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PCC Hires Jenny Egging to Head New Technical Program

Pratt Community College has announced a new program to begin in the fall of 2018. The Vice President of Instruction, Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick, announced the hiring of Pratt native, Jenny Egging, in November. Egging was hired as the director of the new program of, Industrial Distribution Management (IDM).



Egging earned her B.S. in Mechanical Engineering at Kansas State University and worked as a project engineer and construction manager for the Air National Guard at McConnell AFB. While working at McConnell AFB, she earned her MBA and gained experience in leadership, master planning, design, project management, and construction inspection. Egging then entered the private sector as an independent contractor for Cannon AFB and eventually made her way back home and worked as a project manager at Evans-Bierly-Hutchison (EBH) & Associates, P.A. in Pratt, KS. EBH specializes in small town utility improvement projects and Egging's responsibilities included design, construction project management, inspection services, survey, and finance administration. While working for EBH she also attained her Professional Engineering License. Throughout her career, Egging has developed the skills and education to fully prepare future students for a fascinating career path combining engineering technical knowledge, hands-on experience, business savvy, great communication skills, and leadership.

PCC's IDM associate program is a combination of supply chain logistics, sales, information systems, finance, marketing, and procurement. IDM professionals are hands-on workers who primarily operate as the sales and marketing arm for manufacturers of industrial products. Course offerings provide students with professional, technical, business, communication, and leadership competencies.

It is the goal of the institution and program to help students in the IDM program gain hands-on experience with local businesses as well as offer them meaningful exposure to potential job opportunities within the county and state. The new curriculum will include real-world exposure to the industry by visiting companies on-site and participating in internships with program industry partners such as Stanion Wholesale Electric.

For more information about the IDM program you can contact Egging at jennye@prattcc.edu or Frank Stahl at franks@prattcc.edu. More resources and information will be available on our website at prattcc.edu within the next few months.

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Upcoming Dates

Christmas to Remember	Dec 8-10
Finals Week	Dec 12-14
Faculty Work Days	Dec 15, 18

PCC CLOSED

Friday Dec. 22 - Tuesday Jan. 2
Offices Open Wednesday Jan. 3

Performing Arts Presents, "A Christmas to Remember" Dec. 8-10

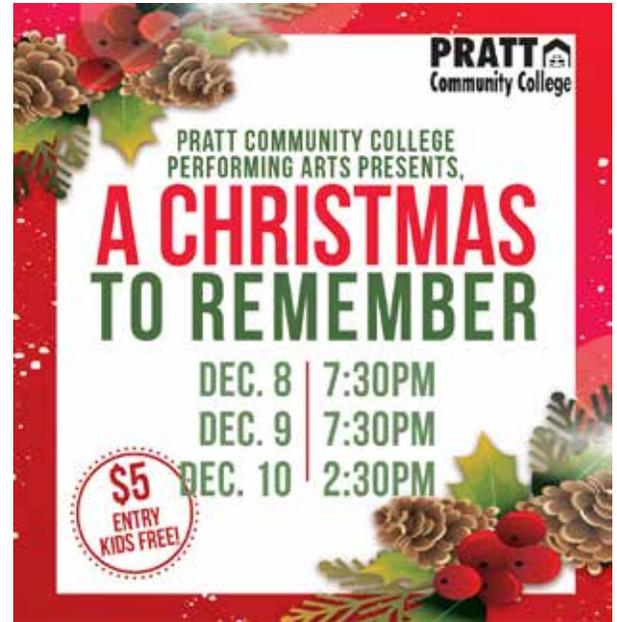
Pratt Community College's Performing Arts department will have the annual Christmas show to help kick off the season on Dec. 8-10.

'A Christmas to Remember,' will feature two extraordinary acts encompassing all of your favorite holiday tunes and the true meaning of Christmas.

The show will feature solos, duets, the ensemble and full community choir. There will also be children's numbers.

"It promises to be a fun show with the classic favorites and also some new music," said Misty Beck, show director.

The event will take place in Carpenter Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 8 and 9 and at 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 10. Admission is \$5 and children are free.



PCC Hosts Tech Day for High School Juniors and Seniors

Pratt Community College was pleased to host and welcome more than 100 junior and senior high school students, their parents and high school officials to campus on Nov. 15. for Technical Program Education Day.

PCC's Tech day gives each student the opportunity to participate in four technical program rotations, learn about the program and meet our technical faculty through hands-on demonstrations in a small group environment.

This year marked a milestone for PCC admissions hosting this large of a group. 103 students were in attendance surpassing last years Tech Day by more than 20 students.

Each year PCC admissions gives a \$500 scholarship to a student who participates in Tech Day. This year student, Adriana Barker from Chaparral HS received the award.



PCC Hosts Writing and Poetry Workshops On-Campus

Throughout the month of November, Pratt Community College hosted two workshops coordinated by English Instructor Vincent Poturica and funded by the Kansas Humanities Council.

PCC hosted Dr. Daniel Hoyt on Nov. 20 in the Delmar Riney Art Gallery. PCC Students and faculty as well as members of the community were invited to attend this free reading and workshop.

Hoyt teaches fiction writing and literature at Kansas State University. He will read from his new novel *This Book Is Not For You*, winner of Dzanc Books Prize for Fiction, before leading a writing workshop. Participants will be welcome to express themselves through essays, poems, letters, memoirs, fiction—any way they want.

“The workshop is designed to be creative and fun,” said Poturica.

The Community Writing Workshop is part of a statewide series that celebrates 100 years of the Pulitzer Prizes and the life of William Allen White. In 1922, the Emporia Gazette editor wrote “To An Anxious Friend,” an impassioned defense of freedom of speech during trying times. For his editorial, he became the first Kansan to be awarded the prestigious Pulitzer Prize.

On Nov. 30 PCC hosted Kansas Poet Laureate Dr. Kevin Rabas. About 25 students and a couple of faculty members gathered in the art gallery as Rabas read his own works and those of others, some while playing a snare drum and cymbal plus a percussion box “Cajon.”

Rabas is a poet, jazz musician, and professor who teaches poetry and playwriting at Emporia State University. His collection of poems *Lisa's Flying Electric Piano* was a Kansas Notable Book in 2010 and a winner of the Nelson Poetry Book Award.

During the presentation, Rabas, read a variety of styles, including his own and answered student questions. Then he led a student workshop where they had to create their own poetry. Most of the students were athletes at PCC and Rabas was very pleased with their enthusiasm. His goal at PCC and at all his stops is to help people develop an appreciation of the beauty in every day of life. He wants people to see the ordinary and the extraordinary.

Rabas became Poet Laureate on May 1 and will hold the title for two years. He is the fifth Poet Laureate in Kansas and said whenever he performs is his favorite part of the day.

To become the Kansas Poet Laureate, the person has to be an established poet, give a speech to the Kansas Humanities Council and be willing to travel the state to share the art of poetry.



ADN Program Restructuring Update

Current initiatives:

- The team is meeting with a curriculum development consultant through Assessment Technology Institute (ATI). This consultant was paid for through a Kansas Nursing Initiative Grant.
- The Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN) made a consultation visit to the nursing program on November 30. They were pleased with the work that had been done and gave advice for continued restructuring initiatives.
- The team will be attending the KSBN quarterly meeting on December 11-13 in Topeka to give a status report on program restructuring.
- The nursing department will be having a Program Evaluation Day on December 14 with nursing faculty, staff, and administration, at the eLearning Center in Wichita.
- KSBN will be making an on-site visit to the program on February 8 & 9, 2018.
- A bit of good news...at this point, our 2017 NCLEX-RN pass rates are 81.82%!!

Unique Project Connects Concurrent High School Seniors with Senior Citizens

Throughout the month of December, businesses located in downtown Pratt will be displaying a project developed by English Instructor, Vincent Poturica's concurrent Composition I class. The project, titled Senior:Senior, is a collection of oral histories concurrent Pratt High School and Pratt Community College students developed after interviewing Pratt area senior citizens.

Dennis Hodges from the Pratt Area Arts Coalition approached Poturica with the initial idea. Poturica was able to modify the project to cover the outcomes of the Composition I course and fit it into his normal curriculum.

The students interviewed senior citizens to produce stories of times in their lives they recollect. Some stories were tragic while others were lighthearted and funny. The students then had to analyze and evaluate the oral histories for the truth. Several questions were asked by the students with the main focus including those about their history and time in Pratt.

When approached with the project, many students had friends and family members in mind to speak to. Others chose their interviewee based off of local senior citizens brainstormed by Hodges and Pratt Area Art Coalition members. The interviewees had to be at least 75 years old and had to have spent a significant part of their lives in Pratt or the surrounding area.

"I thought it turned out really well," said Poturica. "I am proud of what the students were able to come up with. Many of the students had to step out of their comfort zone and interview total strangers."

Along with interviewing the senior citizens, students were required to take their photograph. Local photographer, Stan Reimer, was able to



provide the students a quick photography course to help the amateur photographers hone in on their photography skills.

PCC art instructor, Valarie Dellrocco, printed the stories and photographs so they could be displayed in the windows of downtown area businesses.

"I would like to thank all of those who were able to contribute to this project," said Poturica. "The students did a great job and I really appreciate everyone's help with it."

Hodges and Poturica both believe the project can be easily replicated. After gathering 75 potential interviewees, there are more stories of local senior citizens to be heard and would otherwise be lost.

The project is on display throughout the month of December at the following downtown businesses: Bolen Office Supply, Fabulous Finds, Memories, Mike's Rent to Own, N' Cahoots, Office Solutions, Parson's Jewelry, Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce, Pratt Public Library, Sears, Skaggs Ace Hardware, Simply Southwest, Stitch by Stitch, Sue's Ultimate Embroidery, and Vernon Filley Art Museum and Photo Gallery.



Winter

celebrating 80 years of spirit

FEST

Jan 19-27

January 19th, 3:00 pm

*Winter Fest Royalty Announcement Press Conference,
Riney Student Center Art Gallery*

January 19th, 4:00 pm

*Winter Fest Royalty Meeting,
Riney Student Center Art Gallery*

*** January 23rd, 7:30 pm**

Talent Show

January 24th/25th, 11:00 am-1:30 pm

Winter Fest Royalty Elections

January 24th, 8:00 pm

Bonfire & Pep Rally, Soccer Field

January 26th, 1:00 pm

Dress Rehearsal, Beaver Dome

January 27th, Halftime of Men's Game

Coronation, Beaver Dome

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PCC Men's and Women's Soccer Players Selected for KJCCC All-Conference Teams

Several players on the Pratt Community College men's and women's soccer teams were recognized for their play during the 2017 season. Francesco D'Aurelio and Aaron Grant were selected to the first team KJCCC men's west all-conference while Avery Villines was selected as second team KJCCC women's west all-conference.

Freshmen forward D'Aurelio found himself in much of the offense for the Blue and White this season, whether that be striking corner kicks into the box or tying up defenders while the other forwards and midfielders pressed forward. D'Aurelio scored three goals this season and had an assist. He was a perfect two for two in penalty kicks and had one game winning goal.

"Francesco made a huge impact as a freshmen," said PCC head men's soccer coach Kevin Kewley. "We look forward to him getting even better in the future."

Grant was an anchor to the Beaver defense this season stepping into the leadership role as captain. In the 2017 season, Grant had two goals and two assists. Grant ends his career at Pratt with six goals and three assists.

"Aaron had an excellent year for the Beavers, and was a great leader on and off the field," said Kewley. "He was sorely missed when out with injury."

On the women's side, Villines was a part of a pair of freshmen forwards that provided the offensive attack for Pratt in the 2017 season. Villines ended the season with two goals for the Beavers. She led the team in assists with four assists.

"Being a defensive style team this season meant that Avery had to work extra hard up top," said PCC head women's soccer coach Ashley Burnett. "Every game she gave one hundred percent, and it paid off. Other coaches in the conference recognized it, and I believe she is very deserving of this award. Avery is the definition of a student-athlete. She works hard on the field and in the classroom."

Congratulations to D'Aurelio, Grant and Villines on being selected to KJCCC all-conference teams.



Aaron Grant



Francesco D'Aurelio



Avery Villines

PCC Cross Country Runs at Nationals

Pratt Community College cross country ended the season at the NJCAA national championship meet in Fort Dodge, IA. The six runners faced a cold and wet course, and finished the season with a strong showing.

"Racing in cold weather has different effects and some handle it well while others do not," said head coach Eric Larson. "I thought the team handled it pretty well as the results show."

The women's 5K was highlighted by the efforts of Aminata Kenyawani for the Blue and White. She finished her race with a time of 19:43.20. She was the highest place finisher for Pratt in either race securing the 61st place finish out of over 300 runners. Anastasia Graves finished with a time of 22:06. Leeasha Madison finished with a time of 22:14 to round out the women runners of PCC.

In the men's 8K race, every runner for the Beavers finished with their best times running for PCC. Izak Molterno ran a 28:49.20 race and improved his best time by 58 seconds. With a time of 30:03.90, Xavier Ortiz beat his best time by 11 seconds. Running a 30:11.80, Elijah Battle bested his fastest time by nine seconds.

"It was a solid way to end the season for these student athletes," Larson said. "The guys really left it out there, and had big time races. The girls competed well. Aminata finished right around where I thought she would and placed high in the race. The other two girls have shown vast improvement since the beginning of the season. All three girls are now running two minutes faster on average than what they were running when I brought them in. That is a real solid jump considering where they are now. Both the men and the women are setting themselves up for a great track season."



PCC Basketball Team Help Serve at Pratt Thanksgiving Dinner

The Pratt Community College men's and women's basketball teams spent their Thanksgiving morning serving meals to the Pratt community. Hosted at the Municipal Building in downtown Pratt, the annual Thanksgiving Day dinner was a great opportunity for the players and coaches to interact with the community.

"It was very fulfilling, and an honor to help serve the community on Thanksgiving Day," PCC women's basketball head coach John Ishee said. "I know that I speak for our young women and my assistant when I say thank you to Ms. Carmen Forrest, Dwane Deweese, and everyone involved."

PCC men's and women's basketball players helped set up the event by putting up chairs and tables as well as helping cook the meal. During the meal the players helped serve food and took the meals to the sitting patrons of the dinner.

"Thanksgiving Day at the Municipal Building is an incredible event for our guys to lend a hand and feel a part of something greater than themselves on Thanksgiving," PCC men's basketball head coach Sean Flynn said. "College hoop player rarely spend Thanksgiving with their families so this event makes our guys feel good while doing some work for the community."

PCC women's basketball players who helped with the Thanksgiving Day dinner are Aymee Soane, Juliana Alarcon-Diaz, Rebecca Younis, Nya Mach, Dakota Smith, Breeona Cannon, and Tianna Tullis. The PCC men's basketball player who helped with the dinner are Tyvon Taylor, Clinton Bentley, Devin Marsh, Anfernee Smothers, and Asem Johnson.



Max Good Resigns as Head Men's Basketball Coach at PCC

Pratt Community College head men's basketball coach, Max Good has offered his resignation effective immediately. Good is leaving PCC due to personal reasons. Assistant coach Sean Flynn has been promoted to interim head coach for the remainder of the 2017-18 season.

"Sorry to say that I'm resigning from my position as head coach at Pratt Community College," Good said. "I am returning home to be with my wife Phyllis, and our dogs. It has been an honor to compete in the Jayhawk, which I consider to be the most competitive Juco conference in the country. The administration at Pratt has been so supportive, which makes this decision even more difficult.

President Calvert, Athletic Director Bill Wilson, and Sports Information Director Travis McGuire have been so helpful in making my stay at Pratt so rewarding. I have genuinely enjoyed working with the faculty at Pratt as well. They are people who have the well-being of our students at heart. And a special shout out to the custodial staff for keeping our facility so spotless. They are doing such a wonderful job with our facility. I greatly appreciate all they do for Pratt."

Hired in the spring of 2016, Good oversaw a Pratt men's basketball team that has grown under his guidance. The highlight of his tenure was getting the road playoff win against Cloud County Community College and advancing to Wichita in the 2017 KJCCC men's basketball tournament. While at Pratt, Good also gained his 600th career head coaching victory last February. Under Good, the Beavers were 14-22 in just over a season.

"I cannot begin to express my gratitude to Max Good for what he brought to Pratt Community College and our basketball program. He is a coach that demands excellence in the classroom, on the court and with citizenship and prepares young men to face the world. That is just what he did here. On a personal note, I have known Coach Good for 32 years and started in this profession as his student-manager at Eastern Kentucky. I can say without hesitation that I would not be where I am had it not been for the lessons I learned from him. These past two years have been one of the highlights of my professional career having Coach Good around the halls of PCC."

Before his time at PCC, Good has spent two seasons as an assistant coach at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). Prior to his tenure as an assistant at UNLV, Good was the head coach at Loyola Marymount (LMU) for six seasons. Good coached eight seasons at Bryant College (2001-08) prior to joining LMU. He was the head coach at UNLV for the 2000-01 season, and spent eight years as the head coach of Eastern Kentucky (1981-89). Under Good, Bryant had two of the most successful seasons in school history, advancing all the way to the NCAA Division II Championship before falling in the title game.

Good was also the head coach of Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield, Maine for 10 seasons (1989-1999). He won 90.2 percent of his games and won five New England Prep School Athletic Conference Championships. He is also a member of the New England Basketball Hall of Fame.

"For the first time in my career I am putting my family first," Good said. "Sadly, I have been very myopic in thinking basketball has framed me as a human being. Being away has made me realize just how important family is. Perhaps I am finally gaining some much needed maturity. I have always gone by the saying "that growing old is mandatory, growing up is optional." Lastly, my loyal assistant Sean Flynn is more than capable of being a head coach. He has knowledge and passion and a great work ethic. Pratt men's basketball will be in terrific hands under his watch."





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INFORMATION



RESIDENCE HALLS

Residence halls open Monday Jan. 8 at 9 a.m.

- Returning students check-in with their RA in their hall lobby.
- New students begin at the Residence Life Office, area 77, in the Benson Education Center.
- Contact Residence Life at 620-450-2120 for housing information.

REGISTRATION & ENROLLMENT

Complete any registration, enrollment, advising, or placement testing before Jan. 9.

If you still need to enroll: First-time non-enrolled students should begin in Admissions (Office 51).

Returning non-enrolled students should begin in the Student Success Center (Office 55).

PAYMENT & BILLING

Payment plans can be set up using your Self-Service account. Instructions and details at prattcc.edu/paymentplan.

Contact the Cashier / Business Office for assistance at 620-450-2143.

CLASSES

Classes begin Tuesday Jan. 9 at the Pratt Campus. Check your class schedule for exact dates and times for online and off campus classes.



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December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Ornament Making Woj Hall Lobby 8PM	5 Volleyball Week #3	6 Women's Basketball VS Colby 7:30PM	7	8 Pratt After Dark Winter Wonderland Commons @9PM	9 A Christmas to Remember 7:30PM
10 A Christmas to Remember 2:30PM Volleyball Playoffs	11 Taco Night RESTAURANT 6PM	12 Finals	13 Finals	14 Finals	15 Residence Halls Close!!! 5PM	16
17	18	19	20	21 WINTER SOLSTICE	22	23
24 New Year's Eve	25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29	30

New Year's Eve

Volleyball Intraevents
 December 5th: **Week #3**
 December 10th: **Playoffs**

Performing Arts Presents...
A Christmas to Remember
 December 8th & 9th @ 7:30PM
 December 10th @ 2:30PM
Auditorium

December 1st
Pratt After Dark
Winter Wonderland
Commons @9PM

RECREATIONAL TO DO's In and NEAR PRATT!

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*Vernon Filley Art Museum - Free Admission on Saturdays

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