**Call for June newsletter content**

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**Upcoming Dates**

- **Ottawa University Signing Event**
  5/8 | 1 p.m.
- **Outstanding Alumnus Reception**
  5/8 | 10 a.m.
- **Commencement & Nursing Pinning**
  5/8 | 2 p.m. (Rehearsal 10 a.m.)
- **Board of Trustees Meeting**
  5/18 | 7 p.m.
- **Joint Council**
  5/19 | 2 p.m.
- **Beaver Building Day (Pre-enrollment)**
  5/20 | 11:15 a.m.

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**Summer and Fall Enrollment**

Enrollment is now underway at Pratt Community College for summer and fall 2015. Summer courses are offered in a variety of ways, including online and three different sessions on-campus or hybrid, meaning the class is partly electronic and partly on-campus.

“Summer school provides unique learning opportunities,” said Dr. Michael Westerhaus, Interim Vice President of Instruction. “All of the options provide various learning venues designed for the busy student.”

Luke Laha will be offering Casting and Angling on Tuesday evenings, Beginning Archery Wednesday evenings, and Shooting Sports Thursday evenings. All three classes will be offered from 6-9 p.m. and will start the week of May 26. “I am really excited about these classes,” Laha said. “They will be great for anyone interested in the Wildlife Outfitting and Operations major or those who are interested in learning about these shooting sports.”

For those interested in following music's role through history, via social aspects such as gender, ethnicity, politics, war, spirituality and more enrollment is still open for the Introduction to Music class from 1-3:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday during the second session.

Fundamentals of Chemistry is a five hour course with a video component and lab that will be offered as a full term summer course. It will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6-10 p.m. “This course is designed for non-chemistry majors and involves a survey of the fundamental concepts of chemistry such as atomic and molecular structure, gas laws, equilibrium, reaction kinetics and acid base chemistry as well as organic and biochemistry,” said instructor Carol Bonham. This course is recommended for students of nursing, health related sciences, home economics and some areas of agriculture.

Another instructor offering video-based courses is David Cramer who is offering night courses during the first summer session. The courses will be 6:30-9:45 p.m. and will be as follows: General Psychology on Monday nights, Developmental Psychology on Tuesday nights, Multicultural Study on Wednesday nights and American History 1865 to Present on Thursday nights.

“PCC offers a variety of summer courses to meet any person's needs,” said Amy Jackson, Director of Student Success. “We encourage people to try classes for fun and to get some extra credits toward a degree.”

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**Summer Sessions**

May 27 - June 24
May 27 - July 24
June 25 - July 24

**Fall Start Date**

August 18

**Residence Halls Open**

August 16
Jeff Jochems Named Outstanding Alumnus of the Year

On May 8, the Pratt Community College Foundation will honor Dr. Jeff Jochems, the 2015 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year.

Jochems currently serves Ozarks Technical Community College (OTC) as the inaugural President of the OTC Richwood Valley Campus in Ozark, Mo., and is an adjunct instructor in the Higher Education doctoral program at Lindenwood University.

Jochems, a Pratt native, graduated from PCC in 1986 and went on to complete a bachelor’s degree in management from Washburn University, a master’s in higher education student personnel from the University of Kansas, and an Ed.D. in higher education leadership from the University of Arkansas.

Jochems’ journey began in Pratt, sitting in accounting and calculus classes and playing on the baseball team under Coach B.D. Parker. He was a true student-athlete, and used his time on the field to do what he loved, while developing the skills that would make him successful after leaving PCC.

“One of our slogans at OTC is ‘Start here, go anywhere,’” says Jochems. “That captures what a community college is all about.”

As a community college graduate and current president of a community college, Dr. Jochems is a vocal supporter of their value and continued importance.

“Community colleges are huge,” says Jochems. “Education is the open door to so many other opportunities, whether it’s further education at a university, or a career in a technical field. For many families, it’s the only way out of poverty. Education is a huge economic development engine, and community college is the fuel that powers it.”

For community college graduates, Jochems shares this advice:

“Enjoy the time; it goes fast. Never stop learning. Be adventurous, take a chance, step out from your comfort zone and have a little bit of curiosity. When I came to work for OTC it was a brand new college. I was fairly young and definitely outside my comfort zone. I took a chance, but it was one of the best decisions of my life.”

Throughout his career, Jochems has served on the board of the Ozark, Mo., Chamber of Commerce and the Christian County Economic Development Committee’s Executive Team. He is a member of the Taney County Economic Development Partnership and Ozark Rotary, and currently serves on the Missouri Community College Association’s Presidents & Chancellors Council as well as the college’s representative to the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education. Jochems is married to Deborah, a department chair at Cox College, and has three children, Kalene, Kyle, and Kortney.

A public reception will be hosted by the family in the Delmar Riney Art Gallery on May 8 from 10 – 11 a.m., and Dr. Jochems will give the keynote address at the commencement and nursing pinning ceremony beginning at 2 p.m. in the Dennis Lesh Arena.

Accounting and Business Student Gets Head Start on Career

After working in retail for more than five years, Abby Skaggs decided it was time to try a different part-time job while in school. Skaggs, a sophomore at Pratt Community College majoring in Accounting and Business, was offered a tellers job as a teller at People’s Bank and decided to try it. “I was looking for something different than retail,” Skaggs said. “I love the constant flow of people and that I put what I learn at the school to use on a daily basis.”

Skaggs said the most useful class skills at her job have been the computer skills she’s learned and what she learned in her accounting class. “Technology changes and as it does, it’s nice to have students who are learning the newer technology that we maybe don’t know,” said her boss, Deb Goyen. “Sometimes it seems like college employees teach us as much as we teach them.”

When Skaggs first started working at the bank, she wasn’t sure what she wanted to do after she graduated but has decided that she wants to stay at People’s Bank and eventually work her way up. “My main goal in life is to continue having a job I love,” she said. Goyen said they have had many PCC business students decide to stay in the banking industry after working there in college, herself included.

Skaggs decided to major in Accounting and Business because of her family’s background in business. In her free time she likes to paint, play golf and is currently planning her wedding.
On April 14, Pratt Community College held a bone marrow donor registration drive and fundraiser. “I participated because it gave me the opportunity to make a difference in someone’s life,” said Brian Carter, an education sophomore from Bethel, Ohio. “It could be the difference between life and death, and that’s an amazing feeling.”

Penny wars to fundraise for the foundation. Six departments competed to collect the most pennies, which help offset the cost of processing paperwork and testing the DNA of registrants. The Performing Arts Department won the competition with $72 in change. Overall, $133 was donated to BTM.

Track Team Hitting Stride in Preparation for Regional Meet

On April 22, the Track team attended the Emporia State Midweek Classic. Sophomore Rebecca Borger is one of only three Beaver track members with NJCAA region meet experience. She threw a season best in the javelin (34.9 M).

The success for the women carried over to the track, specifically the 800 meter run. Four women toed the line for the Beavers, and three raced to personal best times. Elisabeth Richins led the way (2:23.8), followed by Krystal Rivera (2:29.4), and Cyra Fenceroy (2:39.3). With their composite time, the women’s 4x800 meter relay is currently ranked seventh in the nation.

“This was Cyra’s first 800 of the year, so I’m excited to see her develop over the next three weeks,” said Head Coach Dan Adler. “She could lead the 4x800 to an All-American finish at Hutchinson in mid-May. Krystal has dropped 17 seconds from her best time in high school and continues to impress, but not surprise me. Her hard work is a great example for any aspiring high school runner looking to make the transition to collegiate running.”

While Rivera’s hard work has yielded some fast times in the mid-distance races, Breanna Phillips continues to drop her time in the 5000 meter run. Phillips ran to a fourth place finish at Emporia State with a new personal record time (20:43). Phillips, a runner with modest talent, encompasses the heart of distance running: the longer the race, the less talent matters.

“In 11 years of coaching, I’ve never had a runner push herself as hard as Bre,” admitted Adler.

The men’s success was limited, but there were two highlights. Ryan Landry won his heat and set a season best time in the 400 meter run. Fred Vega (pictured) got under the elusive sixteen-minute mark in the 5000 meter run, racing to a 15:44 finish. He is now just eight seconds away from qualifying for the national meet. Currently, his time is the eighth best mark set by a region runner this season.
Recap: Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

April 25, 2015

I have four children and my family and I love to watch the sporting events at the college every single year. The athletes become like extended family, and we are proud to support the athletic department. PCC has recently launched the “Community is Our Middle Name” campaign to highlight just that fact - that students and community members coming together is what makes us great. - Michele Hamm, Board Chair

It was my dream to play at the University of West Virginia after Pratt Community College. I ended up fulfilling my dreams by playing at Villanova instead. At our first game against WVU, I asked the coach if I could wear my Pratt t-shirt under my football jersey instead of the standard Villanova t-shirt, because I wouldn’t have been standing in that locker room without everything Pratt did for me. Walking out on that field with my team that day was one of the most memorable moments of my career. - Don Schwartz

Coach Ron Hill and the staff members of Pratt made it possible for me to overcome significant language barriers as an international student from Mexico City. I was able to go from one of the largest cities in the world to rural Kansas and I owe my success to them.

- Dani Leal, Assistant Softball Coach, Newman University.

Pratt opened the doors to my future and allowed me to walk right through. The influences of Pratt on my life were so many and made such an impact. Every time I talk to a young person, I stand on my head to convince them to choose community college. It is impossible to overstate the advantages of a community college over a large university. - Richard Dalbo

Back row: Landon Kieswetter - wrestling class of 2013
Carmen Forest - coach, instructor, athletic director
Dani Leal – softball class of 2009

Front row: Keith Becker – track class of 1983
Don Schwartz – athlete, coach, athletic director, contributor
Gregg Wade – coach, instructor, athlete.
Richard Dalbo – football class of 1961

Not present: Skylar Angood – baseball class of 2012
Thurman Couch - football class of 1968
Five PCC students placed individually and the team came home with a first, second and third place award at this year’s North America College and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) competition in Moline, Ill., April 7-10. More than 830 contestants from 25 community colleges entered.

“Overall I was pleased with how the students did,” said Rod Stewart, one of two instructors to travel to the event.

PCC took 16 students and competed in seven different competitions. Students in the Ag Materials and Mechanics competition took first place overall with Corey Heimerman, of Conway Springs, placing third individually and Patrick Nemec of Saint John taking fourth.

Nemec also placed third in the General Knowledge category putting him in fourth place overall and Heimerman took fifth overall in the Ag Mechanics area.

Others who participated in this set of competitions were: Jayton Burns of Saint John; Phillip Hundley of Mulvane; Randy Gaeddert of Plevna, Kan.; Jacob Reed of Mulvane; Bryce Staley of Newton and Tyler Stonehocker of Clearwater.

In the agriculture side of the competition, the students took third in Agricultural Communication and second in Computer Applications.

Mattison Dusin, of Phillipsburg, took second on the general knowledge exam for Computer Applications, putting her in second for that area and fifth overall. Rachel Schmidt, of Greensburg, placed fifth individually in the Computer Applications contest and third individually overall. Others on the computer team were: Coral Merlo of Burbank, Wash., and Breanna Tatro of Pratt.

In the Ag Communications competition, Merlo, Schmidt, Dusin and Kylie Mull of Minneapolis, Kan., were on the team.

The group also took a Knowledge Bowl team and an Agribusiness team and Lane Kissinger, of Mulvane, competed in Crops as an individual.

The Knowledge Bowl team included Schmidt, Nemec, Kissinger, Makala Orler of Pratt, and Kacey DeWeese of Americus, Kan., and the Agribusiness team was made up of DeWeese, Kissinger, Orler and Schmidt.

“I am very proud of them,” said Bill Hunter, the other advisor to go with the students. “They worked hard and we are happy to come home with the results we did.”

PCC walks away from NACTA with a first, second, third place finish

Psychology instructor presents dissertation

PCC psychology instructor Joyce Frey, who is currently working on her dissertation, gave a speech about her findings to PCC students and employees. For her dissertation on International Psychology, she is researching five different cultures and exploring intelligence in these different cultures to see if how testing is measured fairly for all cultures.

The main group Frey focused on during her presentation was the Plains Cree First Nation people in Saskatchewan, Canada.

Frey said it took a lot of work for her to find someone who was willing to help her get in contact with who she needed to be to do the project.

“All the intelligence tests we take are skewed to a certain way of thinking,” she said.

Frey said she hopes her findings help influence the mainstream by having more sensitive testing for people in different areas, including on reservations.

“There needs to be a bridge between the two groups of people (mainstream and Plains Cree) so they can understand each other better,” Frey said.

Frey has had three journals ask to publish her works once they are complete. After finishing her Ph.D., Frey hopes to continue working on this project in other ways and plans to stay at PCC and teach.

Position Open: Vice President of Instruction

Qualifications: Master’s degree in Education, Administration or one of the disciplines of the division required. Ph.D/Ed.D in Administration, Curriculum Development, Adult/Vocational Education or Education Management highly desirable. Minimum 5 years of full-time teaching or academic administration with minimum 3 years supervisory experience in managing the activities of faculty with progressively responsible leadership.

The screening process will begin on May 18, 2015 and will continue until position is filled. Start date will be on or before August 1, 2015. More info:

www.prattcc.edu/jobs
A forum for healthcare and business representatives from the Pratt Community College service area was hosted on April 6. The purpose of the forum was to brief the group about the impact of the recent accreditation visit by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), the national accrediting body. Thirty-five people attended the forum, including representatives from health care agencies in Pratt, Medicine Lodge, Cunningham and Greensburg.

PCC president, Dr. Michael Calvert said the forum provided background and details about the nursing program as a whole, along with clarifying information and answering questions about the future of the program.

“It gave us a chance to hear from the community that the nursing program is needed in the area,” Calvert said, “Most people left very positive with a clearer understanding of what has happened and where we are going from here.”

During the forum, Dr. Calvert emphasized the importance of receiving support from the service area health care agencies through employment of PCC graduates, sponsorship of nursing student scholarships and collaboration with the nursing program to insure quality outcomes. Those in attendance were eager and very willing to provide their support and communicated the value and need for the PCC nursing program.

On March 12, 2015, PCC was informed by site visitors from ACEN that it would not recommend continued accreditation of the Associate Degree in Nursing Program to its board of commissioners. They cited various reasons related to the number of faculty and staff, curriculum and outcomes. Their recommendations will be taken to their board for action in June 2015 where they will make their final decision later this summer.

Until that time, the ADN program remains accredited by ACEN. Current students graduating prior to this final decision will complete their studies under an accredited program.

On the same date, the ADN Program was informed by site visitors from the Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN), that deficiencies in the program were identified. They will complete their report and submit it to the KSBN Board for review and action in June. Further action may be taken at that time which could include the program being placed on “conditional approval.”

The Practical Nursing Program is not impacted by the ACEN accreditation announcement. For information about the nursing program contact Kay Watkins, director of nursing, at kayw@prattcc.edu or 620.229.5992.
RECAP: ANNUAL FOUNDATION BENEFIT AUCTION
April 25, 2015

Preliminary Auction Gross: $38,845
PCC Hires World Champion as Head Rodeo Coach

This April, Pratt Community College welcomes World Champion Steer Roper Rocky Patterson as the new head coach of the men’s and women’s rodeo program. Patterson stepped in as interim head coach earlier in the semester, and accepted the permanent position after forming good relationships with the current students and seeing potential in the incoming team.

“Rodeo is all I’ve ever known,” said Patterson. “I’m here to help the students every way I can in what is traditionally a very expensive and demanding sport.”

While he acknowledges that not many will make it to the professional circuit, it is a good way for many students to fund their education and stay motivated and engaged during their time at college.

“I wouldn’t have made it through college if it hadn’t been for rodeo,” said Patterson. “Doing what I most loved in the world kept me going. The challenging part of rodeo is that your winning percentage can be pretty small, and the big successes can be few and far between, but you can’t let your last low get in the way of your next high.”

Agriculture Department Chair Lori Montgomery oversees the rodeo program and expressed her enthusiasm for the move.

“Rocky is one of the hallmarks of our community and an enormous asset to our students,” she said. “We are extremely excited to bring him back on board and optimistic that he will bring great things to our program in the coming years.”

For the fall semester, Patterson looks to improve the returning team members and recruit the cream of the crop of Kansas high schoolers. With both returning and incoming students, Patterson says work ethic is the number one priority.

“Natural ability plays a part in a student’s success, but the most important factor is willingness to work hard,” he said. “I can’t do enough to hold back a student determined to work his hardest, and I can’t do enough to help a student who won’t work.”

PCC participates in the Central Plains Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. The program provides scholarships to the top competitors, and has some of the top facilities in the region with an indoor and outdoor arena, stalls and runs, and supplied livestock.

Rodeo team highest placed community college at Guymon

The rodeo team finally hit their stride at the last rodeo of season in Guymon, Okla., the weekend of April 24-26. Pratt Community College had several members of the men’s team make it back to the short final round.

Team Ropers Tate Durant and Ryan Whetham slid into the finals and tied for the ninth place spot. They both caught then Durant’s rope slid off for a no time.

Team Ropers Daine and Connor McNenny had solid runs in the long and short and ended up fourth in the long, short and average rounds.

Bull Rider Laramie Mosely got his bull covered in the long round for third then bucked off in the short but took home a check for third in the average.

The Men’s team ended up fifth place and was the highest placing junior college team in attendance.

As for year end results, Mosely and Kyle Zeigler ended the year with a 7th & 12th placing in the Central Plains Region of NIRA, respectively in bull riding. The McNenny’s tied for ninth place in the final Regional standings this year in team roping.

The Children’s Literature class and community members in partnership with the Pratt Public Library hold Skype session with Holocaust educator Sharon Barber on April 16.
Rodeo team performs hands on demonstration at Southwest Elementary
Business Class Travels to Greensburg

Wanting to show her students examples of what she is teaching them in the classroom, Junnae Landry took her Introduction to Business class to Greensburg to see a number of different businesses and how they run.

“I wanted to give the students a variety of experiences,” Landry said. “There are a number of resources available to help the students start a business and help them promote their business, if they know where to look and hopefully this trip helped them with that.”

The class started at the Incubator Building and spoke with Sue Greenleaf, Economic Development Coordinator. She told the students how the incubator operated, what made it a LEED (environmentally friendly) building and why it was a good option for people to start their business in an incubator. She also told them about the Kiowa County Development Center and how that program also helped people wanting to start a business.

“When you are ready to start a business, don’t forget that Greensburg has a place for you,” said Greenleaf in closing.

After that the group went to the Big Well to learn about tourism as a form of business. Once the students looked down the well and at the history on the walls, the students had a tour of town to see what the town looks like since the tornado hit.

The students then listened to Darin Headrick, superintendent of the school, speak about making the school green and how they decided what products to use to make the school the most efficient they could. He gave many examples about products that look cheaper now but may not be in the long run due to upkeep and other costs.

“I really enjoyed seeing the school,” said Kyle Simon, business major from Colwich, Kan. “I like how unorthodox they are with education.”

Lastly the students went to the Kiowa County Media Center to see another example of a business and also how it, or a similar company, can help promote the students future endeavors.

“We could have gone to Wichita and seen similar things, but I wanted them to come here and see a town that has come up from the ashes,” Landry said. “I think it reminds them that there is always hope and to never give up.”
April 16 - Liberty Middle School visits campus to learn about careers they might explore and classes they can take for college credit for free while they’re in high school.

April 10 - Education Support Professionals present a donation to the PCC Foundation for student scholarships.

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April 22 - The bookstore hosts a cake and punch party celebrating administrative professionals and Earth Day.

April 27 - Jared Estes speaks at Athletic Banquet
April 30 - Academic Awards Ceremony

L-R: Nursing faculty Kim Hansen, nursing honorees Jennifer Walker and Jeanette Hornung, nursing faculty Sherry Ward

L-R: Outstanding Club International Student Shiomi Kuwabara, instructor and sponsor Rhonda Westerhaus, Outstanding Education Student Katie Walters

L-R: Shooting sports team honorees Mason Welsch, Tracy Freeman, Briauna Fahrenbruch, Devyn Eggleston, Grant Vrba and sponsor Luke Laha

L-R: Outstanding Business Transfer student Emily Wooldridge, Outstanding Business Professional student Jennifer Himelrick, business faculty Carol Ricke

Agriculture faculty Bill Hunter presents awards with Agriculture Power Technology faculty Rod Stewart

Music and drama faculty Jeremy Rupe and Misty Beck present performing arts department awards
COMMENCEMENT AND NURSING PINNING

MAY 8, 2015 • 2 P.M.
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2015-2016 tuition is:
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Course dates:
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Residence Hall Cost:
- $400 for both summer sessions – must be enrolled in six or more credit hours for each session
- $275 for one summer session – must be enrolled in six or more credit hours
- $300 per month (June & July only)

For more information:
- Call 620.450.2425
- Email pccadmissions@prattcc.edu

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