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FALL ENROLLMENT

Now Open

Fall 2021 Enrollment is officially underway! See page 7 for the tuition and scholarship situation that best fits you. You can also see the class schedule for course offerings and delivery styles: <http://prattcc.edu/about.../fall-2021-enrollment-now-open>

Face coverings are recommended, but not required effective May 24, 2021 to August 1, 2021.

Classes begin August 18, 2021. See you soon Beavers!

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PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE **CONGRATULATIONS** *graduates*

**The 2021 In-Person Commencement Ceremonies on May 14, 2021
Were a Rousing Success.**

2020 graduates were invited back to PCC to walk as last year's Commencement ceremonies were cancelled due to COVID-19.

Congratulations graduates! It was a challenging but productive year and we are proud of you! It was an honor to spend the day with you and your families. Best wishes on your #Damgoodfuture we will miss you!



Graduation Collage Continued..



CONGRATULATIONS *graduate!*

PCC Board Chair Signs Granddaughters Diploma

PCC Board Chair Dwane Deweese was unable to attend Commencement ceremonies as he normally would to watch the students, along with his granddaughter this year, receive their diplomas.

PCC President, Dr. Calvert presented Savana with her diploma at the hospital, signed officially by her grandfather. She is a 2020 graduate, invited back to walk in 2021, as last year's ceremonies were cancelled. It was a special day for all.

Savana was moved by the gesture and commented via social media, "Thank you to everyone that made this possible! My grandpa is the Chairman of the Board at PCC and was unable to make it to graduation this year, so we brought graduation to him. Thank you Pratt Community College. It was special for us all."





Annual Roadtrip

Performing Arts

The Pratt Community College Performing Arts Department Travels to Tennessee

"The Performing Arts Department took their annual end of the year trip May 14-23. Their adventures took them to Nashville and the Grand Ole Opry where they saw Lorrie Morgan, Lady A and Maren Morris then to East Tennessee. While there, they spent time in the Smoky Mountains, snow tubed, shopped, saw the Stampede show, spent a day at Dollywood, explored Gatlinburg, opened for the Country Tonite show for the 9th time and spent plenty of time in the hotel pool. A highlight was a three set show at the Islands in Pigeon Forge and a ride on the 15 story Ferris wheel. The trek home included stops at the Bass Pro Shops headquarters in Memphis, dinner on Beale Street and stops at the St. Louis Zoo and the City Museum. Encore's performances were well received and Director Brad Herndon was extremely pleased with the way they sounded and performed. The department would like to thank all of our supporters who have graciously assisted with fundraising and the administration for trusting us to safely take our trip this year!"

- Director, Misty Beck



For more information about PCC's Performing Arts, contact:
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Scoreboard Sponsors

Green Sports Complex

PCC Honors Scoreboard Sponsors at Green Sports Complex



The skies were clear with a nice breeze overhead as Pratt Community College took on Central Community College during an afternoon of intense soccer matches. PCC took the pre-game opportunity to thank Pratt businesses for sponsoring the new scoreboard at the brand-new track and field and soccer complex.

Maydew-Thibault Optometry and Eck Services were announced as the scoreboard sponsors on the field and presented with soccer balls signed by PCC's student athletes in the soccer program.

Athletic Director Tim Swartzendruber is thankful for the support that made the scoreboard possible.

"When we were in the final stages of planning the track and soccer complex, a scoreboard was not part of the plan due to budget constraints. I can't say enough about how thankful we are that Maydew-Thibault Optometry and Eck Services were willing to contribute so we could have a first-class scoreboard as part of this facility."

Travis Eck, owner of Eck Services sees the potential of the new venue.

"I think the Pratt sports complex is a good asset that the city of Pratt has and we're glad to have a chance to be a part of it. It's great."

Seth Thibault of Maydew-Thibault Optometry is also on board.

"We just appreciate being able to partner with the college to make this facility be complete, it's really a neat addition to our community, and we're happy to be a part of it."

Swartzendruber looks forward to putting the new scoreboard to work.

"The scoreboard is wireless and digital and can be used for multiple sports; which makes it great for this venue. Again, we are thankful for the support of these businesses and look forward to many years of use from this scoreboard."

The PCC Women's Soccer team went on to win their match against Central CC in overtime, and the Men's Soccer team also won 2-0.

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An additional fee is required for non-Pratt County residents for each semester in attendance if enrolled in 12+ credit hours.

*High School Students must be a Sophomore, Junior, or Senior during the 2021-2022 Academic Year.

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Fall Classes Begin August 18

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Beaver Building Day

PCC Welcomes New EPT Students

New students officially enrolled in the Lineman program at the EPT Beaver Building Day group event. Students were fitted for industry gloves, belts and boots in preparation for Fall classes. EPT instructors from each campus were here to answer questions and meet with students, all hands were on deck from Admissions. It was a great day!



Director of EPT, Dave Campbell
Pratt Campus Instructor, Jeff Hoffman
Dodge City Campus Instructor, Otto Orosco
Wichita Campus Instructor, Jerry Haskell

PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE ELECTRICAL POWER TECHNOLOGY

Kansas Utility Company Awards EPT Students with Scholarships

One of Kim Goodnight's favorite road trip destinations is Pratt Community College in Pratt, KS.

Goodnight is the Regional Manager of Community Affairs with ITC Great Plains. He rewards two student scholarships on behalf of ITC, and travels to meet with all of the students in the program.

"We need people to stay in Kansas, we do. If you look at the job force in our electrical field, you'll see there's almost 60% getting close to retirement age. So there needs to be that influx of new, trained and educated work force to be able to step in, and that's what PCC is doing here."

ITC has held a relationship with PCC for more than a decade. EPT Director Dave Campbell likes that the scholarships allow him to raise the bar for his students.

"We select students that are stand-outs and for their hard work and their dedication to their classes and we want them to be the best of the best. It's very expensive to go to school and train and many of them are non-traditional students that have families and they're trying to make ends meet while they're doing this training, so we appreciate the help."

The scholarships were awarded to EPT students Jacob Benham and Jacob Miller.

"It has helped me immensely with paying for school and everything, I mean I didn't come from a very wealthy family, and I've been living on my own for a long time. So that extra money really helped me focus on my studies rather than having to focus on going to work and things like that. I was able to just do what I needed to do to get good grades here. It really made me feel good and happy that I've been working hard and putting in effort, and I'm very honored to get that." - Jacob Benham

"Achieving this accomplishment is bittersweet knowing I was selected out of many students who put the time and effort in, day in and day out. This has been a huge blessing for me and my family. It has lifted a financial burden and allowed me to focus more on my schooling. I would like to furthermore thank ITC for their continuation in donating this scholarship to this program. I would also like to thank Dave and Jeff for the knowledge and time that they pour into us. Getting to know them on a personal level assures me they care greatly for this program and the students in it." - Jacob Miller

Goodnight is continually impressed with the EPT students at PCC.

"Every one of them are top-notch individuals. I was reading that one of the recipients of the scholarships emphasized the giving back to community. We in our company understand how important that is as well and that really resonated with me. It's important that all of these kids, when they're entering into the workforce and living in communities, to be part of them. They're all outstanding individuals."



May 6, 2021

Kansas Promise Scholarship Provides Tuition, Fees, Cost of Books for Pratt Community College Eligible Programs

The Kansas Promise Scholarship Act, announced by Governor Laura Kelly on April 23rd provides scholarships for students attending Pratt Community College and other eligible postsecondary institutions in Kansas for any two-year associate degree program, career and technical education certificate, or stand-alone program otherwise identified by the Kansas Board of Regents. Eligible programs at Pratt Community College are: Welding, Electrical Power Technology, Automotive Technology, Modern Distribution Sales & Management, Nursing, CNA, and Information Networking Technology. The scholarship is available starting Fall 2021 and covers an aggregate amount of tuition, required fees, and the cost of books and required materials for the eligible program.

“We are very excited about the prospect for the new “Promise Act” benefitting Kansans in workforce programs. I hope this spurs recent high school graduates as well as adults looking to further enhance or change their career path into one of the high paying, high demand, critical need programs that the Promise Act targets,” said college president Dr. Michael Calvert. “I want to thank Governor Kelly and the Kansas State Legislators, especially our local representatives, for their foresight to invest in the Kansas workforce.”

Calvert also wants to recognize Kansas Association of Community College Trustees Executive Director, Heather Morgan, who worked tirelessly to see this through to fruition. He stated that Pratt Community College is ready to assist students in the process of applying for and receiving this scholarship.

The scholarship is available to a Kansas resident who has graduated from an accredited Kansas public or private secondary school or Kansas homeschool within the preceding 12 months or an individual who is 21 years of age or older and has been a resident of Kansas for three or more consecutive years. Also eligible is a dependent child of a military service member permanently stationed in another state and who, within the preceding 12 months, graduated from any out-of-state secondary school or obtained a high school equivalency certificate.

Students must complete a scholarship application, enter into a Kansas Promise Scholarship agreement, complete the FASFA, and enroll in an eligible postsecondary educational institution in a promise eligible program. Eligible student family income limits are applicable. Additional requirements do apply, including agreeing to live and work in Kansas two years post completion of their two-year degree or certificate.

House Bill 2064, signed last week by Governor Kelly established the scholarship program that honors her administration’s promise to invest in Kansas students and businesses. “I want to thank the Legislature for working with me, in a bipartisan fashion, to ensure Kansas students have access to the resources they need to succeed and build a robust pipeline of skilled workers to support future economic growth,” she said.

Senator Molly Baumgardner, Senate Education Chair, said the Promise Act Scholarships will be transformative for Kansas families and those currently without work and the under-employed will receive the skills training they need for Kansas jobs that are in high demand and offer solid wages.

For more information about the Kansas Promise Act Scholarship, including the scholarship application, will be available soon on the Pratt Community College website at www.prattcc.edu. For more information about Pratt’s eligible programs, visit <http://www.prattcc.edu/academics> or call 620.450.2217 to schedule a campus visit.

House Bill 2064 is viewable at http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2021_22/measures/documents/hb2064_enrolled.pdf

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MENTAL HEALTH MINUTE



Remember – It Is Okay to Take a Break from Work

We all need to take breaks from time to time, however, many of us struggle to leave work for those necessary breaks. Regardless of if we plan to take a vacation, a staycation, or any other variation of one, it is important -and OKAY- to take a break from the job, from the routine, and from the regular demands of life. It helps us to keep our stress levels in check.

Unfortunately, many of us cannot just simply take a break from our jobs. Getting a little personal history in here, I grew up with a city department head as a Dad. He was committed to his work because he was truly passionate about what he did. It made it tough for him to leave, even though we took regular family vacations every year. Even before cell phones or the Internet, he always left a number where he could be reached because -inevitably- a catastrophe would happen while he was away. Though it bothered my Mom, I always admired his dedication to his craft. And, especially now in the career I love to do, find myself not fully “checking out” when I should or need to.

Here is something crucial for all of us to acknowledge and understand – it is NOT shirking responsibilities to take those breaks. They are much-needed (check back at the last sentence in the first paragraph for a critical reason). We are not designed to allow prolonged stress come at us repeatedly and regularly; even those of us who would like to think we can handle it. Our bodies and -in my opinion, most importantly- our minds are not meant to do that. Chronic stress can lead to a lot of real health problems ranging from frequent headaches to high blood pressure to anxiety and so on. Even positive events, during times of chronic stress, can feel overwhelming and sometimes lead us to flip the auto-pilot switch to ON.

The benefits of much-needed time away exceed the reduction in stress levels. It also is good to rest because we can restore ourselves both physically and mentally. We gain clearer thinking when we have lower stress levels and are well rested. And, what should not be a surprise, we also have increased productivity to our jobs, our relationships, our energy, and our lives in general.

Take the breaks. Turn off the notifications from work emails or social services like Teams. They will be there when we return. Take the vacations and enjoy the scenery – whether we travel or stay at home. Get the things once enjoyed outside of work back in sight. Even the shortest of times away can be valuable in restoration.



Amanda Wade
Licensed Professional Counselor

To schedule an appointment, email Amanda Wade
at amandaw@prattcc.edu or call 620-450-2263.

The poster features a background image of a college building with large windows, a green lawn, and a tall flagpole with the American flag waving against a blue sky with scattered white clouds. A white, torn-edge paper graphic is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the text.

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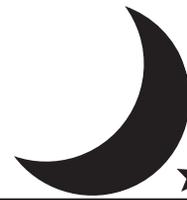
What PCC Offers

The Pratt Community College Welding Program is a hands-on program. Welding students work in a shop environment with newly-purchased, state of the art equipment that they will find in the welding industry. The qualified faculty are Lincoln Certified Welders and are constantly learning the latest technology and earning new certifications vital for finding a job in industry.

Late Night Breakfast

Late Night Breakfast is a campus favorite during Finals Week at PCC. Faculty and staff help prepare food and serve students at 9pm. It was to-go style this year and it was a great turnout.

Students also got a free t-shirt and study snacks to go. Thank you to Student Life, Great Western Dining and faculty and staff for a fun night!



Late Night

BREAKFAST

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"We had a record number of students, had great feedback, and can't wait to do it again. We want to thank the students for a great year and as always the volunteers who helped make late night breakfast possible."

- Brad Luthe, Assistant Director of Residence Life

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PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIP

AUCTION

PCC Foundation Hosted Annual Scholarship Auction Virtually

“Due to Covid-19 restrictions, PCC once again held the annual Scholarship Auction as a virtual event. We are so appreciative of all who participated. Thank you! Our goal this year was \$60,000 and we were able to raise \$55,804 which is 93% of that goal. Attendance at four-year colleges dropped in 2020-21 as a result of Covid-19 and the virtual nature of classes. Students and parents see the value of two-year colleges, and students are now back in classrooms and more excited than ever to learn.

It is with this goal in mind that we are reaching out, seeking your help in raising the additional funds to reach our goal of \$60,000. Will you provide a tax-deductible, charitable gift to underwrite scholarships? If so, please send your check to: PCC Foundation, 348 NE SR 61, Pratt, KS 67124. You also have the option to donate online by visiting prattcc.edu and clicking on the donate button.”

- PCC Foundation Director, Barry Fisher

“Many thanks to our sponsors and donors for making this year another success. Special thanks to Donna Meier Pfeifer and Barry Fisher for their hard work and dedication. We are hoping for an in-person event next May!”

- PCC President, Dr. Michael Calvert



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PCC SCIENCE



PCC Faculty Put on Science Show for Skyline 5th Graders

Physical Science instructor Paul Primrose created a science show when his oldest was in fifth grade. He was teaching at Baylor University in West, Texas at the time.

The grand finale at the show, inspired by Primrose's wife, was the creation of dry-ice ice cream and was met with hefty approval from this particular age group. Primrose was inspired to do another Science Show recently, with the help of fellow science faculty and students.

“Getting to rope some H.S. students or college students into coming along has likely been my second greatest joy; we started doing this because it was a win-win situation. My students tested new parts of the show, worked out the kinks, and used all the critical thinking needed to pull off a good show.”

Primrose headed to Skyline Schools to present the show to Hannah Barilla's fifth grade class.

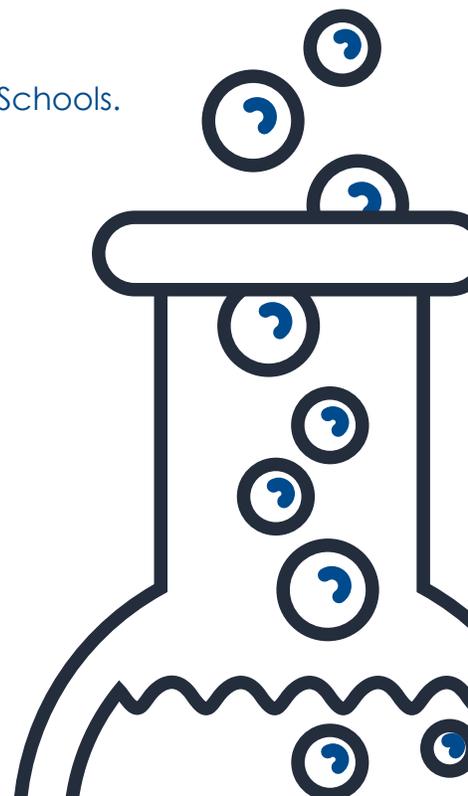
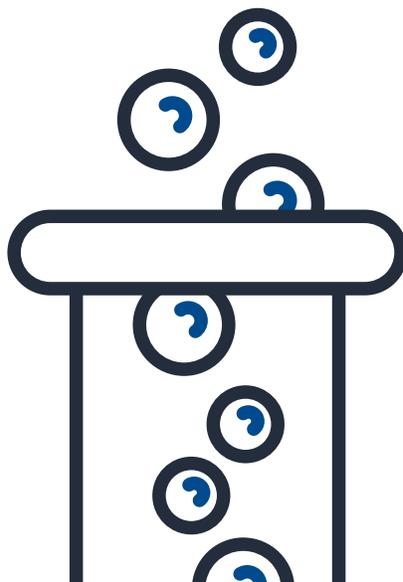
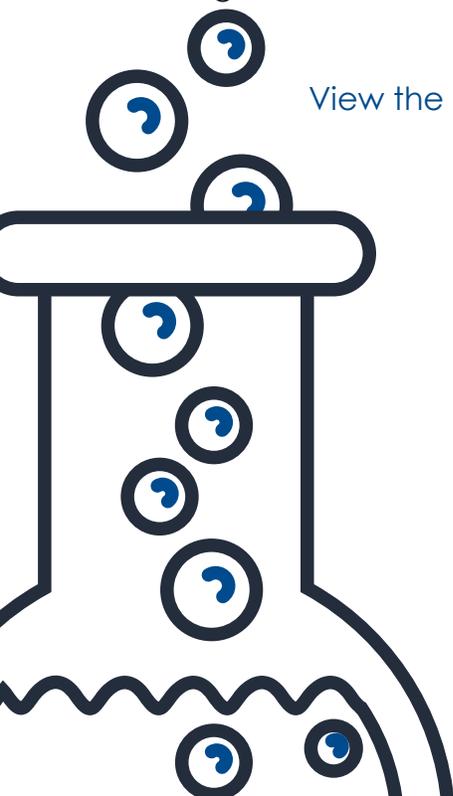
“I am so glad that my two colleagues Jason Ghumm and Kip Chambers, along with a current PCC student Stephanie Holmes, were able to come along and meet about thirty 5th graders on the lawn in front of the skyline schools to do a quick 30-minute show. Our new finale was the implosion of a 55-gallon barrel in a novel way; to my knowledge it might be the first of its kind!”

The Spring 2021 Fundamentals of Chemistry class at PCC helped develop and test the barrel implosion demonstration, which turned out to be the show's biggest attraction. The main ingredients? Hot Hands and peroxide.

“They used Chemistry to determine the amount of heat and gas generated in the needed chemical reaction, and they helped with the practical side; cutting 60 individual “Hot Hands” packets! In closing, our first show is in the books, I think it was a hit.”

It was a big hit indeed, and it was hard to tell who had more fun. They didn't even need the ice cream.

View the video collage of the Science Show at Skyline Schools.
https://youtu.be/r_Qr0xXDqXM





PCC SCIENCE



Student Feature Stephanie Holmes

What do you like most about PCC?

"I like the "small school" feeling where if you need anything you know that you can go and ask about anything especially to get the help you need."

Do you have any favorites activities or classes?

"I enjoy science a lot, a new activity I have tried out this semester that I came to enjoy was the shooting sports class."

Do you have a favorite instructor or classmate at PCC?

"My favorite instructor would have to be Jason Ghumm, I've known him a for a while now and in his classes he always makes the learning fun."

What interests you about science?

"Learning about the different reactions, seeing that things in our everyday life can have the possibility of reacting with something."

Explain your involvement in the science demo at Skyline?

"My involvement was to answer questions that the students had to ask or explain the process."

What were the experiments performed at the demo? How did you help prepare for this?

"The two experiments we performed were the implosion of a 55 gallon barrel and elephant toothpaste. Preparing for the implosion of the barrel, it was a lab experiment that we did in our college chemistry class, we did all the calculations and actually imploded a barrel. From this implosion we learned what we needed to fix and what we needed to leave the same, to make it more impressive for the skyline students."

What do you hope the Skyline 5th graders learn from this demo?

"I hope that they learned that science isn't always boring, you can have fun with the information you learn."

What are your future plans?

"My future plans are to graduate with an associates in biology from PCC in December, I am also currently planning on getting my EMT certification along with that."

How has PCC contributed to your success for the future?

"Being at PCC has helped me plan for my future, helping me get on the right track to get my degree."



PCC SCIENCE



Microbiology Students Hold Mini-Symposium in Library

PCC Microbiology students held a mini-symposium in the Linda Hunt Memorial Library to display what they learned during their research studies on antibiotics.

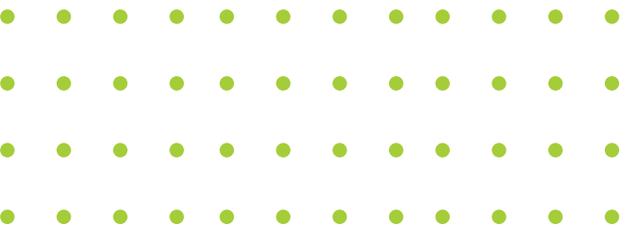
Science Instructor Jason Ghumm explains more about the project:

“Microbiology does a research project based on “Tiny Earth”. This is a program out of the University of Wisconsin. The idea is that undergrads search for antibiotic producing bacteria with the hopes that they find some. They would then send them to UW where the bacteria would be researched further. If the bacteria still stand up to scrutiny, they would then be sent to pharmaceutical companies to produce new antibiotics.

At the end of the semester, we display our research on a poster and hold a mini symposium in the library for anyone to come look and ask questions.”

Numbers for the symposium were kept small for social-distancing purposes, but students were able to answer a lot of questions about what they learned.





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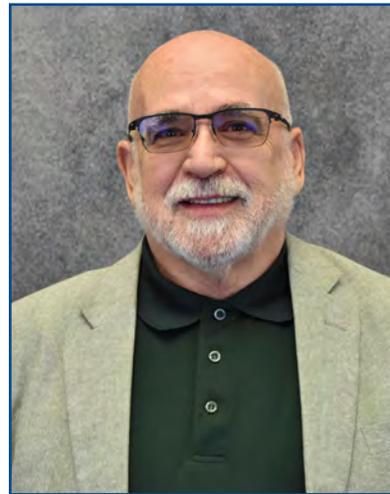
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Congratulations Retiree

Dan Petz

Dan Petz spent 31 years with PCC. A reception was held in his honor to wish him well in his retirement. Dan was our Facilities Director. He looks forward to relaxing, spending time with family and doing yard work on his own time.



Thank you for serving PCC Dan, we will miss you!

Rocky Robinson Named PHEA Teacher of the Year



An outstanding instructor is recognized by the Pratt Higher Education Association during Commencement every year.

The VP of Instruction Monette Depew announced Rocky Robinson as the winner of the PHEA Teacher of the Year, just before many of his students officially graduated from his Wildlife Outfitting and Operations program.

Robinson began teaching at PCC in the Fall of 2018 and is a campus favorite for his hands-on, off-campus approach. There is nothing that he and his students like better than being in the outdoors, unless it's hanging out together in the bow shop on campus.

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Robinson and his students traveled to a fish hatchery and went on a hunting trip in Missouri, and he accompanied the Shooting Sports team to the Nationals competition in Texas.

His students applauded him as much as he applauded them at the graduation ceremony, and it was an honor to be named the PHEA Teacher of the Year.

"I have a lot of respect and admiration for the faculty and staff at Pratt Community College, so it means a lot to me that they chose me to receive this award. We have a great group of students in the WOO program, and they definitely make my job easier. It takes all of us to make the program work, and I've received so much help from so many people at the college. I love this job, and I wouldn't want to be working anywhere else with anyone else."

The Pratt Community College Wildlife Outfitting and Operations program prepares students for a career in the growing commercial industry of recreational hunting, fishing, and outdoor activities.

Learn more about the Wildlife Outfitting and Operations program at PCC.
<http://prattcc.edu/department/wildlife-outfitting-operations>

PCC Announces Recognition Awards

During the 2021 Commencement Ceremonies, Pratt Community College announced the winners of the Dennis Lesh Food Service Award, Instructor of the Year Award, and Staff Award. PCC honors their commitment and quality service to the college. Congratulations!

Jim Lemon



• Dennis Lesh Food Service Award

Jason Ghumm



Instructor of the Year Award

Leigh Ann Hall



Staff Award

Covid-19 Update

Mask Requirement

Pratt Community College

Effective May 24 - August 1

COVID-19 Update

**FACE COVERINGS
ARE RECOMMENDED,
NOT REQUIRED**

throughout campus and in college vehicles
unless physical/social distancing cannot be
maintained.



May 24, 2021

Effective May 24 through August 1st, face coverings are recommended, not required, to be worn throughout campus and in college vehicles unless physical/social distancing cannot be maintained. Campus facility capacities, other than classrooms, will be capped at 40% during the summer or through August 1. Classrooms will continue to maintain six-foot distancing and spaces arranged accordingly.

Pratt Community College continues to manage the risk of COVID-19 and diligently operate during a global pandemic; considering and responding to local, state, and national regulations and guidelines as appropriate. Employees, students, and campus visitors should be prepared to adapt quickly regarding changes with College services, operations, and processes as the College continues to minimize the risk of COVID-19 exposure. In addition, the delivery mode for courses other than online courses is subject to change. The health and safety of College stakeholders are our highest priority. The College website, social media, and prattcc.edu email serve as official modes of communication and will be used to notify students, employees and visitors of updates.

PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE CELEBRATE DIVERSITY TEAM

Celebrating Pride Month

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month is currently celebrated each year in the month of June to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan. The Stonewall Uprising was a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States. In the United States the last Sunday in June was initially celebrated as "Gay Pride Day," but the actual day was flexible. In major cities across the nation the "day" soon grew to encompass a month-long series of events. Today, celebrations include pride parades, picnics, parties, workshops, symposia and concerts, and LGBTQ Pride Month events attract millions of participants around the world. Memorials are held during this month for those members of the community who have been lost to hate crimes or HIV/AIDS. The purpose of the commemorative month is to recognize the impact that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally.

In 1994, a coalition of education-based organizations in the United States designated October as LGBT History Month. In 1995, a resolution passed by the General Assembly of the National Education Association included LGBT History Month within a list of commemorative months. National Coming Out Day (October 11), as well as the first "March on Washington" in 1979, are commemorated in the LGBTQ community during LGBT History Month.

Rainbow Flag Symbolizes Pride

The first versions of the rainbow flag were flown on June 25, 1978, for the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day parade. Baker and a team of volunteers had made them by hand, and now he wanted to mass-produce the flag for consumption by all. However, because of production issues, the pink and turquoise stripes were removed and indigo was replaced by basic blue, which resulted in the contemporary six-striped flag (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and violet). Today this is the most common variant of the rainbow flag, with the red stripe on top, as in a natural rainbow. The various colors came to reflect both the immense diversity and the unity of the LGBTQ community.

It was not until 1994 that the rainbow flag was truly established as the symbol for LGBTQ pride. That year Baker made a mile-long version for the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall riots. Now the rainbow flag is an international symbol for LGBTQ pride and can be seen flying proudly, during both the promising times and the difficult ones, all around the world.



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JOIN US!

CELEBRATE DIVERSITY TEAM MEETS THE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH 3PM | VIA ZOOM

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

STAFF SENATE

PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

hosted a

STUDENT, FACULTY, & STAFF

COURTYARD COOKOUT

PCC's Staff Senate hosted a Courtyard Cookout for students, faculty and staff. An beautiful afternoon packed with food, games, giveaways, and entertainment provided by PCC Encore. PCC President Dr. Calvert manned the grill. Staff Senate partnered with Great Western Dining, PCC Instruction, and Athletics.



See next page for photos
of the event!

**THANK YOU GREAT WESTERN DINING, PCC INSTRUCTION, PCC ENCORE,
AND ATHLETICS**



GO BEAVER SPORTS



Jeret Johnson to Lead Tennis Programs at Pratt

PRATT, Kan.- Following the announcement that men's and women's tennis would be returning to Pratt Community College this fall, the move to find a leader for both programs was swift and decisive. The Beavers have found their man.

During the 2021 spring semester, Jeret Johnson has been named the head coach of the adjacent tennis programs.

"We had a quality pool of candidates for the tennis position," said athletic director Tim Swartzendruber. "Jeret has great experience and local ties. "We felt he would be a great fit at PCC and we are excited to have him join our team. Now that we have added tennis, the Jayhawk Conference has four schools with tennis which allows us to have a Region Championship Meet. That is exciting for sure!"

Johnson, most recently an assistant coach at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida, is originally from Larned, Kansas. The Kansan's collegiate career began at Barton Community College, where Johnson was an Academic All-American. He eventually transferred to Fort Hays State and began his coaching career as a student assistant.

As was noted before, Johnson will be coming to Pratt after a year at Florida Atlantic, where he was responsible for recruiting, on-court strategy, and logistics. Johnson's collegiate coaching stops also include tenures at West Point and the University of Central Oklahoma. He also has experience at the high school level, specifically Larned High School, and was the in-house tennis pro at Highlands Country Club in Garrison, New York.

Johnson graduated from Fort Hays State University with a 3.94 GPA, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in health and human performance. He is certified by the Professional Tennis Registry and the United States



JERET JOHNSON
NAMED
HEAD TENNIS COACH

SPORTS CONTINUED..

Track & Field

Joel Pearson named Track & Field Head Coach

PRATT, Kan.- Josh Campbell, who had led the Beavers track & field program for two seasons, has resigned from his position after accepting the head coaching job at Florida National University. Finding a replacement was a seamless process however, as current head cross country coach/assistant track & field coach Joel Pearson will direct the track & field program going forward.

"I am absolutely honored to lead the Track & Field program at Pratt Community College," said Pearson. "I would like to thank Dr. Michael Calvert and athletic director Tim Swartzendruber for accepting me into the Beaver family and allowing me to lead the program."

Swartzendruber commented on Pearson's in-house promotion, saying "We are fortunate we have someone with such strong track credentials as Coach Pearson already here at PCC. I am extremely happy and excited he has accepted the position as head track coach. He has done a great job in his short time with the cross country program and I am confident he will continue to build our track program as well."

Pratt's athletic director also thanked Campbell for his years of success at the helm of Beavers track & field.

"We appreciate what Coach Campbell has done for PCC track," said Swartzendruber. "He worked through a very challenging last 15 months with COVID and showed great dedication and commitment to Beaver athletics. We wish him the best in his future endeavor."

Pearson concluded his first season as head cross country coach in 2020-21, assisting in the development and coaching of Cross Country and Half-Marathon All-American Zach McPhee.

Before arriving in Pratt, Pearson had spent the previous two years as the Head Cross Country, Track & Field Coach at Mountlake Terrace High School (WA) where the Hawks saw two All-Americans, one State Champion, four school record holders, 25 state qualifiers, a fourth place finish at the WIAA State Cross Country Championships, and a national runner-up in Josh Beam (Steeplechase).

Before representing the Terrace Hawks, Pearson was the Head Cross Country, Assistant Track & Field Coach at Meridian Community College where he coached eight school record holders, 10 All-Americans, Men's National 4x8 Champions (NJCAA Championship Meet Record) and was a vital part of MCC placing fourth at the NJCAA Indoor National Championships.

Prior to Meridian Community College, Pearson worked as the Director of Track & Field, Cross Country at Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee, WI., where his athletes re-wrote the record books with 212 school records, 42 national qualifiers, 34 All-American Honors, a 4 x 800 Drake Relays champion, set an NAIA National Record in the DMR and saw national champions in Phoenix Miller, Supervoid Mack III, Jamal Namous, Jonathan Kiptum, Darryl Simpson, Camille Shiflett, and Daniel Garcia, the most decorated athlete in CSU athletic history. Garcia won multiple national championships, helped set a national record, and was a three-time Regional Athlete of the Year and two-time National Athlete of the Year.

As the Head Coach for Harrier Track Club, an Olympic development program, Pearson has coached many professional athletes, both international and domestic, to national success. Among those athletes are USA Champions, 12 Olympic Trials Qualifiers, and 14 Team USA Qualifiers who competed in the World Track & Field Championships, Pan-American Games, U23 NACAC Championships, Pan American Cup, World RW Championships, World Junior Cross, and World Junior Mountain. Most notably, Oliver Bear Don't Walk IV and Katie Burnett both set world bests in their respective events.

A native of Ferndale, Washington, Pearson holds a Bachelor of Arts degree with double majors in history and coaching from Evergreen State in Olympia and earned his Master of Science in Sport Management from Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee. Pearson is also an instructor for the USA Track & Field (USATF) for their Level 1 and Level 2 curriculums.

He is the son of former American 50-mile record holder and USA Champion Jim Pearson.



SPORTS CONTINUED..

Men's Soccer

Pratt Defeats Central 2-0, Clinches Region VI Title Appearance

PRATT, Kan.- Earlier in the week, the Beavers traveled to Columbus, Nebraska to play the Central Community College Raiders where the Beavers were downed 3-1, halting a five-match winning streak. The Beavers found the perfect opportunity for revenge however, besting the Raiders 2-0 in the Region VI semifinals.

The Beavers were the more offensive side on Saturday, creating 16 shot opportunities, seven of which were on goal, while the Raiders managed only a single shot between the posts on their eight attempts.

Pratt's Nathan Lira opened the scoring only five minutes in. After a Central foul, Martin Cruz Soto lobbed a free kick deep down the left side of the Beavers formation, finding Lira. The Brazilian, seeing the Raiders keeper out of position, chipped a precise shot high and wide into the right side of the net to give the Beavers a quick 1-0 lead.

At the 20-minute mark, the Beavers struck again. A corner kick sent into the box was not cleared by the Central defense, as the ball bounced off both attackers and defenders before landing at the feet of Pratt's Saul Munoz. Munoz's initial attempt was saved by the keeper, though Ethan Hill, positioned in front of goalkeeper Antonio Jimenez, set the ball at his feet before sending a no-look, backwards shot into the corner of the net to extend the Beavers lead to 2-0.

While the Beavers managed 12 shots in the first-half, the home team saw only four shots sent towards goal in the final 45 minutes, as Kevin Kewley directed his team to play more defensively in order to protect the lead. The Beavers back line minimized the offensive attack from the Raiders, as Pratt goalie Rylan Walter's single save took place in the second-half.



SPORTS CONTINUED..

Women's Soccer

Congratulations PCC Sophomores on Signing

3 graduating sophomores committed to continue their academic and athletic careers at 4-year universities. Women's Soccer Coach Ashley Burnett recognized each player for their accomplishments and contributions to the close-knit team before they signed their letters of intent, as teammates and fellow students cheered. Congrats to the sophomores that are moving on to play each other in the same conference.

Danielle Daughtery - McPherson College
Britney Bayer - Bethel College
Morgan Hamm - York College



Women's Soccer

Beavers Outlast Raiders in Penalty Shootout, Advance to Region VI Final



PRATT, Kan.- The #20 Beavers, hosting the program's first-ever postseason appearance, treated the abundance of fans at the Pratt Soccer/Track & Field Complex to quite the show. Following a scoreless 90 minutes, as well as two goal-less overtime periods, Pratt and the Central Community College Raiders ventured into an always-intense penalty shootout. There, the Beavers proved their mettle, winning 7-6 in the winner-take-all shootout.

Over the course of the match's initial 90 minutes, the Beavers managed five shots on goal in 10 shots, while the Raiders saw seven of their 14 shots land between the posts. Per usual, Amaya Myers and Quemberli Merida led the Beavers attack, as the pair combined for eight of the team's 10 shot attempts. Pratt goalkeeper Paige Strausberg was perfect on the day, denying all seven shots on goal.

Though the Beavers were the more timid offensive side, Coach Burnett's team rose to the occasion when it mattered most. Following 110 minutes of scoreless action, the two teams leveraged their postseason hopes on penalty kicks.

Myers and Central's Laura Jovanovic both missed the opening tries, while Kassandra Ramos and Kaylee Grieser were successful for both sides in the second round of attempts. The Beavers' Svenja Arnold was successful in the team's third attempt, while Central's Sydney Weiler was off-target, setting up the Beavers for a winning chance. Merida found the back of the net in the fourth round of the shootout, and was matched by Elizabeth Massucci of Central.

Morgan Hamm approached the ball with the opportunity to seal the win, though her shot was denied by Raiders keeper Rachel Willette. Emily Fisher of the visiting side eventually scored after the Hamm miss, extending the penalty shootout. Both sides scored in rounds six, seven, and eight. Briana Zuniga of Pratt scored what was eventually the match-sealing penalty shot in round nine, as Central's Madison Garrow was unable to sneak her attempt past Strausberg. The win also marks the first and only postseason victory in Pratt women's soccer history.