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BLUSTERY WEATHER

Not even the frosty temperatures could keep our EPT classes from rocking it out in the lab!



Call for upcoming newsletter content

If you have information or ideas for new content, fun facts, or PCC trivia, send them to Marketing for inclusion in the next newsletter >>> marketing@prattcc.edu

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Did you know?

The choice of 28 days for February stems from Roman King Numa's original design of all months having 29 days, as even numbers were considered unlucky. To maintain an even total of days, February, associated with honoring the dead, was designated as the unlucky month with 28 days.



Raise the Bar

PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
RECOGNIZED AMONG TOP 100 IN
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S RAISING
THE BAR AWARD



Pratt Community College has been recognized as one of the top 100 institutions in the nation by the U.S. Department of Education's Raising the Bar Award, showcasing its commitment to academic excellence and community impact. The award highlights innovation in improving access, equity, and student outcomes, with Pratt CC excelling in Technical Education, Dual Credit options, and Job Placement Percentages.

Dr. Calvert, President of PCC, emphasized that this recognition reflects the dedication of faculty, staff, and students. Being among the top 100 two-year institutions out of over 1,100 nationwide underscores Pratt's leadership in higher education and its role in driving economic and social progress in South Central Kansas. The award is part of a broader initiative to celebrate institutions that establish new educational standards and empower students.

Congratulations

NEW to Pratt CC EKG Tech Course Starting March, 2025



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- **High Demand for CDL Drivers:** Trucking and commercial driving jobs are consistently in demand, providing steady job security.
- **Pass the CDL Test:** PCC is designed to prepare you thoroughly for the written and driving portions of the CDL test.
- **Lower Cost:** PCC provides CDL training at a fraction of the cost of private driving schools.



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Next Class Starts:
March 08, 2025

Faculty Spotlight

MR. PHILLIP “DAVE” CAMPBELL

ELECTRICAL POWER TECHNOLOGY
INSTRUCTOR



Dave kicked off his adventure as a lineman back in '69 when he was just 18 years young! Back then, there were no fancy classrooms or formal training. You rolled up your sleeves and learned the ropes right on the job!

During the Vietnam War, rather than being drafted, Dave chose to enlist in the National Guard to fulfill his military service. He was involved in field work for an artillery unit, which closely resembled line work.

Dave has been a part of PCC since October 2008. This past fall, he participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new EPT building. Additionally, he has been honored with the Teacher of the Year award!



Dave has a daughter named Liz with his wife, Marcia. Marcia taught elementary education at Skyline and previously in Wakeeney during their time living there.

“I wasn’t scared of heights. I was scared of falling”



“I enjoy living out here because of the vistas and the prairie...you can just see for miles and miles and I really enjoy that.”



Athletics

2024-2025

BEAVER WRESTLING BEGINS QUEST FOR FIFTH STRAIGHT KJCCC CHAMPIONSHIP



The Number nine ranked Pratt Community College wrestling team will begin their quest for a fifth straight Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference title on Wednesday, January 15, as they travel to Parson, Kan., to face the No. 13 Labette Community College and the No. 22 Cloud County Community College.

Pratt will wrestle Cloud County first at 3:00 p.m. and then Labette at 6:00 p.m. The Beavers finished their non-conference tournament schedule at the 2025 Jet Open on Saturday, Jan. 4, in Wichita, Kan. Freshman Donley finished first in the 125-pound weight class while both Juarez at 174 pounds and Bankston at 285 pounds won second place. Third-place finishers included Agnew at 133 pounds, Powe at 165 pounds, and Gonzalez at 285 pounds. Wrapping up the results for Pratt, Field was 149 pounds and Bahm at 157 pounds, finishing in fourth place.

Currently, the Beavers have four wrestlers nationally ranked in their respective weight classes. They include Donley at 125 pounds, Thomas at 157 pounds, Bankston at 285 pounds, and Powe at 165 pounds, with Powe ranked No. One.

The Cloud County Community College T-Birds enter the dual currently ranked No. 22 in the nation and were in action this past weekend, January 10-11, at the NJCAA Coaches Association Duals. The T-Birds faced off against five community colleges and went 0-5 on the weekend. They wrestled Northern Oklahoma College-Tonkawa (11-42), Northwest College (3-50), No. Three Clackamas Community College (0-48), No. Seven Triton College (24-36) and Big Bend Community College (16-42). The only ranked wrestler for the T-Birds is Chambers at 174 pounds.



Athletics

2024-2025

ESPORTS ADDING ROCKET LEAGUE TEAM IN 2025



The Pratt Community College Esports team is adding a Rocket League team to the program's list of games. The team currently has two Overwatch 2 teams, Valorant and Fortnite teams. This will be the first time since 2022 that the program has fielded an entire 3v3 Rocket League team.

"I was approached back in September by one of the recruiters I work with in Brazil about the potential of adding a Rocket League team in the spring as he had three top-level players looking for an opportunity to play in America," said head Esports coach Charles Keefer. "We had a Rocket League team compete in one tournament during my first semester as a coach, but quickly disbanded due to a lack of interest by players. I am excited to rebuild this roster with talented players."

The first member of the roster is Silva, known to the Rocket League world as "back," who has been playing for over two years. In November 2024, Silva achieved the top 49 of the Rocket League Championship Series (RLCS) South American (SAM) open qualifier three as a substitute and coach. The team won \$300 in prize money and finished 33 in the 3v3 SAM Offseason Open. Silva has also played in several 1v1 tournaments and finished 97 and 49 in two South American tournaments. His peak rank is Grand Champion 2 (1640), and he is currently ranked Grand Champion 1 (1489) in 3v3.

The second roster member is Silveria, known as "Novaboost" on Rocket League. Vitor has over 600 hours of gameplay and has peaked at Grand Champion 2 in 3v3. In addition, Silveria has competitive experience in Overwatch 2, peaking in the Top 500 as a support player, and is currently ranked Diamond 2 in Marvel Rivals, a rank he reached in one day. Playing at Pratt Community College will be his first competitive experience in Rocket League.



Athletics

2024-2025

PCC SOCCER ADDS A NEW FACE



Pratt Community College welcomes Aaron Grant, an alumnus, back to campus this semester as an assistant coach for the Men's and Women's Soccer Programs!

When asked about his thoughts on rejoining the PCC community, Aaron couldn't help but express his love for Pratt. Aaron was a 2-year captain with PCC (Fall 2016-Spring 2018) and loved his experiences. His wife, originally from Pratt, is also excited about moving back closer to family. Aaron's greatest hope for his time coaching for PCC is to help players have the same kind of experience that he did. He believes that working closely with his former head coach, Kevin Kewley will allow him to grow as a coach and develop his skills.

Coach Kewley's comments about the hire were very positive. "Aaron will be a great asset to the men's and women's soccer programs here at Pratt. Having coached him when he played at Pratt, I know he will greatly help everyone and fit well with the Beaver culture."

New Head Coach Brandon Jackson is excited to work with Aaron and believes he will be a great asset to the team.

Join us in welcoming Aaron back to campus!

February 2025

Important dates

Valentine's Dinner and Show

February 10 at 6:30 pm

Certification Date for Full Semester Classes

February 11

Board of Trustee Meeting

February 17 at 6:00 pm

Academic Olympics - No Classes

February 24

Roam the Dome

February 24

March 2025

A look ahead

Mid Term Week

March 10-14

Spring Break - No Classes

March 17-21

Board of Trustee Meeting

March 21 at 6:00 pm

Early Fall/Summer 2025 Enrollment Begins

March 24

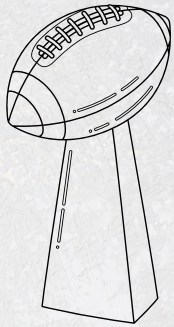


For more upcoming dates and information, visit prattcc.edu/calendar

The Month of FEBRUARY

Groundhog Day

Groundhog Day, celebrated on February 2nd, is a folklore tradition where a groundhog's shadow predicts the weather: seeing a shadow means six more weeks of winter, while no shadow indicates an early spring. The event is famously celebrated in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, with Punxsutawney Phil making the prediction, attracting crowds for festivities and the excitement of spring.



Super Bowl

Super Bowl Sunday is an unofficial American holiday that unites millions in celebration beyond just football. It features camaraderie, iconic commercials, and memorable halftime shows, with families enjoying classic game-day feasts. This cultural phenomenon emphasizes shared experiences and team spirit, showcasing the unity and enthusiasm of the American spirit, whether for the game or the festivities.

Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States, was born on February 12, 1809, in a small log cabin at Sinking Spring Farm near Hodgenville, Kentucky. His father, Thomas, was a farmer and carpenter, and his mother, Nancy, was a seamstress. He had a sister named Sarah, who was two years old at his birth. Named after his paternal grandfather, Lincoln initially pursued a legal career before entering politics, which eventually led him to the presidency.

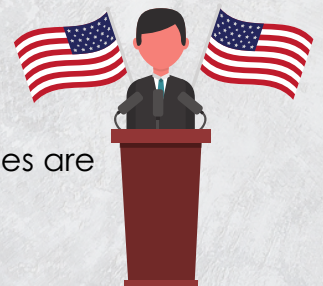


Susan B. Anthony's Birthday

February 15th honors Susan B. Anthony, a key figure in the women's suffrage movement who advocated for voting rights and gender equality. Her legacy inspires ongoing efforts for equal rights. Celebrations often include events that educate about her contributions and reflect on the progress made and the work still needed.

President's Day

President's Day, celebrated on the third Monday of February, honors all U.S. presidents, especially George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. The holiday includes educational programs, reenactments, and historical exhibits. Retail sales are common, and families often use the long weekend for trips or gatherings, emphasizing the presidency's impact on U.S. history and future.



More than 36 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolates are sold across America each year.

In general, men spend twice as much as women on Valentine's Day gifts. The average man spends \$130, while women spend about \$70.

Around 9 million people buy their pets a Valentine's Day gift.

Teachers receive the most Valentine's Day cards, followed by kids, mothers, wives and girlfriends.

Hallmark was one of the first to mass-produce a Valentine's Day card, in 1913.

Mother's Day tops Valentine's Day in floral sales.

Red roses are still the most popular Valentine flower.

The highest dollar amounts are spent on jewelry, dinner out, flowers, clothing and candy.

More than 8 billion conversation hearts are manufactured each year.

Valentine's Day was voted the best day of the year to propose—and 40 percent of the respondents were men.



**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**

FEBRUARY 2025

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.

February Student Activities

Feb 6	Beaver Chat		
Feb 7	Water Pong Tournament	Commons	7:00pm
Feb 8	Theme Night at Bball	Beaver Dome	2:00pm
Feb 9	Super Bowl Party	WOJ	5:30pm
Feb 11	V-Day Paint Night	Commons	8:00-10:00pm
Feb 13	Beaver Chat		
Feb 13	V-Day Dance	Commons	9:00-12:00pm
Feb 16	Speaker - Dr. Tidwell	Beaver Dome	2:00pm
Feb 18	Latte Key Chain	Commons	7:00pm
Feb 19	1/2Time Games at Bball	Beaver Dome	5:30pm
Feb 20	Beaver Chat		
Feb 22	Theme Night at Bball	Beaver Dome	5:30pm
Feb 26	Gaming Tournament	Esports Lab	7:00pm
Feb 27	Beaver Chat		
Feb 28	Twin Day		

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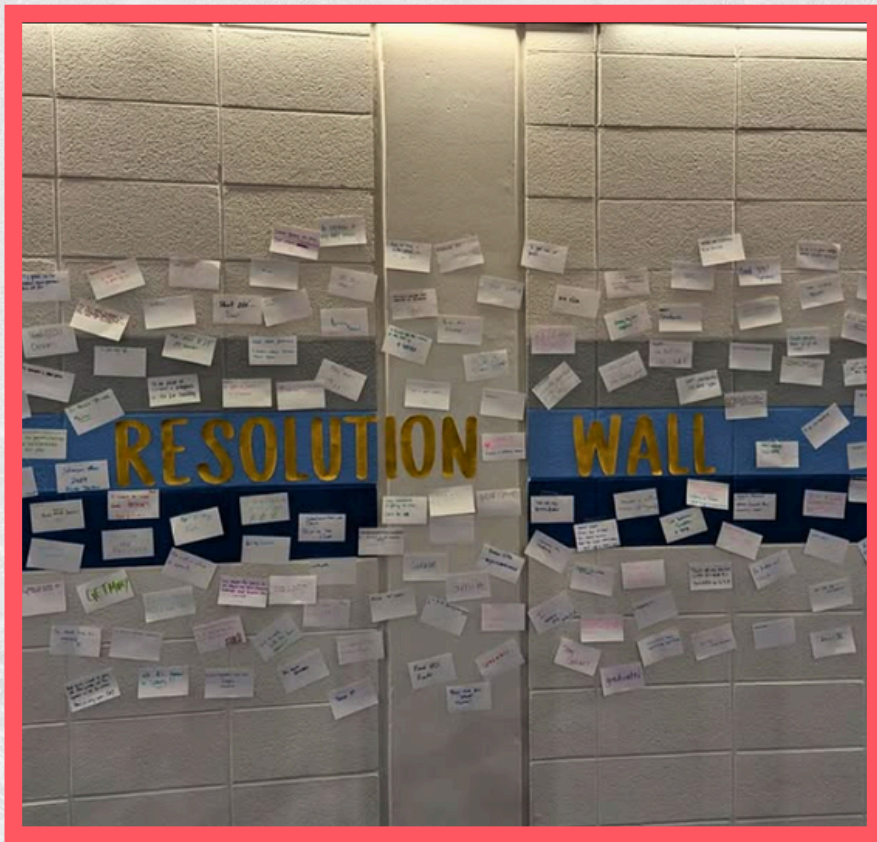


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Student Life Recap

RESOLUTION WALL IN DENNIS LESH ARENA



SKATE NIGHT



GROCERY BINGO



Student Leadership Council

This past month, our performing art students had a unique and inspiring opportunity to sit with the PCC Cabinet for a meaningful discussion. Topics ranged from teamwork and leadership to building connections within our community college.



PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BEAVER

Building Days

PREPARE FOR FALL 2025

& Choose your session

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

JULY

24th

20th

11th

8th-EPT

29th-EPT

25th

17th

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2025 VIRTUAL FAFSA DROP-IN DATES:

Thursday, Jan. 16, 2025: 5pm - 7:30 pm

Thursday, Feb. 13, 2025: 5pm - 7:30 pm

Thursday, Mar. 13, 2025: 5pm - 7:30 pm

WHERE:

1. At the time of the event, go to zoom.com
2. Click "Join" in the top menu
3. Enter the **Zoom Meeting ID: 712 692 6233**

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