

# COMMUNITY REPORT

## 2018-2019



The Mission Of Pratt  
Community  
College is

Maximum  
Student  
Learning

Individual &  
Workforce  
Development

High Quality  
Instruction &  
Service

Community  
Enrichment



# PRATT Community College

## WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED.

With a rich history, Pratt Community College is a two-year public, comprehensive community college and an area vocational school. We offer a well-rounded general education for the student planning to transfer to a four-year college or university. For our technical students, we provide the skills needed to enter directly into the workforce.

PCC provides an active campus environment for more than 350 residents housed in six residence halls. In addition to numerous student activities, the college offers over a dozen student organizations and clubs with additional opportunities to participate in music, arts, and athletics.

PCC is a member of the highly competitive NJCAA Region VI, Jayhawk West Conference and offers seven men's and seven women's athletic programs.

**The mission of Pratt Community College is maximum student learning, individual and workforce development, high quality instruction and service, and community enrichment.**

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# CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE

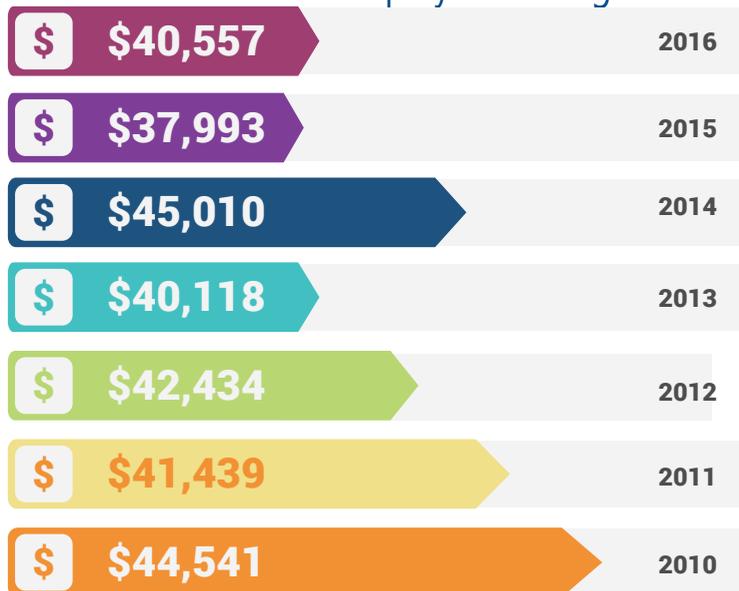


Pratt Community College was recently ranked one of the top community colleges in the nation for the third year in a row from the 2018 Best and Worst Community Colleges by Wallethub, a company dedicated to helping people efficiently attain top wallet fitness. In 2017 PCC ranked 16 in the nation. In 2016 PCC ranked 14. Overall, PCC remains in the top 5 percent of all 715 community colleges ranked sitting in at number 36 on the list as well as being the second best community college in Kansas according to their metrics.

The three main categories reviewed were cost/financing, education outcomes, and career outcomes. Out of the 715 community colleges reviewed PCC ranks 7 overall on the list in career outcomes which, by their standards, includes measuring the starting salary for graduates to cost of education (return on investment), student loan default rate, median salary after attending (10 years after entering school) and comparison of former student earners with a salary above \$25,000 (average earnings of a high school graduate aged 25 to 34).

PCC ranked 80 on the list overall in education outcomes. This metric measures first-year retention rate, graduation rates and transfer rates as well as student to faculty ratios.

## PCC Grads Highest Paid Last 5 of 7 Years First Year of Employment Wages



Pratt Community College students graduating with an associate's degree between 2008 and 2015 have a higher first year of employment annual wage than the Kansas community college sector average. This comes from a study done by the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) Foresight 2020 report.

The average annual wage for first time earners who graduated from PCC with an associate's degree in 2015 is \$37,993 which is higher than the Kansas community college sector average of \$33,239.

PCC students graduating with an associate's degree between 2008 and 2014 have a higher first year of employment annual wage than the average of associate's degree and bachelor's degree graduates in that same time from all Kansas public colleges and universities.

This information comes as the seventh installment of data from Foresight 2020, a 10-year strategic agenda approved by the Kansas Board of Regents for the state's public higher education system. Established in September 2010, the plan sets long-range achievement goals that are measurable, reportable, and ensures the state's higher education system meets Kansans' expectations.

# ACHIEVEMENT AND RECOGNITION

## CAROL RICKE RECEIVES 2019 ACBSP TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD

Carol Ricke, Full-Time Instructor, Program Coordinator, and Chair at Pratt Community College has been named a regional recipient of the 2019 ACBSP Teaching Excellence Award. The Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) recognizes individuals each year who exemplify teaching excellence in the classroom.

Ricke will be honored, along with other regional recipients, at the ACBSP Conference 2019, June 21-24 in Houston, Texas. She will receive a crystal medallion and a \$250 check. Two International Teaching Excellence Award recipients, one from a baccalaureate/graduate degree-granting institution and one from an associate degree-granting institution, will be announced at the Salute to Regions ceremony. As a regional recipient, Professor Ricke is now a candidate for the international award.

"New ideas are stimulating to Carol so adapting to the newest and latest is what Carol does. Students are not shy to note favorite teachers, challenging teachers, and best teachers; Carol ranks high in each of these categories to her students. Carol's peers also think highly of her. In 2000, the Pratt Higher Education Association, our version of faculty senate, voted Mrs. Carol Ricke as the 'Outstanding Instructor of the Year'. Since the year 2000, Carol has been a key member of the negotiations team to create detailed spreadsheets, charts, and graphs for salary trends and professional issues," said Rhonda Westerhaus, Education Instructor, Pratt Community College.

The ACBSP Associate Degree Commission established the International Teaching Excellence Award in 1995 to recognize outstanding classroom teachers. In 2002, the Baccalaureate Degree Commission created a similar award to recognize excellence in teaching at the baccalaureate/graduate degree level. ACBSP is the only specialized body for business schools that presents an award recognizing excellence in teaching, open to application by the entire membership.



"It is more important than ever for business programs to produce graduates who are ready to enter the global marketplace," said Jeffrey Alderman, ACBSP President and CEO. "ACBSP has a mission to develop, promote and recognize best practices that contribute to continuous improvement of business education. Recognition of teaching excellence is one way we achieve this goal," he stated.

ACBSP's mission is to promote continuous improvement and recognize excellence in the accreditation of business education programs around the world. ACBSP, [www.acbsp.org](http://www.acbsp.org), is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) as a specialized accreditation agency for business education. ACBSP is the only global accrediting body to accredit business, accounting, and business-related programs at all degree levels. ACBSP currently has 1,100+ member campuses in 60 countries. Of those campuses, 942 have achieved accreditation and more than 150 are in candidacy for accreditation. Individual members on these campuses now exceed 13,000.

## STUDENT SUCCESS DIRECTOR AWARDED COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROFESSIONAL AWARD



The National Association for Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) hosted their annual Region IV West conference Oct. 23-25 in Wichita, Kan. Pratt Community College's, Amy Jackson, Director of the Student Success Center, was awarded the Community College Professional Award at the event for her dedication to students and leadership within the institution.

Jackson has spent the entirety of her career with at PCC where

she currently serves as the Director of Student Success. Jackson began working in the PCC Student Success Center in 2008, as an advisor, case manager and testing coordinator. During her time at PCC she has also served as an ACT Testing Supervisor, a Phi Theta Kappa advisor, Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) category chair and she has volunteered with many student activities. Amy is dedicated to helping students meet their goals and she encourages her colleagues to be passionate about their work.

Jackson attended the conference and was presented her award by PCC's Director of Student and Residence Life, Charles Keefer, who received the award last year. Keefer, who became involved with the organization in 2014, is an active member in the NASPA Region IV-West Advisory Board as the Technology Knowledge Community representative.

The Region IV-West Community College Professional Award is awarded each year to one community college professional in the region. The award goes to someone who is committed and is actively working in a community college. The award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated leadership and a commitment to NASPA and/or the profession in relation to community colleges.

# ACHIEVEMENT AND RECOGNITION

## SUE PEACHY AWARDED 31ST BOYD DAVIES EXECUTIVE-IN-RESIDENCE

Sue Peachey with Peachey Insurance will be recognized by Pratt Community College on Apr. 10 as the 31st Boyd Davies Executive-in-Residence.

The Boyd Davies Executive-in-Residence Award was implemented in 1988 by the Accounting and Business Department to give the students at PCC the opportunity to interact with a business person or persons from the area and learn about his/her experiences. Davies was the original recipient of the award. Nominees come from a large background of fields, exhibit a long and successful career in business, and are willing to share that knowledge with our college community.

The awardee is honored at a coffee reception for family and guests followed by a presentation in Carpenter Auditorium. An invitation only luncheon sponsored by Jonathan Davies concludes the ceremony. He believes Peachey is a great choice with an insurance agency that serves a large regional area, as a sizeable staff, and bilingual service.



"The Accounting and Business Department at Pratt Community College is honored to offer this event annually to help students connect with the community," said Carol Ricke, business instructor. "Sue Peachey is a great recipient of the award, and she represents what our Executive-in-Residence is all about."

Peachey grew up on a farm in Kentucky before moving to Kansas. She had worked at the Federal Land Bank for ten years before starting her own business in May 1996. Peachey Insurance started from scratch with zero plans before being built up to what it is today. The independent insurance agency currently services the Pratt area and throughout the state of Kansas. It is also licensed to serve in Colorado, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Nebraska. They offer all types of personal insurance coverages, including car, home, life, health and motorcycle insurances, as well as business insurance. Peachey also specializes in farm and ranch insurance in part due to her farming background.

She admits there were frustrating challenges when the business first started.

"The biggest challenges at the very beginning were getting contracts," said Peachey. "Companies want a certain amount of volume. When you are small and you don't start by buying an existing agency, getting contracts is difficult. It takes a while to build enough volume to qualify for their marks. We had to work under different small agencies until we had enough volume on the books to get our own contracts."

Though the challenges were tough, the rewards were plentiful. Peachey now has a loyal customer base, which she admits, makes a job that is not very attractive or exciting, a fulfilling one to have. She recalls being a shoulder to cry on in many situations, such as after the Greensburg tornado in 2007.

"There was nothing more fulfilling than being able to deliver a check and knowing that our customers had a place to sleep that night. They were going to be able to rebuild everything and replace what they lost in their home – their entire life," said Peachey. "We're not just selling insurance to make a dime. We are trying to protect the most important things in people's lives."

The company's philosophy is to treat everybody with kindness, which is why Peachey believes it has garnered its loyal customer base and has become so successful. Building relationships and having great customer service is a way of life for Peachey and her employees, as they do not just sell insurance for the price, they try to search for the best deal for each individual client.

"We care about people," said Peachey. "Everything that goes through our office is about doing the right thing and about putting the customer's needs first. I knew if I did the right thing for the customer, God would take care of me and he definitely has."

Her advice to future business owners is to pick something they love and have a passion for, but to also work hard, show compassion, and do the right thing.

"With hard work and a good attitude anybody can do well in the business world," she said.

# ACADEMIC UPDATES

## PCC Enrolls 44 Nursing Students To Begin in Fall

On June 27, 2018 Pratt Community College enrolled 14 new Practical Nurse (PN) and 30 new Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) students to begin the rigorous Nursing Programs this Fall.

These nursing students, make up the entire class for the Winfield, Pratt, and online cohorts, visited the main campus where they met with Admissions, Bookstore, Financial Aid, and Student Success representatives, and received their official introduction into their respective Programs.

Students, divided by Programs, met with the Director of Nursing, faculty and staff as well as Vice President of Instruction, Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick.

"The fact you are all here is remarkable," said Fitzpatrick in reference to the voluntary cessation to the ADN Program during the 2017-2018 academic school year. "You [students] were handpicked from a competitive pool of applicants and accepted into this [ADN] Program because we believe you are of the highest academic quality and will be a valuable part of rebuilding our future."

In April of 2017 PCC put its ADN Program on hold for one year to allow nursing faculty the opportunity to conduct a complete transformative restructuring of the Program starting with the mission and concluding with

sustainable and repeatable measures to help ensure a high quality program in the future. PCC was granted approval by the Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN) to voluntarily cease admissions to the ADN Program for one academic year.

In March 2018 after several on-site reviews and collaborative meetings in Topeka with PCC administration, nursing faculty, and KSBN, the ADN Program was granted approval to allow enrollment for the 2018-2019 academic year.

Fitzpatrick reiterated the demand of the Program and the absolute need for more qualified licensed nurses within the industry.

The Fall semester begins Aug. 21 for all Programs including the PN and ADN classes. The ADN Program will still be under review as it could take at least 3 years of test scores to regain national accreditation. KSBN does have recommendations for the Program moving forward. They approved the Practical Nursing (PN) program for another 5 years given that they maintain their National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) pass rates which have been higher than required 75% at 90.91 percent pass rate. As of April this year, the ADN NCLEX pass rates for the 2016-2017 academic school year are also up at 83.33 percent.



14 Practical Nurse (PN) Students, 2018-2019



30 Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) Students, 2018-2019

# MORE OPTIONS FOR PCC STUDENTS

## PCC Hires INT Instructor & eSports Coach , Chris Nelson



The Information Networking Technology (INT) program as well as the eSports team will be undergoing exciting changes as Pratt Community College welcomes new instructor and coach, Chris Nelson.

Nelson's goal for his students is to leave PCC prepared to enter the workforce.

"I want my students to become marketable," said Nelson. "I want them to come out of here with their two year degree and land themselves a decent job. With CompTIA (Computing Technology Industry Association) Academy, students will leave PCC with three certifications and an associate's degree."

PCC is in the process of moving the program to an online format. In the future, students will be able to finish the INT program completely online. The program will offer classes for community members looking to sharpen their computer skills as well as a degree program for degree-seeking students. Both online and on campus students will focus on building the skills needed to complete the CompTIA certifications in Computer Technology A+, Networking Technology N+, and Information Technology Security S+. Those who enjoy computers and want to join a rapidly growing industry are encouraged to join the program.

Along with teaching INT, Nelson also bears the responsibility of head coach for PCC's eSports team.

"I think it's possible for Pratt to have some recognition in eSports," said Nelson. "It is athletic. It is a team. I will expect them to act as a team. I want eSports to be more public on campus and in the community."

## PCC hires Robinson to be WOO instructor

Pratt Community College is pleased to announce Robinson as the new instructor for the Wildlife Outfitting and Operations program. He began teaching students at the beginning of the Fall 2018 semester. He brings valuable experience to the program after growing up with a love for the land and respect for wildlife, all of which he credits to his dad.

"My passion for hunting and the opportunity led me to this position," said Robinson. "I did want to eventually get into teaching, but I thought I thought it would be more along the lines of journalism. After presenting a lesson plan for the WOO position in an interview, I decided I really enjoyed it. I could actually help other people."

Robinson plans to take a hands-on approach as much as possible for the program. Instead of presenting lectures day after day, he plans to take students out in the field to better prepare them for the growing commercial industry. He is looking forward to seeing the progression of the students from the beginning of each semester to the end the most. He loves how the students share his passion for wildlife and seeing that passion every day.

"They truly love the outdoors," said Robinson. "I'm looking forward to teaching them all the stuff I have learned over the years. There are students that already know a lot in certain areas and there are some that are just beginning. They are at all different starting points, but hopefully we'll get everybody prepared to enter the field."

Along with instructing and coordinating the WOO program, Robinson is also assisting PCC Instructor, Greg Bacon, with the Shooting Sports team.

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.



# MORE OPTIONS FOR PCC STUDENTS

## Classes Start for New Program at PCC: Modern Distribution Sales & Management

In April of 2018 Pratt Community College announced the addition of a new technical program for all types of degree seeking students in a rapidly growing industry.

The program, which launched Fall 2018, Modern Distribution Sales & Management (MDSM) provides an exceptional opportunity for students to experience learning outside of the classroom as well as opportunities for paid internships. Students have an opportunity to earn an MSDM Certificate after one year, earn their AAS of MSDM Degree, or earn their AS Degree and transfer to a four year university for a BS in Industrial Distribution.

Program Instructor, Jenny Egging, was hired to help create the program curriculum from the ground up with the goal of providing students with practical application of classroom material into firsthand experience from industry experts and local businesses who use logistics management in their daily operations.

The students in the MDSM program have experienced a variety of guest speakers in the distribution industry. These dynamic guest speakers have shared practical application of many of the terms learned in class, as well as firsthand experience gained through years of working in the field. It is crucial for the students to hear from industry leaders now in the learning process, and even more so when they go out in the market after graduation to apply for their chosen internships.

PCC's MDSM associate program is a combination of supply chain logistics, sales, information systems, finance, marketing, and procurement. MDSM professionals are hands-on workers who primarily operate as the sales and marketing arm for manufacturers of industrial products. Course offerings provide students with professional, technical, business, communication, and leadership competencies.

It is the goal of the institution and program to help students in the MDSM program gain hands-on experience with local businesses as well as offer them meaningful exposure to potential job opportunities within the county and state. The new curriculum will include real-world exposure to the industry by visiting companies on-site and participating in internships with program industry partners such as Stanion Wholesale Electric.

Visit the MDSM program page for more information about the program or you can contact Jenny Egging, Instructor, at [jenny@prattcc.edu](mailto:jenny@prattcc.edu) or Elyse Birdsong at [elyseb@prattcc.edu](mailto:elyseb@prattcc.edu).

## MODERN DISTRIBUTION SALES & MANAGEMENT

EXPLORE THIS NEW CAREER PATH AT PCC!

- ✓ All Courses available Online, Zoom & On-Campus
- ✓ Real-World Exposure
- ✓ Internships with Industry Partners
- ✓ Industry Involvement In The Classroom
- ✓ Company Site Visits
- ✓ Scholarships
- ✓ Immediate Job Placement Opportunity

[PRATTCC.EDU/MDSM](http://PRATTCC.EDU/MDSM)

MDSM PROGRAM PARTNER



# MORE OPTIONS FOR PCC STUDENTS

## Skyland Grain Gives \$25,000 For Scholarships



Pratt Community College received a \$25,000 check from Skyland Grain, LLC to go towards scholarships for students. Skyland Grain, a program partner for the Crop Application certificate for nearly three years, has offered an occupational workforce program in conjunction with the Agriculture and Ag Power technical programs at PCC. Students have the opportunity to earn a Crop Applicator certificate and receive scholarship dollars to help cover tuition, books and more.

"Skyland Grain is proud to extend this check towards the Crop Application program at Pratt Community College," said Aaron Murphy Relationship Manager, "We know that there is a need in the industry for qualified professionals and these scholarship dollars will help those students who want to be a part of that industry."

Students can earn up to \$600 per semester by enrolling in the Crop Application certificate program while also enrolled in any other associate's degree program at PCC. The certificate program takes one year to complete and students work closely with PCC instructors and industry professionals at Skyland Grain to earn their Commercial Pesticide Applicator License upon completion of the program.

In addition Skyland Grain gives opportunities to college students who want to use what they have learned from their Agriculture or Business programs and apply it in the real world through paid internships. Each summer Skyland Grain offers multiple internship jobs to college students entering their second, third and fourth years of college in multiple areas of their business including Agribusiness, Agricultural Economics, Agronomy, General Agriculture and Animal Sciences.

To learn more about the Crop Application certificate program at PCC in partnership with Skyland Grain and how you can apply for admission visit [prattcc.edu/CropApplication](http://prattcc.edu/CropApplication).

## Williams Hired as New Ag Power Instructor

Pratt Community College's Agriculture Power Technology program welcomes the experience and leadership of new instructor, Ralph Williams.

Williams was hired late in the 2018 spring semester and will begin teaching this fall. He received his diesel mechanic training at PCC before being hired onto Mid-Co Implement. He was able to work in the John Deere profession for over 30 years before coming back to PCC to teach what he loves.

Williams said his goal for his students to get them well prepared for all aspects of the industry, including in fields such as customer relations, electronics, hydraulics, and more. He is looking forward to teaching engines most.

"Engines is what got me into this," said Williams. "I love diesel engines. I grew up around a couple of old wore out 930 Case engines. The rattling, the smoke and the nasty smelly old diesel – I just love it!"

Along with teaching engines, Williams is excited to teach students in the facility PCC has grown over the years.

"I've been in and out of the PCC shop over the years," said Williams. "I taught tractor safety out here once a year for a while, but I hadn't really been in it to see what was here. This is state of the art. I am looking forward to interacting with the students and building on to what we already have here."

When Williams is not teaching or working on diesel engines, Williams enjoys farming, camping, and hunting.

Pratt Community College offers the Agriculture Power Technology program on-campus. Interested students can contact the Associate Director of Special Program Admissions, 620-450-2114, [elyseb@prattcc.edu](mailto:elyseb@prattcc.edu). For more information about the Agriculture Power Technology program, contact Ralph Williams at [ralphw@prattcc.edu](mailto:ralphw@prattcc.edu).





# ECONOMIC IMPACT

FY 2018-2019

**\$32.5 MILLION**   
net economic impact on the Pratt Community

**\$32,685**

local sales tax generated by students & visitors 

**12,710** 

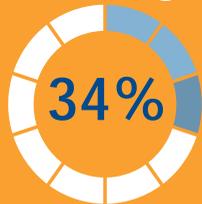
hours of community service generated by students, athletics, faculty & staff

**\$92,148**

VALUE of Community Service 

**\$2.4 MILLION**

annual purchases of local goods & services



34 percent of Total PCC purchases



**\$6 MILLION**

annual payroll for

**294** full time & part time employees

**20,000**

facility visitors from local & outside organizations 

**\$190,902**   
Pratt County resident scholarships



## RETURN ON INVESTMENT

THE AVERAGE PCC STUDENT GETS BACK

**\$4.30**

FOR EVERY

**\$1.00**

INVESTED TOWARDS TUITION ROOM, BOARD, BOOKS

THE STATE OF KANSAS GETS BACK

**\$2.58**

FOR EVERY

**\$1.00**

INVESTED

PRATT COUNTY GETS BACK

**\$5.73**

FOR EVERY

**\$1.00**

INVESTED

# FACULTY AND STAFF IN THE COMMUNITY

*The faculty and staff are active on campus, in the classroom and in the community. The following areas are just a few of the areas in which our employees are involved:*

- Girl Scouts of America
- American Legion Baseball Tournament
- Rotary Club
- Pratt County Fair
- Pratt Young Professionals
- Pilot Club
- Nomar CDC
- Relay for Life
- PHS Volleyball
- Pratt County Lake
- Pratt Food Pantry
- Miss Kansas / Miss America
- Red Cross
- AGAPE clinic
- Bike MS
- Hospice thrift store
- District 7 VFW
- Pratt Area Churches
- Pratt Chamber of Commerce/ Tourism Committee
- Area rest homes
- \* Eagle Wing Ministry Program
- Pratt County 4-H events
- Old-Fashioned Christmas Downtown
- Middle School Lil Buddies

## PCC Serves Over 145 Meals to Circles of Hope

During the month of February, Pratt Community College employees and students helped provide meals for the Circles of Hope, Pratt County program. Through the college's generosity, 145 people, including the program's Circles Leaders and community allies, were served meals each Monday. PCC employees donated and prepared food to be served at each meeting. Others, along with students from the Student Admission Representatives group, volunteered to help serve the meals at the First United Methodist Church and clean up.

Employees Susan Mayberry and Jessica Ward coordinated the project that brought warm smiles and full bellies to members throughout the community.

"At first, the thought of providing meals for each meeting the entire month seemed daunting, but Susan and I had faith the PCC employees would be more than willing to help," said Ward. "Thank you to all who donated their food, time, and efforts which helped make this community service project so successful."

Thank you to PCC students, staff, faculty and Administration who helped make a difference in the lives of members in our community.

The Circles of Hope program is part of The Hope Center of Pratt and offers a "hand up" rather than a "hand out" to those that are struggling financially and want to change their life. The program is part of Circles USA, a program

building community to end poverty. If you would like to volunteer for Circles of Hope, Pratt County, contact The Hope Center of Pratt, 620-933-2166 or for more information visit <https://www.circlesusa.org/>.



## PCC Donates over 600 items to Pratt Food Bank



During the month of April, Pratt Community College hosted a food drive to give students and employees a chance to give back to the community. Overall, 600 items and \$50 were donated to the Pratt Food Bank in addition to \$2500 in gift cards Dillon's Stores contributed to the drive through their Zero Hunger, Zero Waste initiative

Students and employees were encouraged to donate with a chance to win a \$100 Visa Gift Card. Each item donated allowed the donator to receive one ticket to be entered into the drawing. PCC employee Brad Luthe, Assistant Director of Residence Life, won the gift card.

"Overall I believe the food drive was very successful," said Jessica Ward, Coordinator of College Relations. "The Pratt Food Bank is very appreciative for our donations. Thank you to PCC students, employees, and Dillon's for helping to end hunger in our community."

# ATHLETES IN THE COMMUNITY

During the 2018-19 academic year, several of the Pratt Community College athletic programs have achieved school records, outstanding statistics and many awards to go along. However, their most prevalent achievement may come off the field, court or mat. PCC's 11 sports teams have combined more than 5,570 total hours of community service since the start of the school year.

Many student-athletes have taken the time to give back to the youth in the community as way to show appreciation to those supporting Beaver Nation.

In October PCC men's basketball held a fall skills & drills clinic for children of all ages. The event spanned over the course of six weeks and gave local kids the opportunity to engage with and be trained by college-level basketball

players. The team often invites children from the local schools in Pratt to sit alongside them on the bench during home games.

The volleyball team made similar efforts to interact with Pratt's youth. Several elementary-level students joined the Lady Beavers for a skills based mini-clinic hosted by PCC that took place before the opening serve of a conference match. The attendees were invited to stay and watch the team take down Independence Community College in 3-straight sets. PCC volleyball has also taken the time to work with Club Impact Volleyball to host a clinic that brought in more than 50 members of local youth to the PCC campus.

Women's soccer and women's basketball were big contributors in Southwest Elementary School's Fun Night. The



Beavers entertained K-5 grade students and helped host fun games that included hair dying and face painting.

The Cross Country team has assisted both Pratt High School and Skyline High School with hosting cross country meets of their own. PCC wrestling continuously hosts USA Wrestling Kansas Regional Training Center Clinics and Camps multiple times a week for local youth.

Charity drives have been an integral part of the department's efforts to give back as well. The athletics administration has used game days as a way to sponsor or host canned food drives, a toys for tots donation day and a school supplies drive night. Perhaps one of the largest charitable efforts was the second-annual Samaritan's Feet shoe drive, where the PCC volleyball team sat on the bench without shoes for a single home game. The feat helped to raise awareness for the Samaritan's Feet organization which in turn brought in over 100 pairs of shoes.

Most of the hours spent in the community come from simply helping those in need. PCC softball made the most of some nasty weather by shoveling driveways full of snow for elderly members of the community. Women's basketball has also taken time to assist the elderly. The Lady Beavers walked over a mile with six elderly women while at a Lemon Park Meet and Greet. They have also made stops at the Arrowhead West assisted living facility.

Most all teams will take the time to stop by Arrowhead West to interact and spend the day with disabled adults, many of which are some of the most dedicated fans of Pratt Community College athletics.

Many programs have taken the opportunity to team up help others in-house. Beaver track & field, softball, and wrestling committed an entire weekend and then some to repainting PCC's Sport Performance & Wellness Center. This included coating several layers of paint in Pratt's weight room and cardio room. They also took the time to repaint the wrestling room located next door to the facilities.

A large majority of the blue and white baseball team dedicated an entire day off to help volunteer in the Pratt County Jamboree hosted by PCC men's basketball. The team stepped up to the plate to help run the scorer's table and gameday activities for 12 different preseason basketball matches in just a single day. Beaver baseball was also responsible for helping to hang the Christmas lights and decorations in Pratt's Lemon Park.w

One of PCC athletics' main goals is to show appreciation for the continuous support of the community. Each student-athlete is tasked with completing a minimum of 40 hours of community service each year. Several programs have exceeded this number already. Their efforts will undoubtable be continued in during the Spring semester as well.

# ATHLETICS UPDATES

## Women's soccer places three on the All-Conference Team

With the 2018 season at a finish, the Pratt Community College women's soccer team continues to find ways to win. The KJCCC All-Conference Teams were announced on Nov 26. The lady Beavers managed to place three on this list including two freshmen and a sophomore.

Making the First Team All-Conference selection in the defender position was second-year player Cala Jamison. Jamison started in all 16 contests for the Beavers in 2018. She made a similar feat the prior season in 2017 where she played and started in all 17 contests for the blue and white as a midfielder and forward. The transition to defense payed off well for Jamison as she earned the most prestigious of All-Conference nominations among those from her team who were selected.



In only 15 appearances on the pitch, forward Quemberli Merida led PCC in scoring with eight goals that tied a school record for the most ever netted by an individual at Pratt. She did so as a true freshman and also contributed two assists during the season as well. Seven of her scores and both assists came in conference. Merida will have another season as a Beaver to build on as well where she will look to shatter and place records. However, her achievements this year have earned the honor of a Second Team All-Conference Forward.

Freshman Midfielder Isabella Battaglia rounded out the list of the Jayhawk Conference's most elite. Battaglia, an Australian native, made the starting 11 for her squad each time they stepped on the field. She tallied a total of four goals and four assists, all of which came against conference opponents. Half of the goals booted in by Battaglia were game winners as well. She often served as the primary set-piece specialist for her team in many direct kick and corner situations.

## Men's Soccer Has Five Named To All-Conference Team

Five different members of the Pratt Community College men's soccer team have been named to the Kansas Jayhawk Community College All-Conference Team for the 2018 season. Four sophomore Beavers and one freshman made the list. A player from every field position made the cut.



Sophomore forward Francesco D'Aulerio earned the Beavers' only First Team All-Conference honor. D'Aulerio was the leading goal scorer for his club and ended the regular season tied for the most goals scored in the West half of the Jayhawk Conference. The Italian native had a foot in 13 goals for the blue and white while also racking up three assists during the season. Ten of his goals came against opponents in the conference including two game-winning scores.

Two different men for Pratt made the Second Team All-Conference Defender list. Defender Rhys Farrow-Blance was the only freshman from PCC to make a notch on the All-Conference team. Farrow-Blance was one of the Jayhawk Conference's best scoring defensive players. With only eight shots in 2018, Farrow-Blance netted five goals for his squad, three of which were game-winning goals. He started in 11 of the Beavers' 12 conferences matchups and missed a single game only due to injury.

Sophomore Adam Ward rounded out the names of PCC defenders to make the list of the conference's most talented individuals. Ward started in all 16 of Pratt's games during the year including 12 conferences matches.

Pratt had two midfielders that made the Second Team All-Conference group as well. Sophomore Uriel Argumedo-Contreras was one half of the award recipients. Argumedo-Contreras was one of the leading playmakers for PCC with four assists. Right behind him was fellow midfielder Carlos Reyna who made the Second Team All-Conference list as well with two assists of his own.

"I'm really proud of all the guys earning All-Conference honors. It's nice to be recognized by the coaches for their excellent play this season," said Head Men's Soccer Coach Kevin Kewley.

# Cross country competes at NJCAA Championships, women's team has historic showing

As the season comes to a conclusion, the Pratt Community College cross country team competed in the NJCAA National Championships. The Beavers went toe-to-toe with the nation's best as they looked to prove themselves on the grandest stage of them all.

Coming into the event as the No. 16 ranked team in the nation, the Lady Beavers were represented by seven student-athletes. The women ran the 5K race for the last time this season and made history by doing so.

The day was highlighted by sophomore Aminata Kenyawani who finished tenth individually among the nation's best. Kenyawani led the Beavers with a 19:28.3 time. Her run across the finish line will make her eligible for All-American status when the awards are released at a later date. Her performance makes her the best-placing finisher in the history of women's cross country at PCC.

"Ami (Aminata Kenyawani) went out and ran the race she was looking for at the national level. A top 10 finish in NJCAA DI running is very special. She sold herself as one of the best runners in the country and she is the top female distance athlete in the KJCCC and Region VI," said Head Cross Country Coach Eric Larson. "Expect more All-American honors to come as we look toward the track season. She is overall the best distance runner to ever compete at Pratt Community College. What makes this so special is the fact that she wasn't very fast when she came here. Her own development got here where she is today."

A fifty-fifth place finish for freshman Shantierra Jackson helped Pratt build upon their accolades. With a time of 21:04.0, Jackson was the second-fastest athlete for the Beavers. She was also the fastest freshman runner for her team.

In third for Pratt was Jamie DeLaTorre who achieved a ninety-second place finish as an individual. Running a 21:37.8 allowed DeLaTorre to place among the top 100 long-distance athletes.

Second-year runner Anastasia Graves and her time of 21:57.4 made a difference for her team. In her last 5,000 kilometer event at Pratt, Graves came out as PCC's fourth strongest runner.

Rounding out the top five times was sophomore LeeAsha

Madison. Madison produced a 23:21.5 time which placed her in one hundred ninety-seventh.

At the culmination of the women's race, Pratt earned a spot as the No. 14 team in the nation. Initially tied with Paradise Valley Community College, the Beavers came away as the 13th best program in the country after a tie-breaking sixth runner was evaluated from each program. Sophomore Celeste Zamarron was the difference maker for her team with a time of 23:21.5. The 13th place overall finish marks the highest that the women's cross country program at PCC has ever finished at the national level.

The men's race followed shortly after. Three athletes were tasked with representing Pratt in the 8K event. Freshman Erick Estrada and sophomores Jared Shriver and Christian Collins were the distance runners for the blue and white.

Leading the pack was Estrada with a time of 29:11.3. He was the best male finisher for the Beavers in one hundred twenty-seventh place.

In one hundred sixty-first place was Collins who achieved a time of 29:53.6. Shriver rounded out the event with a time of 30:48.8. He finished as the one hundred ninety-fourth quickest athlete.

"Nationals was fantastic for this team. The guys got championship experience as freshmen and sophomores. The girls worked really hard and all the work paid off," said Larson.



# PCC Foundation Announces Million Dollar Challenge

With \$300,000 raised and a \$1 million challenge grant in place, The Pratt Community College Foundation has launched a capital campaign to build a track and field complex.

"We are pleased to announce that the Foundation is working to secure funding for this important project," says Foundation Board and Campaign Committee Member Gregg Lesh of Wichita. "The project will benefit not only the Community College, but Skyline and Pratt school students as well. We are excited to have a privately funded \$1 million challenge grant to help us reach our goal."

"This is a community project," says Pratt Community College President Dr. Michael Calvert. "The College does not have a track and field facility. Skyline school district has a highly inadequate track and field facility, and the Pratt School district has a track which does not allow them to host track meets. The track and field complex—built as a result of this capital campaign—will serve all three of these schools, and much like the Green Sports Complex, serve as an economic engine for the community."

"We are grateful for the planning that has taken place with the school districts, the City, and others," said Calvert.

The College Foundation is taking the lead on securing the funding for this project, but the facilities are designed to help the entire community. In addition to the local schools and PCC, the track will be available to host such events as AAU meets and Special Olympics and will also serve as a health and exercise venue for the public. The field inside the track will have an artificial surface that can be used by the PCC soccer teams, as well as City recreation programs and the general public. An artificial surface provides the flexibility for many options, including youth tournaments, which will complement other events at Green Sports Complex and will further strengthen the value of the sports complex in bringing visitors to Pratt.

"Our lead donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, has provided a \$1 million challenge grant," says Foundation Executive Director Barry Fisher. "When the challenge grant is met, we will have \$2.3 million of funding in place."

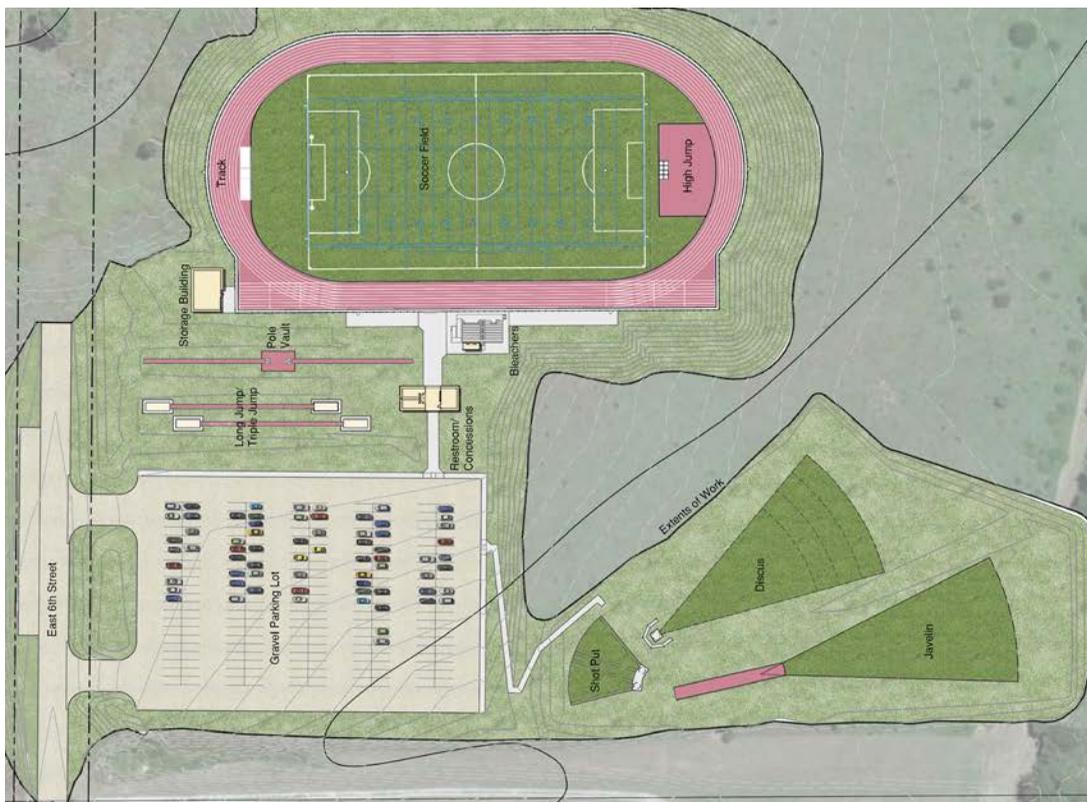
The \$2.3 million will pay for the track and field construction. An additional \$1.2 million in funding is required to complete the parking, seating venues, and on-site buildings.

According to Fisher, a campaign leadership committee has been recruited and with the challenge grant in place, major gift solicitation has begun.

"We are sitting down with individuals, foundations and businesses asking for their support of this project," said Fisher.

"Our timeline for construction is dictated in large part by our fundraising," says Lesh. "We would hope to start actual track construction in the Spring of 2019. We have a lot of work to complete to meet that deadline."

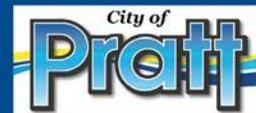
"We have never attempted such a capital campaign, before," says Dr. Calvert. "We are grateful for the donors who have already engaged with us, and the volunteers helping lead the campaign. Volunteer leaders like Gregg Lesh, who is a native son of Pratt, but has called Wichita home for decades, are important to our success."



## COMING SOON!

PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

# TRACK & SOCCER COMPLEX



# Tim Swartzendruber Named New Athletic Director



Tim Swartzendruber has been named the new athletic director at Pratt Community College. According to PCC president, Dr. Mike Calvert, Swartzendruber was selected from a pool of over 40 applicants from across the country.

Swartzendruber is a Kansas native and a Hesston High School graduate. He attended Bethel College, where he played football while receiving his Bachelors of Science in Industrial arts education/physical education. He went on to pursue a Master's Degree in sports Administration from Wichita State University.

After College, Swartzendruber "embarked on a public education career," teaching and coaching in Newton, Wellington and Kingman. In 2004, he was named head basketball coach at Hesston College, a position he held for four years.

"I chose public education because I wanted to stay involved in athletics and coach," Swartzendruber said. "I have always enjoyed working with young people and my mom was a teacher."

Swartzendruber has spent the past 11 seasons at McPherson College, where he led the men's basketball team to four NAIA Division II Tournaments. He is also an assistant professor at the college.

"We are very excited Tim accepted our offer and to have him be a part of our team," Calvert said. "Where ever he has been, he has seen the institution from more than just the coaching side. His experiences will be beneficial at PCC as the Athletic Director is a part of President's Cabinet, where decisions are made that affect the whole institution."

Swartzendruber was one of eight finalists selected by a search committee made up of faculty, staff and community members. Of the eight finalists, four were invited to on-campus interviews.

"With the recommendation of the search committee, feedback from the public forums, coaches' meetings and the interactions with the people on campus and in the community, we extended the offer to Tim Swartzendruber," Dr. Calvert said. "Pratt Community College will benefit from his many years of experience."

Swartzendruber said that he has always envisioned himself as an athletic director, a position that allows him to support public education and student athletes. That dream will come to fruition next week, with his first day on campus scheduled for March 22.

Tim and his wife Susan are the parents of five children.

## Wrestling Sends 3 to 2019-20 NJCAA Wrestling Championship



Pratt Community College Wrestling team qualified three members to compete in the 2019-20 NJCAA Wrestling Championship held in Council Bluffs, Iowa March 1-2, 2019.

125	3rd	Brayan Balderrama	Pratt
165	1st	Nick Lucas (2)	Pratt
197	2nd	Chris Henderson	Pratt

Lucas placed fifth in his weight class of 165lbs. Henderson placed seventh in his weight class of 197lbs.

# EXTRACURRICULAR SUCCESS

## PTK Students Honored at Kansas Academic Team Luncheon



Two Pratt Community College students joined their peers when Kansas saluted the 57 community college scholars for their academic accomplishments March 7 in Topeka. Representing the state's 19 community colleges, a private college, and a technical college, these scholars were named to the 2019 All-Kansas Academic Team, sponsored by the international headquarters of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees, and the Kansas Council of Community College Presidents.

PCC's PTK chapter is sponsored by faculty member, Trisha Jackson. The two student award recipients are Jenna Fitzsimmons and Kayley Geesling.

"It was a great honor to be chosen to represent PCC on the PTK All-Kansas Academic Team. The luncheon was fantastic with great speakers and food as well as overwhelming attendance from all different supporters," said Fitzsimmons. "One of my favorite parts of the luncheon was the Kansas Senators and Representatives joined us and I was able to converse with our own Senator Mary Jo Taylor. I am very thankful for this experience and honored to be a part of such an amazing school and academic society."

The luncheon was held at the Ramada Inn Hotel in Topeka. Those in attendance included the scholars, members of their families, PTK chapter sponsors, community college administrators and trustees, university representatives, legislators, and members of the Kansas Board of Regents staff. The keynote speaker was Dr. Brian Black of Spirit AeroSystems.

Phi Theta Kappa is the honor society for students attending community and two-year colleges. Membership is based on high grade point averages and other criteria, with members focusing on scholastic achievement and service to community and campus. The student scholars are part of a statewide student body of more than 123,000 students enrolled at the 19 Kansas community colleges.

Each scholar was selected by his or her own community college for the annual statewide academic team, and was presented with a medallion, certificate, and scholarship awards from the Presidents' and Trustees' organizations at the Luncheon. Each scholar also is a nominee for the 2019 All-USA Academic Team, sponsored by the newspaper USA Today, Phi Theta Kappa, and the American Association of Community Colleges. First team members will receive a \$2,500 stipend and will be featured along with second and third team members in USA Today. Names of the students will be placed on the Society's website, [www.ptk.org](http://www.ptk.org).

## Shooting Sports Team Takes Sixth at Nationals

The Pratt Community College shooting team traveled to San Antonio, Texas in April for the ACUI Collegiate Clay Target Championships. The Beavers took sixth as a team with sophomore Joshua Dixon leading the Beavers, shooting 497 out of 600 targets.

This was the largest championship turnout with almost 1,000 students representing 92 schools.

Four freshman and four sophomores represented the Beavers.

Freshman Dru Butler led the team in international trap, shooting 76 out of 100. Chase Bunyard and Dixon both shot a 75 for a team total of 226. The Beavers placed sixth in the event.

Dixon, Bunyard and freshman Spencer Heise posted the top three scores in international skeet. Dixon led the team shooting an 80 out of 100, Heise posted a 76 and Bunyard shot a

70 for a team total of 226. The Beavers placed third in the event. Connors State College took first with a team total of 265.

Pratt took eighth in super sporting clays. Dixon again led the team, shooting an 82. Butler shot a 75, freshman Drew Kratzer shot a 72, Heise shot a 70 and Kamron Welsh shot a 69.

The Beavers also took eighth in American Skeet. Dixon only dropped ten targets, posting a 90 and shooting a perfect round of 25 straight. In sporting clays Pratt placed fifth with a team score of 343, finishing just one clay behind the Auburn University Clay Shooting Club. Dixon was first for the Beavers, shooting an 81. Kratzer finished with a 73. Bunyard and Heise both shot a 66 and Butler finished with a 57.

Audri Martin was the only female shooter for Pratt this year. She shot several personal bests, shooting a 71 in



American skeet, 80 in American trap, 48 in international skeet, 49 in international trap, 67 in super sporting clays and 56 in sporting clays.

Sophomore Marcus Sanders also represented the Beavers for his first collegiate shoots. Sanders improved a lot over the week, shooting a 28 in international trap, 41 in international skeet, 40 in super sporting, 64 in sporting clays, 62 in American trap and 62 in American skeet.

# A YEAR OF PERFORMING ARTS



## Performing Arts Schedule 2018-2019

A Night On Broadway  
Back to the USO  
A Christmas Carol  
Valentines Show  
The Addams Family  
Finale!



## PCC PERFORMING ARTS

*presents*

# The Addams Family

A NEW MUSICAL COMEDY



The Pratt Community College Performing Arts department presents their Spring musical, The Addams Family.

This new comedic musical, based on the infamous characters created by Charles Addams, was written by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice with Music and Lyrics by Andrew Lippa. The Addams Family features an original story, and it's every father's nightmare. Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family – a man her parents have never met. And if that weren't upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before – keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's 'normal' boyfriend and his parents.

The cast of The Addams Family Musical includes several college students as well as community members. Gomez Addams is played by PCC sophomore Saul Garcia (Dodge City), community member, Melissa Jacobs plays Morticia Addams. PCC sophomore Kayley Geesling (Turon) cast as Wednesday Addams while PCC sophomore, Kendall Davidson (Pratt) plays her love interest, Lucas. Lucas' parents are played by PCC freshmen, Kedric Spurgin and Amber Jellison-Harris and the Addams family is finished out with Uncle Fester played by PCC freshmen, Drew Taylor, Pugsley Addams, 13 year old Matthias Holmes of St. John and Grandma Addams, Angela McGraw of Pratt. Looming over the family is Lurch the butler, played by Isaac Root freshman from Pratt. The chorus of ancestors completes the cast.

# EMPLOYEE YEARS OF SERVICE



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO PCC!

## 5 Years

Michael Calvert  
Michael Emmott  
Carol McKenna  
Amanda Wade

## 10 Years

Phillip Campbell  
Amy Jackson  
Gloria Mueller  
Eric Thompson  
Janie Whitman

## 15 Years

Michael Jackson  
Sarah Jackson

## 20 years

Misty Beck  
Roy Clark  
Jerry Sanko  
E. Dean Senter

## 25 years

Leigh Ann Hall

## 30 Years

David Cramer  
Patty Huffman  
Carol Ricke

## 35 Years

Carmen Forest  
Lisa Perez-Miller

## 40 Years

Cathy Blasi



# EMPLOYEE AWARDS

## 2019 Dennis Lesh Teacher of the Year Awarded to Jeff Hoffman



Jeff Hoffman, a first year Electrical Power Technology instructor, won the award this year after receiving nominations from 20 of his students, as well as EPT department head, Dave Campbell.

"Jeff has gone over and above in trying to provide for his students," said Campbell. "We are very happy to see Jeff excelling as an instructor in EPT. We know he has truly earned this award."

Hoffman was recruited to the program by Campbell after working ten years with the City of Pratt. While teaching was not something he actively pursued, he has discovered the career is a rewarding experience.

"I wasn't sure how gratifying this job would be after coming from industry," said Hoffman. "But it's rewarding to see the students go from not having an idea of what exactly they want to do to being employed in two semesters. That's the highlight of the job so far."

While this was only his first year teaching, his drive and focus on helping each student succeed has earned him the respect of his students, many of which see him as a mentor.

"Jeff puts in a lot of hard work to make sure we learn the most we can in the time we have," said Levi Stein, EPT student. "He brings a lot of real world experience which makes concepts easier to understand."

Hoffman teaches numerous classes in the EPT program, but he enjoys teaching Lab and Field Training the most. In lab, he gets to see his students outside working and practicing what they have learned.

"I am very appreciative to those who nominated me," said Hoffman. "When my name was announced at commencement, I was floored. It took me by absolute surprise. It's great to be recognized."

## 2018 Pratt Higher Education Association Instructor of the Year Awarded to Monette DePew



Each year, one of Pratt Community College's instructors is recognized at commencement by the Pratt Higher Education Association for being an outstanding instructor.

This year, the PHEA Teacher of the Year was awarded to science instructor, Jason Ghumm. Fellow science instructor and PHEA member, Dave Chambers, presented Ghumm with the award at the PCC Commencement on Friday, May 10.



**Dennis Lesh  
Foundation  
Support Staff Award  
2019 Recipient**

Leah Patterson



**Dennis Lesh  
Foundation  
Food Service Award  
2019 Recipient**

Christian Collins

The Dennis Lesh Foundation Awards recognizes an outstanding teacher, staff, and a food service worker at Pratt Community College. Each year PCC recognizes gives a Recognition Award of \$500 to a Food Services and Support Staff 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.

The Dennis Lesh foundation Teacher Recognition Award of \$1000 is to be 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 award is to be used to enhance the recipient's skills and abilities.

# ALUMNI AND FOUNDATION UPDATES

## Annual Scholarship Auction

Approximately 400 people attended the 30th Annual PCC Scholarship Auction which was held on April 26, 2019 in the Dennis Lesh Sports Arena on Pratt's main campus. Because of the generosity of the Pratt community the auction raised a record breaking \$85,925 for student scholarships!

"We tell our students to start looking towards the future, to start setting goals and to build on those goals," said Barry Fisher. "That is what PCC is doing. Our purpose tonight is to "Build Our Future". All proceeds from the auction go to support PCC scholarships. Together, we can help give deserving students a chance to build their own futures."

A wide-variety of scholarships will be provided thanks to the fundraising efforts of the auction including athletic scholarships, departmental scholarships based on area of study, tuition assistance for graduating high school seniors of Pratt County, summer scholarships, veteran scholarships, and tuition credit waivers to high school students who earn an A or B in qualifying College Start (concurrent) courses.

For more information about the Foundation, contact Barry Fisher at [barryf@prattcc.edu](mailto:barryf@prattcc.edu) or 620-450-2179.

For information about financial aid for students, contact Financial Aid Director Haley Lindsey at 620-450-2248 or visit [prattcc.edu/FinancialAid](http://prattcc.edu/FinancialAid).

## Foundation Board Members

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# CELEBRATION OF ALUMNI AND SCHOLARS

## 2019 Outstanding Alumnus, Linda Lanterman



The Pratt Community College Foundation honored Linda Lanterman, as the 2019 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year. The Outstanding Alumnus of the Year award was established in 1966 to honor PCC alumni who have made contributions to career and community.

Lanterman grew up in Pratt, KS. She began her college career at PCC, where she played volleyball her first year before taking a short break from school. She returned and received her Associate of Science in Accounting degree in 1988. While at PCC, she enjoyed attending events such as basketball games and wearing her beaver blue. She also enjoyed working part time at Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. After graduating from PCC, Lanterman attended Wichita State University, where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Administration and Accounting in 1991. She worked for Emprise Bank in Wichita before doing what she said she never wanted to do while growing up – move back to Pratt, Kansas.

In 1993, Lanterman accepted the position of Deputy Chief of Licensing and Permits. Shortly after, she was promoted to

the Deputy Director of State Parks at Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, located in Pratt. She intended to stay in the area she grew up in for three years at the most, however she had found a job she loved and ended up working as the deputy for 14 years before becoming the Director of Kansas State Parks in 2010, where she remains today. She has held many positions on local, state, regional and national organizations throughout the years, including President of the National Association of State Park Directors (NASPD) in 2017-2019 and has presented for national and worldwide events, such as the World Parks Congress in Sydney, Australia, in 2014. Over the past 20 years, she has had numerous articles published for the Kansas State Parks newsletters and publications and even published an article, Elevating Communities, for the Kansas Recreation and Park Association in TODAY Magazine in 2015.

Lanterman's hard work and dedication to her occupation and community has not gone unnoticed, as she has been recognized with the following awards: Leadership Kansas, 2017; Distinguished Fellow, Kansas Recreation and Park Association, 2015; Friend of Education Award, Kansas Association of Elementary School Principals, 2003, 2009; Outstanding Employee Award, KDWP Park Division Staff, 2003; Outstanding Service Award, KDWP, 2002; Distinguished New Professional Award, KRPA, 1999.

During the free time Lanterman has, she enjoys spending time with friends and family, traveling, attending sporting events, fishing, and visiting state parks. Her advice to the graduating class of 2019 is to persevere and work hard to achieve their goals in life – whatever they may be.

"I feel like you have to persevere," said Lanterman. "Whatever you do in life, you just need to stick it out and complete it. If PCC is the end of your education, then make your next goal a goal in your work environment and work hard to achieve it. Make your next career move be the best it can be. Even if you want to be a stay at home parent, then make that be the best you can be."

## Congratulations Class of 2019



# SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS HONORED

## Scholarship Recipients

### *Above and Beyond*

Jenna Fitzsimmons  
Olivia Hessman  
Peyton Kalmar  
Pake Sipes

### *Krueger, Irene*

Wyatt Akins

### *Laura Porter Trust Scholarship*

Wyatt Akins  
Yves Cherubin  
Scott Clark  
Francesco D'Aulerio  
Michael Davis III  
Colton Eck  
Eric Escamilla  
Victor Farina  
Blake Furcron  
Elijah Gatlin  
Jeremy Hanke  
Tyler Leslie  
Nick Lucas  
Alan Martin  
Sean McElwee  
Jevony Murray  
Austin Randolph  
Daniel Raya  
Raul Rios  
Marcus Sanders  
Caleb Simmons  
Antez Tolbert  
Tanner Wedel  
Dallas Wilson

### *Linda Hunt Memorial Scholarship*

Jenna Fitzsimmons  
Kayley Geesling  
Naomi Warren  
Thelma Anele

### *Novotny Memorial Scholarship*

Isabelle Cannata



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**EDUCATIONAL SPEAKERS**  
**PCC EVENTS**  
**PCC ATHLETICS**  
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## What is Club 62+?

Club 62+ is a programming and discount service for senior citizens 62+ years of age in the Pratt Community College service area of Pratt, Kiowa, Barber, Kingman, Harper, Comanche and Stafford counties. Club 62+ membership includes exclusive trips around Kansas including cultural events, entertainment shows, museums, educational speakers and more!

## Club 62+ members receive a discount card entitling them to:

- Half price admission to college athletic events
- Tuition scholarships for all college courses
- Free admission to college cultural events

## How to RSVP

- Payment for registration is due upon reserving your spot.
- Waiting lists are kept for all programs that have reached capacity. We will call you when a space opens up.

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