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## PCC Celebrates Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Above: PCC employees go pink

Right: Great Western Dining Staff joins in

Below: Volleyball sells pink-out t-shirts



Below: PCC Volleyball holds "Dig Pink" match on Oct. 28. This Side-Out Foundation event is held at schools nationwide. All proceeds benefit medical research organizations and entities that provide support to breast cancer patients and their families.



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## Upcoming Dates

- **Election Day**  
11/4 | GO VOTE!
- **Veterans Day Brunch**  
11/11 | 10 a.m.
- **"Back to the USO" Show**  
11/11 | 7:30 p.m.
- **Board of Trustees Meeting**  
11/17 | 7 p.m.
- **Joint Council**  
11/21 | 2 p.m.
- **Thanksgiving Break - No Classes**  
11/24 - 11/28
- **College Closed**  
11/27 - 11/28

# Updates from the Linda Hunt Memorial Library



November is Native American Heritage Month. Throughout the month, the library will host the Cheyenne Indian exhibit from the Fort Larned National Historic Site.



Tuesday, November 11: A special invitation Veteran's Day Brunch will be held at 10 a.m.



The library will be open Sunday, December 7 from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. as students prepare for finals.

## Former State Budget Director Speaks at PCC



Duane Goossen, former state budget director in the administrations of three governors came to campus to speak about the state's current budget situation.

"He spoke about the budget in a way that made sense to everyone," said Michele Hamm, PCC board president.

The meeting was organized by County Commissioner Glenna Borho, commissioners in Harper and Kingman counties, and the Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce. Goossen spoke at a meeting of the Kansas Association of Counties earlier this year.

## PCC Improves Transfer Agreement with Kansas State

In 2011 Kansas State University and PCC started a program allowing a smoother pathway for students to transfer from PCC to KSU's online courses.

On Oct. 9, KSU officials came to PCC to talk about what they have added to make the transition even smoother. Improvements include more scholarship opportunities for students and more degree options.

"We like students to finish their degree at a community

college and then come to us," said KSU's Jason Maseberg-Tomlinson. "It saves them money and they are more likely to graduate from KSU if they graduated at the community college first."



This program isn't only beneficial to students who are graduating this spring, but also to students who graduated years ago and want to go back and finish their degree.



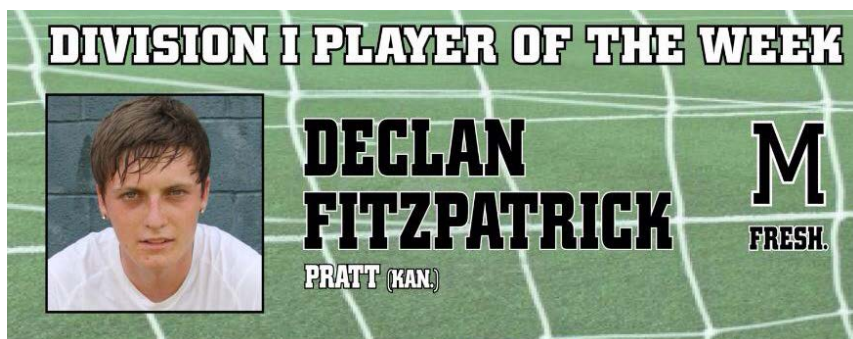
## Phi Theta Kappa Holds Fall Inductions

On Oct. 16, 14 students were inducted into the Phi Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society at Pratt Community College.

Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in American higher education with 1,275 chapters on college campuses around the world. More than 2.5 million students have been inducted since its founding in 1918, with approximately 125,000 students inducted annually.



# Athletes Receive National Recognition



Freshmen midfielder Declan Fitzpatrick was named Men's Soccer Player of the Week by the NJCAA national office for the period ending Oct. 26.



KSU athlete and former Beaver Natalie Jones was named **Player of the Week** by the AVCA (American Volleyball Coaches Association) for the period ending Oct. 26.

Jones played one season (2010) at PCC, helping the Beavers to a Jayhawk West conference championship. Named Freshman of the Year and First Team All-Conference, Jones led the Beavers in blocks, kills and service aces.



## Shaw Inducted into Northwest Missouri State Hall of Fame

On Oct. 17, Head Men's Basketball Coach Jesse Shaw was inducted into the Northwest Missouri M-Club Athletic Hall of Fame as part of the 2003-2004 Northwest Missouri State University Men's Basketball Team.

Shaw was selected to speak on behalf of the team, and gave his synopsis of the season for the audience, ending with his account of the region championship game-winning shot he made to clinch an Elite Eight birth. Shaw concluded his speech by thanking Coach Tappmeyer for everything he did for the team. "It was an honor to receive this recognition and have the

chance to reconnect with my college team," said Shaw.

### Women's Soccer

10/02 PCC 0; Butler 3  
10/10 PCC 0; Dodge City 1  
10/17 PCC 1; KCK 1  
10/21 PCC 3; Cowley 0  
10/23 PCC 0; Barton 0  
10/25 PCC 1; Hesston 1

### Men's Soccer

10/10 PCC 1; Dodge City 2  
10/17 PCC 5; KCK 0  
10/21 PCC 3; Cowley 0  
10/23 PCC 2; Barton 1  
10/25 PCC 13; Hesston 0

### Volleyball

10/01 PCC loss to Seward 3-0  
10/03 PCC def. Fort Scott 3-0

### Men's Cross Country

10/4 Fayetteville, AR  
10/18 Hays, KS  
10/27

### Women's Cross Country

10/4 Fayetteville, AR  
10/10 El Dorado, KS  
10/18 Hays, KS  
10/27

10/04 PCC def. Neosho 3-1  
10/06 PCC def. Butler 3-0  
10/08 PCC def. Dodge City 3-1  
10/13 PCC loss to Cloud 3-1

## PCC Athletics Recap

Chili Pepper Festival Second Place  
Tiger Open Sixth Place  
Regionals Eighth Place

Chili Pepper Festival Second Place  
Ollie Isom Second Place  
Tiger Open Third Place  
Regionals Fourth Place

10/15 PCC def. Barton 3-2  
10/18 PCC loss to Colby 3-0  
10/22 PCC loss to Hutchinson 3-0  
10/28 PCC def. Seward 3-2

# Women's Basketball Team Impacts Community

*Republished from the AWI Insider. Arrowhead West, Inc. is a not-for profit organization serving children and adults with developmental disabilities in Dodge City, Medicine Lodge, Pratt, Kinsley and Wichita. For more information, visit [www.arrowheadwest.org](http://www.arrowheadwest.org)*

When a new neighbor moves in, it is a kind gesture to reach out and welcome them to the area. That is exactly what President Mike Calvert of PCC did when he stopped in for a tour of our new location. It was the beginning of a relationship the clients truly appreciate.

The Pratt women's basketball team members have been volunteering their time with clients a couple times each week. It has become an activity that everyone looks forward to as they have grown friendships with the ladies.

They kicked off the volunteering with a hot dog social, giving everyone the opportunity to get acquainted with one another and since then, they have been very busy. Some of the activities they have done together are making root beer floats, homemade pizza, fishing and making zombie shirts for our recent Monster Dash.

Recently, they met at the college snack bar, Beaver Bytes, enjoying popcorn and soda before heading to

the court for some fun and exercise. The ladies played basketball, volleyball and other games with the clients. Mr. Calvert gave the clients an open invitation to attend all sporting events that the college hosts with no admission. They look forward to cheering their new friends on the team to a victory.



"The opportunity to spend time with the clients at Arrowhead West has been a tremendous opportunity for our student-athletes and me. We all look forward to the time we get to spend with them and we truly appreciate the friendships that are being built. We are looking forward to seeing them in the Beaver Dome during basketball season this year," said Coach Stephanie Thompson.

"Without community service, we would not have a strong quality of life, said Richard Hawley, AWI Program Manager. "The unselfish effort of the Pratt women's basketball team has brought smiles and the opportunity to build friendships to our day service. The community partnership with PCC has been very positive for everyone and we look forward to more activities in the future."



*Family and friends of men's and women's soccer celebrate the team sophomores on Oct. 25*





# Power Lineman Student Receives National Scholarship



With high goals of going to college and becoming a power lineman, Zach Reimer applied for and received the national MikeroweWORKS Foundation Worth Ethic Scholarship in the amount of \$8,200. Reimer, now a freshman at Pratt Community College, made a video about why he wanted the scholarship and filled out an online application.

"I was surprised when I heard the news," he said. "I like that I don't have to rely on my parents so much now."

Reimer said along with his scholarship from the school, his schooling is now paid for. Reimer hopes to graduate with a degree in Electrical Powerlineman Technology and then get an apprenticeship in western Kansas, so he can be close Garden City, where he grew up.

Reimer said he made the right decision by coming to PCC for the electrical program because the teachers in the program are geared towards teaching what the students will need to know in the field and that he really enjoys the school.

"It's a great campus and the people are all very friendly."

Pratt Community College shooters recently attended the Wichita State 4-H Shoot, which had more than 100 high school 4-Hers from all around the state, taking 13 students to help score the event.

"It is the best recruiting we can do for this club," said Greg Bacon, club co-sponsor. "We make contact with a lot of parents and students, who might not otherwise know about the program."

The club also attended the Pheasants Forever Women and Youth Shoot, where 19 PCC students helped coach beginners shoot during the day.

"It's hard to say who learns more: the club members or the kids we are coaching," Bacon said. "When you are coaching you end up learning about yourself and what you are coaching. It also teaches you communication skills that you wouldn't learn otherwise."

## Shooting Sports Club Active Around State



## Automotive Alumnus Returns to Share Success

Chadd Senset attended PCC from 2007 - 2009, receiving his associate's in Automotive Technology.

"PCC taught me the basics - everything I'd need to know to start my job," said Senset. "They also gave me a knowledge base to know what to look for after I began employment, so that I would be able to improve and grow down the line."

Originally from Greensburg, Senset now lives and works at Eddie's Toyota in Wichita as a line technician, and builds drag cars in his spare time.

"My goal is to diagnose everything correctly the first time - no comebacks," said Senset. "That is what makes me successful in my job."

Senset spoke to current PCC auto students on Oct. 13 about his experiences at a dealership, though he cautioned them that every dealership is different.

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## Block and Bridle Attends National Convention

On Oct 23 - 25, members of the PCC Block and Bridle Club attended the national convention at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas.

At right, students are pictured at the convention banquet. Below, convention attendees pack 31,000 6-person meals for Kids Against Hunger.

During the convention, PCC's Lane Kissinger of Mulvane, Kan. won the National Block and Bridle Sophomore Scholarship Award.

The trip also included a stop at Palo Duro Canyon and a tour of West Texas A&M University.

Block and Bridle is a club for students with an interest in animal agriculture. The objectives of the club are to promote student interest and leadership in agriculture, strengthen, improve, and promote the profession of agriculture, and scholarship among students of agriculture.



## Students Attend Chamber Dinner, Ruder Joins Chamber Board

On Oct. 23, 10 Pratt Community College employees and students attended the 2014 Annual Chamber of Commerce Meeting and Dinner. This group included five students in PCC's business program, who came to get a taste of a Chamber event and talk to other business leaders in the community.

PCC was recognized as a Bronze Sponsor for the event, and PCC Foundation Director Ann Ruder was recognized as an incoming member of the Board of Directors for the Chamber



## Environmental Science Class Takes Hands-On Field Trip

On October 9, 2014, Mr. Chambers' environmental science class took a field trip to the South Fork of the Ninnescah River in Lemon Park. The students learned about the ecology of a small Kansas stream through various hands-on activities. Four biologists from Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT) helped the students with several activities including the collection of macroinvertebrates and electro-shocking for fish.

The students also performed a habitat assessment. The South Fork Ninnescah is typical of many western Kansas rivers in that it is impacted by both point and non-point source pollution. Concerns in the watershed include sediment loading, nutrient loading and the introduction of non-native species. These impacts and others have a detrimental effect on the ecological integrity of the river.



## Keeping Touch with Alumni



On Oct. 29, PCC hosted a reception at the Wichita Country Club for college alumni who reside in the Wichita area. The event was hosted by Richard and Hannah Kerschen. Mr. Kerschen is a 1968 alumnus who went on to earn an engineering degree from Kansas State University and is now president of The Law Company, Inc.

PCC staff members celebrate their directors, supervisors, and administrators at a luncheon on Oct. 13 for Bosses Day.





# Benson Family Continues Legacy of College Support



On Oct. 26, family members of longtime college supporters Bruce and JoAnn Benson presented a generous donation to the PCC Performing Arts Department. The gift was recognized at the closing performance of “A

Night on Broadway,” an annual fall production of the department.

The Benson family’s involvement has been an integral part of the college since its founding. Bruce Benson was a member of the first Board of Trustees and served on the board for a total of 30 years non-consecutively before he passed away on Jan. 29, 2014. JoAnn graduated from the college in 1946, and was followed by three generations of children and grandchildren who attended PCC or participated in music and theatre productions.

The Benson commitment to Pratt Community College has left a legacy that has impacted the institution in the past, present and future.

“The generous support throughout the years from Bruce and JoAnn Benson, not only monetary, but participatory support has been tremendous,” said PCC Foundation Director Ann Ruder. “We are so grateful for the many years of service on the Board of Trustees, the participation at concerts and plays, and attendance and graduation of so many members of the family. We are so thrilled to be a part of this family’s story.”

The check was presented by Richard Benson and Elaine Geesling, children of Bruce and JoAnn. Many family members and friends were present for the check presentation.



Pictured L-R: Wes Norman, Richard Benson, Elaine Geesling, Misty Beck and Jeremy Rupe (PCC Performing Arts instructors), and Alan Hanson.

## “Night on Broadway” Oct 24 - 26

The department’s annual musical review show features music from dozens of Broadway classics and new shows, including solos, duets, ensemble, full choir and children’s numbers.







Students decorate pumpkins in carving and painting contest



# STUDENT LIFE

Student Life holds Lego building competition



**NOTE: RESIDENCE HALLS WILL REMAIN OPEN DURING THANKSGIVING BREAK**

## Nov. Student Events

Nov. 6	Grocery Bingo	9 p.m.	North Hall
Nov. 12	Pool Tournament	9 p.m.	Rec Center
Nov. 17	Trivia Night	9 p.m.	Rec Center
Nov. 20	Talent Show	9 p.m.	Carpenter Auditorium
Nov. 26	Movie	7 p.m.	Rec Center