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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Another successful semester is coming to a close at PCC! As finals begin next week for the students, we're reflecting back on all of the great achievements in athletics and academics, activities and performances.

Despite the challenges along the way, students, faculty and staff remained strong in the traits we share with our Beaver mascot; hard-working, community-oriented and tenacious. The people of PCC know what it takes to be a Beaver and we are near finishing another successful semester strong!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, everyone! Let's get ready to kick off another great year in the Beaver Nation!



CAMPUS CLOSED
HOLIDAY SEASON!
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 2

CAMPUS REOPENS
SPRING SEMESTER!
JANUARY 3





Upcoming Dates

Finals Exams 12/7-9
Faculty Work Day 12/10-13
Board of Trustees Meeting 12/20
Winter Break - Campus Closed 12/23-2
Spring Semester Begins 1/12

See next page for more important dates!

December **Important Dates**

Performing Arts - Christmas to Remember

Dec. 3rd - 4th @ 7:30pm

Dec, 5th @ 2;30pm

Student Life - Late Night Breakfast

Dec. 6th @ 9:00pm

Final Exams

Dec. 7th - 9th

Performing Arts - Wizard of Oz Auditions

Dec. 7th - 8th @ 7:00pm

Faculty Work Day

Dec. loth & 13th

Final Grade Entry

Dec. 14th

Board of Trustees Meeting - Riney Student Center

Dec. 20th @ 6:00pm

Happy Holidays - Campus Closed Dec. 23rd - Jan. 2nd

Look Into The New Year

Happy New Year - Campus Reopen Jan. 3rd

All Faculty Return - Preparation Days

Jan. 5th - 6th

Residence Halls Open

Jan. 10th

Board of Trustees Meeting - Riney Student Center

Jan. 10th @ 6:00pm

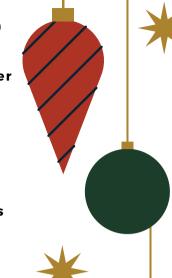
Spring Classes Begin

lan 12th

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Jan. 17th

For more upcoming dates and information. please visit prattcc.edu/calendar











Student Afficient Pratt Community College



Student Life Kicks Off Christmas

Sleigh bells ring! Are you listening? Student Life kicked off the holiday season with warm soup, hayrides, hot cocoa and more!

Ag Power Instructor, Ralph Williams and his students helped make this "Student Life Sleighs Christmas" event one to remember with a joyful hayride through Lemon Park to view the light displays!

With a beatifully lit trailer and a big tractor, Williams led the way around the park as students sang to Christmas music and took pictures with friends along the way!

"The students were great! It went well. I think all seemed to enjoy it and it was fun doing something that isn't done everyday."

After the hayride, students returned to campus to warm up with delicious cookies, hot cocoa and decorative holiday crafts!

Student Life Director, Brad Luthe seemed excited as student started filling campus with Christmas cheer!

"Student Life Sleighs Christmas was filled with glee. The spirit for the event filled the air all month with anticipation and when it finally came, it was more than bright. From PCC Student Life to all the staff that helped make this possible, we thank you. The hot chocolate topped with whipped cream, caramel, and marshmallows brought many smiles and the hot soup hit the spot while Ralph's puns and decorated tractor created the lasting memory. This event truly lived up to the expectation and we can't wait to do it again next year."

See the next page for more pictures of the hayride!









Brad Luthe

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Tips for Student Success During Finals

- Start preparing for final exams right away
- Don't just study hard, study smart
- Meet with yourprofessors or tutors if you have questions
- Find a good place to focus on your schoolwork
- Don't rely on all-night study sessions right before the test
- Don't forget to take care of yourself while you study

Learn more about the Student Success Center

We seek positive outcomes for students by carefully attending to the barriers they are experiencing with the goal of self-empowerment and behavioral change on the part of those students in a case management approach. We provide support for administering standardized tests, proctoring tests for internal and external instructors and agencies, coordination of counseling services, overseeing ADA accommodations and support for students with disabilities.



The Student Success Center is here to help you!

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Who we are:

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PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ELECTRICAL POWER TECHNOLOGY

KBOR Film Crew Visits EPT Program

A Cox Media crew was on the Pratt Community College campus filming on behalf of the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) to showcase energy-related technical training and careers.

PCC's Electrical Power Technology (EPT) program students were training on the "pole farm" with program Director Dave Campbell and instructor Jeff Hoffman.

EPT Students were in a regular afternoon lab session gearing up in safety equipment, climbing utility poles, training on the utility truck and practicing skills in managing power pole components.

KBOR is putting together a series of online promotional videos about jobs in the energy field. We are honored to have been chosen as a filming site for the project!

We are proud of our outstanding Electrical Power Technology program at PCC!

To learn more about this program, please visit prattcc.edu/EPT for more information.

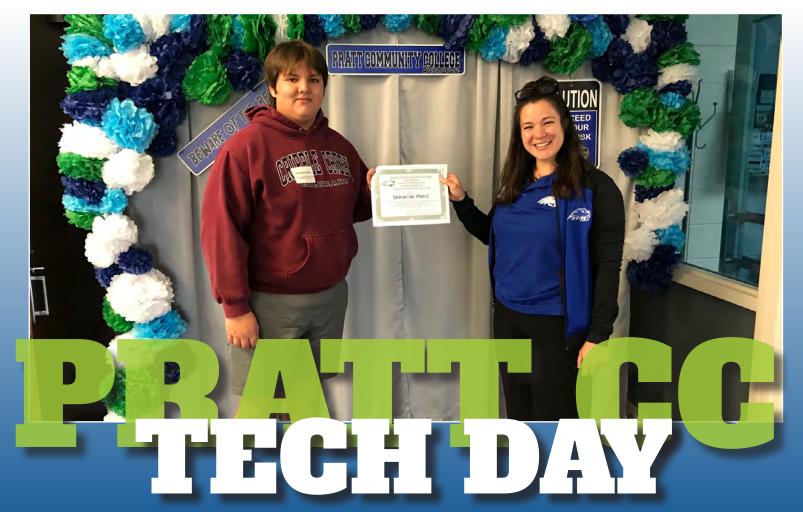












Incoming Students Learn About Many of PCC's Unique Technical Programs

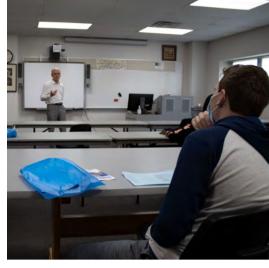
Tech Day at PCC was a big success! Reported favorites from participants: Automotive's race car, "dressing for the future" in EPT gear and the big noise machinery in Ag Power. Incoming students met with fellow incoming students, spoke directly with PCC faculty and staff, and heard from current students. Tech Day participants experienced our technical programs which included: Agriculture, Ag Power Technology, Automotive Technology, Business & Accounting, Electrical Power Technology, Information Network Technology, Modern Distribution Sales & Management, Nursing & Allied Health, Welding Technology and Wildlife Outfitting & Operations.

Each student was entered to win a \$500 PCC tuition scholarship and Beaver gear. Congratulations to Demarion from Medicine Lodge. He won the drawing for the \$500 tuition scholarship. He visited PCC to learn more about our Information Network Technology (INT) program. Congrats, Demarion!









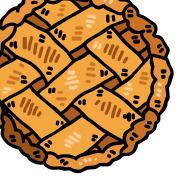
















PCC's Phi Theta Kappa Organization Held a "Pie Your Professor" Fundraiser on Campus, Open to Students, Faculty and Staff

PTK Sponsor Jason Ratcliffe organized the event and the faculty candidate volunteers included Jason Ghumm, Stephanie Wiese, Quintin Powell, Roy Clark and Jerry Thompson.

Coin and bill donations were accepted into the jars located in the Linda Hunt Memorial Library to elect the "winners", and nearly \$100 was collected by the end of the competition, consisting mostly of coins.

The winners of the Pie Your Professor fundraiser were Jason Ghumm and Roy Clark.

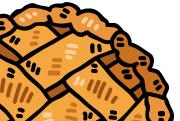
Phi Theta Kappa student officers Jazmin Levario and Chariah Daniels did the honors of pieing their professors in the face in the lobby at PCC.

PTK is an International Community College Honor Society whose members are chosen on the basis of scholastic achievement. Students must complete 15 hours of classes at Pratt Community College with a minimum grade-point average of 3.5 to receive an invitation to join PTK.

Learn more about PTK on our website.

https://prattcc.edu/student-life/phi-theta-kappa





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The Pratt Community College Performing Arts Department presents

A Christmas to Remember

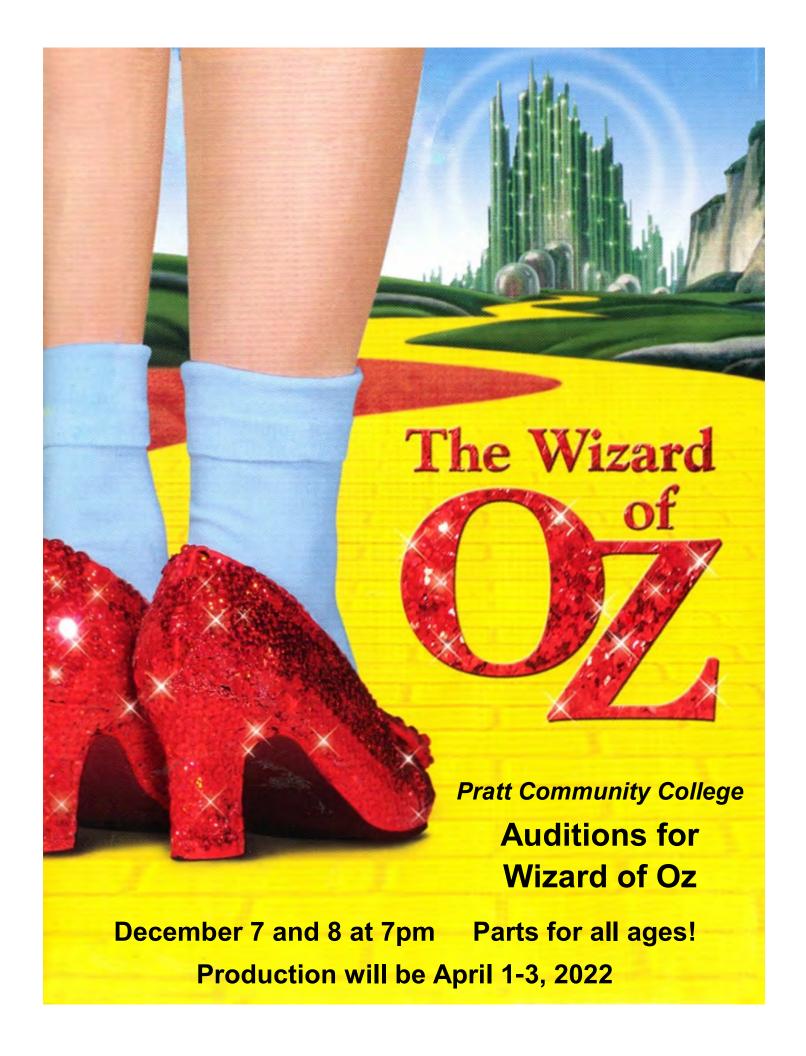
Kick off the holiday season with us

December 3 & 4 at 7:30pm December 5 at 2:30pm

Carpenter Auditorium Admission \$5









PCC SCIENCE



PCC Faculty Bring Hands-On Science Show to Skyline Middle School



"I loved the woosh!", said one Skyline student.

Melissa Jacobs' sixth grade science class at Skyline Middle School was thrilled to observe Pratt Community College science instructors scrambling around the stage at their school in their crazy hair, showing the wonders of science just before Halloween.

This woosh, in particular, happened when ethanol vapor combusted inside a large plastic jug and rushed out.

Another favorite moment from the Science Show: elephant toothpaste. Students reacted when the formula quickly shot into the cold Kansas wind.

"WHOAH!!!"

It's hard to tell who's having more fun during a PCC Science Show. Ghumm had a blast performing the demonstrations and inviting the students to join in.

"We were privileged to demonstrate some flashy science for about thirty wide-eyed sixth graders outside the Skyline school gym. Kids came up to make glowing worms, bounce C02 soap bubbles on their hands, and pass the shocking fun of the Van de Graff generator onto their friends in a line of hands."

Primrose and Ghumm, along with pre-show prep assistance from fellow PCC science instructor Justin Maughan, inspired the students to jump in and ask questions and have conversations about the experiments between themselves. It was all about the science.

The enthusiasm from both the scientists and the students made for an exciting morning at Skyline. Sixth grade science teacher Melissa Jacobs was thrilled at the results from the visit from PCC, suggesting Ghumm and Primrose return every year.

It's possible there may be a 2022 Spooky Science Show in the works.

Science Show at Skyline by PCC Instructors Paul Primrose and Jason Ghumm, Oct 2021.



PCC SCIENCE



Environmental Science Class Partners with KDWP on Ecology Project

Dave "Kip" Chambers' Environmental Science class, in collaboration with biologists from Kansas Department of Wildlife Parks (KDWP), participated in a field trip to Lemon Park this Fall to evaluate the ecological interiority of a short stretch of the South Fork Ninnescah River.

Students had an opportunity to assess the biological communities of the river by sampling fish, using electroshocking techniques and collecting macroinvertebrates using dip nets.

Students also conducted a habitat survey and performed basic water chemistry tests to assess the overall condition of the river.

The project is part of an ecology unit in the Environmental Science (BIO 123) curriculum that allows students to work with KDWP biologists that monitor surface water quality and other environmental issues in Kansas.

Ryan Waters, Kali Boroughs (former PCC graduate) and others worked with students providing direction, oversight and feedback as they collected fish and macroinvertebrates.

The South Fork Ninnescah experienced major

flooding in the fall of 2018. Although the flooding did have an impact on the habitat for a brief period of time, it is an important part of the natural hydrological process in our rivers and streams, and actually benefits the ecological integrity of rivers by flushing sediments downstream and out onto the floodplain.

The biological habitat and chemical assessment of the river provides students with a chance to gain a better understanding of the interconnected relationship of these elements.

Students recently finished working to interpret the data they collected and have written a formal report summarizing their findings.

Chambers says KDWP has been instrumental in helping PCC students in this ecological study for the past twenty years.

"Recognizing how organisms interact with one another and their environment is a fundamental principle in ecology. Knowing how people interact with their environment and how they impact natural systems is what environmental science is all about. Thanks to KDWP for their continuing support of this project. "





Interested in other offerings available in the sciences at PCC? View the latest class schedule and enrollment information at www.prattcc. edu/coursecatalog

Jason Ghumm Science Instructor davec@prattcc.edu



Men's Soccer Receives KJCCC Post Season Honors

The men's soccer program finished their season on November 7th in Burlington, Iowa in the Plains District Championship game losing 2-0 against Southeastern Community College.

This season the team won the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference (KJCCC) conference championship, the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region 6 championship, and made it to the district championship game for the first time in program history. They finished 9-7 overall and 5-3 in conference play.

On Monday, the KJCC announced the Division 2 men's soccer post season honors. Sophomore Mark Mc-Daid was named conference player of the year. McDaid had 9 goals and 5 assists this season with two goals being game winning goals. Head coach Kevin Kewley was named Coach of the Year for the second time as the coach of the Beavers. The previous time came in 2015 when the Beavers were division 1 conference champs.

Pratt had five players named to the All-KJCCC First Team. Sophomores Mark McDaid, Saul Munoz, Rylan Walter and Martin Cruz Soto. McDaid, Walter, and Cruz Soto were team captains this past season and helped lead the team to new heights. Freshman Joao Neves Santos rounded out the five.

Three players were named to the ALL-KJCCC Honorable Mention. Sophomores Ryan Jenkins, Omar Rios, and freshman Rory O'Connor were all recognized.

"Congrats to all of the guys honored by the conference," said Head Coach Kevin Kewley. "It was a great season and everyone recognized is deserving."





Women's Basketball Picks up First Conference Win

The women's basketball team was back in action against the Northwest Kansas Technical College (NWKTC) Mavericks. It was a great afternoon for Head Coach Eric Rodewald and the women's basketball program as they picked up their first Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference (KJCCC) win 70-48 over the Mavs.

"It was nice to get a home and conference win," said head coach Eric Rodewald. "Over the past week the team has shown improvement and did a good job finishing the game on Saturday."

Sophomore guard Cassie Onwugbufor lead the Beavers with 17 points, 5 rebounds, and 2 steals. It was the breakout game Onwugbufor has been looking for as she kicks off her 2nd season in the KJCCC. Leading scorer for the Beavers this season, sophomore guard/forward Chariah Daniels had 15 points and lead the team with 12 rebounds. To round out the stat sheet sophomore guard/forward Karolina Juresiute had 12 points and 9 rebounds with sophomore guard/forward Christy Wiebe scoring in the double digits for the first time this season with 10 points.

For the Mavericks sophomore Moniek Meeringa lead the team with 14 points and 7 rebounds. Sophomores Natalie Lara had 12 poings and Alonna Harvey-Williams had 10 points.

Women's Basketball takes a Pre-Thanksgiving Trip to Hutchinson

The women's basketball team traveled to Hutch to face the #21 Blue Dragons. The game started quickly for Hutch as they went up 27-11 in the 1st quarter. The Beavers came fighting back and lead the next three guarters. At half the Blue Dragons lead by ten 37-27. In the second half the Beavers got it within two points but ended up losing 64-57.

Freshman guard Destiny Young broke through with 11 points during the game. Young is averaging 15.9 minutes per game and 6.9 points per game. She continues to be a much-needed role player coming off the bench.

Sophomore guard/forward Chariah Daniels continues her dominance with a double-double during the game. Daniels put up 12 points and 12 rebounds for the Beavers. This season she is averaging 11.1 points and 9.1 rebounds a game.





Beavers Chomped Mavericks for First Conference Win

Men's basketball entered the dome for a battle against the Northwest Kansas Technical College (NWKTC) Mavericks. After a back and forth start to the game the Beavers took a 35-21 lead into halftime. The Mavericks came storming back into the game and lead the second half 43-34. Thanks for two big three point baskets by redshirt sophomore guard Eric Rhymes and quality made free throws in the closing minutes of the game the Beavers came out victorious 69-64. It was the first Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference (KJCCC) win for interim head coach Kenny Eddy and the men's basketball program this season.

"The guys came into the game ready to fight and that's what they did. We were really proud of our defense in the first half. Holding them to 17% shooting going into break," said Interim Head Coach Kenny Eddy, "I thought we let up a little and NWKT came out swinging in the second. The guys were pumped about getting their first conference win of the year. They stuck together at the end of the game and that's what will make this group successful."

Sophomore guard Tommy Thomas lead the team with 18 points. The leading scorer for the season, sophomore Cam Morris picked up a double-double with 14 points and 18 rebounds. As a team the Beavers had 44 rebounds, 22 assists, and 14 blocks. The team also cut down on turnovers from 30 in the last game to 17.

For the Mavericks freshman guard Ethan Yancey lead the way with 24 points. Sophomores Hantz Louis-Jeune had 15 points, Myles Arnold had 10 points, and Lino Manhom had 14 points and lead the team with 7 rebounds.

Men's Basketball Travels to Blue Dragons Country

The Beavers traveled to Hutchinson, KS to do battle with the Blue Dragons. What was a fast paced, back and forth game had the Beavers leading at halftime 52-47. In the second half, the Beavers got into foul trouble and were forced to manage minutes of several starters. Hutch won the second half 59-47 and the game 106-99. Pratt did lead Hutch in two statistical categories with 68 points in the paint and 54 rebounds in the game. The Beavers did turn the ball over 27 times which is the second game in conference play where the Beavers turned the ball over 25 or more time.

PCC had three players foul out of the game and another player with four fouls. Sophomore forward Cam Morris picked up foul four and five off one play with his fifth foul being a technical. Sophomores Tommy Thomas and Harrison Eghan also fouled out in the second half of the game. Sophomore guard Nasan Ayala picked up four fouls in the game.

Two players for the Beavers picked up their first double-double of the season during the game. Ayala led the team with 18 points and 12 rebounds. Freshman forward Quintin Metcalf scored 17 points and had 12 rebounds.



PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE CELEBRATE DIVERSITY TEAM

The History of Kwanzaa

Dr. Maulana Karenga, professor and chairman of Black Studies at California State University, Long Beach, created Kwanzaa in 1966. After the Watts riots in Los Angeles, Dr. Karenga searched for ways to bring African Americans together as a community. He founded US, a cultural organization, and started to research African "first fruit" (harvest) celebrations. Karenga combined aspects of several different harvest celebrations, such as those of the Ashanti and those of the Zulu, to form the basis of Kwanzaa.

KWANZAA HISTORY

The name Kwanzaa is derived from the phrase "matunda ya kwanza" which means "first fruits" in Swahili. Each family celebrates Kwanzaa in its own way, but celebrations often include songs and dances, African drums, storytelling, poetry reading, and a large traditional meal. On each of the seven nights, the family gathers and a child lights one of the candles on the Kinara (candleholder), then one of the seven principles is discussed. The principles, called the Nguzo Saba (seven principles in Swahili) are values of African culture which contribute to building and reinforcing community among African-Americans. Kwanzaa also has seven basic symbols which represent values and concepts reflective of African culture. An African feast, called a Karamu, is held on December 31.

Did you know? The seven principles, or Nguzo Saba are a set of ideals created by Dr. Maulana Karenga. Each day of Kwanzaa emphasizes a different principle.

The candle-lighting ceremony each evening provides the opportunity to gather and discuss the meaning of Kwanzaa. The first night, the black candle in the center is lit (and the principle of umoja/unity is discussed). One candle is lit each evening and the appropriate principle is discussed.

SEVEN PRINCIPLES

The seven principles, or Nguzo Saba are a set of ideals created by Dr. Maulana Karenga. Each day of Kwanzaa emphasizes a different principle.

Unity:Umoja (oo-MO-jah)To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation, and race.

Self-determination: Kujichagulia (koo-gee-cha-goo-LEE-yah)
To define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves, and speak for ourselves.

Collective Work and Responsibility: Ujima (oo-GEE-mah)
To build and maintain our community together and make
our brother's and sister's problems our problems and to solve
them together.

Cooperative Economics: Ujamaa (oo-JAH-mah)
To build and maintain our own stores, shops, and other businesses and to profit from them together.

Purpose: Nia (nee-YAH)To make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness.

Creativity: Kuumba (koo-OOM-bah)

To do always as much as we can, in the way we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.

Faith: Imani (ee-MAH-nee)
To believe with all our heart in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders, and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

Source Cited: History.com Editors. Kwanzaa, History.com, 7 Dec. 2020, www.history.com/topics/holidays/kwanzaa-history.





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Contact Lisa Perez-Miller at lisam@prattcc.edu for more information.



PCC Staff Spotlight

Staff Senate is launching a new initiative through which the PCC employees and members of the community can get to know our staff better. Staff Senate hopes that this spotlight will help us get to know one another better and feel even more connected as a community.

What is your name, what is your role/position at PCC, and how long have you worked here?

My name is Lelanne Zimmerman. I'm in my 10th year as Payroll Accountant here at PCC.

What project, responsibility, and/or aspect of your position do you enjoy the most?

I enjoy the challenge of producing paychecks for so many people, which seems to make everyone happy each month on the 22nd!

What do you consider your biggest accomplishment to date?

I can't really think of an accomplishment, the way that some could answer this question. I've just worked hard all my life alongside my husband. We raised two successful, really wonderful Christian sons, who are in turn, raising their families in Godly homes.

Before joining the PCC community, what was the most unusual or interesting job/ position you had ever held?

The most fulfilling was probably caring for residents and patients in nursing homes and the hospital, and becoming an EMT.

What is an interesting fact about yourself that you believe your fellow staff members would either not already know and/or would be surprised to learn?

I was a production welder at a manufacturing plant.

I did both arc and heliarc welding on a variety of products and building projects.

What do you do or are involved in for fun/ relaxation outside of the PCC community?

Just about anything outdoors! Hove walking. Hike working with my hands. Heally enjoy animals. Hike music, and play the piano for our church. And of course, Hove spending time with my grandchildren!!

Do you have a motto, personal mantra, or favorite/influential quote to share... Why is that important to you?

"I expect to pass through this world but once; any good thing therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow-creature, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again." Every time that I see this quote by Stephen Grellet, I am reminded how important kindness is. We should never take our time here on this earth for granted. I want to take advantage of every opportunity that God gives me to help others.

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Fees \$53 To

Total \$132

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