



Pratt Community College
Monthly Newsletter

The BEAVER

The official newsletter of PCC

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Buzz

Call for March newsletter content

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Students Sign Completion Pledge



Statistics show the surest way for anyone to land a job in their chosen field is to finish college and earn a degree or certificate.

On January 30, PCC students gathered to sign the completion banner, part of a national education initiative called the Community College Completion Challenge.

The event was hosted by the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Learn more at www.cccompletioncorps.org.

146 students signed the pledge, together with 12 faculty and staff who pledged completion support.

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Upcoming Dates

- **Blood Drive**
2/5 | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- **Technical Program Education Day**
2/11 | 9 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
- **Little Beaver Cheer Clinic**
2/14 | 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- **Encore! Valentine Show**
2/15 | 2:30 p.m.
- **Coffee with the President**
2/16 | 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
- **Board of Trustees Meeting**
2/16 | 7 p.m.
- **Joint Council**
2/20 | 2 p.m.
- **Academic Olympics and Car Show**
2/23 | 2 p.m.

Updates from the Linda Hunt Memorial Library



Coffee with the President

For students & community.

Join Dr. Mike Calvert for coffee & meet-n-greet.

February 16 | 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Rescheduled: Red Cross Blood Drive

The Blood Drive will be held February 5 in the Pratt Community College gym. All participants receive a free t-shirt.

Donor appointments are still available from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and usually take 15 - 30 minutes. Walk-ins are welcome but appointments are recommended. To donate or volunteer, contact LeighanneD@prattcc.edu.



American Red Cross

PCC Partners to Form South Central Kansas Artists' Guild

Locals with a love of art and photography are invited to join the newly formed South Central Kansas Artists' Guild. This organization is a cooperative of the Pratt Community College Delmar Riney Art Gallery and the Vernon Filley Art Museum. The first meeting will be held on February 11 at 7 p.m. at VFAM and all are welcome.

The group will meet once a month with the purpose of promoting the arts and photography through education, exhibition and engagement and to foster local artistic talent.

“The Guild was created to support events in conjunction with other arts organizations, provide educational opportunities to strengthen cultural resources and contribute to the quality of life in South Central Kansas,” said Brittany Novotny. “Our members will have the

opportunity to share recent art experiences, engage with guest artists, and travel to art events.”

The Guild is planning to sponsor a bus trip to an out-of-town art event or host a guest artist annually. Additionally, PCC is planning to sponsor a “Juried Art & Photography Show” annually with artwork featured in the PCC Riney Art Gallery.



Membership is free and open to the public, ages 16 and older. The Guild meets on the

second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Special events may be scheduled in addition to the monthly meetings.

For more information or to join the Guild, contact:

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Donate your cell phones and ink cartridges!

A collection box is located in the office of the VP of Students / Enrollment Management near the Switchboard. Donations are collected every Saturday and benefit the Pratt Area Humane Society.

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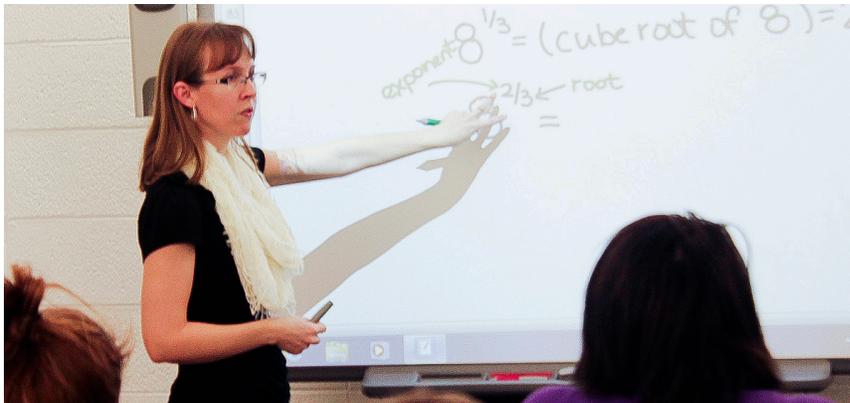


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Highlight: PCC Math

Knowing that math was her strong suit, Sarah Jackson looked into majoring in many different math fields, including engineering, before deciding that teaching was the best option for her.

“There are a lot of things I could have done with math and made more money but once I looked into them I realized I needed the interaction with people and teaching is the best way to get that in math,” she said.



Jackson is her in 11th year teaching math at PCC. In class, Jackson likes to get down to business.

“When class starts, I start lecturing,” she said. “I take questions and input along the way but I don’t tell jokes or stories. I set high expectations and stick with those.”

Students sometimes say that they will never use math again and while Jackson admits that some students may never use certain aspects again, there are aspects of math that people use every day.

“It’s all about following directions and organizing thoughts and both of those are life skills that you will use every day in your future,” she said.

Before coming to PCC, Jackson taught at Coffeyville Community College for three years. She has her bachelor’s in math from Emporia State University and her master’s in math from Kansas State University. Jackson is married to Mike, who is also a math teacher at PCC, and in their free time they like to chase around their three girls who are ages 5, 8 and 11 and come to student activities.

Highlight: PCC Science

Giving students a good educational foundation to help prepare them to transfer to a four-year college is one of the main goals of PCC’s Science Department.

PCC’s science classes are broken down into two areas: **Natural Science**, which is the study of the biological sciences, including classes like biology, environmental science, microbiology, etc., and **Physical Science**, which focuses more on the non-living components of the universe. Classes in Physical Science include courses like chemistry, physics and geology.

All students working on an Associate of Science pass nine credit hours in science, half from Natural Science and half from Physical Science. All are paired with a lab class that helps to reinforce what students are learning in the lecture portion of the class.

“A science requirement is a critical part of any good liberal arts curriculum,” said Kip Chambers, chair of the Math and Science Division. “It provides students with an opportunity to learn the fundamental concepts that define the living and non-living components of our universe.”



ATHLETICS

Pratt Community College baseball introduces its “Elite Eight”—Josh Jones (IB), Tanner Kliensasser (LHP), Corey Steward (OF/RHP), Nate McBroom (RHP), Jacob Compton (RHP), Hayden Wheeler (LHP), Jay Feathers (SS/RHP), and Reece Garvie (SS).

These eight were the first of the 2015 seniors to see and believe in the vision of Beaver Baseball, and commit to playing pivotal roles in that vision. All eight of these young men bring valuable tools to the Beavers as we continue our march towards Grand Junction—NJCAA College World Series.

Although there will be more recruits, these eight were the first to make the pledge to development, greatness, and wearing the Beaver Blue. In this Elite Eight, there is power, speed, velocity, command, but just as, if not more, important, there is hunger and passion.

“These eight will be looked upon to be leaders in the classroom, community and the field,” said Coach McNett. “As they set foot on campus as new Beavers in the fall of 2015, they will be stepping in to make an impact on everyone around them. They will impact the daily lives of their classmates. They will impact the well-being of the community around them. They will impact the fight and work ethic of their team. These young men exemplify the very meaning of the word elite.”



Indoor Track Opens

The PCC indoor track teams opened their season at the Missouri Southern State Invitational on Jan. 17. Twenty-four PCC athletes competed against nine other schools.

Elisabeth Richins led the way for the women, finishing in twelfth place (2:31) in the 800 meter run.

The men had a little more success as Dennis Barfield finished tenth (53.5) in the 400 meter run. Detrius McGuire also had a successful debut in the 60 meter run, clocking a solid 7.35. The distance medley team of Ryan Landry, Greg Guajardo, Andres Pelayo and Alfredo Vega finished in seventh place. Vega finished the relay in strong fashion, clocking a 4:42 for the 1600 meter anchor leg.

Registration now open for 5K run/walk

On March 21, the PCC track and cross country teams will host a 5K and Mighty Mite Mile.

Participants 13 and above run or walk the 5K on a pavement, dirt and grass course. Entry fee is \$10, or \$15 with a t-shirt. The top three in each age group receive awards. High school students receive a \$5 discount with preregistration by March 13.

Children 12 and under walk/run the Mighty Mite Mile at no cost. First place in each age group receives award: 0-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12.

Both races begin at 9 a.m. Registration forms are available at 620-450-2131.

January Athletics Recap

Men's Basketball

01/02 PCC def. Labette 90-73
01/06 PCC def. Cloud 88-86
01/08 PCC def. Seward 88-86
01/11 PCC loss to Dodge City 81-86
01/15 PCC def. Garden City 79-77
01/17 PCC Loss to Butler 71-72
01/22 PCC loss to Hutchinson 103-90
01/25 PCC loss to Barton 90-100
01/29 PCC def. Colby 91-80

Women's Basketball

01/02 PCC def. NOC-Tonkawa 81-75
01/06 PCC def. Cloud 53-46
01/08 PCC loss to Seward 76-50
01/10 PCC loss to Dodge City 58-63
01/15 PCC def. Garden City 63-55.
01/17 PCC loss to Butler 59-66
01/22 PCC loss to Hutchinson 34-85
01/25 PCC loss to Barton 52-69.
01/29 PCC def. Colby 75-48.

Men's Wrestling

01/21 #19 Baker 33; Pratt 13
01/25 7th place in Kansas Cup
01/29 Newman 31; Pratt 13

Skyline Creates PCC Presidential Award

On Jan. 8, Skyline Schools presented six students with the Pratt Community College Presidential Award as part of a special awards assembly. The students awarded were seventh graders Brock Montgomery, Scott Ewing and Riley Washington, and eighth graders Gracie Bricker, Gabriel Flanders and Adison Hampton (*All pictured lower right*).

K-8 Principal Becca Flowers said the two schools wanted to create an award which would challenge and recognize students based on a rubric of criteria for successful students.

"Every day they are preparing themselves for the future, whether it be in college, technical school or a career," said Flowers. "My goal is for them to realize that the decisions they make and habits they form today will make a difference in several years."

Earlier this year, each student completed a self-assessment based on that new rubric that included attendance, preparedness, attentiveness, politeness and respect, school spirit, helpfulness and positivity, ownership of education and initiative in seeking out teacher feedback and interaction. The self-assessment did not factor into the recipient selection and teachers provided the final rating, but for Flowers, the student participation was just as important.

"I had every student do a self-rating because I want them to learn to reflect and grow, rather than depend on adults to do all the grading," she said. "I thought it would also be a way for them to look a little closer at the qualities that are valued by colleges, universities and future employers."

Lisa Perez Miller, PCC Vice President of Students and Enrollment Management, presented the award certificates at the assembly.

"We know the importance of engaging students early so they can begin establishing good habits and study skills to be utilized throughout their high school and college years," said Miller. "We are excited to recognize these students and partner with Skyline School on this positive initiative."



Performing Arts Department to Present Valentine's Day Concert

To celebrate the weekend of love, come to the Valentine's Day concert hosted Pratt Community College's Encore! on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 2:30 p.m. in Carpenter Auditorium.

The show will feature love songs from a variety of genres featuring solos, duets and ensembles.

The concert is a fundraiser for the students' trip to Tennessee in May so it has a \$5 suggested donation per person.

"We hope everyone will come out and enjoy some great music and treats to finish up the Valentine's weekend," said Misty Beck, theatre instructor.



Auto Department News

The annual Car Show, free and open to the public, is February 23 from 8 a.m. - noon in the PCC auto bay. Attendees can vote on the People's Choice award. The cars are loaned for the event by community members.

The PCC auto department is building a car from scratch. Over the next month, photos showing the progress on the project will be added to facebook.



PCC trustees, faculty, staff and students recognized at the Board of Trustees meeting on January 26 for outstanding contributions to the college.



Visitors enjoy Tiffany Sowa's work in PCC's Delmar Riney Art Gallery at the Community Concert on Jan. 26. Join us for intermission cookies at the next Community Concert on Feb. 20. The February gallery exhibit features Neil Goss.

