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Happy New Year, Beaver Nation!

The campus has resumed activity and is ready for Spring 2025. Residence halls welcomed students back on January 13th, and the first day of Spring classes began on January 14th.

In this edition of the Beaver Buzz newsletter, we will look back on the many accomplishments of 2024.

Welcome Back Beavers

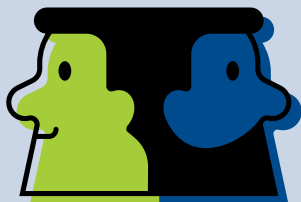


Call for upcoming newsletter content

If you have information or ideas for new content, fun facts, or PCC trivia, send them to Marketing for inclusion in the next newsletter
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Did you know?

January was named for the Roman god Janus, know as the protector of gates and doorways, which symbolize beginnings and endings. Janus is depicted with two faces.

Pratt Community College has a Board of Trustee Vacancy

For more information:
please scan the QR Code or
visit:



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<https://prattcc.edu/vacancy-has-occurred-board-trustees>



January 2025

Important dates

Spring 2025 In-Service and Preparation
January 8-10

Residence Hall Move-In/Advising Day
January 13

Spring 2025 Classes Begin
January 14

MLK Jr Day - Campus Closed
January 20

Inauguration Day
January 20

Board of Trustee Meeting
January 27 at 6:00 pm

February 2025

A look ahead

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



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

The Month of January

Benjamin Franklin's Birthday

January 17th celebrates Benjamin Franklin, a founding father known for his diverse contributions to science, politics, and civic engagement. Renowned for his electrical experiments and inventions like the lightning rod, he also played a crucial role in drafting the Declaration of Independence. Franklin's legacy of curiosity, innovation, and diplomacy inspires many today.



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day



Martin Luther King Jr. Day is celebrated on the third Monday of January to honor Dr. King's contributions to the civil rights movement through nonviolent advocacy. His "I Have a Dream" speech is pivotal in the struggle for racial justice. The day reminds us of his lasting influence and encourages community service and social justice efforts, aligning with his vision of an equitable world.

Presidential Inauguration

Inauguration Day occurs every four years on January 20. The inauguration ceremony takes place at the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, DC. The vice president-elect is sworn in first and repeats the same oath of office that has been used since 1884 by senators, representatives, and other federal employees. Around noon, the president-elect recites an oath by Article II, Section I of the U.S. Constitution.



National Mentoring Month

January highlights the significance of mentorship, raising awareness about its benefits and encouraging individuals to become mentors. National Mentoring Month aims to inspire communities to support youth, fostering relationships that provide guidance and tools for overcoming life's challenges, ultimately building a brighter future for all.



National Human Trafficking Prevention Month

Every year since 2010, the President has dedicated the month to raising awareness about human trafficking and educating the public about how to identify and prevent this crime. The U.S. Department of State raises awareness of human trafficking domestically and abroad through U.S. embassies and consulates.



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.

January Student Activities

Jan 14	Skate Night	Pratt Rolla Rena	9:30-11:30pm
Jan 15	Basketball Game	Dennis Lesh Arena	5:30 + 7:30pm
Jan 16	Beaver Chat	Café	
Jan 19	Dodgeball	Dennis Lesh Arena	2:00-5:00pm
Jan 20	NO CLASSES		
Jan 21	Latte Key Chain	Commons	5:00-7:00pm
Jan 23	Beaver Chat	Café	
Jan 25	Basketball Game	Dennis Lesh Arena	2:00 + 4:00pm
Jan 27	Grocery Bingo	Café	9:00pm
Jan 30	Beaver Chat	Café	
Jan 30	Baseball Game	Stanion Field	12:00+2:00pm
Jan 31	Mat Ball	Dennis Lesh Arena	8:00-10:00pm

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A Look Back at 2024



Academic Olympics



Biology - Pig Dissection



Stanion Field Dedication



Scholarship Foundation Auction

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Sophomore Class WOO Trip



PTK Induction Ceremony



Bill Keller Sports Complex Dedication



PTK Blood Drive

A Look Back at 2024



Summer Theatre Camp



All Student Orientation



**Essdack Tech Day
Hutchinson, KS**



Pratt High School Go Day

A Look Back at 2024



Fairfield High School visits
Campus



Kansas Art Guild



Veterans Day Appreciation



Admissions on the Road
Manhattan, KS

A Look Back at 2024



EPT class visits City of Pratt Power Plant



Stream Ecology Project



**Trick or Treat Trail
Main Street, Pratt, KS**



Circles of Hope Meal

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Outstanding Alumni Award



Shooting Sports Team



Short Round at Northwester OK University Rodeo

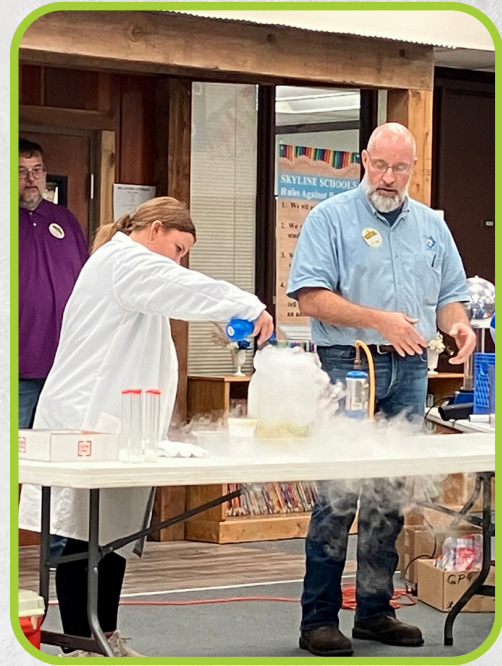


Max Caldwell wins ASE Technician of the Year Award

A Look Back at 2024



Annual Tech Day



STEM Show at Skyline High School



Thanksgiving Meal in Cafe



Female Dominated welding class at Attica High School

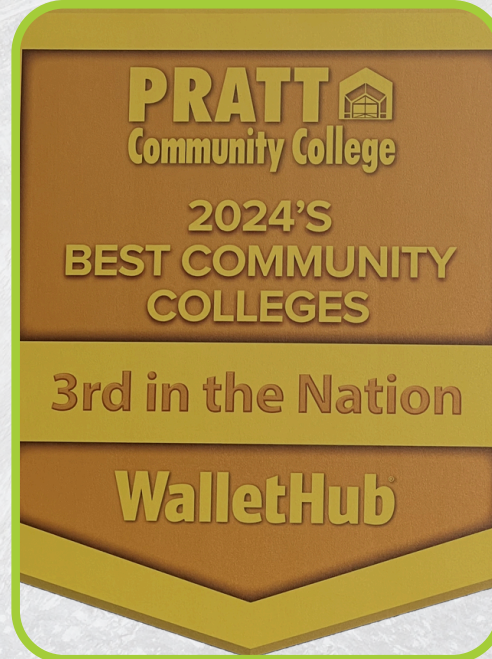
A Look Back at 2024



Legislator Luncheon



PTK Pieing of Professors



**Pratt Community College named
#3 Community College in the
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A Look Back at 2024

Six Men's Soccer Players Named to All-KJCCC Teams



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Esports Valorant Team Wins Divisional Championship



Esports Valorant Team wins Divisional Championship

Hallman and Martinez Named to All-KJCCC/Region 6 Honorable Mention Volleyball Team



Hallman and Martinez named to All-KJCCC/Region 6 Honorable Mention Volleyball Team

A Look Back at 2024

EPT Building Opening



Pratt Community College celebrated the grand opening of the Electric Power Tech Center on October 30, 2024. The event included speeches from notable figures emphasizing the facility's role in promoting academic excellence. Attendees toured the building, showcasing modern classrooms and advanced labs designed for hands-on learning in energy-related topics. The program covers power generation, distribution, and management, preparing students for careers in the energy sector with personalized guidance from experienced instructors. The celebration concluded with refreshments and faculty engagement opportunities.



Athletics

2024-2025

BRANDON JACKSON NAMED WOMEN'S SOCCER HEAD COACH



The Beaver Coaching Family welcomes a new member this semester. Brandon Jackson will be leading the women's soccer program!

Athletic Director Larry Johnston shared some thoughts on his new hire, saying, "Brandon will be a great cultural fit for PCC Athletics. His experience as a player and coach at the college and university level will be a great asset to the PCC women's soccer program."

Brandon Jackson comes to Pratt Community College after two successful seasons as the Head Coach of Women's Soccer Coach at Garrett College (MD). During his time there, he was able to start their first-ever women's soccer program. In just two years, he finished in the top four in the region and got six players nominated to the all-region team.

"I am incredibly grateful and excited for the opportunity to lead the women's soccer program at Pratt Community College. I am ready to compete in the powerhouse Jayhawk Conference and help move the program back to its winning ways," says Jackson.

Jackson, an Indiana native, started his collegiate athletic career at Taylor University (IN). I was voted as a freshman All-American selection while at Taylor University. Jackson then transferred to Pearl River Community College (MS) for his Sophomore season. Jackson was voted Male Student-Athlete of the Year at Pearl River. Jackson concluded his final two years of college playing at Lindenwood University (IL). Jackson was a two-year starter at Lindenwood. While attending Lindenwood, Jackson earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business and Master's in education.

Jackson said, "I believe college athletics can instill core values in the individual, enhance students' success in the classroom, and develop the athlete at the next level. I want to create an environment of winning excellence that fosters student-athletes winning on and off the field."

Help us Welcome a great new coach and leader to our campus!

read more at gobeaversports.com



Athletics

2024-2025

BEAVERS PICK UP FIRST CONFERENCE WIN AGAINST FT HAYS TECH NW



TEAM STATS		
FORT HAYS TECH NORTHWEST		PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
(24-68)	Field Goals	(20-56)
35.3%	Field Goal %	35.7%
31	Rebounds	53
13	Assists	11
22	Turnovers	30
23	Pts off Turnovers	20
9	2nd Chance Pts	15
0	Pts in the Paint	2
0	Fastbreak Pts	0
25	Bench Pts	11

In a matchup between Fort Hays Tech Northwest and Pratt Community College on December 11, 2024, Pratt Community College emerged victorious with a final score of 65-57. The game was closely contested throughout, with Pratt Community College holding onto a lead each quarter to secure the win.

Of the two teams, Pratt Community College had a more efficient shooting night, finishing with a field goal percentage of 35.7% and a free throw percentage of 60.0%. The Beavers' ability to hit free throws throughout the game was a key to their victory, as Fort Hays Tech Northwest was called for 26 personal fouls.

Johnson led the way for the Beavers with 21 points and 14 rebounds, while Dana Imankulova added 14 points. Freshman Humphry was the second Beaver of the night to finish with a double-double with 12 points and 15 rebounds. Finally, Pratt outrebounded the Tigers 53-31.

On the other hand, Fort Hays Tech Northwest struggled with shooting, shooting 35.3% from the field and 13.3% from beyond the arc. Brown, coming off the bench for the Tig, was a standout performer, leading the team with 21 points and 12 rebounds.

FORT HAYS TECH NORTHWEST		PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE					
57	Final	1	2	3	4	T	65
	FORT HAYS TECH NORTHWEST (0-11, 0-6)	9	17	20	11	57	
	PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE (6-6, 1-5)	17	15	14	19	65	



Athletics

2024-2025

BEAVERS OPEN UP 2025 WITH ROAD TRIP TO COFFEYVILLE



The Pratt Community College men's and women's basketball teams return to action this evening, Wednesday, Jan. 8 for the first time since December 14. Both teams will face the Red Ravens of Coffeyville Community College on the road in Coffeyville, Kan.

The women's team finished their fall 2024 schedule with an overall record of 6-7 and a conference record of 1-6. The team's only conference win came against Fort Hays Tech Northwest on December 11, 65-57. Freshman Johnson leads the team with 13.5 points per game and 7.2 rebounds per game heading into the new year.

The Red Ravens enter the contest with an overall record of 10-3 and 5-3 in conference play. Coffeyville has defeated Fort Hays Tech Northwest, Colby Community College, Independence, Garden City Community College, and Cowley College. They opened their spring 2025 schedule with a loss at Butler Community College. Sophomores Welch and Washington are the players to watch. Welch averages 11.4 points per game, while Washington averages 11.2 points and 9.2 rebounds.

On the men's side, the Beavers finished 2024 with a three-game winning streak against Barton Community College, Fort Hays Tech Northwest, and Colby Community College. They entered the holiday break with an 8-5 overall and a 4-3 conference record. Sophomores Dingle, Robinson, Vaughn, and Opareke average over ten points per game for the Beavers. Opareke leads the team with 7.4 rebounds per game.

The 11-3 Coffeyville Red Ravens are currently ranked No. 23 in the NJCAA poll and have a 7-1 conference record. The team's only conference loss was against Cowley College on December 14. Coffeyville picked up its first New Year win on January 4 against Butler Community College. Both Taylor and Griffith average 14 points per game, with the team averaging 81.4 points a game.

The Beavers will next host Hutchinson Community College on Saturday, January 11, at 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.

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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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NEW to Pratt CC Phlebotomy Tech Course

Starting January, 2025




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