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ROAM THE DOME

Pratt Community College recently launched its inaugural "Roam the Dome" event in conjunction with the Academic Olympics, and it was an outstanding success! A round of applause is due to the admissions team for exemplifying the spirit of PCC with such professionalism and enthusiasm!



Pictured is Jacob R - our Roam the Dome Scholarship Recipient.



Did you know?

An estimated 500,000 King Cakes are sold each year during carnival season.



Pratt Community College

Board of Trustees will be hosting a Special Meeting

-March 10, 2025 at 5:30pm

-Riney Student Center, Room 312

**-Discussion of Nursing Partnership with
Barton Community College - no action to be taken**



DR. JOHN EDGAR

Tidwell



MARCH

9-2025
2:00 PM

Special Speaker

DR. JOHN
EDGAR TIDWELL

Entry

FREE

in the Dennis Lesh Sports Arena
at Pratt Community College

<https://english.ku.edu/people/john-edgar-tidwell>

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CDL Course

Next Class Starts:

March 8, 2025




- **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.

Enroll Today!

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Pratt, KS 67124 



Next Class Starts:
March 08, 2025

NEW to Pratt CC EKG Tech Course

**Next Class Begins:
March 17, 2025**

- **In-Demand Skills:** Join a rapidly growing field in many acute healthcare settings, including hospitals and clinics.
- **Quick Certification:** Become certified as a CET (Certified EKG Technician) through the National Healthcareer Association.
- **Vital Role:** Help diagnose heart conditions and save lives.



Enroll Today!



Next class begins:
March 17, 2025

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Pratt CC EPT Program

Now enrolling for Fall 2025

- **High demand:** In the energy sector, job stability is ensured for electrical power technicians.
- **Lucrative Pay:** Competitive salaries, overtime, and benefits are common in this field.
- **Hands-On:** The job offers a hands-on environment with physical activity and problem-solving.



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Ed Barrett

BOARD OF TRUSTEE RETIREMENT



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Ed Barnett has spent his entire career in the energy industry, working across various aspects from drilling and completion to the pipeline's endpoint. Now in retirement, he continues to sell equipment for Kincheloe three days a week.

Ed and his family relocated frequently for his career in the energy sector. After a period in Pratt, they decided to settle there. "I've always had a strong interest in higher education and a calling to

serve the public," Ed says. "Shortly after moving here, I became involved in the affairs of the community college."

One of the toughest decisions Ed faced on the board was closing the Pratt Community College Nursing Program and partnering with Barton Community College to continue offering a nursing program on campus. Ed graduated from the University of Dallas with a degree in politics. He married his wife, Sharon, in 1979. "I was invited to join the Army in 1969 and received an all-expenses-paid trip to Vietnam from 1970 to 1971," Ed recalls. "I was fortunate to return home with all my bodily parts intact." He has a daughter who lives in Austin with her two children and a son who resides in Pratt.

"If my experience as a board member hadn't been positive overall, I wouldn't have done it for 16 years—I'm not a masochist. There have been many moments of satisfaction. When independent agencies recognize us as one of the finest community colleges in the nation—not just in our state, but in the entire country—that's incredibly gratifying.

No, I didn't personally make that happen. It was the administration, faculty, and staff who made it a reality, but they did so with the guidance and support of the board. That makes me proud to have been a part of it.

When the report came out ranking us third in the nation, I sent it to my sister in Alabama—practically bragging."

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Academic Olympics

PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE HOSTED 18 SOUTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOLS AND OVER 500 STUDENTS AT THEIR ANNUAL ACADEMIC OLYMPICS.

An event that celebrates intellectual curiosity and scholastic achievement. The competition featured a variety of subjects, ranging from mathematics and science to literature and the arts, offering students a platform to showcase their knowledge and skills. Participants engaged in rigorous contests, working both individually and in teams to solve challenging problems and answer thought-provoking questions. The event also included hands-on engineering challenges, such as a popsicle bridge competition and an egg drop contest, where students tested their creativity and problem-solving abilities in real-world scenarios. The atmosphere was electric, filled with excitement and determination as students pushed the boundaries of their academic potential. Beyond the competitive spirit, the event fostered a sense of camaraderie and mutual respect among the participants, highlighting the importance of collaboration and lifelong learning.



Academic Olympics



Ryan Lunt, Newest BOT Member

On February 17, the board unanimously voted to welcome Ryan Lunt as the newest member of the Pratt CC Board of Trustees!

Ryan, a Pratt, KS native, has served as the Environmental Health and Safety Manager at Pratt Energy for the past seven years. Our Ag in Society class even had the opportunity to tour the facility with him back in August!



NextEra visits EPT Students

NextEra visited campus to engage with EPT students about regional opportunities in the renewable energy industry. The session was exciting, with representatives sharing insights on career paths and advancements in sustainable technology. Emphasizing innovation and collaboration, the visit inspired students to pursue potential internships and jobs, igniting their passion to become future leaders in the energy sector.



The interactive Q&A session enabled students to explore the renewable energy industry by asking about its challenges and rewards. It offered valuable networking opportunities with professionals, leaving many students feeling inspired and enthusiastic about contributing to a sustainable future.



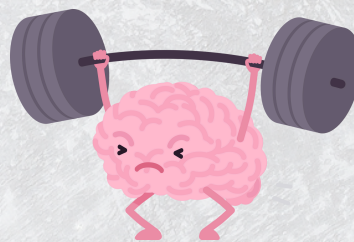
Advocacy Day

Advocacy Day brought together students, faculty, and community members to support important causes. It featured a keynote speech from a local activist, workshops on environmental sustainability and social justice, and a panel discussion with community leaders. The event concluded with a rally highlighting community strength and the importance of collective action, inspiring attendees to pursue their advocacy efforts.



Teeney Training Mental Game Specialists

The Tenney Training session for the Rodeo Team was excellent! Students learned focus, confidence, and resilience strategies, including visualization and self-talk. Participants gained tools for performance improvement on and off the field. Kudos to everyone for their dedication—success starts in the mind!





Athletics

2024-2025

FIRST EVER OKLAHOMA FLAG FOOTBALL ATHLETE SIGNED



Pratt Community College is making history! N. Vazquez became the first-ever Flag Football athlete signed out of the state of Oklahoma. Head coach Abbi Munson, an Oklahoma native, was very excited about the signing. Vazquez starred for East Central High School's championship-winning team in the fall of 2024. Playing an instrumental role in bringing home the state title for her Fighting Cardinals team during the sport's inaugural season of competition.

Coach Munson, when speaking about the signing, said, "Being an Oklahoma native from Wyandotte, OK, I was absolutely thrilled to hear that Tulsa Public Schools started a girl's flag football program. I couldn't wait to come to a game, and Nayeli immediately stood out as a leader. Her energy, focus, and talent led to an offer that very night. We are extremely pleased to make Her-Story (history) here in Oklahoma by signing the first flag football athlete to receive a scholarship to play at the next level."

The signing occurred on February 5, which is also National Girls and Women in Sports Day. The timing could not have been better for anyone involved. Coach Munson is doing a great job with her program and is continuing to grow both it and the sport in general. In Alabama and Virginia, the first player to be signed in the state's history also came to play for Coach Munson. PCC is proud to have Abbi Munson leading their program and to see the impact she has not only on our campus but also nationwide!

read more at gobeaversports.com



Athletics

2024-2025

BEAVER SOFTBALL SPLITS WITH SEWARD COUNTY AT HOME



Pratt, Kan. - The Pratt Community College softball team hosted the Seward County Community College Saints for their home opener on Saturday, March 1. The Beavers split the doubleheader 1-1 to pick up their first conference win of the season.

Game One Recap

In game one, the Saints defeated Pratt 13-4 in five innings. Seward County scored two runs in the first inning and added five more in the second.

In the first game, the Saints secured victory with a six-run fifth inning, totaling six runs, while the Beavers managed four runs, highlighted by B. Shipman's RBI double and contributions from J. Louge, H. Wilson, and L. Arrick.

Game Two Recap

Pratt dominated with an 8-2 win, scoring four runs in the first inning and maintaining their lead. Seward County added a run in the first and a solo home run by H. Michalik in the seventh. K. Stewart excelled with a complete game, allowing only four hits, and contributed offensively with a double and three RBIs. B. Howard and R. Howard each scored two runs, with A. Rodriguez and K. Wardlow adding important RBIs.

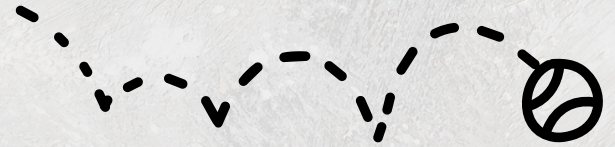




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2024-2025

BEAVER WOMEN DEFEAT TABOR COLLEGE

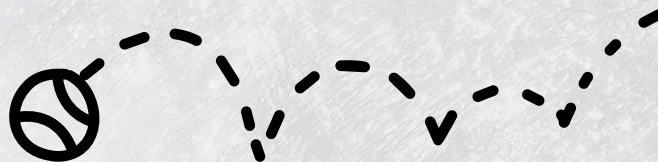


Pratt Community College's Women's Tennis Program traveled to Hillsboro, KS to play Tabor College today, February 21. The Beavers were able to come away with a win 6-1! "The team did everything they were expected to and we are happy with the final result," said Head Coach, Jeret Johnson. The team is now 1-2 on the season and excited to continue to try and build on this match.

Winners from the match were:

- #1 Doubles Smaalders/Russell def Villa/Johnson 6-3
- #2 Doubles Achala/Petersille def Foegen/Boer 6-1
 - #1 Singles I. Smaalders def F. Villa 6-1, 6-2
 - #2 Singles E. Russell def A. Johnson 6-0, 6-0
- #3 Singles H. Petersille def P. Foegen 6-0, 6-1
- #4 Singles I. Achala def C. Boyer 6-0, 6-0
- #5 Singles T. Pauly def M. Bates 6-0, 6-1

The team will be back in action next weekend in Missouri as they play matches with Freed-Hardeman University and William Woods University on Sunday, March 2.



read more at gobeaversports.com

March 2025

Important dates

Special Board of Trustee Meeting
March 10 at 5:30 pm

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

April 2025

A look ahead

Current Student Advising Day - No Classes
April 2

Spongebob the Musical
April 4, 5 from 7:30-9:30 pm
April 6 from 2:30-4:30 pm

Good Friday - Campus Closed
April 18

Faculty Workday - No Classes
April 21

Board of Trustee Meeting
April 21 at 6:00 pm

Beaver Building Day
April 24

Encore Final Concert
April 27 from 2:30-3:30 pm

Awards and Recognition Ceremony
April 29 from 7:00-8:30 pm

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

The Month of M_☘RCH

Mardi Gras

March 4 -(aka “Fat Tuesday” or Shrove Tuesday), which is the final feasting day before the Christian tradition of Lent begins on the following day, Ash Wednesday.



International Women's Day

March 8 - which is a day that not only celebrates the achievements of women and the progress made toward women's rights but also brings attention to ongoing struggles for equality around the world.



Daylight Saving Time

March 9 - which begins at 2:00 A.M. that day. If your area observes it, don't forget to “spring forward” and set the clocks one hour ahead, or you may find yourself an hour late to everything!



Ides of March

March 15 -Legend surrounds this ill-fated day. Beware the Ides of March!



St. Patrick's Day

March 17 - According to folklore, folks wear a shamrock on St. Patrick's Day because the saint used its three leaves to explain the Trinity.



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.

March Student Activities

March 4	Pizza with the President	Beck 9:00pm	Woj 10:00pm
March 5	Softball vs Colby CC	Lemon Park	1:00 + 3:00pm
March 5	W + M's Bball, Halftime Games	Beaver Dome	5:30 + 7:30pm
March 6	Beaver Chat		
March 6	Baseball vs Cloud CC	Stanion Field	1:00 + 3:00pm
March 7	Self Portrait	Commons	7:00pm
March 9	Speaker - Dr. Tidwell	Beaver Dome	2:00pm
March 10	Pizza with the President	Scholarship and North in North at 9:00pm	Novotny at 10:00pm
March 11	Casino Night	Commons	8:00pm
March 12	Flag Football vs Hesston	Bill Keller Sports Complex	6:30pm
March 13	Beaver Chat		
March 14	Man Hunt	Benson	8:00pm
March 15	Softball vs Barton CC	Lemon Park	1:00 + 3:00pm
March 15	Baseball vs Butler CC	Stanion Field	1:00 + 3:00pm
March 17-21	Spring Break		
March 20	Beaver Chat		
March 20	Baseball vs Colby CC	Stanion Field	1:00 + 3:00pm
March 24	Flag Football vs KS Christian, Halftime Games	Bill Keller Sports Complex	4:00pm
March 26	Crazy Weird Talent Show	Beaver Dome	7:00pm
March 27	Beaver Chat		
March 28	Noodle Ball	Bill Keller Sports Complex	6:00pm
March 29	Softball vs Hutch CC	Lemon Park	1:00 + 3:00pm
March 29	Baseball vs Garden City CC	Stanion Field	1:00 + 3:00pm
March 30	Movie Night, FREE POPCORN	Woj	9:00pm
March 31	Flag Football vs KS Wesleyan	Bill Keller Sports Complex	5:00pm
March 31	Softball vs Labette CC	Lemon Park	2:00 + 4:00pm



Student Life Recap

MAT BALL



SCAVENGER HUNT



LATTE KEY CHAINS



TWIN DAY



GAMING TOURNAMENT



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PCC STUDENT LIFE

A promotional graphic for PCC Student Life. It features a light blue background with decorative blue and green patterns. The text "FOLLOW STUDENT LIFE" is prominently displayed in the center. Below this, there are four QR codes for social media: Snapchat, Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok. The Instagram QR code is labeled "PC CSTUDENTLIFE" and the TikTok QR code is labeled "pccstudentlife @prattstudentlife". At the bottom, there is a logo for "PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE PCC STUDENT LIFE".

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Building Days

PREPARE FOR FALL 2025

& Choose your session

APRIL

24th

MAY

20th

29th-EPT

JUNE

11th

25th

JULY

8th-EPT

17th

**LEARN ABOUT
STUDENT SERVICES,
MEET WITH ADVISORS**

and

REGISTER FOR CLASSES

**Registration Opens
January 6th!**



NEED HELP WITH THE FAFSA?

**JOIN A VIRTUAL FAFSA DROP-IN EVENT FOR
ONE-ON-ONE SUPPORT FROM FINANCIAL AID
PROFESSIONALS ACROSS THE STATE OF KANSAS!**

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**

**Find more information
and resources at
KASFAA.org:**



The image features a light-colored wood-grain background with several pink tulips scattered around the edges. The tulips are in various stages of bloom, with some showing vibrant pink petals and others appearing more delicate. The text is centered on the page.

8 March
**INTERNATIONAL
WOMENS DAY**