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PCC Performing Arts Group Takes Annual Trip

Instructors, students and supporters of the Pratt Community College Performing Arts department took their annual end-of-year trip as the school year came to an end. This is the sixth year the department has organized this trip for students to Tennessee and surrounding areas for a week of music, entertainment and fun.



Eleven students traveled from Pratt to Missouri and on to Tennessee making different stops along the way and doing what they do best, performing. The group of students and adults began their trip on May 12 driving from Pratt to St. Louis, Mo. where they continued the tradition of sight-seeing along the way including the St. Louis Zoo.

The Tennessee trip continued with stops in Pigeon Forge, Gatlinburg and Memphis where they combined sight-seeing with live performances at tourist spots.

PCC sophomore, Kwanza Jones, who graduated in said this trip holds a special place in her heart as this is the last time she will get to go with this group.

"This year the trip for me was very bittersweet," said Jones. "I got to see a lot of familiar faces and welcoming hugs! A lot of smiles and a few tears on the way home."

The group visited the popular Dollywood theme park to soak up some Blue Grass musical entertainment as well as a variety of other genres where they performed for guests at the park and played a "selfie" scavenger hunt throughout the park snapping photos of popular attractions and people.

They also performed at the popular Country Tonite Show in Pigeon Forge on stage as the opening act.

"The Country tonight show was absolutely amazing this year," said Jones. "Opening for them is always such an honor."

The PCC performing arts department organizes this annual trip with help from staff, faculty and the Pratt Community.

"We are so grateful to all of the wonderful individuals and businesses who have helped us this year by coming to our shows, participating in our fundraisers, sponsoring shirts and supporting us through your positive thoughts and encouragement," said Misty Beck, PCC instructor.

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FEATURED ALUMNUS

Marvin Proctor

One hundred dollars – the amount may seem insignificant to some, but to Marvin Proctor, the \$100 scholarship he received to attend Pratt Community College in 1957 would be the start to an education that would provide him a lifelong career with the institution, even if he did not know it at the time.

Proctor graduated from Haviland High School in the spring of 1957 as one of the top three students in the class. Since the principal did not award valedictorians or salutatorians, all three were announced as the top student to the three different schools they decided to attend. That summer, Proctor received a visit from a Pratt Junior College recruiter.

"The recruiter was talking to my dad and me," said Proctor. "He said if I did well in school, he could offer me a scholarship. I told him that would be very nice. That's what we need. He offered me a \$100 scholarship for two years, because the tuition at the time was \$25 a semester."

Aside from the substantial difference between the cost of tuition in 1957 to today, Proctor recalls the price of textbooks being quite different as well.

"I had to buy all my books," said Proctor. "I still have one of my old trigonometry books and it shows the price of it was \$6. It's all relative."

The \$100 scholarship paid off. Proctor graduated as the top male student at Pratt Junior College in 1959.

"I was awarded the Porter

Scholarship for being the top male student," said Proctor. "I got another \$100. When I was still teaching here, the scholarship was worth \$2,500, but they were splitting it up between several people. When I graduated, the total amount was \$100. That shows what the value of an endowed scholarship is over time."

Proctor put the scholarship he was awarded into good use. He attended Kansas State University to become an engineer. However, his original plans did not quite pan out.

"I am one of the very few people who left engineering because I actually liked mathematics, rather than the other way around," said Proctor. "So, I became a math major. I graduated with a degree in mathematics at K-State and took their teaching block so I could start teaching."

The next fall, Proctor started teaching at Buhler High School. He taught there for three years before deciding he wanted to move on to bigger things.

"After teaching at Buhler, I applied for an academic year fellowship at the University of Illinois in mathematics," said Proctor. "I found out later there were over 700 applicants and they only accepted 45 of us."

Proctor spent the next full year – regular term and summer term – attending the University of Illinois to obtain his Master of Arts degree.

"When I attended K-State, I got my Bachelors of Science degree," said Proctor. "I thought that was what you



were supposed to do in mathematics. When I arrived at Illinois, I met a fellow who said he had a degree in science and now he wanted one in arts. I decided that sounded good to me as well, so I got a Master of Arts degree instead of science. Then, over the years, I became really convinced that mathematics is more of an art and not a science. It's a humanities. It's a language. It has its own vocabulary. So that's the way I view it – as an art and not a science."

After graduating from the University of Illinois, Proctor needed a place to teach. As Proctor realized, faith works in funny ways.

"One of my math instructors at Pratt Junior College knew my wife's parents very well and knew that I was graduating," said Proctor. "I spoke with him and he put in a word to the

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president at the college. They contacted me and asked me to apply to teach at Pratt.”

Proctor had thought about applying at other colleges, but decided applying to Pratt Junior College would be a better idea.

“I loved my experience there as a student,” said Proctor. “So that’s what I did. I applied to teach there and I got the job in 1966.”

Proctor spent the next 38 years teaching a wide variety of math classes. He recalls teaching everything from beginning math classes such as Survey of Math and Beginning Algebra all the way through Calculus III and Differential Equations.

“My favorite class to teach would have to be calculus because I had really good students,” said Proctor. “Another class that was my favorite was intermediate algebra, because of the students’ motivation. The people were in that class because they knew they had to be. They had to pass college algebra to graduate and they had to have that class to do it. They were very self-motivated.”

The night classes he taught were also some of his favorites because they usually had adult learners.

“They were almost my favorite because they were so motivated as well. They needed to succeed. They worked hard and I found that interesting,” said Proctor.

During his 38 years teaching, Proctor recalls several changes to the school and technology in itself that made his job of teaching mathematics easier. One of the major changes included the popularization of calculators.

“When the calculator came about, I thought it was great,” said Proctor. “They developed so fast. The first calculator I saw was being sold in a store downtown. It had a cable with a stylus attached to it. You had

to pick the stylus up and touch the pad to complete the circuit instead of punching a key.”

Proctor wasn’t opposed to using calculators in the classroom. The first time he recalls seeing a calculator in one of his classes was by an older gentleman who came back to school.

“He wanted to be an engineer,” said Proctor. “He bought a Hewlett-Packard 45 for around \$460. Soon they came out with the Model 35, which cost around \$100 less. That’s when most of us settled in and we got those. They were replaced a few years later by one at Walmart that cost \$14.”

Aside from the changes in technology, Proctor also recalls moving from the old central school to the building where PCC is today.

“One thing that is kind of memorable is the move from the old central school to here,” said Proctor. “I, being one of the newest members of the faculty, didn’t know you were supposed to say no to certain things! Somebody suggested that I should chair the moving event. I had to oversee that every room was taken care of in some way.”

The major equipment and rooms, such as the President’s office, were contracted to be moved with Wegele Moving, a company that was located downtown. The instructors were responsible for moving their own materials themselves. Students volunteered to place books from the library in their vehicles and drive them to the new building, where they were then stacked up until they were able to be placed on the proper shelf.

“Overall, it was really fun,” said Proctor. “I had a map of the whole new building and had to try to keep people going in the right place. People would get turned around so fast in the pods where the class-rooms are located. It caused total

confusion! Nobody knew where they were, but we got it all moved eventually.”

Proctor and his wife, Eunice, are still located in the Pratt area. He currently serves on the Foundation board. Despite retiring in 2004, he still does what he can to support the students at PCC. He recently sold half of his antique tractor and engine collection at an auction where he raised enough money to set up an endowed scholarship.

The Marvin L. Proctor Family Scholarship will be available for students starting in the fall. The recipients are required to have at least a 2.5 GPA in high school and maintain a 3.0 GPA while at PCC. The scholarship is not restricted to any program or major in particular, giving all students a chance to better themselves and a chance to make a difference in their lives, just as the \$100 scholarship he received did to him.

“The \$100 scholarship I received made a difference in my life. It really did,” said Proctor. “The students are important. Without them, the college wouldn’t exist. We need to support the students.”

This year we celebrate this grand anniversary and remember those who’ve walked through these halls. Each month during 2018 PCC is proud to feature stories and memories from alumnae, community members and faculty who have helped see our institution and mission grow. If you would like to share an experience or memory or be considered for one of our monthly features contact Jessica Sanko, 620-450-1292, jessicas@prattcc.edu.

2018 Dennis Lesh Teacher of the Year Awarded to Rhonda Westerhaus

Each year, Pratt Community College awards a faculty member the Dennis Lesh Foundation Teacher Recognition Award at commencement. The prestigious award is based on nominations from students, faculty and staff.

Rhonda Westerhaus, education instructor, won the award this year.

“Rhonda is an extremely optimistic and positive person in everything she does,” said Carol Ricke, business instructor. “She shows a genuine concern for her students. She’s always working hard to make sure they can be successful in and out of the classroom.”

Westerhaus is the sponsor of Club International and is known to support students in many ways. She attends athletic events, academic ceremonies, and assists with student activities every chance she gets. She is also known for her enthusiasm and caring nature in the classroom.

“Rhonda is a busy person that really enjoys helping out,” said Ricke. “Students are at the top of her list to support. She is the first one to provide help to students when they need something. The support is in both, in and out of the classroom. I can’t think of anyone on our campus that provides as much support to our students than Rhonda.”

Westerhaus has spent the last 26 years teaching. She loves putting ideas together and helping students connect those ideas. She believes disinterest from the students is the most challenging part of her job, but enjoys coming up with ways to make her subjects more intriguing for the students.

Westerhaus is a member of the Stafford and Kingman High Schools’ advisory committees. She is currently the co-chair on the Faculty Assessment Learning Committee (FALC) and a member of the American Association of Teachers of German, which provided her a trip to Germany to improve her proficiency in the language last summer. She has also served on the Foundation board and Auction Committee for many years.

“I am very appreciative to the students and faculty who nominated me,” said Westerhaus. “It is an honor to receive this award.”

The Dennis Lesh Foundation Teacher Recognition Award is awarded annually to a Pratt Community College teacher who is recognized as an excellent teacher, student advocate and exhibits general care and concern for the student body. The recipient is presented \$1000 during commencement to be used to enhance the recipient’s skills and abilities.



Annual Food Services Recognition Award Presented to James Lemon

Each year at Pratt Community College commencement a member of the staff in Food Services at the college is recognized for their continuing efforts to PCC's students.

This year, James Lemon, Snack Bar Supervisor for Beaver Bites, received the award announced at graduation.

The Dennis Lesh foundation Food Services Recognition Award of \$500 is to be awarded to a Food Services employee who, by his or her actions, exhibits courtesy, care and concern for students and is known for the quality of service that he or she consistently provides them.

Lemon was nominated by PCC students and staff and selected by a committee in the Foundation.



Jackson Wins First Annual Dennis Lesh Foundation Support Staff Recognition

Pratt Community College announced the first annual winner of the Dennis Lesh Foundation Support Staff Recognition Award at commencement.

The award is presented to a PCC support staff employee who, by his or her actions, exhibits courtesy, care and concern for the students. They are known for the quality of service that he or she consistently provides them.

Amy Jackson, Director of Student Success Center, received the \$500 award at graduation.

Jackson was nominated by PCC students, staff, and faculty members then selected by a by a committee in the Dennis Lesh Foundation.



PCC Completes Renovations to the Sports Performance and Fitness Center

Pratt Community College held a ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate the completion and opening of the newly renovated and revitalized Sports Performance and Fitness Center. The weight room at PCC has had a few different floor plans here on the current campus. The lower level of the Riney Student Center has always been its home, but it has spent time in both the north and south rooms of Riney. Those who used the equipment housed in the room, would have described it as sufficient to get basic strength training done, but it had definitely seen better days. There was also a genuine concern about improving the cardio equipment. Discussions have been ongoing for several years to design and implement plans to upgrade and add the kind of equipment which could be used by student-athletes, the general student population, faculty and staff.

The Sports Performance and Fitness Center boasts the utilization of both the north and south rooms in the lower level of the Riney Student Center. Advanced Exercise helped put together the plans and choose the equipment to outfit both rooms.

Pratt Community College President Dr. Michael Calvert said, "We are very excited to make necessary upgrades to our fitness center. This newly remodeled facility will certainly aid in the training of student-athletes at PCC and should make positive impacts in the recruitment of new students to PCC. The best part is that all students and PCC faculty and staff can use the new equipment. We are appreciative of the PCC Board of Trustees for their support and approval of the use of student fees to fund this much-needed project".

The focus of the north room is the cardio equipment. It houses four treadmills, a stair climber, two ellipticals and both a recumbent and upright stationary bike. These items will allow our students, faculty and staff to have a place to improve their fitness and general wellness, in addition to decreasing stress. The room also houses a multifunctional fitness piece called the Synrgy 360T. It has multiple chin up bar alignments, a land mine station, a set of TRX bands, an adjustable height step up platform, and an adjustable height dip handle. This set of stations allows users to be more creative with their workouts and execute some of the current fitness trend exercises. For those who prefer using dumbbells for their training, it holds a set of dumbbells ranging from 5lbs to 30lbs.

The south room is geared more towards strength and conditioning and the Olympic style lifting programs utilized by several of our athletic teams. This room houses six half racks which hold two Olympic power bars to allow two users to be at work at once on one rack. Each rack is outfitted with weight plates and bumper plates ranging from 2.5lbs to 45lbs, a multi-adjustable bench, a set of power blocks that

range from 12.5lbs to 125lbs, a multi-height plyo box, a landmine attachment, a set of med balls, and a set of strength bands. The room also holds a dual-functional trainer with two cable pulley stations and a multi-adjustable bench allowing for a variety of functional training exercises. Additionally, there are two TV's installed for instruction, visual aids, and athletic training program use.

Student workers will be on staff from 9am-9pm Monday through Friday while classes are in session. They will be able to help people learn to operate the equipment and give some general descriptions for use. PCC offers a variety courses geared towards health and fitness including yoga, beginning and advance weightlifting, and exercise techniques. With the expansion of this facility there is a possibility of more courses being offered in the future. If you would like help putting together a personalized training program, please see Carmen Forest or Coach Ken Kepley.



Trustee Mike Koler and PCC President Dr. Michael Calvert cutting the ribbon



PCC Athletics coaches and staff, faculty and staff showing support for the newly renovated fitness center

PCC Welcomes The 2018 Miss Kansas Pageant

This year, Pratt celebrates 63 years of hosting the Miss Kansas Pageant. Pratt Community College is the longtime provider of the pageant's unique venue and a major in-kind sponsor. The event, which brings hundreds of people into the community from around the state, has been held on campus for over half of its history in Pratt. The pageant is held in the college's Dennis Lesh Sport Arena, and contestants spend the week residing in the college residence halls.

PCC is also an in-kind scholarship sponsor, meaning that it is one of 20 higher education institutions in the state that partners with the Miss Kansas organization to offer scholarships to contestants, contingent upon eligibility and specified requirements. Many Board of Regents schools are facing funding cuts and in numerous cases, in-kind scholarships are the best option for Kansas women to complete their degrees and graduate on time.

The pageant will be held June 6, 7 and 9. Miss Kansas 2018 & Miss Kansas' Outstanding Teen 2018 will be crowned June 9 in the Dennis Lesh Sports Arena.

Providing facilities and services for a large scale event like the pageant is just one of the ways that PCC celebrates being part of the Pratt community. Our mission is maximum student learning, individual and workforce development, high quality instruction and service, and community enrichment. Each year, the members of the PCC family contribute more than 13,000 hours in community service and engagement to South Central Kansas. Our middle name is community.



PCC Theater Kids Camp to Perform Madagascar – A Musical Adventure JR.

Take a journey out of the zoo and onto the stage with your favorite friends from the blockbuster DreamWorks film, Madagascar, for this year's summer music theatre camp production.

Join Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Melman the Giraffe, Gloria the Hippo and, of course, those hilarious, plotting penguins as they bound onto your stage in the musical adventure of a lifetime. Based on the smash DreamWorks animated motion picture, Madagascar – A Musical Adventure JR. follows all of your favorite crack-a-lackin' friends as they escape from their home in New York's Central Park Zoo and find themselves on an unexpected journey to the madcap world of King Julien's Madagascar.

The PCC performing arts department will host 110 area students, ages 4-11 for the production including camp alumni, sixth grade and up, as camp counselors and production techs.

The camp begins June 11 and ends on June 23 with their final performance of Madagascar – A Musical Adventure JR.

The two week camp includes one week of learning staging, music, crafts and costumes, games and library time with the last week dedicated to putting the show together.



"The success of theater camp is truly because of our helpers," said Beck. "They have gone through the camp before and know what to expect. They are great with the kids and want to have fun right with them."

Kid's camp wraps with a two-night performance of Madagascar – A Musical Adventure JR., on June 22 and 23 both shows begin at 7 p.m. in Carpenter Auditorium. Tickets are sold at the door for \$5.

Pratt County Wheat Variety Plot Tour Takes Place on PCC Campus

On May 16, farmers, agronomists, and more gathered at a wheat plot planted south of the baseball field at Pratt Community College to learn more about different varieties of wheat. Approximately 50 people attended the event hosted by the Pratt County K-State Research and Extension office.

Romulu Lollato, KSU Extension Wheat & Forage Specialist, described 22 different types of wheat that were all planted on October 26-27, 2017. All varieties of wheat had the same applications and were from Kansas State University, Oklahoma State University, Kansas Wheat Alliance, Limagrain, Syngenta, and Westbred. He explained that every type of wheat is maturing later and growing shorter than normal due to a delay in planting and lack of moisture.



KSU Extension Plant Pathologist, Dr. Erick DeWolf, discussed the various diseases that occur in each type of wheat. The lack of moisture impacted the all of the wheat on a positive note as all diseases presented themselves at a low level.

Dr. Sarah Zukoff, the Southwest Area Extension Entomologist, provided an insect update during the session. She explained that brown wheat mites have been bad this year and she has been seeing some cut-worms. Participants assisted Dr. Zukoff in collecting bugs from the wheat using a capture net during the tour.

The event was sponsored by The Farmers Cooperative Equity Co., Kanza Cooperative, Skyland Grain, Kansas Wheat Alliance, Alliance Ag & Grain, and Scoular. The PCC Ag Department under the direction of agriculture instructors Lori Montgomery and Barrett Smith assisted with wheat in preparation for the event.



Club 62+ Announces Schedule of Events for Summer & Fall 2018

Pratt Community College announces the Summer 2017 activity schedule for Club 62+ and invites eligible members of the public to participate. Club 62+ is a community organization for residents of Pratt, Kingman, Barber, Kiowa and Stafford counties who are 62 years of age and above.

There is no cost for membership in Club 62+ and benefits include access to exclusive programs and activities, free admission to home sporting events at the college, and waived tuition for any college course (fees and book costs still apply).

Susan Mayberry, coordinator of Club 62+ has released the schedule for the summer.

For more information about Club 62+, please contact Mayberry at 620-450-2184 or SusanM@prattcc.edu.



Summer/Fall 2018 Schedule

Stearman Field Bar & Grill and Infinity Art Glass // June 21, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. \$10 plus lunch. RSVP by June 10

We will visit the Infinity Art Glass and view Scott Hartley's hand-blown art work. We will be having lunch at Stearman Field Bar and Grill. (They will be charging us a twenty percent gratuity because of our large group.) Easy going American eatery with a cavernous patio overlooking classic planes on landing strip. Both of these establishments are located in Benton, Ks.

Dodge City Casino // July 23, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$10 plus lunch. RSVP by July 15

Transportation will be provided to the casino in Dodge City for or a day of fun. You will be responsible for your own lunch at the casino. We must have 20 or more people to make this trip possible.

Field Station: Dinosaurs // August 20. 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. RSVP by Aug. 13. Cost TBD

Field Station Dinosaurs is a world-class family attraction that brings more than 40 animatronic, lifelike dinosaurs to Derby, KS. From well-known dinos like the Stegosaurus, Triceratops, Brachiosaurus and fearsome T. rex to dinosaurs found in the Smoky Hills of Kansas (Niobrarasaurus, Nyctosaurus, Tylosaurus), families will get a chance to explore the natural habitats of these ravenous beasts and leave knowing they have become scientists in the field of paleontology.

Hutchinson Cosmosphere // September 18, 9 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. \$10 plus lunch. RSVP by Sept. 5

"AMERICA'S MUSICAL JOURNEY" celebrates the unique diversity of cultures and creative risk-taking that characterize America, as told through the story of its music. The film follows Grammy Award®-nominated singer and songwriter Aloe Blacc as he traces the roots of America's music through the colorful locales and cultures where it was born. Visiting iconic cities such as New Orleans, Chicago, New York City, Nashville, Memphis, Miami and more, "AMERICA'S MUSICAL JOURNEY" explores the collision of cultures that gave birth to America's diverse musical heritage. "AMERICA'S MUSICAL JOURNEY" is a MacGillivray Freeman film produced in association with Brand USA and presented by Expedia.

Dodge City Casino// October 23, 9 a.m. -5:00 p.m. \$10 plus lunch. RSVP by Oct. 10

Transportation will be provided to the casino in Dodge City for a day of fun. You will be responsible for your own lunch at the casino. We must have 20 or more people to make this trip possible.

Dillon Lecture Series Doreen Walsh// November 6, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$10 plus lunch. RSVP by Oct. 25

Flight attendant on US Airways flight that landed on the Hudson River - "Miracle on the Hudson". If you had only 90 seconds to focus the survival skills of those around you, what would you do? This is the question Doreen asks, it's the question she answers, it's the story she tells.

PCC Student Athletes Make Impact on Community in 2017-18

Pratt Community College student athletes made great contributions to the Pratt Community both on and off the field of play during the 2017-18 school year. As an athletic department, PCC athletics had a total 3,758 hours of community service across 12 athletics programs.

The women's sport with the most community service hours was volleyball with 588 hours. For the second year PCC volleyball participated in the Samaritan's Feet equipment fund raiser. Partnering with Dodge City Community College, the two teams collected packages of socks, pairs of shoes, and various other volleyball equipment and athletic apparel for impoverished children, especially in the African continent.



Out of all the PCC athletic programs wrestling led the way with 909 hours of community service. PCC wrestlers accrued these hours by cleaning facilities across the PCC campus and in the community. They also set up and broke down various community events for the Pratt community. A highlight for the wrestlers for community service was contributing in various wrestling camps and clinics, and participating with the USA Kansas wrestling regional training center practices.

Congratulations to all PCC student athletes for their contributions to the community during the 2017-18 academic year.

PCC Track & Field Finishes Season at 2018 NJCAA National Meet

Pratt Community College track and field team finished the 2018 outdoor season with the 2018 NJCAA outdoor track and field national meet. Nine runners competed for the Beavers over the course of the three day meet.

In the men's 100m dash Jevony Murray ran a time of 10.53 for a top 15 finish. Murray also competed in the 200m dash. He finished with a time of 21.41. In the 400m race, Robert Maston ran with a time of 48.36. The men's 800m race saw Elijah Battle finish with a time of 1:58.55. Kylan Wess competed in the 1500m with a time of 4:21.75.



The women's 200m saw Anysia Romain run a time of 25.79 for the Blue and White. Feja Hodges competed in the 400m race finishing with a time of 1:00.35. In the 400m hurdles, Madeline Jacobsen ran with a time of 1:06.31. The 4x400m relay team of Ashley Marcelin, Hodges, Jacobsen, and Romain ended the 2018 season with a time of 4:00.93. Aminata Kenyawani was the last Beaver runner competing at nationals. In the 5000m race Kenyawani finished with a time of 20:12.17.

"It wasn't the greatest meet of the season for us, but this national meet was a huge stepping stone leading into next season," said Jamaal Barnes head track and field coach at PCC. "We ran nine kids this past weekend, and seven were freshman who will be back next year. That's what this season was about for me, building to set us up for a big year in 2018-19. I'm happy about the work our sophomores put in to guide us, and I wish them the best in their future endeavors. Moving forward our focus is to finish recruiting and prepare for the 2018-19 track season."

PCC Athletics Excels Academically in 2017-2018

Pratt Community College student athletes had a great year in 2017-18 both in their fields of competition and in the classroom with various awards, recognition, and high marks in grades.

Juliana Alarcon-Diaz received several awards for her contributions to the PCC community off of the basketball court at the annual student achievement awards. A sophomore guard for women's basketball, Alarcon-Diaz was awarded by the PCC Club International as the outstanding international student. She was also awarded for her role this past year as a residence assistant in the residence life department.



Alarcon-Diaz was not the only student athlete awarded by residence life. Student athletes made up 16 of the 22 residence assistants in the dorms at PCC. Each residence assistant was awarded for their contributions in the residence halls and at events sponsored by residence life throughout the 2017-18 school year.

Sophomore volleyball player Kwanza Jones was recognized for her contributions to PCC performing arts. For her two years of work for performing arts, Jones was recognized as an awesome sophomore with the rest of the performing arts students.

In the classroom, four of the PCC athletic teams (volleyball, women's soccer, women's track, and wrestling) had above a 3.0 cumulative grade point average as a team. The women's sport with the highest GPA was volleyball with a 3.35 team GPA. Wrestling led the men's sports in GPA with a GPA of 3.1. PCC athletics had 24 NJCAA academic all-americans.

The highlight of the 2017-18 academic year was with graduation. 56 PCC student athletes graduated this year out of a total 2018 class of 218 students.



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Congratulations Class of 2018!

