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Upcoming Dates

- **State of the College Address**
8/10 | 8:30 a.m.
- **Board of Trustees Meeting**
8/10 | 7 p.m.
- **Joint Council / AQIP Committee**
8/13 | 2 p.m.
- **Residence Halls Open**
8/16 | 9 a.m.
- **Registration and Enrollment**
8/17 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- **PASS Orientation**
8/17 | 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- **Main Campus Classes Begin**
8/18
- **Relay for Life**
8/21 | 7 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Hamm Elected President of KACCT

Pratt Community College Board Chair Michele Hamm has confirmed the next step in her service to the college and will spend the coming year as president of the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees. This will be Hamm's second year on the executive committee, having just completed a one year term as secretary.

All 19 Kansas community colleges have representatives in KACCT, which aims to advocate for its constituencies through cooperation, collaboration and communication.

"I still feel like a newcomer in a lot of ways, as many of the other association members have served for 20 or 30 years," said Hamm, who has spent six years on the PCC board of trustees. "It has been highly beneficial to take part in the meetings and discussions over the years, and I am honored to have the support of KACCT and [PCC] President Calvert."

Hamm brings a unique background to her role as president, coming in as a woman and stay at home mother, but says this only strengthens the discussions at the state level.

"I don't have a long resume of professional degrees or publications like many of the other trustees, and I find myself in the company of many accomplished businessmen and executives," she said. "However I am a community college graduate myself and have housed dozens of community college students in my home over the years. Maintaining a close look at the day to day operations and challenges

of community colleges allows me to contribute a different perspective to the conversation. It is the combination of all our backgrounds together that helps us move forward."



The association meets at different host colleges around Kansas with additional phone conferences by the executive committee. There's been increased talk of shifting more of the meetings to phone to cut back on travel time across the state, but Hamm finds the personal connections and member networking to be an invaluable part of the KACCT experience.

"The face to face interactions are so important for accomplishing our goal of joining together to unify our voices," she said. "When you look around the room at the many faces present, it really softens the competitive edge that is sometimes present in other situations."

Along with increased planning and organizational responsibilities, Hamm will serve as the primary liaison between KACCT members and Linda Fund, the KACCT executive director, and will also work more closely with Allie Devine and John Donley, KACCT's lobbyists in Topeka. Hamm wasn't slated for presidency for another year, but stepped up early due to mitigating health issues of another committee member.

The Kansas Association of Community College Trustees, whose forerunner was formed in 1994, is a non-profit association based in Topeka with the vision of responsive, affordable, accessible and quality learning opportunities.

New coach teaches all-skills volleyball camp

-Written by Rocky Robinson. Courtesy of the Pratt Tribune-



With the upcoming volleyball season right around the corner, Pratt Community College wrapped up the All-Skills camp today.

New head coach Kaylie Bergcamp, former assistant coach at Hutchinson Community College, coached the four-day event.

Even though the camp was scheduled by former head coach Kaylie Mader, Bergcamp decided to head the camp just days before starting off her first season at PCC.

The girls met all week in the afternoon to practice basic volleyball skills such as passing, blocking and attacking.

"It was a great refresher for me to get back to basics before the season started," Bergcamp said. "These skills are all basic to the game and with the older girls we just dive right in. I think this camp will make it easier for me to get back in the swing of things."

The camp was open to any middle school or high school girls that registered. Although most of the athletes attending were from Pratt or surrounding

communities, girls from as far as Ashland and Garden Plain made the drive. Sixteen athletes in all attended the clinic.

"We had the perfect number of players sign up," Bergcamp said. "We had enough girls we could still do some six on six scrimmaging but few enough girls that everybody got one-on-one attention."

Bergcamp said one of the biggest challenges was the age and experience range of the participants but the girls responded well to the situation.

"We have girls from seventh grade to 12th grade so there is going to be a skill and knowledge gap," Bergcamp said. "But for the most part we have done really well adapting and filling in the holes as needed. We have a great group of girls and it has been a lot of fun so far."

Now, Bergcamp looks to the upcoming season. PCC athletes are set to move in tomorrow with practices starting up as soon as Saturday.

"I am really excited to meet all the girls and build those relationships," Bergcamp said. "I know this group of girls is going to be able to compete at a high level and take on teams like Hutchinson."

Bergcamp says she also plans to hold several more clinics for younger girls, third or fourth grade, once the season starts.

"Younger kids learn and get interested in the sport from experience," Bergcamp said. "I would like to bring in the college players and have them work with a younger group of girls. It gets the players involved while giving the younger ones someone to look up to."

The team's first appearance will be a scrimmage with Butler Community College, Aug 10th at El Dorado.

PCC named among local mom-friendly employers

-Courtesy of the Pratt Tribune-

World Breastfeeding Week will be celebrated worldwide Aug. 1-7. Julie Fields, an international board certified lactation consultant, reports that Pratt employers have made progress in accommodating the needs of nursing mothers.

Pratt Community College has approved a lactation policy and is in the process of becoming an official Breastfeeding Friendly Worksite.

Southwest Elementary, Tiny Tadpole Preschool and Dillons are also listed among local employers friendly to nursing mothers.

Employers are required to provide reasonable

break time for nursing mothers to express breast milk for up to a year following the birth of a child and are also required to provide a private place, other than a bathroom, where she may pump milk.

The break time requirement became effective when the Affordable Care Act was signed into law on March 23, 2010.

In general, the law applies to enterprises with employees who engage in interstate commerce, with not less than \$500,000 in annual business volume, and regardless of volume, to hospitals, schools, and federal, state and local governmental business agencies.

PCC gears up for 2015 Relay for Life



Pratt Community College is gearing up for the 2015 Relay for Life and invites all faculty, staff and students to participate. The event is scheduled for August 21, 2015 at Zerger Field (Pratt High School) from 7 p.m. till 1 a.m.

The PCC team will rally around a Kung Fu Panda theme and encourages all team attendees to dress accordingly. Great Western Dining, the college food service, joins the PCC team as an event sponsor and will be providing water to team members throughout the night.

College team members and community members who are unable to attend may donate to the PCC team online at or purchase a luminary for \$10. Luminaries are donated in honor or memory of loved ones experiencing cancer, and line the edge of the relay track at nightfall.

For more information on luminaries, donations, sign up and participation, contact coordinator Leighanne Dean at 620-450-2113 or leighanned@prattcc.edu.

Participating in the annual Relay for Life is just one of the ways that PCC celebrates being part of the Pratt community. Our mission is maximum student learning, individual and workforce development, high quality instruction and service, and community enrichment. Each year, the members of the PCC family contribute more than 13,000 hours in community service and engagement to South Central Kansas. Our middle name is community.



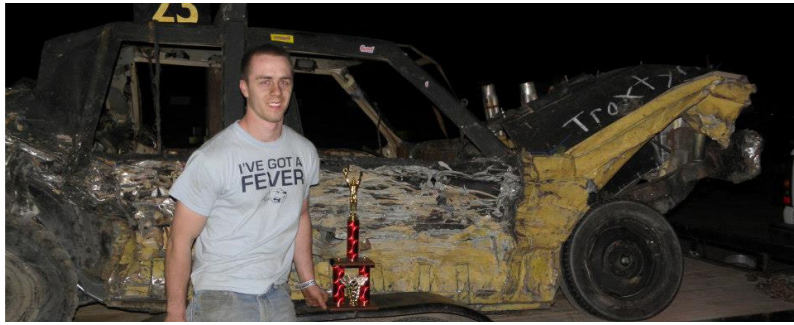
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SWEET TREATS

PCC staff and faculty gather for an all-employee summer ice cream social on July 17. Sponsored by Staff Senate.

Automotive alumnus praises hands-on learning



Pratt Community College's Automotive Department instructors have always said students should get hands-on experience while going to school in order to be successful, and one alumnus agrees.

"The instructors did a great job balancing class time with shop time," said **Adam Klein**, 2012 graduate and now works at Ekart Automotive in Manhattan.

Klein added that when he toured PCC and while in the class, the instructors told the students they wouldn't be able to teach them everything but promised to get them a good foundation and Klein said he feels like they kept that promise.

"There is no way they could have taught me everything, as I'm still learning something new every day and I'm sure they are also, but I came into the workforce knowledgeable and knowing what I needed to in order to get my start," he said.

Deciding what to major in was easy for Klein. He grew up in Minneapolis where his father owned an auto shop, which Klein enjoyed helping with.

He originally started looking at PCC because his brother-in-law, Ty McGuire is from Pratt but really became interested once he found out they had an automotive program and wrestling.

"I always knew I wanted to go into the automotive field and have always loved wrestling," he said. "It was great that I could do both."

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While Klein got his knowledge and degree in the auto department, he said that many of his favorite memories of PCC came from being a wrestler.

"Being in the residence halls with those guys and bonding with them was great," he said. "I still keep in touch with the team."

Along with having great memories from the wrestling team, Klein said it was also a great way to help pay for his education.

Haskell joins electrical powerline technology faculty

Wanting to teach students what he learned during his 36 years in the field, Jerry Haskell has taken over the Electrical Powerline Technology program in Wichita at Pratt Community College.

Haskell will be teaching high school and college students both classwork and hands-on training at the new Grove Campus, which is located at Wichita Area Technical College.

"I feel like I can benefit the students," Haskell said. "I've been in the business for many years so feel I can teach them things they wouldn't learn in a book."

The main things Haskell hopes the students know at the end of a class is proper climbing technique and how to handle tools and trucks properly. He added that just positioning the trucks a certain way can be beneficial and make the job easier.

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Haskell heard about the teaching position after Dave Campbell, head of the EPT department, sent the position to Haskell's supervisor. He has considered teaching before but said this time he felt like he was in a good spot for change.

Haskell worked at Butler Rural Electrical Cooperative as a lineman, foreman and service technician for 36 years.

"Campbell and Michael Westerhaus did a wonderful job identifying the highest qualified individual for the position," said Michael Fitzpatrick, Vice President of Instruction. "Haskell is an added value to our already exemplary program."

From an early age, Haskell said he knew he wanted to be a lineman. One cold, snowy winter night he watched a lineman change a transformer in his backyard and thought it looked exciting.

When Haskell isn't working he enjoys working on a small acreage he owns, refereeing high school and college football and watching his four grandchildren play sports.



Library Receives Grant

The PCC library's participation in the Kansas statewide interlibrary loan service gave us eligibility for the **Kansas Notable Book grant**.

The books chosen from the Notable Book list were deemed a fit for what works best in conjunction with our academic needs.

The Linda Hunt Memorial library is committed to support and enhance the student, faculty, and staff of Pratt Community College and all its constituents.

Check out these and many other quality resources @ your PCC Library today! For more inquires about the statewide interlibrary loan service and the Kansas Notable Book list go to www.kslib.info

Bluebird by Lindsey Yankey

A Simply Read Books, about Bluebirds, Friendship and Growing up...Juvenile Fiction

The Devil's Workshop: A Novel of Scotland Yard's Murder Squad by Alex Grecian

G.P. Putnam's Sons story of Police, England, London, Escaped prisoners included in 19th century-Adult Fiction.

Girl in Reverse by Barb Stuber

A McElderry Books, of Chinese Americans, Racism, Adoption and in search of Birthmothers - Juvenile Fiction YA

Railroad Empire across the Heartland: Rephotographing Alexander Gardner's Westward Journey by James E. Sherow, photographs by John R. Charlton

A University of New Mexico Press, Travel West (U.S.) along with the Railroads of the Frontier, History and 19th century trails to rails of Kansas.

The Kansas Relays: Track and Field Tradition in the Heartland by Joe D. Schrag

Adina Publishing - contains the University of Kansas - Track and Field History and Relay racing Hall of Fame members for 60 years.

Soldiers in the army of freedom: The 1st Kansas Colored, The Civil War's first African American combat unit by Ian Michael Spurgeon.

University of Oklahoma Press ...United States, Army, Kansas Colored Infantry Regiment 1st (1863-1864).

Renovations now underway at Beaver Bytes, Rec Center



Beaver Bytes, the college's cafe and snackbar located in the upper ring of the Dennis Lesh Sports Arena, is now under the supervision of new team member Robin Lemon. Renovations to give the cafe a new look have begun and will continue throughout the coming weeks. Beaver Bytes is

open Mon. - Fri 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will remain open during the construction.

Renovations are also ongoing in the student Rec Center, which is now located adjacent to Beaver Bytes.



Delmar Riney Art Gallery Seeks Artists

Pratt Community College is currently scheduling exhibits in the Riney Art Gallery for the 2015 - 2016 academic year and seeking area artists and photographers.

If you or someone you know would like to be considered as a "Monthly Featured Artist" in the gallery, please send the following information to lisam@prattcc.edu:

- Name and email address
- Medium (painter, photographer, sculptor, etc.)
- Website, Facebook page or reference site

Club 62 makes excursions to Benton, Wichita

Area senior citizens over the age of 62 are invited to participate in Club 62 programming and events. There is no cost for Club 62 membership, and nominal fees are charged for event participation. Summer 2015 programs have now concluded and will resume in Fall 2015. For more information, visit prattcc.edu/club62



Prairie Rose Chuckwagon, Benton KS. 7/18/15

Frank Lloyd Wright's Allen House., Wichita KS. 7/21/15



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FALL START

INFORMATION



RESIDENCE HALLS

Residence halls open August 16 at 9 a.m. Check in begins in the Upper Commons in the Benson Education Center, please do not go directly to the residence halls.

Room assignments were sent on July 15. Please contact Residence Life at 620-450-2120 for housing information.

REGISTRATION AND ENROLLMENT

Complete any registration, enrollment, advising, or placement testing on August 17 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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 AND 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. Note: Payment plans not available for eduKan classes.

ORIENTATION

PASS Orientation is required for new students and all student athletes enrolled at the Pratt campus. August 17, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. in Carpenter Auditorium. Contact the PASS Coordinator for more information at 620-450-2198.

SEMESTER START DATES

August 18, Pratt Main Campus. Coffeyville, Winfield, Wichita and online students check your class schedule for start dates.
eduKan fall start dates:
Session 1: August 17 (16 weeks) Session 2: September 14 (12 weeks) Session 3 October 13 (8 weeks)

WELCOME WEEK ACTIVITIES

Take part in our student life kick-off events to make new friends and get involved on campus.

Schedule: www.prattcc.edu/welcomeweek

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