



Pratt Community College

Monthly Newsletter

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The official newsletter of PCC

# BEAVER

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## Call for upcoming newsletter content

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## Upcoming Dates

Mid-Term Week	Oct 10-14
EduKan Session Start	Oct 11
Fall Break - No Classes	Oct 17
Board of Trustees Meeting	Oct 17
Early Enrollment Open	Oct 18
Last Day to Withdraw	Oct 18
Halloween	Oct 31

# PCC Hires Executive Director of Institutional Advancement

Pratt Community College is excited to announce the recent hiring of Barry Fisher as the Executive Director of Institutional Advancement and Alumni Relations.

A Pratt community member since 1998, Fisher is ready to take on the role of strengthening alumni and community relations as well as initiatives related to college funding, grants, and scholarships.

"I was fortunate enough to work for both a solid local financial institution and accounting firm over the past 18 years." said Fisher, "I've had several influential mentors and formed good relationships with community members who share my desire to see PCC flourish."

Fisher received his bachelor's degree from Fort Hays State University and later went on to receive his masters from the University of Kansas.

"We are very excited to have Barry as the new Executive Director. He has a strong background in accounting, trust management, IT, and estate planning." said Dr. Michael Calvert, PCC President, "He and his family have a passion for PCC and the Pratt Community as a whole."

Fisher is married to Stacey Fisher and has four children, Brett, Brooke, Stephen, and Samuel. In his free time Fisher is a member of the optimist club, the chairman of their essay committee, and coaches youth basketball. He and his wife have been a huge supporter of PCC athletics and were booster parents for multiple sports.



# Mexican Trader of the Santa Fe Trail Exhibit Coming to PCC Library

Fort Larned National Historic Site and Pratt Community College are pleased to announce a "Mexican Trader of the Santa Fe Trail" exhibit from the fort on display at the Linda Hunt Memorial Library. The Pratt community is encouraged to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15 – Oct. 15) by visiting the exhibit and by delving deeper into Kansas history and the Santa Fe Trail experiences. The trader in the exhibit represents a young drover by the name of Jose Librado Gurules who traveled on the trail in 1867. Many years after his 11-month journey from Santa Fe to Kansas City and back to his home in Las Placitas, Jose shared his recollections with the New Mexican Federal Writers' Project.



Jose, and the outfit he was traveling with, went through Fort Larned on the journey to Kansas City and then followed the railroad construction on the return trip. Fort Larned operated as an army post from 1859 to 1878 and extended its influence and authority along the Santa Fe Trail. Mexican traders would frequently stop at Fort Larned to trade with the sutler who operated a general store for the military. Trade items included wool, metals, and food items to name a few.

Jose tells of the march being very hazardous and exhausting. Both men and animals were pushed to the limit. A schedule was set and every effort was made to maintain it.

Learn more about his experience by visiting the Linda Hunt Memorial Library. The exhibit will be in place from Friday, Oct. 7 through Wednesday, Nov. 2.

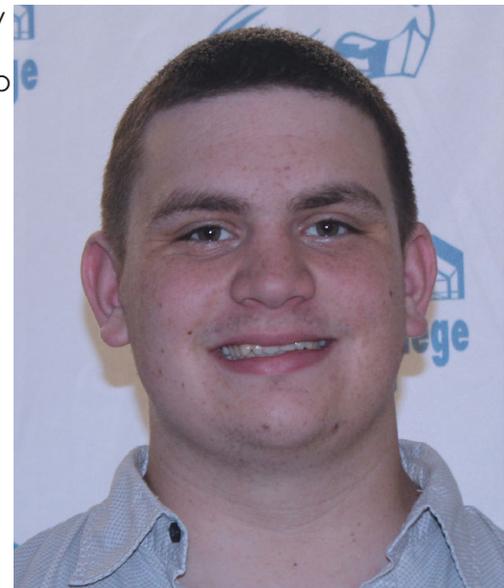
## PCC eSports Captain Ranked in the Top 10 Percent

Dakota Hankins, a sophomore at Pratt Community College, has quickly made a name for himself in the popular PC game League of Legends. Hankins currently sits in the top 10 percent of users and also ranks in the top 100 best players for the character Leona. With an average of 100 million users, making the top 10 percent and top 100 in a character is no small feat.

Hankins is a 2015 Pratt High School graduate who started playing League of Legends three years ago and will now compete with PCC eSports team in the Collegiate Star League. This league includes all colleges and universities who are currently involved with eSports. PCC's team is coached by Kenton Small and currently has a ten member roster.

"I enjoy League of Legends because of the community it has created and the friends I've met," said Hankins, "I look forward to competing with the team."

Hankins, who is an INT major, is also active in the PCC Performing Arts department where he helps with lighting. All this real world experience will hopefully help him in his future job of web development.



# PCC Employees Begin Local Leadership Class

Two Pratt Community College employees are committing to developing their personal and professional leadership skills as a part of Pratt Leadership 2000 plus. Megan Eaton, coordinator of marketing communications and community relations, and Stacey Davies, personnel assistant, recently began the Pratt leadership 2000 plus class. Eaton and Davies will be involved in one class a month from September to March. They will then complete a three day conference at the Kansas Leadership Center in Wichita, KS before graduating in May of 2017.



This class concept began in 1992 and now provides extensive training in the four leadership competencies. Leadership 2000 plus is a program that will help develop leadership for the community and provides key skills along with confidence to become a community leader.

## FAFSA® Changes for 2017–18

On Sept. 14, 2015, President Obama announced significant changes to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) process that will impact millions of students. Starting with the 2017–18 application cycle, the following changes will be put in place:

Students will be able to submit a FAFSA® earlier. Students will be able to file a 2017–18 FAFSA as early as Oct. 1, 2016, rather than beginning on Jan. 1, 2017. The earlier submission date will be a permanent change, enabling students to complete and submit a FAFSA as early as October 1 every year. (There is NO CHANGE to the 2016–17 schedule. The FAFSA became available January 1 as in previous years.)

Students will use earlier income information. Beginning with the 2017–18 FAFSA, students will be required to report income information from an earlier tax year. For example, on the 2017–18 FAFSA, students (and parents, as appropriate) will report their 2015 income information, rather than their 2016 income information.

If you'd like more details about the upcoming changes, you may read the fact sheet on studentaid.ed.gov called College Students and Parents: What You Need to Know About the 2017–18 FAFSA®.

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS**

**FILL OUT  
2017–18 FAFSA**



# Caron Butler Speaks to PCC Students

NBA player Caron Butler visited Pratt Community College to speak to students where he gave an inspirational testimony about his life, hard times and overcoming obstacles. Butler spoke directly to PCC students, athletes and staff about his rough upbringing and troubled adolescence to rising to where he is now as an NBA player, a successful entrepreneur and businessman as well as a loving husband and father.

Butler grew up in Racine, WI. He was drawn to life on the street and exposed to a lot of criminal activity at an early age. He had several run-ins with the law by the age of 14. His wake up call came around that age when he was caught in school by the ATF with drugs and a gun on him. This incident cost him a year of his life as he went to prison. Through reflection, he started to take the advice of the people in his life that wanted the best for him.

After getting out of jail, Caron tried to turn his life around. He picked up his first job.

Butler went to prep school at Maine Central Institute where he met another influential man in his life, Coach Max Good. Under the guidance of Coach Good, Caron learned to be determined and disciplined in what he did in life. Coach Good became the father figure in Butler's life through the game of basketball.

After telling his story, Butler opened up to questions from PCC students and athletes. When asked what his greatest accomplishment was he replied that his greatest accomplishment was being a great father. His keys to success are that you have to find your niche in life. He told students to have other things in your life that you enjoy doing and to be realistic in your ability and model what you do after people with similar skill set and use your niche to stand out. Butler's other advice on staying successful after you "make it" is to give back, invest in things that you enjoy and do what you can to leave a legacy.

Students took to social media after the event and said that Butler was an inspiration and a great speaker. Butler spent time after his speech answering individual questions and taking photos.

"He has a very inspirational story. Walking proof that everyone can make it," said PCC student and basketball player, James Brooks on twitter.

When asked how he became successful after all that he had faced he said that he has a natural tendency to be encouraged to prove his doubters wrong.

"Stay with it," Butler said. "Doors will open. People will help you when they see how bad you work for it. How bad you want it. No matter what life throws at you, get back up."



# PCC Campus Hosts Hotline School

Pratt Community College hosted the Kansas Electric Cooperative (KEC) Hotline School from Sept. 13 through 15. This event is available each year and allows linemen from across the state to receive additional training.

"Working with others and passing on their knowledge is very important to all the linemen that attended and to the students who observed," said Dave Campbell, PCC EPT instructor.

This three-day school has different skill levels and allows them to receive hands-on training while refreshing their knowledge in the lab field. As part of the training, the lines are worked on as if they are hot.

"It's hard to find dead wire to practice on," said Stacey Marston, KEC Loss Control, Safety, and Compliance, "This Hotline School has been offered since the early 1980s at PCC and it has been a great location for us."



# Beaver Athletics Launches New Website

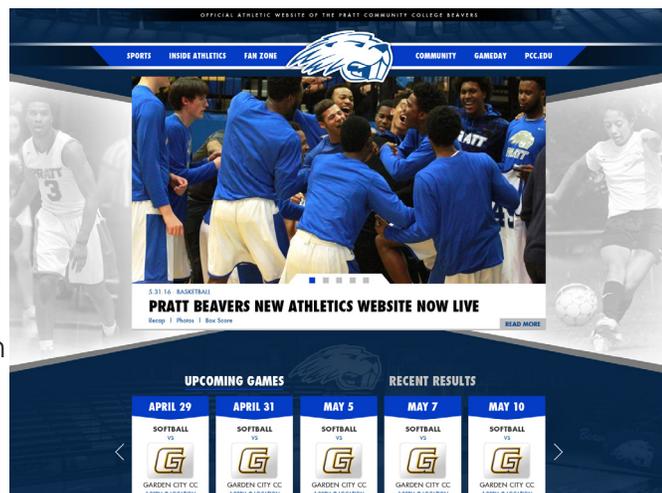
Pratt Community College Director of Athletics Bill Wilson announced the launch of a new athletics website [gobeaversports.com](http://gobeaversports.com). The website will serve as the new home of Beaver Athletics. PCC has partnered with Presto Sports, one of the leaders in collegiate athletic web solutions. The website, which includes an enhanced new look and adaptive design, will feature news, stats, photos and other information on PCC's 12 intercollegiate sports.

"We are very excited to announce the launch of [gobeaversports.com](http://gobeaversports.com)," Wilson said. "Our fans, community members and alumni, will appreciate the ease in the navigation of the site and the eye catching design. Most importantly, the new website will help to continually improve our recruiting through strategic branding, and highlight the more than 260 PCC student-athletes and their accomplishments."

PCC Sports Information Director Travis McGuire will maintain the website. He played a pivotal role in compiling information, including PCC athletics history, and developing the look of the website.

"Our new website will give the Beaver Nation the ability to follow the Blue and White from anywhere," McGuire said. "Access to PCC athletics has never been better!"

To access the new website, go to [www.gobeaversports.com](http://www.gobeaversports.com). There you will also find access to PCC Athletics social media pages.



# PCC Athletics and Boosters Host Fall Beaver Bash

Jack Ewing Park in Pratt had a carnival atmosphere as the Pratt Community College Beaver Backers hosted their "Fall Beaver Bash" on Sept. 29. The event was a meet and greet that was a chance for the community members of Pratt to get further acquainted with Beaver Backer members, PCC student-athletes and coaches.

Several teams got together to keep the event festive and entertaining for all. The PCC softball team set up a ring toss for a two liter of soda. Dick Anderson and KMMM AM 1290 provided music for the event. Face painting was provided by the PCC volleyball team. Beaver soccer set up a goal for kids to shoot the ball past a defender. There was even a dunk tank provided by the PCC women's basketball team. The most action-packed competition was a game of whiffle ball between many of the different PCC student-athletes.

Bill Wilson, Director of Athletics at PCC, enjoyed the community and athletes coming together and enjoying the Beaver Bash.

"I appreciate the efforts of our coaches and student-athletes to create a fun atmosphere for the Beaver Bash," Wilson said. "Although we would have liked to see more community members, I feel that is was a great start to what we hope will be a fun annual event."

Brian Arensdorf, President of the Beaver Backers, was enthusiastic to the success of the Beaver Bash.

"I think it was a great event that we can do again in the future," Arensdorf said. "The student athletes seemed to have fun, and it got them off campus and in the eyes of the community."

The purpose of the PCC Beaver Backers is to support the entire athletic department and our student-athletes. This support is designed to enhance the student athlete experience, as well as help increase competitiveness. Examples of areas the Beaver Backers support PCC athletics are student-athlete development programs, facilities upgrades, equipment upgrades, and assisting in special projects. Much of this support not only impacts athletics, but the campus and community also.

In addition to financial support, the Beaver Backers connect supporters of Pratt Community College Athletics with each other, the athletic department, and current student-athletes. All members receive a monthly newsletter, a window decal and listing in athletic media guides and on our website. Members also receive PCC Beaver Backers exclusive apparel and invitations to special events planned throughout the year.



# World Photographer Featured in Art Gallery

During October, Pratt Community College's Delmar Riney Art Gallery will exhibit the works of featured artist Shirley Taylor.

Born in Alabama and married to an adventurer and world traveler, Taylor has been privileged to live in various places throughout Africa and the American West. Currently, Taylor and her husband reside in Pratt.

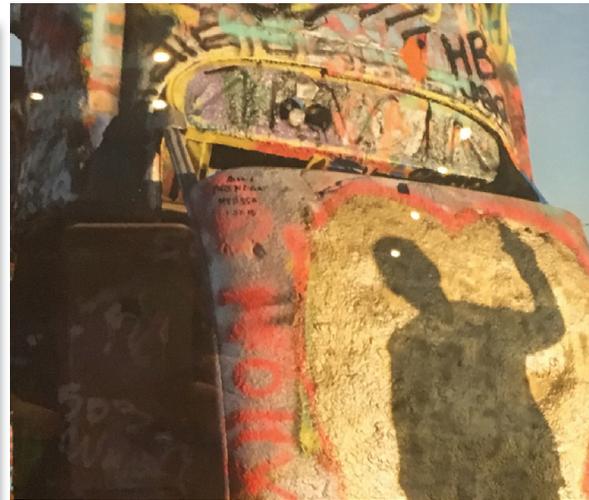
Most of Taylor's photographic and editing training came from Central New Mexico Community College in Albuquerque, NM. While living in Pratt she also had opportunities to study with numerous seasoned photographers and attended classes taught by Master Photographer Stan Reimer. In addition she also attended intense hands on photographic seminars led and instructed by Sandy Cathcart, photographer and author, of Southern Oregon and Mary Lynn Ashley in Colorado Springs, Col.

Taylor began her experience as a professional photographer in the beautiful and scenic Zambezi River Valley of Zimbabwe, Africa where she and her husband were missionaries. She enjoyed capturing images of the beautiful faces of the Batonga people, and the grandeur of the many wild animals living there. Taylor owns Main Focus Photography and says it is a fulfillment of her desire to pursue photographic excellence resulting from her personal passion for the Lord.

What began in Zimbabwe now continues throughout the United States and beyond. Taylor's desire is to provide a unique perspective in photography that personalizes and preserves the cherished memories of individuals and families, while also taking advantage of occasional opportunities to interact with stunning landscapes and fascinating wild animals.

Taylor's work will be on display through the month of October in the The Delmar Riney Art Gallery located in the Riney Student Center, open Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If you would like to be considered as a "Featured Artist of the Month" in the Delmar Riney gallery, send your name, contact information and a brief description of your artwork to Pratt Community College, Vice President of Students/EM, 348 NE SR 61, Pratt KS 67124 or [lisam@prattcc.edu](mailto:lisam@prattcc.edu).



# Concert of Choirs held on Monday Oct. 10

The Pratt Community College performing arts department is quickly approaching their annual Concert of Choirs performance. This event features 120 singers from not only the PCC choir but also Pratt High and Skyline.

"The performing art department feels strongly about collaborating with other groups in the community." said Misty Beck, Director of Theatre, "We are proud to be able to host this annual event to make music with our friends."

The choirs are under the directions of J.J. Rupe, PCC, Brandon Wade, Pratt High, and Bob Lee, Skyline.

Concert of Choirs is held Monday, Oct. 10 at 7:30 pm in the carpenter auditorium with a suggested donation of \$5.



## PCC Performing Arts Presents A Night on Broadway

On Oct. 14-16 Pratt Community College Performing Arts department will be presenting 'A Night on Broadway'.

The show is the department's annual musical Review show, which features music from dozens of Broadway classics and modern shows. This years show will feature a variety of Broadway tunes from *Oklahoma!* to *The Wiz* and *Hamilton*.

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

"There is a large variety of music from a wide range of shows," said Misty Beck, show director. "There truly will be something for everyone to enjoy."

The event will take place in Carpenter Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 14 and 15 and at 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 16.

Admissions to the event is \$5.

PCC's performing arts department has numerous opportunities for students to get involved through theatre productions, vocal music and instrumental music. There are two vocal music groups for students to participate in, along with the band groups Beaver Jam and the theatre department, all of which perform multiple times throughout the year. For more information contact [mistyb@prattcc.edu](mailto:mistyb@prattcc.edu).

# A NIGHT ON BROADWAY

OCTOBER 14, 15 @ 7:30PM

OCTOBER 16 @ 2:30PM

CARPENTER AUDITORIUM

## Variety of Broadway tunes

PRESENTED BY  
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PERFORMINGARTS

**\$5 ADMISSION | RATED PG**

For more information contact:  
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# OCTOBER 2016

OCT 6

## FLAG FOOTBALL

9PM GREEN SPORTS  
COMPLEX



OCT 17

## BEAVER SOCCER

VS. NORTHWEST TECH  
2:00PM & 4:00PM

OCT 10

## CONCERT OF CHOIRS

7:30PM  
CARPENTER AUDITORIUM



OCT 19

## VOLLEYBALL

VS. GARDEN CITY  
6:30PM



OCT 11

## GAME NIGHT

PCCLIBRARY  
8-9:30PM



OCT 20

## PING PONG TOURNAMENT

9:00PM REC CENTER



OCT 26

## SCARY MOVIE NIGHT

9:30PM PORTER  
FREE POPCORN!



OCT 13

## PRATT HUMANE SOCIETY DOG DAY

1-3:00PM  
LAWN OUTSIDE LIBRARY



OCT 14-16

A NIGHT ON BROADWAY!  
7:30PM CARPENTER AUDITORIUM

OCT 31

## HALLOWEEN DANCE!

9-MIDNIGHT  
OUTSIDE COURTS





## October

### Employee Birthdays

David Cramer	10/7
Kenneth Gawith	10/9
Al Wiese	10/17
Dr. Mike Calvert	10/21
Daryl Lucas	10/23
Susan Mayberry	10/29
Amy Jackson	10/31

## New Employee, Sara Massey

Sarah Massey, joined Pratt Community College as Associate Director of Admissions in mid-September. Sarah will be working in office Area 51, under the supervision of Caitlin Miller, Director of Admissions & HS/CTE College Start.

Sarah is from Cedar Vale, Kan. and a graduate of Tabor College, with both a MBA and Bachelor's degree. While completing her Master's she served as a Graduate Assistant Softball Coach; assisting with player recruitment, organization of off-season conditioning, scheduling team logistics, hitting clinic and conflict resolution. She was also a softball athlete at Cowley CC and Tabor, receiving the following honors; Champion of Character Award 2013, NAIA Academic All-American 2013 & 2014, Offensive Player of the Year 2012. Sarah graduated Magna Cum Laude 2014 and was also a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Sarah has also worked part-time during her college years as an Operational Manager at the Massey Ranch. She brings to Pratt CC, college recruiting experience and working with diverse groups of individuals, which has strengthened her ability to lead, adapt and communicate.



## Good Luck Admissions Team Recruiting 2016



Kansas Board of Regents CEO, Dr. Blake Flanders and Chair, Zoe Newton with Dr. Calvert on PCC campus.

## Current Employment Opportunities

Pratt Community College is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of any characteristic protected by law in admission, recruitment, treatment or employment in its programs and activities.

Visit [prattcc.edu/employment](http://prattcc.edu/employment) for full job descriptions and application instructions.

Psychology Adjunct Instructor  
 Sales Associate - PCC Bookstore  
 Head Athletic Trainer / Sports Medicine Instructor  
 Office Assistant - Student Services  
 Coordinator of Institutional Research  
 Security Officer  
 Clinical Adjunct Instructors--Allied Health

Part Time	Adjunct Instructor
Part Time	Classified
Full Time	Professional Exempt
Full Time	Classified
Full Time	Professional Non-Exempt
Full Time	Classified
Part Time	Adjunct Instructor