



## Contents

Your Future Starts Here!	1
Important Dates	2
2024 Commencement Ceremony	3 - 4
Years of Service Awards	5 - 6
Award Recognition	7
Beaver Building Days	8
Scholarship opportunities	8
President's Honor Roll Spring 2024	9
Dean's Honor Roll Spring 2024	10
Student Life	11
Performing Arts Annual Trip	12
Let's Celebrate	13
Beaver Baseball	14
Beaver Track & Field	15
Beaver Tennis	16

## 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](mailto:marketing@prattcc.edu)

## Contributors

Thank you to all of our contributors.

Dr. Kwanna King  
Leah Patterson  
Misty Beck

Charles Keefer  
Kenny McCartney  
Rose Ohlsen

# YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE! WE CAN *Build* IT TOGETHER

## Why Choose Pratt Community College?

Consider the endless opportunities that await you at Pratt Community College. Opting for a community college is a wise financial decision that can facilitate a smoother transition to a four-year institution or the workforce.

Whether you are a first-generation student taking that uncertain first step or looking to enhance your existing skills or to pursue an entirely new career path, Pratt Community College is here to support you!

We offer a wide range of scholarships and financial aid options to assist with expenses and various educational paths to explore. All it takes is that initial step.

Start now by scheduling a campus tour with us online at <https://prattcc.edu/tour>.

Don't forget to include the programs, sports, and activities that may catch your interest.

Enrollment for Fall 2024 is now open, and you can access the class schedules [HERE](#)

It is a great day to be a Beaver!  
#BEAVERNATION



## Quote of the Month

"Some of the best memories  
are made in flip flops."

- KELLIE ELMORE

# June 2024

## *Important dates*

**1st Mini-Session Certification Date**  
June 5th

**Miss Kansas Competition @ Dennis Lesh Arena**  
June 6-8th

**Performing Arts Summer Theatre Camp**  
June 10-21st  
Show performed-June 21 & 22nd @ 7pm

**Beaver Building Day**  
June 12th

**Full Session Course Certification Date**  
June 12th

**Beaver Building Day**  
June 26th

**Second Summer Mini-Session Begins**  
June 27th

# July 2024

## *A look ahead*

**Independence Day Holiday - Campus Closed**  
July 4-5th

**Last Day to Withdraw from Full Session Courses**  
July 12th

**Beaver Building Day**  
July 18th

**Last Day to Withdraw from 2nd Mini-Session Courses**  
July 19th

For more upcoming dates and information, visit [prattcc.edu/calendar](http://prattcc.edu/calendar)



# 2024 COMMENCEMENT *Ceremony*

The 2024 Commencement Ceremonies took place on May 10, 2024, at 1 pm and 3 pm, accompanied by delightful sunny weather that added to the celebratory atmosphere. Having our students' families join us on campus to honor their achievements always brings joy. We take pride in our students and look forward to witnessing the impact they will make in the world! Dr. Calvert captured Commencement selfies at both ceremonies, and they came out wonderfully. Explore more memorable Graduation moments on the next page!



**CONGRATULATIONS**  
*GRADUATES!*



# YEARS OF SERVICE

*Congratulations*

## 5 Years

**Nathan Buchmueller**

**Krystal Eck**

**Daniel Meng**

**Shae Napier**

**Otto Orosco**

**Paul Primrose**

**Julie Shriver**

## 10 Years

**Michael Calvert**

**Michael Emmott**

**Leah Patterson**

**Todd Reller**

## 15 Years

**Mary Marquardt**

## 20 Years

**Michael Jackson**

## 25 Years

**Misty Beck**

**Sarah Jackson**

**Jerry Sanko**

**Dean Senter**

## 30 Years

**Leigh Ann Hall**

## 35 Years

**Monette DePew**

## 40 Years

**Carmen Forest**

**Lisa Kolm**

## 45 Years

**Cathy Blasi**

**Tim Renner**



# YEARS OF SERVICE

*Congratulations*

## Retirees

**Cindy Lambert - 14 yrs**

**Daryl Lucas - 33 yrs**

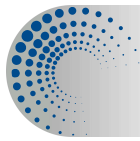
**Dean Senter - 25 yrs**

**Tim Renner - 45 yrs**



# **AWARD RECOGNITION** *Congratulations*

## **Pratt Higher Education Association (PHEA) Instructor of the Year**



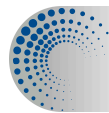
**Paul Primrose**



## **Dennis Lesh Foundation Recognition Awards**

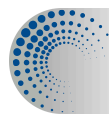


**Food Services**



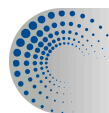
**Madison Tadurs**

**Support Staff**



**Shelly DeClue**

**Instructor**



**Amber Graves**

# PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE **BEAVER**

*Building Days*

**PREPARE FOR FALL 2024**  
& Choose your session

Only 3 days left to choose from

**JUNE**  
12th  
26th

**JULY**  
18th

**SIGN UP NOW!!**

LEARN ABOUT STUDENT SERVICES,  
MEET WITH ADVISORS

*and* **REGISTER FOR CLASSES**



**PRATT**  
Community College


## CHECK OUT OUR SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Deadlines:

- General Scholarships - August 1
- Presidential Above & Beyond - March 31

Contact Financial Aid

 [prattcc.edu/scholarships](http://prattcc.edu/scholarships)

 620-450-2247





# PCC HONOR ROLL SPRING 2024

# PRESIDENT'S HONOR ROLL

## 4.0 GPA

Stefan Aigner  
Curtis Anderson  
Giovanna Andrada  
Malina Ayala  
Chanel Kaoir Beyers  
Sawyer Bowman  
Baylee Brin  
Cayden Brown  
Bonnie Buzzard  
Erica Chang  
Klarissa Colley  
Dylan Crane  
Nash Crosby  
Gavin Djurovic  
Michelle Drabbels  
Dawson Evert  
Liliana Felts  
Igor Fernandes Martins Lange  
Clara Garcia  
Cassidy Garner  
Synetta Gentry  
Sixto Golobart Sanchez

Nicole Gooder  
Rachel Gwartney  
Brittany Hale  
Preston Hammond  
Emma Hendrickson  
Joseph James  
Irene Johnson  
Ethan Johnson  
Victoria Korotkikh  
Trinity Kruse  
Hijiri Kuwabara  
Lilian Kwayera  
Dalton Mantz  
David Michaud  
Maximus Moreno  
Vivian Nguyen  
Joseph Oparaeke  
Kelsey Opitz  
Jaida Osborn  
McKenzie Pattie  
Tabitha Pauly  
Ceaton Pennewell

Benjamin Primrose  
Kyle Reese  
Yuri Reis Ribeiro  
Sadie Rempel  
Brooklyn Richardson  
Aidan Robles  
Michelle Rodriguez  
Gabriel Rodriguez  
Isis Sanders  
Ashley Schmidt  
Taylor Shain  
Cynthia Shrader  
Kareem Small  
Haley Spitzer  
Cole Swan  
Celesta Teijema  
Johnny Thomas  
Hunter Vaughn  
Vickie Wade  
Drew Wardell  
Kathryn Williams  
Cayden Winter



# PCC HONOR ROLL SPRING 2024

# DEAN'S HONOR ROLL

## 3.5 - 3.9 GPA

Emily Acton  
Juan Aguilar  
Samuel Alpers  
Shanelle Altmiller  
Erick Amparan  
Joselyn Andino  
Olivia Arensdorf  
Caden Arzola  
Wyatt Bahm  
James Baker  
Alexander Ballinger  
Gavin Bange  
Noah Bearley  
Katy Beeman  
Kent Berkenmeier  
Kyle Biggerstaff  
Rylan Biles  
Brayson Bird  
Rhett Boughtman  
Victor Brant  
Hew Brown  
Drew Bugner  
Brandon Bumgarner  
Lisa Burgnon  
Madison Butler  
Lincoln Butt  
Jordan Cager-Davis  
Nicholas Carlson  
Monika Castillo  
Natanael Chavez Perez  
Madison Collins  
Emaline Coykendall  
Nolan Craine  
Kade Curnutte  
Crosby Curtis  
Hannah Davies  
Marissa De La Cruz  
Layne DeMoss  
Martin Despodov  
Gustavo Dias Juliani  
Refugio Diaz  
Erubiel Duron  
Thiago Durrer  
Aidan Eidman  
Landon Elling  
Olivia Enick

Amarachi Ezechukwu  
Joao Ferreira  
Connor Foster  
Janet Frazier  
Ethan Froud  
Lauren Galliher  
Graciela Garcia  
Derek George  
Alexander Gillig  
Kaden Glass  
Levi Glover  
Maverick Gnad  
Miles Grippin  
Kamie Haddon  
Colton Hager  
Brayden Hatley  
Brock Herrman  
Brevin Hoffman  
Erica Hornback  
Luke Huslig  
Dana Imankulova  
Dejaunee Jackson  
Serenity Jackson  
Paityn Jahay  
Anastasia Johnson  
Luc Johnson  
Dalton Katz  
Dylan Kermode  
Jaden King  
William Kobold  
Kaden Koch  
Kyron Koehn  
Alexander Koons  
Jeremicah Krehbiel  
Destiny Langley  
Simeon Latinchev  
Jack Lay  
Hugo Leyva  
Maggi Lindenmeyer  
Brittany Livieratos  
Elyse Louderback  
Gabriel Maki  
Rosina Mastroberardino  
Addison Mathes  
Jack McNamara  
Breckyn Miller

Kelden Mills  
Peyton Mitchell  
Rehana Mohammad  
Rhett Monroe  
Dustin Montgomery  
Alexia Moore  
Angel Munoz  
Nicholas Noble  
Alejandro Ordonez  
Carson Padgett  
Robert Patterson  
Jack Pawloski  
Grayson Pennison  
Trace Perry  
Alejandro Ramirez  
Ismael Ramirez  
Gracie Reagan  
Jackson Reich  
Makenna Ricke  
Maddox Riffey  
Emily Ryan  
Timothy Rziha  
Alec Samuelson  
Mike Sandoval  
Joao Victor Mauricio Santos  
Ryan Shaw  
Damjan Simun  
Brant Sipe  
Jonathan Slocum  
Paisley Smyth  
Dylan Stevens  
Matthew StPe  
Zachary Strohl  
Easton Taylor  
Jadyn Thompson  
Naomi Vagher  
Keyra Washington  
Mallory Watson  
Robert White  
Braden Whitson  
Oswaldo Wilson  
Braedan Winter  
Drew Withington  
Rhett Yurko  
Julia Zimmerman  
Seth Zimmerman

# STUDENT LIFE

## Late Night Breakfast

The Late Night Breakfast tradition continues during Finals Week at PCC. Students were greeted by the Residence Life team, served a full breakfast by President Dr. Michael Calvert and members of cabinet, gifted a t-shirt and bag of study snacks and invited to sign each other's shirts to round out the school year.

Thank you to Great Western Dining team. We are proud of all the student accomplishments this year. It's a great day to be a Beaver!!!

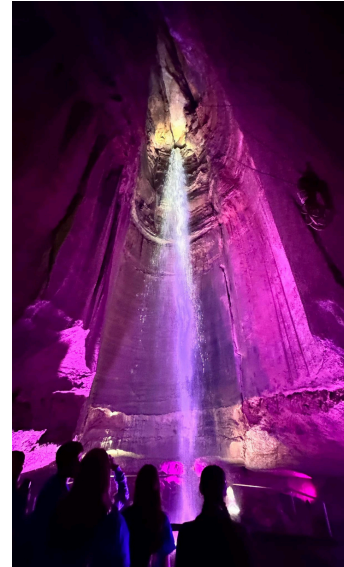


# PERFORMING ARTS

## Annual Trip

PCC's Performing Arts students and sponsors hit the road shortly after Commencement on their annual road trip to Tennessee. They visit Graceland, Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge with many stops in between for food, fun, sightseeing and opportunities to perform.

Local businesses and families sponsor their matching shirts for each day. What an amazing way to enjoy each other and close out the academic year!



# LET'S CELEBRATE

## PRIDE MONTH

June is a special month for many people around the world as it marks the celebration of Pride Month, a time dedicated to honoring the LGBTQ+ community and their struggles for equality.



- Pride Month is observed annually in June to commemorate the 1969 Stonewall Riots in New York City.
- The inaugural Pride parade took place in New York City on June 28, 1970.
- The rainbow flag, designed by Gilbert Baker in 1978, serves as the universal symbol of LGBTQ+ Pride.
- President Bill Clinton was the first U.S. president to formally acknowledge Pride Month in 1999.
- Pride Month features a variety of activities such as parades, workshops, and concerts to advocate for LGBTQ+ visibility and rights.
- Pride Month is embraced worldwide, celebrated in countries spanning across all continents, from the U.S. to South Africa to Japan.

Source: <https://harmonyinbliss.com/pride-month/>

## Juneteenth

Juneteenth, also known by various names depending on the region in the United States, has evolved over the years. Previously referred to as Jubilee Day, Emancipation Day, or Liberation Day, the essence of the holiday remains unchanged.

Juneteenth commemorates the liberation of individuals enslaved by Confederate states in the aftermath of the American Civil War.

Juneteenth  
will be celebrated  
Wednesday,  
**June 19,**  
**2024**

Juneteenth  
became a  
**National  
Holiday**  
in the U.S.A on  
**June 16, 2021**

Enslaved  
people in the  
United States  
were estimated at  
**3,953,760**  
in 1860

During the  
Civil War,  
almost  
**200,000**  
African American  
men served in the  
Union Army and  
Navy

Source: <https://www.usmemorialday.org/>





# BEAVER BASEBALL

## Four Baseball Players Honored with All-Conference Awards

The Pratt Community College baseball team wrapped up their season a few weeks ago in the opening round of the NJCAA Plains District tournament facing the Cavaliers of Johnson County Community College on May 2-3. The Beavers lost the three-game series 2-0 with losses of 8-5 and 9-2. The Beavers finished their season with an overall record of 22-35 with a conference record of 7-25 with a team batting average of .297 with 37 homeruns.

Four players were named to the All-KJCCC Baseball West Division teams. Ben Waliczek was named to the second team and led the Beavers with a .370 batting average and 56 stolen bases. Waliczek finished the season ranked No. four nationally in stolen bases. Sophomores Drew Bugner, Gavin Djurovic, and Gavin Phippen all received honorable mentions.

Bugner led the team with 60 RBIs and had 27 stolen bases with a .332 batting average. Djurovic led the team with 71 hits with a .359 batting average and 57 RBIs. On the mound, Phippen threw 26.1 innings with a 4.78 earned run average and 29 strikeouts.



**#DefendtheDam**



## Joseph Michel Finished Seventh At Nationals

The Pratt Community College track and field team wrapped up their 2023-2024 season at the NJCAA DI Outdoor Track and Field Championships from May 16-18 in Monroe, La. The meet took place on the campus of the University of Louisiana Monroe.

Sophomore Joseph Michel finished his time in a Beaver uniform as an NJCAA All-American finishing seventh in the 100-meter dash finals. Michel finished his indoor season as an NJCAA All-American as well. It has been since 2020 since a Beaver sprinter has finished as an All-American and since 2002 since a track athlete has ended their year as a dual All-American.

The other top result on the men's side was the 4x400-meter relay team finishing eleventh with a time of three minutes and 14.78 seconds. On the women's side the 4x100-meter relay team finished eleventh.





## Beaver Men's Tennis Finish Season at Nationals

The Pratt Community College men's tennis team wrapped up their 2023-24 season on day three of the 2024 NJCAA Men's National Championships in Plano, TX hosted by Colin College. The Beavers sit in sixth place in the rankings with 26 team points. With the championships wrapping up on Friday, May 18 the final standings will be released at that time, but Pratt is projected to finish the highest it has under the helm of head coach Jeret Johnson.

Tournament highlights include a 9-0 day one record with every advancing to round 2 with an 8-0 record after the second day. All six singles players and two of the three doubles teams advanced to the quarterfinals on Wednesday, May 15. This is the earliest time the team was eliminated from the championships, but it is the most athletes Pratt has had play in the quarterfinals. For individual round scores please visit the [gobeaversports.com](https://gobeaversports.com) article.



**#DefendtheDam**