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CHAMPIONS CROWNED: RODEO ATHLETES TAKE TOP HONORS
Congratulations to Kylie B for reaching the Short Round at the Fort Scott Community College Rodeo! A special shoutout to Regan P for not only making it to the Short Round but also winning the title of All-Around Cowboy!



Did you know?

The Library of Congress turns 225 on April 24! Back in 1800, President John Adams kick-started it all with a \$5,000 investment in books — and the rest is history.



Melton Powe, National Champion

Melton Powe won the National Championship at 165 pounds at the NJCAA Men's Wrestling Championship in Council Bluffs, Iowa. The Beavers placed 9th overall with three All-Americans: Powe, ranked No. 1; James Bankston, ranked No. 2 at 285 pounds; and Johnny Cash Thomas, ranked No. 7 at 157 pounds, both finishing in seventh place.

This remarkable victory highlighted Powe's dedication and skill as he dominated his weight class with precision and strength. His journey to the top was about physical prowess, mental resilience, and strategic acumen, qualities that set him apart from his competitors.

The camaraderie among the team was palpable, with each member pushing the others to excel. James Bankston's powerful performance and Johnny Cash Thomas's tenacity were equally commendable, showcasing the depth of talent within the team. Their collective achievements brought pride to their college, inspiring future athletes to strive for excellence.

Melton Powe's triumph was celebrated not only as a personal achievement but as a testament to the hard work and dedication of the entire team and coaching staff. It was a victory that would be remembered for years to come, marking a significant milestone in the history of their wrestling program.



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Literary Legends and Lasting Lessons: A Sunday with Dr. Tidwell

On Sunday, March 9, 2025, Pratt Community College welcomed Dr. John Edgar Tidwell, professor emeritus of English at the University of Kansas, for a special guest lecture. A noted scholar of African American literature, Dr. Tidwell spoke to an engaged audience of students, faculty, and community members at the college's main campus.

Dr. Tidwell's talk explored the impact of African American writers on American literature and culture, focusing on figures like Langston Hughes and Sterling A. Brown. He emphasized the importance of diverse voices in academic spaces and encouraged students to consider how literature can be a tool for understanding history, identity, and social justice.

The event was part of the college's ongoing effort to bring influential voices to campus. Dr. Tidwell's visit sparked thoughtful discussion and left a lasting impression on attendees, reinforcing the value of storytelling and inclusion in education.



Now Showing: "in bloom" by Tyler Dallis

Stop by the Delmar Riney Art Gallery to experience our latest exhibition, in bloom. This captivating show highlights digital photography by Tyler Dallis, created during their time in graduate school at Fort Hays State University. Don't miss the opportunity to explore this beautiful and inspiring collection!



Kayle Wagner, Collegiate Fellow Kansas Farm Bureau

Over spring break, the KFB Collegiate Fellows — including Pratt Community College's own Kayle Wagner — traveled to Washington, D.C.! 🇺🇸 They had the incredible opportunity to learn about Farm Bureau's structure and policy process, gaining valuable knowledge and experience as future ag leaders.



PCC Shooting Sports Aims High — Championship Bound!

Pratt CC Shooting Sports has been selected as one of two Kansas community colleges to compete at The Collegiate Clay Target Championships in San Antonio. This prestigious event features top collegiate shooters in American, Sporting, and Doubles events. Our athletes have trained hard, and we encourage everyone to support them as they aim for success!



From the Field: WOO Program News & Insights

The PCC Wildlife Outfitting & Operations wrapped up a great spring upland hunt! Huge thanks to Buffalo Nickel Lodge for hosting us, providing top-notch facilities, and giving us an amazing tour. We appreciate your hospitality!



Cheering Loud, Standing Proud

The PCC Cheer team impressed at the competition, showcasing that talent and heart surpass school size. Competing against larger universities, they delivered an energetic and precise routine, highlighting pride and dedication. Their performance earned respect and demonstrated that community colleges can shine on the big stage.



Hands-On Learning: FFA Students Explore Vet Tech at Pratt

Pratt Community College hosted a veterinary technology skills test for high school FFA students, providing hands-on experience in animal science. Students showcased their knowledge in animal handling, medical procedures, and veterinary terminology.



Honoring Excellence: Induction Ceremony Program for PTK & KBD

Pratt Community College celebrated the induction of its newest members into the Phi Theta Kappa and Kappa Beta Delta honor societies on March 25, 2025. During the Spring 2025 ceremony, held in the Riney Student Conference Center, 25 students were inducted into Phi Theta Kappa and 8 students into Kappa Beta Delta. Congratulations to all new members!

PTK and KBD Honor Societies Welcome New Members for 2024-2025

The ceremony began with a welcome and introduction from PCC CIO Jerry Sanko. PTK sponsor Jason Ratcliffe and KBD sponsor Angie Tatro provided an overview of each honor society, joined by student leaders who also shared remarks. Guest speaker Dr. Carson Hopkins delivered an inspiring message, followed by a candlelight ceremony and the formal presentation of new members.





Athletics

2024-2025

PRATT WRESTLING NAMED NWCA SCHOLAR TEAM CHAMPIONS



The National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) has announced that the Pratt Community College (PCC) wrestling team is the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) men's team scholar champions with an overall grade point average of 3.727. The Beavers are one of three Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference (KJCCC) schools in the team scholar champions list. Pratt has received this honor back-to-back years after finishing second in 2023.

In addition, the NWCA announced the 2025 NJCAA men's scholar all-Americans earlier in March. The qualifications to be recognized as an individual scholar all-American include:

- National placer with a 3.0 GPA or higher
- National qualifier with a 3.25 GPA or higher
- Competed in 15 or more matches with a 3.5 GPA or higher

The Beavers had 16 student-athletes recognized on this list for the 2024-25 academic year. The athletes include:

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| • Jameal Agnew | • Dustin Loughrie |
| • Wyatt Bahm | • Melton Powe |
| • James Bankston | • Alejandro Ramirez |
| • Peyton Besco | • Justin Rodriguez |
| • Kolton Field | • Keaton Rottinghaus |
| • Raymond Gary-Hernandez | • Alec Samuelson |
| • Marcel Gonzalez | • Gabriel Sherrell |
| • Trystian Juarez | • Johnny Cash Thomas |

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Athletics

2024-2025

PCC WELCOMES ASSISTANT COACH TO FLAG FOOTBALL



Pratt Community College proudly introduces Sade Roberts as the Assistant Coach for the Women's Flag Football program. Coach Roberts brings a wealth of experience, leadership, and passion for the game, making her an invaluable addition to the Beavers' coaching staff.

Experience & Background

Coach Roberts has been involved in football for 14 years, including 10 years of women's full-contact football at the highest levels. She has spent the past three years as a player-coach, gaining a deep understanding of the game from both an athlete's and a coach's perspective.

As the owner and former player of the OKC Lady Force, a women's professional full-contact football team competing in the Women's Football Alliance (WFA), Coach Roberts played a crucial role in building the program into a championship contender. Under her leadership, the Force produced multiple All-Americans, competed against professional teams, and upheld a discipline, hard work, and excellence culture.

Her personal achievements include being a four-time All-American, six-time champion, and National Champion. She has been recognized multiple times as Team MVP, demonstrating not only her skill on the field but also her ability to inspire and lead those around her.

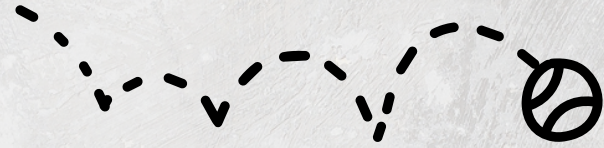
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Athletics

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MEN'S TENNIS DEFEAT D2 OPPONENT



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As an added bonus, Golobart, a PCC Sophomore, will attend Lewis University next season. Sixto was very excited to compete against his future school, which made the win a little sweeter for the team.

This was a big win for the Beavers as they finished their non-conference season. They will be back in action on Wednesday as their conference season begins with an away match against Seward County Community College. Seward is currently ranked #7 in the nation.

The KJCCC is the toughest tennis conference in JUCO sports, with all four men's teams ranked within the top 8 nationally and all four women's teams ranked in the top 13 nationally. The road does not get any easier for PCC as they gear up for nationals this May.

Wins for the day:

#1 Blinov def Soome 6-4, 6-4

#2 Rabinad Vila def Haro Cuenca 6-2, 6-1

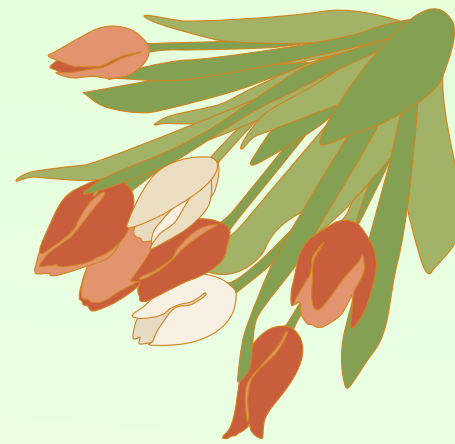
#5 Golobart def Miller 6-1, 6-4



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April 2025

Important dates



Current Student Advising Day - No Classes
April 2

State FFA Testing on Campus
April 2

Spongebob the Musical
April 4, 5 from 7:30-9:30 pm
April 6 from 2:30-4:30 pm

SP25 Pratt Online Classes (start 1/21/25): Withdrawal deadline
April 13

SP25 Full Semester Classes: Withdrawal deadline
April 14

Good Friday - Campus Closed
April 18

Faculty Workday - No Classes
April 21

All Employee Meeting
April 21 at 1:30 pm

Board of Trustee Meeting
April 21 at 6:00 pm

Beaver Building Day
April 24

Encore Final Concert
April 27 from 2:30-3:30 pm

Awards and Recognition Ceremony
April 29 from 7:00-8:30 pm



May 2025

A look ahead

May the Fourth be with You Concert
May 4 at 2:30 pm

Final Exams
May 13-15

Commencement Ceremony
May 16 at 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm

Board of Trustee Meeting
May 19 at 6:00 pm

Beaver Building Day
May 20 at 9:00 am

Beaver Building Day - EPT
May 20 at 9:00 am

Beaver Building Day - CTE
May 20 at 2:00 pm

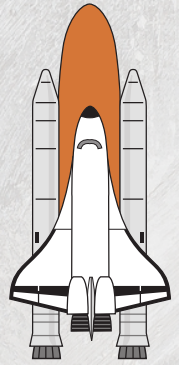
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visit prattcc.edu/calendar

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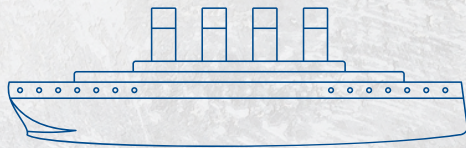
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America's First Astronauts

On April 9, 1959, NASA introduced the Mercury Seven — seven military test pilots chosen as America's first astronauts. Their selection marked a key moment in the Space Race and paved the way for human spaceflight and future lunar missions.



Titanic Sinking



The Titanic sank on April 15, 1912, after hitting an iceberg, leading to over 1,500 deaths. Once deemed "unsinkable," this tragedy prompted major changes in maritime safety regulations.

Masters Tournament

The Masters Tournament occurs from April 10 to 13 this year, held annually during the first week of April. It features a prize fund of \$20 million and is described as "a tradition unlike any other."



Revolutionary War

The American Revolutionary War began on April 19, 1775, with the battles of Lexington and Concord. Led by figures like George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, it was a fight for liberty, culminating in the 1776 Declaration of Independence and inspiring freedom movements worldwide.



Student Spotlight: Carrie Drake Balances High School and College with Big Goals



We caught up with Carrie Drake, a driven College Start student at Pratt Community College, who is already making strides toward a future in emergency medicine—all while finishing high school.

Carrie is currently taking general education courses at PCC as she works toward a future in the medical field. Motivated by a passion for helping others, she's laying the groundwork for a career where she can make a meaningful impact.

Q: What's it like being a high school student and a college student at the same time?

Carrie: It's definitely a challenge, but I enjoy it. It keeps me motivated and focused on my future. Being in both environments helps me grow academically and personally. I've learned how to manage my time and stay disciplined.

Q: Who is someone that inspires you?

Carrie: My mom is my biggest inspiration. She's always been there for me and shown me what it means to be strong and compassionate. I try to carry that same energy into everything I do.

Q: What do you like most about PCC?

Carrie: The support here is incredible. The instructors genuinely care, and it feels like everyone wants to see you succeed. It's such a welcoming and motivating environment.

Q: What are your future goals?

Carrie: After finishing high school and completing the EMT program, I want to continue my education in paramedicine and work in emergency response. I'm passionate about being there for people when they need it most.



Student Life

Student Life is in full swing with events every week. Be sure to follow Pratt Community College Student Life on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and Snapchat.

April Student Activities

Date	Event	Location	Time
April 1	Music and S'mores	WOJ	8:00pm
April 2	NO CLASSES - Advising and Enrollment Day		
April 3	Beaver Chat		
April 4	The Spongebob Musical	Carpenter Auditorium	7:30pm
April 5	The Spongebob Musical	Carpenter Auditorium	7:30pm
April 6	The Spongebob Musical	Carpenter Auditorium	2:30pm
April 7	Rules and Officiating Badminton Tournament	Scholarship Lawn	7:00pm
April 8	9 Square	Beck Lawn	7:00pm
April 9	Rules and Officiating Golf Tournament	Commons	7:00pm
April 10	Beaver Chat		
April 11	Movie Night	Barron Theatre	7:00pm
April 14	Easter Egg Decorating	Commons	7:00pm
April 15	Global Goodies	D. Lesh Arena	2:00pm
April 16	Tailgate Party	B. Keller Family Complex	5:00pm
April 17	Beaver Chat		
April 18	NO CLASSES - Campus Closed		
April 20	Happy Easter		
April 21	NO CLASSES - Campus Open		
April 22	Snow Cone Social	Patio Behind Benson	6:00pm
April 24	Rules and Officiating Ping Pong Tournament	Porter	6:30pm
April 25	Coloring Pages	Commons	7:00pm
April 27	Encore Finale	Carpenter Auditorium	2:30pm
April 28	Hug T-Shirts	Outside Basketball Court	6:00pm
April 30	Sand Volleyball Tournament	B. Keller Family Complex	7:00pm

APRIL SHOWERS
Bring
MAY FLOWERS

Laurisa's Vision, Nito's Charm: The Story of Beaver Chat



Beaver Chat started from humble beginnings with Laurisa running it solo, building it up with heart and consistency. Eventually, Nito came on board as the final addition to the team—he's super personable and friendly, the kind of guy everyone loves to stop and chat with. The group picks topics at random, keeping things fresh and spontaneous. Trivia plays a big part too; they mix it in every couple of sessions—just something light and fun. But even with its easygoing vibe, Beaver Chat gives everyone a chance to learn something new or jog a fun fact they forgot they knew.

Beaver Chat continues to grow not just in numbers but in purpose. While it started as a fun, low-key way to connect—with trivia, random topics, and Nito's ever-welcoming presence—Laurisa's vision is expanding. One of her goals is to create a special episode or series that showcases the heart of campus life beyond the spotlight. She wants students to see the people behind the scenes—like the lesser-known heroes of various offices. Imagine an interview with Shelly; Laurisa believes that would be a gem. Or introducing students to Kim and Tammy, who might not be as front-facing as Courtney but play key roles in making things run smoothly. She's also got her eye on an episode featuring administrators to help students better understand who's behind the decisions and support systems. And one project she's especially excited about this year? A Beaver Chat just for international students. No spoilers yet, but she promises it'll be a fun and meaningful one. It's all about building bridges, making faces familiar, and creating that "this is who we are" moment for everyone involved.

Laurisa

Coordinator of Student Engagement
Kansas Native
Hobbies - Reading
Inspired by"
You Should Know" Podcast

Nito

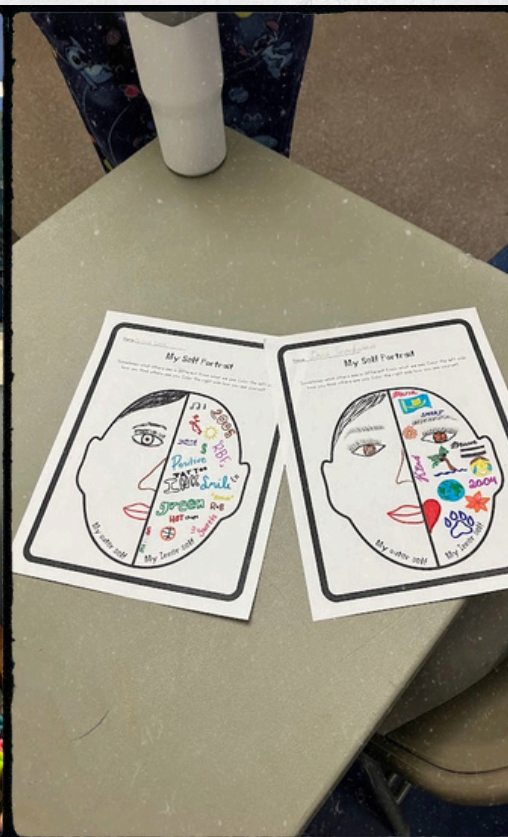
Freshmen, Accounting Major
Oklahoma Native
Hobbies - Sports
Inspired by
Nick Gallo, OKC Thunder Reporter

Student Life Recap

CASINO NIGHT

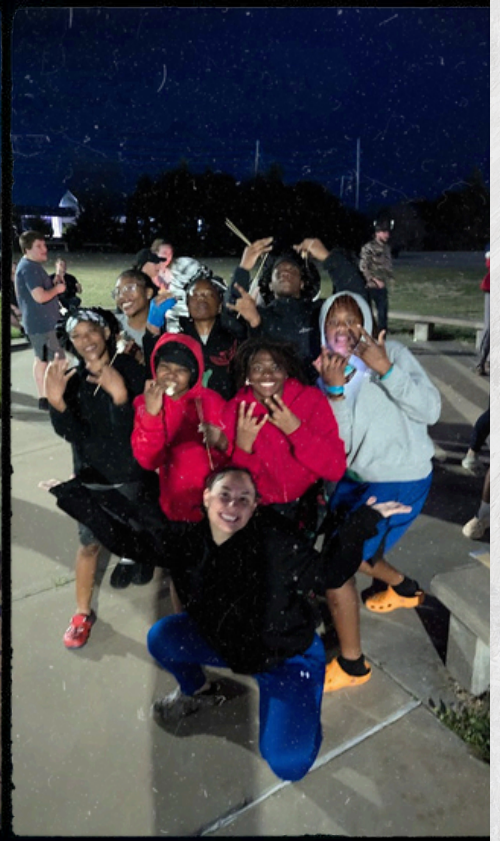


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Student Life Recap

SMORES NIGHT



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MAY 16, 2025

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1 PM - AAS GRADUATES & CERTIFICATES

3 PM - AA, AS, AGS GRADUATES



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1:00 - 4:00pm



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**ADDITIONAL
QUESTIONS?**

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REHEARSALS

Option 1: April 30 at 3:00pm
Option 2: May 1 at 3:00pm

Meet in the Beaver Dome

*Information subject to change

37th ANNUAL

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DOORS OPEN 5:30PM • DINNER 6:30-7:30PM

LIVE AUCTION 8PM

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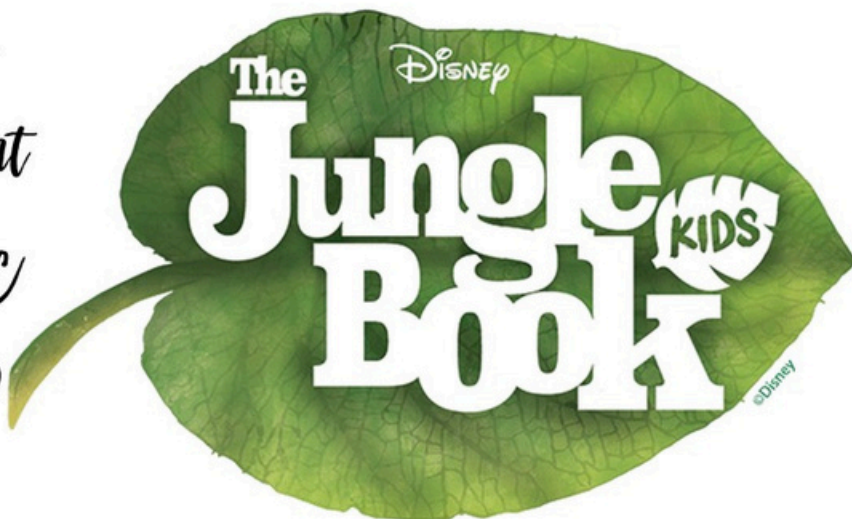
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Parent's Names: _____ **Shirt Size:** _____

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Allergies: _____

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per camper for the first two
family members.

\$50 per camper for
additional family members.

Questions: email mistyb@prattcc.edu

Priority Deadline

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