONTINUED..



Track & Field

Seven Beavers Claim All-American Status at NJCAA Championships

PITTSBURG, Kan.- In Josh Cambell's nearly two years as head coach at Pratt Community College, the track program has elevated its status not only in the KJCCC, but in the eyes of the nation as well. On Saturday, seven of Pratt's athletes saw their work pay off in All-American currency.

Tebogo Maseema, Pratt's highest placer in his respective event, placed third in the triple-jump. His mark of 14.49m was also a season-high, as his placement in the top-eight granted him All-American honors. Kashawn Baptiste qualified for the finals in the 200m-dash on Friday, and placed fifth overall after clocking in at 21.57 seconds. Baptiste, along with Marvin Jean-Francois, Mark Emillien, and Jamaal Morris Jr., also finished seventh in the men's 4x400 relay, as the group compiled a time of 3:13.99.

Zach McPhee, Pratt's long distance specialist, took home All-American recognition in the fall at the Cross Country and Half-Marathon Championships. He added to his trophy case after finishing seventh in the mile run, finishing with a time of 4:20.22. McPhee also participated in the 3000m run, where he finished 11th. Greg Curry, competing in the high jump, placed eighth-overall with a height of 1.95m.



Beaver Wrestling

Four Beavers Take First at Golden Norsemen Invite

MIAMI, Okla.- The eighth-ranked Beavers imposed their will on the competition at the Notheastern Oklahoma A&M Golden Norsemen Invite #2, as four Pratt wrestlers won their respective brackets while two more placed second.

Michael Spangler claimed first place in the 125 lbs. division, winning three of his four matches by way of major decision. Spangler's day began with a 10-2 major decision over Neosho County's Roberto Camacho, which was followed by a 16-3 major win against Otero's Mac Martinez. The 2020 national champion then grinded a 4-0 decision win over Triton College's Anthony Schickel.

In the 125 lbs. finals, Spangler dominated Barton's Drew Liles. He scored four takedowns, turning two of which into six near-fall points, his only blemish being a Liles escape in the first period. Spangler won the tournament with a 15-1 major decision.

Jason Henschel cruised to the final match of the Norsemen Invite after winning by pin fall, decision, and majority decision. His final match against Western Wyoming's Destin Summers was not so simple, however. A Summers takedown in the first period made up all the scoring in the frame, though Henschel regained the lead after an escape and late takedown in the second period.

Up 3-2 entering the third period, Henschel saw Summers escape initial bottom position to score an escape and eventually a takedown, though Henschel mimicked Summers, managing to escape the position and score a takedown of his own. Summers' riding time advantage evened the score at 6-6 to initiate an overtime period. Henschel wasted little time in the sudden death overtime, scoring a takedown of Summers 20 seconds into the one-minute period to win the 133-pound bracket.

Jacob Beeson was in his usual role as the 149-pounder for the Beavers, where he narrowly passed through his opening match with a 3-2 decision win. The 2020 national champion then won via pin fall and by decision to clinch a spot in the final round. He then dispatched Izaiah Delvalle of Barton by way of a 16-3 majority decision to win the event.

The Beavers fourth first-place winner was heavyweight Devon Dawson, who paved his way to the final round after wins by decision and pin fall. Against Cowley College's Sage Smart, Dawson, like Henschel, found the championship match to be tough sledding.

A scoreless first period was followed by a second period in which the lone scoring was a Dawson escape. Smart began the third period with an escape from the bottom to even the score at 1-1. Dawson bided his time, managing a takedown with 13 seconds left in the match to win 3-1.

Dayton Porsch (157 lbs.) and Deston Miller (184 lbs.) were both defeated in the final rounds of their respective brackets, placing second.



PCC Hall of Fame Class of 2021 Announced

PRATT, Kan.- In the fall of 2010, Kurt McAfee, then Director of Athletics at Pratt Community College, established a Hall of Fame to recognize former athletes who excelled at PCC during their tenure at Pratt and after leaving PCC. A room in the Benson Education Building was remodeled and houses the Hall of Fame. The inaugural Hall of Fame class was inducted during the 2011-12 year and another group was inducted the following year. Since 2015, the Hall of Fame Committee determined they would take nominations and induct deserving candidates on a bi-yearly schedule. The last class inducted, in 2019, featured Steve Blankenship and Jennifer Reifschneider.



Current Director of Athletics, Tim Swartzendruber, is pleased to announce the Hall of Fame class of 2021. It includes Tom Brungardt and Larry Rhodes, who captured first place in doubles at the 1959 NJCAA National Tennis Tournament. The 1959 Pratt Community College Tennis Team, which won the 1959 NJCAA team title. Dr. Terry D. Smith, who won the 1961 NJCAA National Tennis Tournament singles title. The 1961 Pratt Community College Tennis Team, which captured first place at the NJCAA National Tennis Tournament. And Glenda Swiantek, former tennis player at PCC.

The 1959 men's tennis team captured Pratt Community College's first National Championship. Members of the team were: Tom Brungardt, Larry Rhoades, Ivan Williams, Jerry Hozlett, and Delbert Bohling. The team was coached by Walter Blake, a current PCC Hall of Fame member. Brungardt and Rhoades won the doubles title and Rhoades finished fourth in singles to lead the squad. The tournament was held in Rochester, MN.

In 1961, PCC captured another National Championship in men's tennis. Led by Terry D. Smith, who won the title in singles, the Beavers dominated the meet. Smith defeated fellow teammate, Jim Kimberly in the championship match to win first place. Kimberly teamed with Dick Green to win third place in doubles. Other team members were: Bob Brown, Tom Jarnagin, and Frank Hattabaugh. The team was coached by Walter Blake and the tournament was held in Rochester, Minnesota.

Glenda Swiantek played tennis at PCC from 1985-87. During her time at Pratt, she played both singles and doubles and finished second in Region VI both years. She was named an Academic All-American in 1986. While at PCC, Glenda was active in Student Government, Phi Theta Kappa and was named "Who's Who" among students in American Junior Colleges in 1986-87. Glenda tutored students in English and Algebra. An active member of the community, Glenda served on the Pratt Parks and Recreation Commission board for eight years, was President of the Big Blue Booster Club twice, was a Pratt High School Booster Club President, and a sports writer for the Pratt Tribune. Glenda also taught golf and tennis classes at PCC and gave private tennis lessons. Glenda currently resides in Derby, Kansas.

On the court **Women's Basketball**

WBB Overcomes Early Deficit in Win Over Colby

PRATT, Kan.- Down eight points at halftime, the Beavers outscored the Trojans 39-23 in the second-half to snatch a Wednesday win over Colby.

Cassie Onwugbfor led Pratt with 20 points, as she was 7-8 in her field goal attempts, and 2-3 from long range. She also posted four rebounds and three assists. Christy Wiebe was one of four Beavers to finish in double-figures, as the forward managed 12 points and six rebounds. Natalya Taylor and Jada Moss came off the bench to provide ample scoring, as Taylor finished with 11 and Moss with 10. Chariah Daniels, also as a reserve, grabbed a team-high nine rebounds.

As a team, the Beavers were largely efficient in their attempts, connecting on 28-57 shots (49%). That number aided the assist totals where Coach Kenner's team nearly doubled the opposing Trojans (15-8). Though the offensive rebounding numbers were even, Pratt outrebounded Colby 30-22 on the defensive end.



The Trojans followed the opening tip with an offensive surge, jumping out to a 21-9 lead only seven minutes into play. The first quarter ended with the Beavers trailing 25-17. An even second quarter saw the Beavers trailing 38-30 going into the second-half.

Pratt used its 15 minutes in the locker room wisely, as the offensive gameplan found more open shooters and easier buckets, leading to a 48-48 tie going into the fourth quarter. A back-and-forth final quarter tilted towards Pratt late in the period, as a massively important Onwugbfor three-pointer gave the Beavers a 62-60 lead with 2:09 on the clock. A Daniels floater on the next possession extended the lead to 64-60. Forced to foul, the Beavers hit five of their next six free throws to seal the win.

On the court **Men's Basketball**



MBB Rallies to Take Season Sweep of Garden City

GARDEN CITY, Kan.- Having lost four-consecutive games, the Beavers were in dire need of something to go their way. In spite of a 14 point-deficit in the first-half, Coach Flynn's team didn't allow tonight to slip away, beating the Broncbusters 75-72.

Harrison Eghan was an efficient 6-8 from the field to lead the Beavers with 14 points. Eghan also had a team-high nine rebounds, six of which coming on the offensive side of the floor. Eric Rhymes ended the his night with 12 points, all of which were scored by way of the three-pointer. Tommy Thomas and Malcolm Whitlow both managed 11 points of their own.

As a team, the Beavers were 26-78 (33%) in their shot attempts, as well as 12-39 (31%) from three-point range. Pratt managed to stifle the Broncbusters on the glass, outrebounding Garden City 41-32, including 17-7 on the offensive glass. It's easy to say all points scored are important, but the Beavers 20 second-chance points were as important as any considering the final score.

A 14-14 ballgame after the first 10 minutes suddenly got away from the Beavers. Garden City slowly put together a 14-0 run over the next four or so minutes to double the Pratt score. The Beavers did answer however, as a 17-9 Pratt run to end the half tightened the lead to 37-31.

Pratt came out of the break to put together a 8-0 run to carve out a 39-37 lead after the first-four minutes of the second-half. The game then became a back-and-forth affair, with no lead extending beyond six points. That lead was in fact the Beavers largest of the night, and came with just over three minutes remaining.

Beavers Take Down #23 Hutch

PRATT, Kan.- In search of a signature win to build upon, the Beavers may have found exactly that. By defeating 23rd-ranked Hutchinson 85-82 on Wednesday, the Beavers have now won back-to-back games overall, and have taken the last two home meetings against the Dragons.

Malcolm Whitlow led all players with 28 points, as the Nebraska was 8-14 from the field, and 4-7 from long range. Whitlow also provided the Beavers with five assists and five rebounds. Julian Eziukwu had his way on the low block, scoring 18 points on 8-13 attempts to go with five rebounds. Tommy Thomas and Cam Morris also finished in double-figures, managing 13 and 11 points, respectively. As well, Morris rejected a career-high five shots.

The Beavers exchanged a 39-21 rebounding margin with a shooting percentage of nearly 50 percent (29-60). Pratt was also extremely efficient from the charity stripe, connecting on 19 of 23 tries. Coach Flynn's team found success from beyond three-point line too, going 8-23 (35%).

Trailing by as many eight points during the first 20 minutes, a 9-3 Beavers run to end the opening half saw a 38-35 Hutchinson lead entering the break. Then things got crazy.

The final 20 minutes of play comprised of lead changes, ties and shifts of momentum. The game sat at 55-all with 11 minutes remaining, as the Beavers began to make a push. A 9-2 Pratt run gave the Beavers a 64-57 lead over the next three minutes, though a solid Hutchinson team clawed back, scoring the next five points to narrow the home team's lead to 64-62. A subsequent Beavers run saw the hosts increase their lead to 73-64 with just under four minutes remaining.

Leading 81-73 with 1:20 remaining, the Beavers nearly fell victim to Hutchinson's press defense. The Dragons defense forced a turnover, which resulted in a quick Josh Baker three-pointer. A foul away from the ball by Carlos Montiel then gave Hutchinson two foul shots after the play, as the Pratt lead shrunk to 81-78. The Beavers then turned the ball over the next two possessions, as the Dragons, once trailing by eight with 80 seconds left, converted the two turnovers into points, capturing a 82-81 lead with 49 seconds to go.

A Whitlow drive to the rim turned into a Hutchinson foul, as the sophomore made two clutch free throws. The Beavers regained a one-point lead. Baker drove the lane the following Dragons possession, as an acrobatic attempt near the rim saw him lose control of the basketball, which landed out of bounds to give the Beavers late control of the ball. Whitlow then made his next shots at the line after the Dragons were forced to foul. Baker's last-chance shot from three-point range hit front rim, safely landing on hardwood as time expired.



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MDSM Students Take Field Trip to Distribution Center



Students in the Modern Distribution Sales and Management program at PCC took a field trip to BOLD 3PL in Hutchinson, KS.

BOLD 3PL is a third-party distribution company, moving and delivering goods to customers on behalf of businesses. Students learned about software programs used to integrate with other companies in the logistics and distribution of products. Students also observed the picking and packing process. BOLD 3PL distributes a variety of goods, from upscale salon products to Fortnite merchandise.

The MDSM program at PCC hosts regular guest speakers on campus and online in addition to off-campus field trips to learn about the many aspects of business, from the early stages of creating a product to the process of delivering goods into the customer's hands.

Visit the MDSM program page for more information.
www.prattcc.edu/mdsm

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Pratt Community College was just Certified by the American Welding Society to Offer SENSE Training for the Welding Program.

Students earn official AWS credentials, and their names are listed in the SENSE Training Database for verification upon program completion. SENSE stands for Schools Excelling through National Skills Standards Education.

Welding instructor Daryl Lucas is pleased to offer SENSE training, as it gives students official certifications when building a resume for industry.



Level I SENSE training modules for Entry Level Welders include:

Safety and Health of Welders
Drawing & Welding Symbol Interpretation
Thermal Cutting Processes: OFC, PAC, CAC-A, Mechanized OFC
Welding Processes: SMAW, GMAW, FCAW, GTAW

Level II SENSE Training modules for Advanced Level Welders include:

Trade Math
Welding Metallurgy
Welding Inspection and Testing Methods
Documents Governing Welding and Welding Inspection
Thermal Cutting Processes
Plate Welding Processes: SMAW, GMAW, FCAW, GTAW
Pipe Welding Processes: SMAW, GMAW, FCAW, GTAW
Welding Fabrication



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PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE CELEBRATE DIVERSITY TEAM

Celebrate Diversity Month

The Diversity Celebration supports and enhances Appalachian State University's mission of "accepting the responsibility to be actively involved in addressing the educational, economic, cultural, and societal needs of the changing region, state, nation, and world," by providing a venue where diverse perspectives, cultures and values are accepted, appreciated and celebrated.

Diversity is a whole that is greater than the sum of its parts, which include race, ethnic origin and color, religion and creed, sexual orientation, age and ability, to name but a few. As ever evolving creatures in an ever changing world, the innumerable aspects of our humanity - all our ways of being, knowing and moving through the world - are contained in this one concept.

As human beings, we are revealed and make ourselves known to one another by infinite varieties of intelligence, language, race, values, politics, religion, national service, gender presentation, philosophy and a host of other elements common to humankind. The recognition of a common humanity is the first step in the celebration of our differences - differences that inform our cultures, our values, our minds, and all our ways of being in the world. Diversity is the chief informant of the creative life force and the central reality in our understanding and stewardship of it.

Diversity and Sustainability

Diversity, when applied in a human context, comprises the inclusion of a wide variety of cultures, ethnicities and groups, races, religious beliefs, socio-economic backgrounds, sexual orientation and gender identity. The diversity of life is made up not only of the wide realm of human cultures and languages, but also of the diverse world of plants and animal species, habitats and ecosystems. Therefore, a more sustainable world is one in which biological, cultural and linguistic diversity thrive through the strength of the system. It is upon the foundation of this diverse array of ecological and human cultures that a sustaining, resilient world is built.

Source Cited: Diversity and Inclusion at Appalachian, Appalachian State University, diversity.appstate.edu/celebration/why/.



JOIN US!

**CELEBRATE DIVERSITY TEAM
MEETS THE FIRST TUESDAY
OF THE MONTH
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Contact Lisa Perez-Miller at
lisam@prattcc.edu for more information.

PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CELEBRATE DIVERSITY TEAM



Student Feature

Jameka Chisholm

From: Bahamas
PCC Track & Field
Sophomore Student

What is Diversity to you?

Diversity is various races, ethics, socioeconomic and cultural experiences all in one.

Tell us about the Bahamas.

The Bahamas is a Christian nation, everyone there is so nice and friendly and respectful and mannerly, like even the adults like they're just so welcoming, it's very welcoming there, it's just it's amazing, trust me it is. Home sweet home. Ok the Bahamas it's very hot, humid but you have to love it. We have beautiful beaches, clear waters, we have an amazing resort. It's called Atlantis.

We have Junkanoo, it's like a festival...everyone dresses up you make your costumes and it's like it's so amazing

What does Junkanoo celebrate?

Just Christmas. And we also have one for New Year's. We also have Carnival, it's in May every year.

Any favorite foods from home?

Conch. It's sea snails. It is amazing, and they do it many different ways. They stew it, they fry it. Listen. Sometimes we eat it raw in a dish called conch salad...with like orange, a lot of seasoning and pineapple and it's delicious, it's delicious.

How do you share your culture?

We have a certain dialect and a few of my friends, well we try to teach them (friends) a few words and stuff to show them how different it is than like we talk here. It's quite funny hearing them say a few stuff too. Cause they say it but they try to say it with an accent too.

How did your culture impact you in who you are today?

Honestly it played a big part in how I am right now actually. I'm really thankful for the way I grew up. Because now I see things this way, like one way and another. I see from both perspectives.

Growing up in the Bahamas you know, parents aren't really like strict you know but they want what's best for their kids so they are always going to make sure, they're not going to let you stray away, they're going to make you focus, you know. Schoolwork, sports, anything they just always make sure you're good, you're always 100 you know.

And here now, it actually helped because I'm actually, I'm doing great right now, academic and athletic and I actually I'm very proud. I'm thankful to my parents, my coach, everyone like I'm really proud.

4 Ways to Celebrate Diversity Month

April is Diversity Month, a time to recognize and celebrate other cultures and populations. This month, take time to recognize the diversity in your workplace, school or home. By celebrating the unique cultures, backgrounds and traditions of others, we can gain a greater appreciation for the diversity that surrounds us. Here are four ways of our favorite ways to celebrate Diversity Month:

1. Host a multicultural movie night. Invite friends, family or colleagues over to watch some multicultural and foreign films. You can even ask guests to bring a snack to represent a different country or culture to munch on.
2. Attend a cultural art exhibit. Many cities are home to international or cultural art exhibits. Visit a nearby museum for a weekend outing and learn more about other cultures through the lens of fine and contemporary art.
3. Play music from around the world. Throughout the month, play music from around the world in your office, classroom, car, or home. Celebrate the diversity of your employees, coworkers or students by asking them to bring in examples of music from their own culture or heritage.
4. Support minority-owned businesses. Visit a minority-owned business or utilize services from a minority vendor to show your support for their establishment.

Employment Opportunity

JOB OPPORTUNITY NOTICE

POSITION: Head Athletic Trainer

SALARY: \$37,970

HOURS: Monday through Friday, (40 hours per week on average). Role includes some evening and weekend work as required.

DESCRIPTION: Pratt Community College in Pratt, Kansas has position available for Head Athletic Trainer. Duties include: Operation and management of the athletic training program and for the coordination and designated instructional duties of the sports medicine program. Provide injury prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation for athletes. Handle all referrals to physicians when necessary. Verify athlete welfare regarding decisions about returning to participation after an injury. Process all athletic insurance injury claims in a timely manner. Develop and administer training room supplies budget. Recruitment of sports medicine students. Work cooperatively with coaches regarding specific training needs during each season. Maintain injury and rehabilitation progress records on all athletes. Handle initial injury evaluations. Act as an academic advisor. Collect previous health history and sports injury history and physical examination information. Coordination and quality management of the sports medicine curriculum. Be an active member of the Beaver Backers Booster Club. Work closely with Pratt Regional Medical Center and other health care providers.

EDUCATION

REQUIRED: Must have Master's Degree in Sports Medicine, Athletic Training, and/or Master's Degree in Sport Rehabilitation.

SPECIAL

REQUIREMENTS: Must have at least two years' experience working as an Athletic Trainer. Must have/be eligible for Board Certification for Athletic Trainers.

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