



2025 COMMENCEMENT *Ceremony*

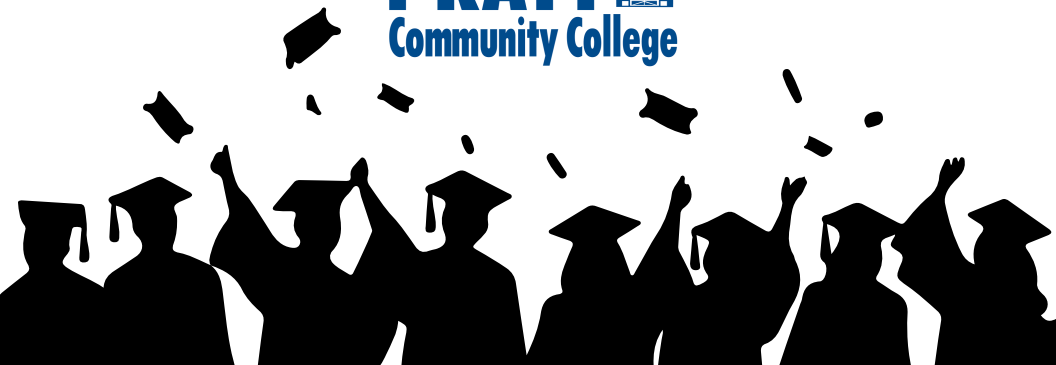
May 16, 2025

1pm and 3pm

Dennis Lesh Sports Arena

348 NE SR 61 PRATT, KS 67124

PRATT 
Community College



2025 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Processional

Introduction of National Anthem

National Anthem

Welcome

Special Recognitions:

- **Dennis Lesh Foundation Recognition Awards**

- Food Services
- Support Staff
- Instructor

- **Pratt Higher Education Association (PHEA)
Instructor of the Year Award**

- **Transfer Scholarships**

- Linda Hunt Memorial Scholarship
- Irene Krueger Scholarship
- Dr. Pamela Dietz Family Scholarship
- Novotny Memorial Scholarship
- Laura E. Porter Educational Trust
Scholarships & Achievement Awards

- **Phi Theta Kappa All-Kansas Academic Team**

Linda Austin-Lanterman
Performed by Encore
Dr. Michael Calvert,
President

Linda Austin-Lanterman,
VP of Finance and
Operations

Dave Chambers,
PHEA President

Monette DePew,
VP of Instruction

"More Love"

Performed by Encore

Certification and Acceptance of Candidates for Graduation

Monette DePew,
VP of Instruction

Presentation of Degrees

Dr. Michael Calvert,
President

Reading of Candidates' Names and Degrees

Dr. Kwanna King,
VP of Student Services



The commencement ceremony will be streamed live during the event.
<https://gobeaversports.com/links/LiveBroadcasts>

Our Story

Established in 1938 as Pratt Junior College, the institution was situated on the current Pratt High School campus. Construction of the current Benson Education Center commenced in 1966, with operational control transitioning to the newly elected Board of Trustees and college president Jess Cooper on July 1, 1967. At this juncture, the college became an independent entity, self-contained within its operations. The dedication of the building took place in September 1968.

The primary campus infrastructure was finalized in 1968, consisting of the Benson Education Center and Novotny Residence Hall. Porter Residence Hall was added in 1982, followed by Gwaltney Hall the next year. Subsequent expansions saw the addition of Beck Residence Hall in 1985, an indoor rodeo facility in 1986, and an auto/diesel facility in 1987.

The Student Conference Center was established in 1989, with the Electrical Powerline Technology building joining the campus in 1991 and undergoing enhancements in 2005. An updated EPT building is currently under construction on the west side of the campus, scheduled for completion in Fall 2024.

Further growth included the completion of North Residence Hall in 1998. The campus also features outdoor rodeo facilities, the Dennis Lesh Sports Arena, and Stanion Baseball Field, which was recently renovated. Additional facilities such as Dudrey Scholarship Hall and Chandler Hall were added in 2002 to accommodate expanding classes and student numbers. The most recent addition to the main campus is the Dr. William Wojciechowski Hall Apartments, which opened in the Fall of 2010. In 2022, the PCC Welding Technology Program relocated to a newly remodeled facility at the Pratt Regional Airport Industrial Park.

Dr. Michael Calvert

President 2013-present



Dr. Michael Calvert was selected as the ninth president of Pratt Community College on September, 1, 2013. Dr. Calvert earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Physical Education from Northwestern College in Iowa, a Master of Arts degree in Physical Education from the University of South Dakota, an Educational Specialist in Higher Ed Administration and Community College from Pittsburg State University and a Doctor of Education in Educational Administration from Oklahoma State University.

A seasoned educator with more than 40 years of higher education, Dr. Calvert completes his 36th year of service in the Kansas Community Colleges this year.

Dr. Calvert began his career in higher education as a football coach, spending his first fourteen

years at Independence Community College and Butler Community College. In 1996, while at Butler, he became an Associate Dean, Dean, and ultimately interim Vice President of Academics. He served as the Grand Island Campus President for Central Community College in Nebraska.

Over the last decade, Dr. Calvert served as the President of the Kansas Association of Community Colleges Presidents, President of the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference, served on the National Junior College Athletic Association Board of Regents and President's Advisory Commission, and has served on three different commissions of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). Dr. Calvert has also presented on multiple occasions at the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) and AACC national conferences.

Under Dr. Calvert's leadership, PCC has been recognized by the Aspen Institute, Smart Asset, Wallet Hub, and Affordable Colleges for its student success and workforce training outcomes. In addition, PCC is at or near the top of all Kansas two-year colleges regarding student success and the highest salaries for associate degree graduates and completers.

Graduation Class of 2024

AS *Associate of Science*

Fall 2024

Caroline Ahlgrim
Katy Beeman, CL
Beau Bolen
Klarissa Colley, SCL
Alexis Colpetzer

Marissa De La Cruz
Paityn Jahay, CL
Maggi Lindenmeyer, CL
Joseph Michel
Morgan Riepl

AAS *Associate of Applied Science*

Fall 2024

Aiden Eidman, CL
Jaxon Miller

Scott Sargent

C *Certificate*

Fall 2024

Blake Cross
Landon Elling, SCL

Derek George, SCL
Jaxon Miller

Academic Faculty

Karen Adams, *Mathematics*

Misty Beck, *Communications/Theatre*

Jason Birkenbaugh, *Welding Technology*

David Blair, *CDL*

Max Caldwell, *Automotive Technology*

Dave Campbell, *EPT**

Dave "Kip" Chambers, *Science*

Brandon Cummins, *English*

Tyler Dallis, *Art*

Megan Etheridge, *Education*

Carmen Forest, *Physical Education*

Jason Ghumm, *Science*

Amber Graves, *English*

Jerry Haskell, *EPT**

Jeff Hoffman, *EPT**

Mike Jackson, *Mathematics*

Sarah Jackson, *Mathematics*

Salem Lowe, *Automotive Technology*

Kenneth Kepley, *Physical Education*

Dr. Justin Maughan, *Science*

Daniel Meng, *Automotive Technology*

Lori Montgomery, *Agriculture*

Chris Nelson, *INT**

Otto Orosco, *EPT**

Dr. Paul Primrose, *Science*

Dr. Jason Ratcliffe, *History, Political Science*

Taryn Rennaker, *Business*

Carol Ricke, *Accounting/Business*

Rocky Robinson, *WOO**

JJ Rupe, *Music*

Nate Skinner, *Welding Technology*

Barrett Smith, *Agriculture*

Frank Stahl, *Philosophy*

Angie Tatro, *Accounting/Business*

Jerry Thompson, *Social Sciences*

Bobby Waldschmidt, *Welding Technology*

Tyler Wells, *Automotive Technology*

Stephanie Wiese, *English*

Ralph Williams, *Ag Power Technology*

Heather Wilson, *Communications*

Jacob Windholz, *EPT**

Alan Ziegler, *Automotive Technology*

*INT-Information Network Technology

*EPT-Electric Power Technology

*WOO-Wildlife Outfitting and Operations



Graduation Class of 2025

AS Associate of Science Spring 2025

Yolanda Aguirre	Dana Imankulova, CL, PTK
Olivia Arensdorf	Dejaunee Jackson
Lyndsey Arrick	Emmely Jackson, MCL
Wyatt Bahm, MCL, PTK	Abigail John, CL, PTK
Jace Baker	Quinn Johnson
James Baker	Brylee Keck
Sofía Bermejo Caler	Alexi Khamrotau
Alayna Bertram	Ann Kreslake
Baylee Brin, PTK	Trinity Kruse, SCL
Gregor Brown	Simeon Latinchev, CL, PTK
Madison Butler	Lucinda Libby
Jakobe Clark	Elyse Louderback
Victoria Coble	Alexis Luna
Carter Dalton, KBD	Addison Mathes
Carlee Davidson	Branden Means
Marissa De La Cruz, CL	Dylan Meichan
Jaeli Deel	McKenna Morelan
Michaela Dennehy, CL	Angel Morgan
Olivia Enick, CL	Rashaud Morgan
Ethan Froud, MCL, KBD, PTK	Joseph Oparaeke, MCL, PTK
Aiden Furnish	Madelyn Pfeiffer
Sixto Golobart Sanchez	Emmaline Primrose
Audra Henderson	Kyle Reese, SCL
Shelly Herd	Sadie Rempel, SCL
Grace Hoffman	Dereck Reynolds
Erica Hornback	Brooklyn Richardson, SCL
	Anna Ricker

Graduation Class of 2025

AS Associate of Science Spring 2025

Destinee Rico	Jadyn Thompson, PTK
Justin Robinson	Kaleigh Toenjes
Gabriel Rodriguez, MCL	Hunter Vaughn, SCL, KBD
Colm Rutledge	Kayle Wagner
Alec Samuelson, MCL, PTK	Kylie Wardlow
Joao Victor Mauricio Santos, MCL, PTK	Keyra Washington, CL, PTK
Gino Sapalo	Parker Whisenhunt, KBD
Karsyn Sharp	Robert White, CL
Wayne Shepard	Oswaldo Wilson, CL, PTK
Kaylee Smith	Luke Young
Paisley Smyth, MCL, PTK	Rhett Yurko, MCL
Karis Stewart, PTK	

AGS Associate of General Studies Spring 2025

Samuel Alpers	MaKayla Green
Curtis Anderson, MCL	Cade Hoffman-Colburn
Peyton Besco	Hannah Holmes
Kylie Bryant	Ashlynn Kurtz
Skylar Chavez	Peyton Nye
Dustin Cox	Tabitha Pauly, MCL
Jarrett Dingle	Tomas Pereira Mena
Kolton Field	Melton Powe
Sienna Glazbrook	Alejandro Ramirez, SCL, PTK

Graduation Class of 2025

AGS *Associate of General Studies* Spring 2025

Tristin Reasoner
Khasen Robinson
Justin Rodriguez
Teagan Seibert
Aiden Skiles
Devon Smith
Jarrone Vann
Shelby Warner

Jefferson Weaver
Cooper Weir
Cory Weir
Grace Wilson
Will Ziesch
Zack Zongker
Julia Zimmerman, CL

AAS *Associate of Applied Science* Spring 2025

Caden Arzola
Blake Coss
Mason Ellerman
Landon Elling, SCL
Justin Frink
Levi Glover
Leo Hageman
Christopher Heise

Kaden Koch
Erik Paris
Bronc Reser
Brant Sipe
Jacob Sollner
Johnny Thomas
Mallory Watson, MCL
Colton Wolken

Graduation Class of 2025

C Certificate Spring 2025

Eduardo Adame	Tucker Metcalf, CL
Thatcher Arp	Jacob Middleton
Ethan Behrens	Conner Murry
Brandon Benitez	Alexander Myers
Matthew Blackie	Alejandro Ordonez
Jeston Conger	Uriel Ortiz
Laken Cowherd	Jose Osornio
Justin Cronister	Logan Panning
Gratton Dalton	Wyatt Pelzel
Andrew Davis	Jacob Potts
Ian Elkins	Arden Rex
Devon Evert	Peyton Schmidt
Owen Herd	Connor Scott
Seth Hisel	Trenton Sleichter
Aaron Holguin	Samantha Spitzer, SCL
Marco Ibarra	Devin Strohl, MCL
Braden Jones, SCL	Luke Templeton, CL
Konner Kerbs	Kaidin Upson
Edgar Landa Lozano	Blake Werner
Dustin Loughrie, CL	Braden Whitson, MCL
Isaak Loya	Nathan Witt
Alexis Macias-Gonzalez	Dominick Wolf
Michael Mash	Markell Young
Nestor Mejia	Bradyn Stevens
Bryan Melia	

Graduate Honors

A&B

Denotes students who are Above & Beyond Scholars.

PTK

Denotes students who are a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.
Honor cords are royal blue and gold.

KBD

Denotes students who are a member of Kappa Beta Delta Honor Society.
Honor stoles are royal blue.

CL

Cum laude: meaning "with praise." It is awarded to students whose entire undergraduate record reflects a GPA of 3.5 through 3.74.
Honor cords are gold.

MCL

Magna cum laude: meaning "with high praise." It is awarded to students whose entire undergraduate record reflects a GPA of 3.75 through 3.89.
Honor cords are royal blue.

SCL

Summa cum laude: meaning "with highest praise." It is awarded to students whose entire undergraduate record reflects a GPA of 3.9 or higher.
Honor cords are braided royal blue and gold.



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Mission, Vision, and Core Values

Mission

The mission of Pratt Community College is maximum student learning, individual and workforce development, high quality instruction and service, and community enrichment.

Vision

Pratt Community College will be recognized as a center of excellence for higher education.

Institutional Core Values

Pratt Community College is committed to the success of its students, the institution and its service area. The following values, of equal weight and importance, are stated as a guide to Pratt Community College present and future operations in the performance of its mission and supporting functions.

Quality Learning

To foster a community of well-prepared learners who can successfully meet the demands of advanced study or entry-level employment. To provide both personal and professional development opportunities for the college's employees.

Integrity

To be fair, honest and objective in all PCC internal and external practices.

Customer Service

To provide the highest quality of customer service by delivering personal, individualized attention, and anticipating and responding to all customers' needs in a professional, polite and prompt manner.

Collaboration and Teamwork

To Value the contributions of internal constituents - Board, administration and employees, working to achieve common goals and celebrating accomplishments. To develop mutually beneficial objectives and relationships with the community, business and industry.

Innovation

To use creative, mission-driven approach, capitalizing on existing resources, to develop new growth opportunities and continuously improve internal operations.

Fiscal Viability

To maintain financial responsibility with all resources entrusted to Pratt Community College.

Diversity Statement

Pratt Community College respects, values and celebrates the diversity of our students, faculty, staff and the communities we serve, believing that diversity enriches the educational experience.

Enrollment

Enrollment stability is fundamental to Pratt Community College remaining a dynamic, student-centered institution. Enrollment stability will occur when Pratt defines in measurable terms the value it wants to create for its students and other stakeholders, including the intended outcomes. Setting and achieving enrollment goals will drive student success and support fiscal viability as well.



PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

Ways to Give

The gift of education is one of the most valuable gifts someone can give. Listed are the ways you can contribute to the Pratt Community College Foundation and the students they serve:

Annual Scholarship Fund

The annual fund is a yearly fundraising campaign that supports scholarships, academic programs,

Endowed Scholarship

Restricted—A gift of \$25,000 or more supports a purpose, program, department, or activity according to the wishes of the donor. It should be consistent with the mission, goals, purposes and plans of the College/Foundation.

Memorial/Honorarium Gifts

Established in honor of individuals who have made significant contributions.

Matching Gifts

More than one thousand corporations across the U.S. have matching gift programs. If your employer offers this benefit, please send in your company's matching gift form along with your donation.

The Pratt Community College Foundation is a non-profit, tax exempt, 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are income tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Donors should discuss with their tax advisor.

If you wish to make a donation to support scholarships, call Barry Fisher at 620-450-2179.

Cash or Securities

Appreciated stocks, bonds or mutual funds entitle the donor to two income tax benefits: Avoidance of capital gains and an income tax deduction based on the securities' fair market value on the date of the gift.

Real Estate Gift

May be used to fund a life income trust whereby the donor retains a life income interest in the earnings of the trust.

In-Kind

Instead of giving money to buy needed goods and services, the goods and services themselves are given.

Planned Giving/Estate Planning

Allows a donor to make a gift commitment to the College/Foundation but to delay delivery of the final benefit of the gift until a later time.

Scholarship Donors

Current Scholarships

American Ag Credit Scholarship
Blue Cross Blue Shield
Foundation Scholarship
Nick Buxton Memorial Scholarship
Thayer Carmichael Scholarship
Central Prairie Co-op Scholarship
Great Western Dining
Harold Cook Memorial
Dave Campbell EPT Scholarship
Friends of the Arts

Briant and Iona Hardestry Memorial
International Student Scholarship
Rex Irwin Memorial Scholarship
William and Edna Locke Scholarship
PCC Employee Scholarship
Skyland Grain Scholarship
Diane and Brandon Thompson EPT
Maurice White Scholarship
Donna Wygle Scholarship

Endowed Scholarships

Mildred H. Ahrens Nursing
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Amanda Beck Art Scholarship
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Hicklin Memorial Scholarship
Linda Hunt
Bill "Doc" Hunter
Irene Krueger
Harold and Margaret Leek
J. C. Lemon
Meigs/Konold Endowed Scholarship
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John Megaffin
Virgil Miles
Jack Montei Memorial Scholarship
Parkwood Village
PCC Educational Support
Professionals Scholarship

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Marvin L. Proctor Family
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Marvin and Nancy Schmidtberger
Family
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Darrell and Irene Shumway
Rhonda and Michael Westerhaus
Family
William and Terri Wojciechowski

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