

# PRATT Community College



## *Community Report*



## 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.

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***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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**DR. MICHAEL CALVERT**  
*President*

Pratt Community College is a vibrant, dynamic, full-service community college that strives to deliver high quality instruction, workforce development and enrich the community and stakeholders of South Central Kansas. As president, I have firsthand knowledge that the faculty and staff of Pratt Community College are second to none and truly care about our students. Student success is at the core of what we do every day. The commitment to learning and service were evident from my first week on campus and continue daily as the goal for each student to succeed drives each employee.

This report to our community shares much information including the many successes we experience this past year. These include being recognized by the Aspen Institute as a top 150 Community College in the Country for the third consecutive time, ranked #13 as best community college in the nation by financial services smartasset.com, and rank as the 15th most affordable community college in the nation by affordablecolleges.com. Topping the list of achievements is for the fourth consecutive year the average PCC Associate Degree graduate earned the highest starting salary of all the 25 two year schools in Kansas. In addition, the average salary of \$40,118 was higher than all seven state universities average starting salary with a four-year, Bachelor's Degree! The low cost, strong completion rates and high wages make Pratt Community College a great return on investment.

We are also very proud of our Men's Soccer Team as they won the Jayhawk Conference for the first time and advanced to the Regional NJCAA Tournament. For the fourth consecutive year our wrestling team had the highest GPA in the nation while sending eight wrestlers to the national tournament.

I am honored to work at Pratt Community College, where I am surrounded by a dedicated faculty and staff committed to student success and personal development. The college community is actively engaged in service to our stakeholder and models our pledge that our middle name is "community". PCC students provide outstanding entertainment through the performing arts and showcase their talents on the athletic fields and courts. Our board and college administration are committed to providing the facilities, support and learning environment that is essential for Pratt Community College as we look to the future. Please enjoy our annual community report and GO BEAVERS!



**Mike Koler**  
*Board Chair*

As we begin another year at Pratt Community College, it is important to take a moment to look at what has been accomplished in the past year. The successes are numerous at Pratt Community College, including but not limited to academics, athletics and club activities. The students performed to outstanding levels in the class room as well as competitions in agriculture and shooting sports and numerous athletic competitions. This success is in part due to the hard work and effort of the students, but it is also a result of the outstanding efforts of the faculty, staff and administration that we have at Pratt Community College. In addition, we are blessed with strong community support on many levels.

But to continue to have these successes, it is important to look into the future and at the upcoming challenges and opportunities that will arise. We must address the challenges with a team approach and continue to put forth great efforts to strategically help each student succeed. Pratt Community College has an outstanding team in place in our faculty, staff and administration to continue the success of recent years and to expand on these accomplishments.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, thank you to our community for supporting Pratt Community College. We also thank the tireless efforts of the faculty, staff and administration in upholding the mission of the college. Without these efforts the successes would not be achieved.

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Pratt Community College is committed to the success of its students, the institution and its service area. The following values, of equal weight and importance, are stated as a guide to PCC present and future operations in the performance of its mission and supporting functions. They are:

- Quality Learning
- Customer Service
- Collaboration and Teamwork
- Innovation
- Fiscal Viability
- Diversity





In January 2016, The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program named Pratt Community College as one of the nation's 150 top community colleges, challenging it to compete for the \$1 million fund for the 2017 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence.

The Aspen Institute identified the 150 community colleges -- about 15 percent of all institutions -- using a quantitative formula that assesses performance and improvement in four areas: graduation rates, degrees awarded, student retention rates, and equity in student outcomes.

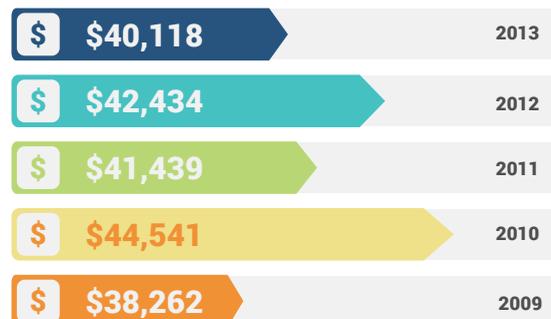
Through the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the New College Leadership Project and other initiatives, the College Excellence Program works to improve colleges' understanding and capacity to teach and graduate students, especially the growing population of low-income and minority students on American campuses.

"We're very excited to be nominated," said Dr. Michael Calvert, President of PCC. "The areas we are nominated on are hallmarks for what PCC has done and truly show that we are meeting the mission of PCC."



## PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE HIGHEST PAID GRADUATES IN STATE

### PCC Grads Highest Paid Four Years Straight FIRST YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT



According to new data released by the Kansas Board of Regents, Pratt Community College students graduating with an associate's degree between 2008 and 2013 have a higher 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.

In the state of Kansas there are 25 combined community colleges and technical schools. PCC students who graduated with an associate's degree in 2013, which is the most recent cohort with measurable post-graduation wage data, made an average of \$40,118. This is the fourth year in a row that data shows PCC as the highest wage earner for graduates. The average of all other Kansas community college graduates was \$32,122 and the technical college sector had an average wage of \$36,930.

Graduates from PCC out-earn even those with degrees from all seven four-year institutions in Kansas for the fifth consecutive year. The average wage of 2013 public university graduates with bachelor's degrees was \$37,937. Kansas State University grads posted a wage average of \$37,107, while those from the University of Kansas averaged \$39,717.

# ACHIEVEMENT AND RECOGNITION

## ESTES NAMED 28TH BOYD DAVIES EXECUTIVE-IN-RESIDENCE

On April 15, Pratt Community College will recognize their 28th Boyd Davies Executive-in-Residence, Kelly Estes, CEO of BTI.

“A committee selected Kelly from a pool of nominations based on his history of successful business practices,” said Junnae Landry, event coordinator. “Kelly also demonstrates a commitment to employees and community, which makes him an excellent choice for 2016 Boyd Davies Executive-in-Residence award.”

Estes attended Colby Community College on a basketball and academic scholarship. He returned home to Bucklin and worked in all areas of the dealership from service to parts and sales to gain a grasp the operation before assuming the CEO position. Since that time, the dealership has grown from one dealership location headquartered in Bucklin to five locations in Bucklin, Greensburg, Ness City, Pratt and Hoxie.

During the early years of the Internet, Estes started an IT business within BTI. It owned and sold domain names, such as johndeere.com, crownroyal.com, Versatile.com and FordNewHolland.com. With the proceeds from the sale of the domains, the company was able to stay on the leading edge of technology throughout their BTI dealerships.

BTI recently started another business, Ag Solutions, which provides Agronomic services to all of their customers in all BTI locations.

“We feel this provides the best possible machinery optimization and technology solutions that are purchased,” Estes said. “This business within our business will become as large as purchasing another dealership location if we build it correctly. It’s already proven to be successful through our customers’ profits and performance enhancement.”

Estes gives his family credit for the growth of the business. His two older brothers, sister, wife and children are all involved in the business, along with others.



“I have a lot of immediate family involved in the business and a lot of employees who have become like family,” he said. “We have grown the business together. You have to have a CEO but it truly is just a title here since we all work together.”

In order to be successful in anything, Estes feels people should do what makes them happy and stay in what they know. He then added that he has a 10-year plan for the business, which involves its success and training for the next generation. Estes is currently training his son to take over the family business.

“If you can go for several generations, that’s important,” he said. “It’s good to know that we are taking care of our family and employees.”

Along with the family business, Estes also thinks it is important to volunteer his time by doing community service. Estes has been a part of many organizations including: board member of USD 459-Bucklin, Girard National Bank Advisory Board, the Federated Insurance Board through the Western Association, member of Lions Club, life member of the United Methodist Church in Bucklin

## PCC HOSTS MORE THAN 600 STUDENTS FOR ACADEMIC OLYMPICS



On Feb 24, 750 students attended Pratt Community College’s annual Academic Olympics. The students came from 21 high schools around the state and competed in various scholastic, technical and artistic categories. The top three students in each category were awarded with certificates recognizing their achievement.

This year, event growth and improvement included the

addition of competition categories in Spanish I and II and the skilled eye of local professional photographer Stan Reimer as a judge in the photography category.

“I am grateful to everyone for making today’s Academic Olympics a success,” said event coordinator Heather Wilson. “It truly does take an army to pull off an event of this size, and everything went smoothly with the help of all staff members and participants.”

# COMMUNITY IMPACT

## PCC Economic Impact

### ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS

\$ 2,338,350 Annual Purchases of Local Goods/Services  
36% of Total PCC Purchases of Goods/Services

\$9.5\* M X 4\*\* = \$38,000,000 Annual Economic Contribution to Pratt

\$21,542 Local Sales Tax Generated by students & visitors

\$70,361 Value of community service

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\$38,091,903 Sub Total

<\$6,402,734> Less Annual Local Tax to PCC

\$31,689,169 Annual Net Economic Contribution to Pratt

\$5.9 Annual PCC Payroll

\$2.3 PCC Purchases

\$1.2 Student and Visitor Purchases

Economist Recommended Multiplier to Account for Dollars respent in Pratt County

### ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$9.5 M x 4 = \$38,000,000

Responsible For Livelihood of: 1,014 Pratt County Wage Earners  
Based on 2014 Average Pratt County Wage of \$37,480\*

1,014 Wage Earners Is 14% of the 2015 Estimated Pratt County labor force of 7,367\*\*. It is 10% of the Pratt County population of 9,691\*\*\*.

Pratt County Educational attainment: 62.2%\*\* of Pratt County residence have an associate degree or some college versus state average of 62.8%\*\*.

\*US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

\*\*Kansas Statistical abstract, 2015 50th Edition, September 2016

Published by KU Institute for Policy and Social Research.

\*\*\*Quickfacts.census.gov Page

### RETURN ON INVESTMENT

In Kansas the median annual income for someone graduating with an associate's degree versus a high school diploma is \$5,300\* per year. The net loss of those with associate's degrees is 1%.

#### Student Return on Investment

The present value of the additional earnings discounted at the direct loan rate of 4.272% is \$107,346.

#### Cost of Two Years at PCC

(Tuition, Fees, Books, Room, Board & Misc.)  
\$19,668

ROI \$1 Investment; Returns \$5.46

#### State of Kansas Return on Investment

803 Students x \$107,346

#### Sales Tax 6.5%

\$2,801,435

#### Income Tax average rate 4.6%

\$3,965,146

#### Return to State

\$6,766,581

#### State Aid and Grants to PCC \$8,799,278

ROI \$1 Investment; Returns \$2.42

\*NCHEMS – [www.higheredinfo.org](http://www.higheredinfo.org)

\*\*Investment in State Postsecondary Education, published by a joint effort of NCHEMS and NPEC.

### PRATT COUNTY RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Annual Economic Contribution from PCC

\$38,091,903

Annual Taxes to PCC

\$6,402,734

\$1 Invested; Returns

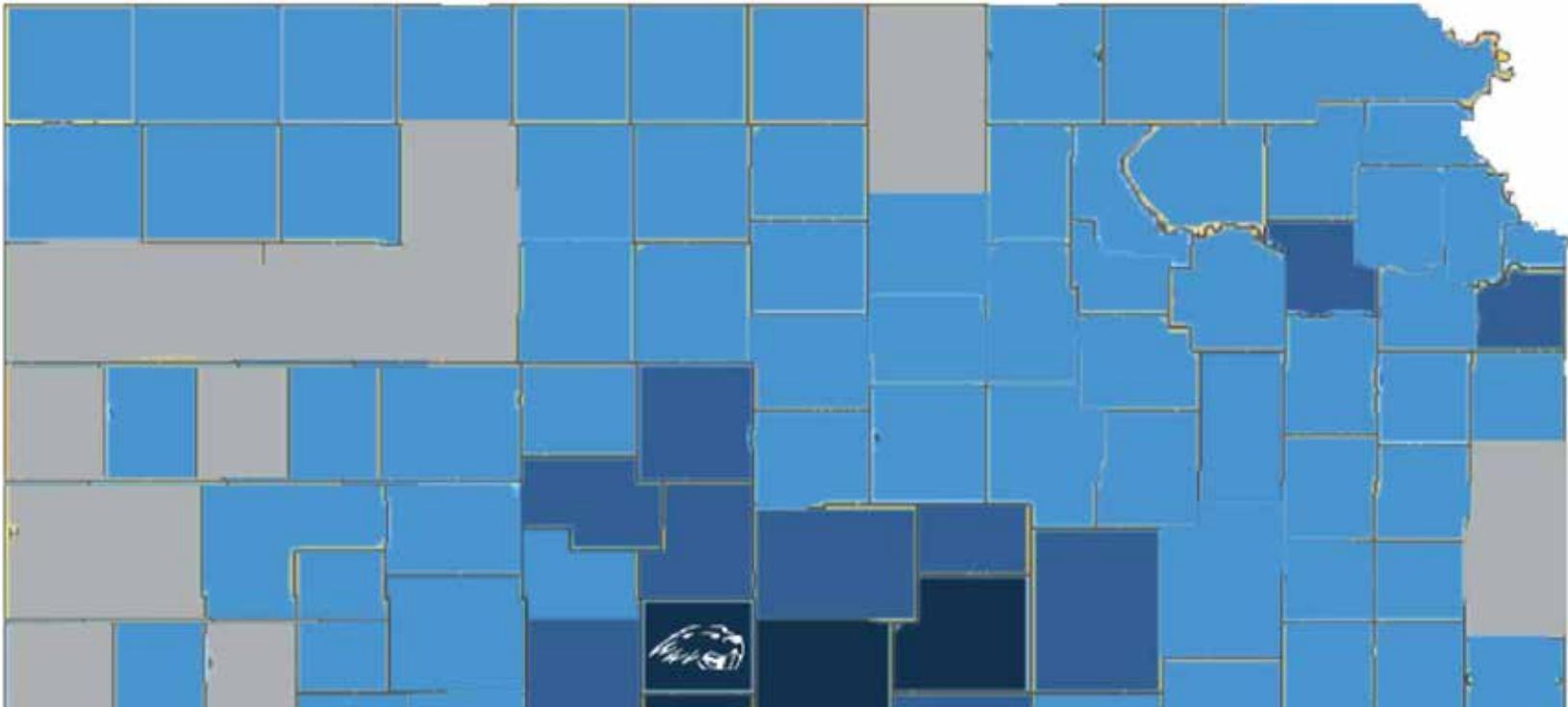
\$5.94



# STATEWIDE REACH AND RETURN ON INVESTMENT

## NUMBER OF PCC STUDENTS BY HOME COUNTY

100+ 11-100 1-10 0



NUMBER OF STUDENTS SERVED  
**1,640**



TOTAL CREDIT HOURS  
**26,417**



GENDER RATIO



55% Female  
45% Male

**473** ENROLLED HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



# ACADEMIC UPDATES

## PCC Nursing is improving quality, showing positive results

The Pratt Community College Nursing department is dedicated and moving in the right direction to gain national accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). To achieve this accreditation, PCC is continuing to work on student test scores and NCLEX testing. The nursing on-campus facilities have also made some improvements which is giving students hands-on experience in real life situations.

One vast improvement the nursing department has implemented is a tight and concise curriculum that offers student's maximum learning in the classroom and hands-on training in clinicals as well as mentoring from the Nursing Faculty. From Fall 2014 to Fall 2015, test scores improved from a 74.7 percent average for the entire class to 81.3 percent. These results are based from eight tests throughout each semester and one final exam. Kay Watkins, Director of Nursing,

said that since last year the program has made major changes to the curriculum and testing schedule.

"We found gaps in the old curriculum where students would learn a mountain of information and be tested on it much later," said Watkins. "Now we spread our testing out so they can focus on one area at a time. The new curriculum allows students to retain information and learn better overall."

On a national scale, PCC is required by the ACEN to have pass rates at or above the National Average with a 2-3 proficiency rate to apply for re-accreditation. The preferred rate is at or above 85 percent. PCC is actively collecting data from test scores that will help in the application process when the time comes. On the state level, the ADN program has conditional approval approved by the Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN) and will have another site visit

in the Fall of 2017. Watkins says the students and faculty are working very hard this year and she is impressed with what they have achieved so far.

"We have a smaller group of students this year but the quality of the program and caliber of the student is remarkable," said Watkins.

Students are also benefiting from upgrades in the simulation lab on PCC's campus. Pratt Regional Medical Center (PRMC) and Hutchinson Regional Medical Center donated much needed hospital beds, patient room tables, monitoring devices and more. Because of their generosity, Watkins nominated both for the Kansas Board of Regents Partners Appreciation Award. PRMC's Chief Nursing Officer Jack Kennedy was presented with the award Mar. 9 in the PCC Nursing simulation lab. Watkins said she is proud to be able to present this award to PRMC.

## Business department fully accredited



The Pratt Community College Accounting and Business Department had their accreditation review March 8-11 and received word in late April that they are

in good stand-  
ings with the  
Accreditation  
Council for

Business School and Programs (ACBSP).

Along with being accredited for the next 10 years, the department was given no notes, no conditions, and no opportunities for improvement, which according to a letter sent by the ACBSP to the school is very rare.

"I felt good about the results and am very pleased to have confirmed, what I already know, which is that we have a quality business department," said head of the business department, Carol Ricke.

Ricke added that the department is small, which allows it to be more personalized to the individual student but

still offers a wide variety of classes.

Ricke served on the ACBSP Board of Commissioners for four years and said during that time she learned a lot about what the board was looking for, which helped her when working on PCC's accreditation process.

While preparing for the accreditors site visit, Ricke said one thing that was apparent was how willing to help out everyone was at the college.

"We have a very efficient college and an effective way of doing things," she said. "It made my life so much easier and I am so thankful for everyone at the college who supported me and helped our business department prepare for this."



# MORE OPTIONS FOR PCC STUDENTS

## Career Coach available for PCC students, job seekers

Pratt Community College is excited to announce the launch of Career Coach, a free online resource that will allow students and job seekers to explore career opportunities in many different ways.



Career Coach is a valuable tool for any current or prospective student who is exploring potential careers to pursue in their future. This resource can act as a general guide for job descriptions in any industry to help students figure out what area they would like to study all the way to a local database containing hundreds of available jobs in our region for graduates to research. Career Coach's comprehensive database also generates careers based off of the many PCC programs available. The real-time information is customized to the college's geographic region and includes detailed wage estimates, growth rate, retirement statistics as well as employers in the area that are hiring.

Likewise a student or adviser can easily browse through degree options offered by PCC based on what the student is interested in which then links directly to the programs page on prattcc.edu. Through a simple keyword search, students and any visitor to the website can learn about the employment prospects of careers they want to research.

If a career doesn't look like the right fit, individuals can search for similar jobs and see the largest skill gaps to fill to move to that career. They can also search for careers based on the college's top training programs – or the program or major they are interested in.

Career Coach includes a built-in resume builder to help students and job seekers quickly and efficiently put together an updated resume with key skills and job experience highlighted. Check out Career Coach by PCC now and browse through hundreds of careers!

## Click2Connect offers Associate to Bachelor's

Pratt Community College and Fort Hays State University (FHSU) are partnering together to bring degree seeking adults an online centered Associate to Bachelor's degree program that is convenient, affordable, and does not require a college algebra course!

Click2Connect is your ticket to accelerate your future career and earnings by completing your degree online at your pace. Click2Connect was specifically designed for busy adults and non-traditional students in the workforce who need to complete a bachelor's degree for career advancement. The General Studies degree track is unique because it requires no college algebra for students who experience difficulty with mathematics courses, and the concentrations are customizable to fit career and workplace goals. The Technology Leadership degree track combines vocational skills with courses in industrial management, technology and leadership.

### Why Click2Connect?

- A quality and local education program that understands the importance of career advancement and personal achievement.
- Clear and customizable degree plans to fit you!
- No required college algebra course for degree completion.
- Earn an Associates and Bachelor's degree from Kansas colleges.
- No application fees.
- No ACT test score required.
- Obtain Pre-admission to Fort Hays State University.
- Dual Advising from PCC and FHSU.
- Credit hours and transcripts transfer seamlessly.
- Complete your classes from PCC and FHSU all online.

Continuing your education and completing an Associate's or Bachelor's degree through Click2Connect can be beneficial in wage earning throughout your lifetime. Investing in your future now can lead to earning up to \$1,000,000 more in your lifetime. Click2Connect is an affordable and wise investment for your future. These programs are delivered by two public institutions, making them much more affordable than similar programs offered by private and proprietary institutions.



# STUDENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

## Clubs & Organizations



# 1833

**HOURS OF SERVICE, VOLUNTEERING  
AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**



### **Sense of Accomplishment**



“I did a lot of volunteering at the local Humane Society and really enjoyed it. Community service has opened the door to many

opportunities for me. I was able to help others, which gave me a sense of accomplishment and the ability to meet people, I otherwise wouldn't have met, which lead to making new friends.”

*- Emily Lucas, Pratt, Kan.*

### **Shared Success**



“I got to know a lot about the town of Pratt because of the community service I did. A lot of non-profits wouldn't be able to operate

without people willing to do community service and help out when they can. To me, that makes it a very rewarding experience.”

*-Jacob Burbaker, Bird City, Kan.*

### **Personal Growth**



“Doing community service with my team helped me to remember that it isn't always all about me and that it isn't hard to help

someone else out. I learned a lot about myself and how to help others while doing community service.”

*-Nichole Taylor, Abilene, Kan.*

***We take pride in being an integral part of the community through volunteer service, engagement and enrichment.***



# FACULTY AND STAFF IN THE COMMUNITY

## Faculty & Staff

*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:*

# 1288

**HOURS OF SERVICE, VOLUNTEERING AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

- 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, PHS JAG-K sponsor Jana's Campaign at PCC



Jana's Campaign across three Pratt schools speaking at Liberty Middle School, Pratt High School and Pratt Community College. The Pratt High School JAG program began planning to bring Jana's Campaign to Pratt last year.

"Domestic violence is something that can be a hard topic to talk about. Curt and Christie explain it on a level that doesn't sugar coat it but makes it more urgent for students to realize that domestic violence is not ok and that there are people and places that are there to help," said Carrie Goodheart, PHS JAG-K Specialist.

The assembly's at Liberty Middle School and Pratt High School were for students only. Pratt Community College hosted the Brungardt's from 4-5 p.m. on Feb 17 in Carpenter Auditorium which was open to students and the community.



Pratt Community College and the Pratt High School JAG program worked together to bring domestic violence awareness and education to our community. The high school JAG program along with PCC sponsored this event that brought Dr. Christie Brungardt and Dr. Curt Brungardt from an organization called Jana's Campaign to speak with students across Pratt about gender and domestic violence.

of activists, advocates, and volunteers that are committed to sharing the story of Jana Mackey, a victim of domestic violence. Her parents, Christie Brungardt and Curt Brungardt, are Kansas natives who teach at Fort Hays State University, founded Jana's Campaign and are active speakers to students and communities to help spread their story, educate, and give prevention resources on gender and relationship violence.

Jana's Campaign is a national group

On Feb. 17 the Brungardt's spread

# ATHLETES IN THE COMMUNITY



## Student Athletes

# 5886

**HOURS OF SERVICE,  
VOLUNTEERING AND  
COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

## PCC basketball coach awarded for volunteer work



Pratt Community College former Women's Head Basketball Coach Stephanie Thompson and the PCC Women's basketball team have been recognized for their

work volunteering with Arrowhead West in Pratt. Arrowhead West is a local organization that serves children and adults with developmental disabilities. Thompson and the basketball team began volunteering with the organization in the Fall of 2014 and have continued into the 2015-2016 school year.

"We go to Arrowhead every Tuesday and Thursday with a group of five or six team members and do whatever it is they want to do," said Thompson, "whether it's going fishing with them,

baking, having a Valentine's party or just helping them with everyday things that they may not always get to do."

Because of Thompson's commitment to Arrowhead West, and the meaningful hours of service put in by herself and the basketball team, she was nominated to receive the Outstanding Volunteer award from InterHab. InterHab is the oldest and largest association of developmental disability service providers in Kansas. Every year InterHab hosts an annual educational conference called "Power Up!" at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Oct. 14-16 which Thompson attended and received her award.

Thompson believes that even though her name is on the award it was really the work of the students.

"It's not only me," said Thompson. "It

really was our team because the clients [Arrowhead West adults and children] love them. It's just as much about them and what the clients have done for our players."

Many of the hours that the students spent with the Arrowhead West clients was spent in the gym at PCC playing games, shooting hoops, and even getting to cheer on the Lady Beavers at home games with popcorn in hand.

"They're our biggest fans at our games and they come and sit front row and cheer us on," said Thompson. "They're just as much important to us as we are to them."

\* Thompson was the Women's Head Basketball Coach from 2008 to 2016.



On Feb. 13, Pratt Community College Wrestling competed in the West Central District Regionals in Chanute, Kan.

Wrestling qualified eight for the national tournament which is a school record and placed third overall in the tournament.

- Clay Bodenheimer – 125 lbs
- Dy’Juan Carney – 133 lbs
- Downey Wood – 141 lbs
- Andrew Beck – 149 lbs (Returning All-American)
- Cade Noble – 157 lbs
- Syed Rafay Ali – 165 lbs
- Micah Felton – 184 lbs
- Travis Quarterman – 197 lbs

The PCC Wrestling team was awarded with the NJCAA Wrestling Academic Team of the Year with a team cumulative GPA of 3.11 for the fourth year in a row.

## Volleyball team wins seat in Region VI Division I Tournament

The Pratt Community College Volleyball team headed to the Final Four Region VI Division I Tournament at the end of their season this fall. On Nov. 4 the Lady Beavers took on Colby Community College in first round matches and came out with a 3 set win.



## Cross Country finishes 29th in NJCAA Championship

The Women’s Cross Country team finished in 29 place at the NJCAA Championship meet on Nov. 14. There were 43 teams and 303 runners who came out to compete in Fort Dodge, Iowa, with Lansing Community College from Michigan claiming the

team title over Iowa Central.

The Beavers were led by sophomores Divina Flores who placed 123, Krystal Rivera who placed 126, and Elisabeth Richins placed 137.



## Men’s soccer wins 2015 conference

The Pratt Community College men’s soccer team are the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference champions. In the final game of the conference the men took on Cowley College.

The game finished at 2-2. The tie game gives PCC the win and a Conference Title for the first time in the programs history.

# ATHLETICS UPDATES

**Women's Basketball** The women's basketball team volunteered a total of 3500 hours over the course of the school year at Arrowhead West in Pratt. Lead by 12 sophomores, the women's basketball team finished the season with an overall record of 11-19. There will be many new faces in 2016-2017 as Carey Phariss takes the reigns of the program after Thompson's resignation in March.

**Volleyball** The 2015-2016 PCC Women's Volleyball team finished with a 20-15 record, the second consecutive 20 win season in the last five years. With the beavers upsetting several teams this year, including Colby Community College, the PCC Women's Volleyball team made their first Final Four appearance for Region VI since 2010. The lady beavers finished their season with two All-Conference and Region Players (the most since 2011), and nine All-Academic Conference Players.

Not only did the PCC Women's Volleyball Team compete on the court, but also served in many community service duties. Duties included reffing, scoring, and line judging at Pratt High School, Pratt Skyline, and Liberty Middle School. They also volunteered coached for the Impact club team, helped elderly couples move, cleaned up the sand courts at Lemon Park, and helped with after prom at Pratt High School. The PCC Women's Volleyball team also had the opportunity to hold several camps and activities throughout the year for younger volleyball players in the community. It was evident that the PCC Volleyball Team had a good balance of student and athlete with finishing with a 3.58 GPA the highest out of any sport at PCC.

The 2016 PCC Volleyball Program has a very bright future with 18

athletes and three managers. The lady beavers will compete against some high level competition in 2016 including Western Nebraska, Iowa Western, New Mexico Military Institute, Frank Phillips, and Odessa.

**Baseball** got off to a slow start this year dropping five out of the first seven series. From that point on the Beavers started playing better baseball with a sweep of traditional conference power Butler Community College. The Beavers were lead offensively by sophomore outfielder Julio Ibarra and freshman infielder Reece Garvie. They both finished in the top seven in batting average with Ibarra finishing 4 in homeruns.

The Pitching staff was led by sophomore reliever Hayden Brauser and freshman starter Nate McBroom. Brauser was among league leaders in appearances and tied for 7th in saves. McBroom was tied for 7th in wins.

The Baseball team also had another successful year in the classroom by having an overall GPA over 3.1.

The Beavers also pitched in around the community. They helped many organizations with events as well as individuals by raking leaves, shoveling snow, and moving furniture.

**Softball** continued the Softball Sisters as their primary community service initiative. They chose a local team of 13-14 year old softball players and hosted pizza parties, practice times and individual lessons. With a solid core of returners and a versatile athletic group of freshman recruits, our fall season was both educational and productive. Many new faces will have the opportunity to have substantial playing time this spring. Every position has been solidified; Pitching brings the most improvement and depth. With a change in divisions to the Jayhawk West and a bump to NJCAA Division 1 level, the Lady Beavers look to compete for a spot somewhere

in the top three teams of their division.

**Track & Field** The men's and women's Track and Field/Cross Country Program volunteered at several different events throughout the Fall semester helping with Relay for Life, babysitting at First Pratt Church in town, we also took part in helping one of the local high schools cross country meet course setup as well as being Course Marshalls for the meet. They also took part in Southwest Fun night in Pratt. Women's 4x800 broke the indoor and outdoor record. The team qualified for indoor and outdoor nationals. Women 4x100 team broke the school record as well. Women's 4x800 team took 10th at indoor nationals. Breanna Philips, Ashton Sands, and Brandon Mace all qualified as individuals to the outdoor nationals meet.

**Cross Country** The Men and Women's Cross country Team participated in the same community Service as the track team. The Men and Women's team finished a very competitive schedule in the Fall 2015-2016 season. Boasting several personal broken records amongst both the men and women's team. Although not having a great repeat showing at the National meet, the Women's team still posted 4 of the top 10 times in school history. The Cross Country team continues to build off of their gains from the past two seasons and remain competitive in the Conference.

**Men's Soccer** Men's Soccer provide the Pratt Rec Department free clinics, after our season in October, and again in March before their Spring season. The kids ages range from 3 -12 years old. We also volunteer our time in Argonia, where we put on a free four-hour clinic. The Soccer players also referee the kids games for the Rec Departments in Argonia, Caldwell, Medicine Lodge, Harper, Attica and Pratt. The 2015-2016 was a fantastic season for the Men's soccer program, finishing with a record of 14-3-1, and winning the Conference Championship.



**Women's Soccer** started volunteering two days a week for two hours each evening at The Blythe Fitness Center during the second semester. The girls were responsible for watching children from toddlers to early teens.

The 2016-2017 season will be an exciting one with many new players from all over Kansas and surrounding states.

**Men's Basketball** finished a very successful year on the hardwood. They finished 2nd in the Jayhawk Conference with an overall record of 22-9 and 15-4 in conference play. The Beavers lost in the Region 6 tournament to Cloud County Community College. The men's program also continued their service in the local school district, volunteering their time at Southwest Elementary school with their "Little Buddies".

**Cheer** participated in volunteering for

numerous activities. They started the year by helping at relay for life, babysitting at a local church, helped at the men's basketball golf tournament, and were ambassadors at the state fair for PCC. During the winter they helped staff senate clean up after home basketball games as well.

The team started strong with a national bid to Daytona Florida and look to build upon that this coming season.

**Wrestling** The Pratt Wrestling Program provided the Pratt Wrestling Club and Pratt High School with free clinics and camps throughout the year. Also, with our Olympic Regional Training Center, we have put in numerous hours for development towards Freestyle and Greco-Roman training throughout the year to the surrounding areas for chances to join the Kansas National Team. We have also engaged in helping the community with discarding trash along with helping

the Blythe Center set-up for events and helping move persons and families into new homes. Not only did we help people move, but we also helped serve the less fortunate with the Community Thanksgiving Feed and also feeding the inmates at the Pratt County Jail on Christmas Day. Clinics are offered every Sunday for youths free of charge.

In 2015-2016 the wrestling team had 8 National Qualifiers that competed at Nationals which set a school record. While at Nationals they had a top 25 finish with 2 All-Americans. The team was also named the Academic Team of the Year for the fourth year in a row.

# PCC Hires New Athletic Director



Pratt Community College hired Bill Wilson as the new Athletic Director in January.

Wilson previously served as the Director of Athletics at Northland College in Ashland, Wis. While at Northland College, Wilson developed the addition of men's and women's NCAA golf as well as junior varsity programs in several sports for the college. Wilson was also instrumental in upgrading athletic facilities on campus and developing the college's first athletic booster club.

Wilson is also committed to student excellence and recruiting. He implemented an athletic department recruiting software that worked closely with the college's admissions department in meeting enrollment goals. Wilson established a Student-Athlete Leadership Development program that was a three-phased program that focused on the development of student-athletes academically, socially and communally.

"The most fulfilling part of my job is getting to work with all of the players that I have had and seeing who they have become years later," said Wilson.

He was drawn to the institution and the athletic program because he is a fan of the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference. He enjoys smaller communities and has seen the quality of people that work and matriculate at PCC during his visit.

"We were blessed with a very competitive group of applicants with three

strong candidates in the end. It's a good problem to have and Bill definitely has the experience and knowledge that will be valuable to PCC," said Calvert.

Wilson will be replacing Kurt McAfee as Athletic Director. McAfee is still in the PCC family having accepted the position of Vice President of Advancement and Alumni Affairs. Calvert said that Bill brings a fresh set of eyes and a new perspective to the athletic department and has no doubt that he will enhance the athletic programs and bring new opportunities to PCC through his experience.

Wilson says that he wants to continue to enhance the department and its programs through efficiency, competition, and a commitment to excellence.

In Wilson's spare time he enjoys traveling, fishing, and aviation. Though at the end of the day his true passion is collegiate sports and working with students.



## Chavez receives KBD scholarship

Kappa Beta Delta International Honor Society proudly announces that Nancy Chavez, Pratt Community College, from Pratt, has received the 2016 Kappa Beta Delta Region 5 Scholarship, which amounts in \$500.

Chavez is currently a sophomore at Pratt Community College pursuing a degree in business administrative technology and maintains a 3.4 GPA and is on the Dean's Honor Roll.

"The importance of education is something I have understood since I was little. Neither of my parents had the opportunity to attend college; however, they have sacrificed so many things for me, so I would be able to continue with my goals," Chavez said.

Chavez is very involved in campus activities and organizations, including Phi Theta Kappa, Kappa Beta Delta, Student Leadership Council, the Hispanic Organization of Leadership and Advancement, she is also member of The Blue Crew Group. She is also an active community volunteer and enjoys working at the Pratt library with children and, because she is bilingual, helps translate at banks, hospitals and local high school.

"Nancy has truly been a joy to work with; she is outstanding in every way, and is so on the top of her homework that she sometimes reminds me about where we are," said Carol Ricke, Chair, Accounting & Business, Social Sciences and HPER. "She is a hard-working, dedicated student that has the ability to achieve at a greater level."

## Ag Department starts Collegiate Farm Bureau

To give students one more club to be involved in on-campus, along with give them the chance to network, Pratt Community College's agriculture department has teamed up with the Farm Bureau to form a Collegiate Farm Bureau.

Last school year, members of the Pratt County Farm Bureau Association spoke with ag instructors Bill Hunter and Lori Montgomery about coming together to form this college group. The group will allow students to improve their leadership skills, network and have fun.

"I was so excited when they presented this to us and am excited to have this group on campus," Hunter said. "With help from the local and state bureaus we are going to be able to do a lot and it's going to be a great opportunity for the students."

This year Hunter said the group worked the ag center booth at the State Fair, went to the State Young Farmer and Rancher conference in Manhattan, where not only were they be able to attend the conferences but also have a team in the Discussion Meet, along with have socials, participate in community service and fundraise.

During the school year, the new organization was involved in many activities including sending thank you cards to soliders, who couldn't be home for the holidays.

Hunter said the group is also hoping to do other events, including something for National Ag Day, but isn't sure yet what that will look like.

Anita DeWeese, Coordinator of the Pratt County Farm Bureau Association was fundamental in getting this group set up and has already had some of the students going with her to the local school districts to help teach students about agriculture, which Hunter said will continue in the future.

The group met every other Tuesday in the ag building. Any students are welcome to attend. There is a \$20 membership fee.

## Block and Bridle Member Wins National Award

In November, Mattison Dutson received the National Block and Bridle Outstanding Sophomore Scholarship.

Block and Bridle is a club for students with an interest in agriculture. The objectives of the club are to promote student interest and leadership in agriculture, strengthen, improve, and promote the profession of

agriculture, and scholarship among students of agriculture.

A student from Pratt Community College has won the award every year since 1997. Requirements for the scholarship are based on GPA, Block and Bridle activities and other school and community activities.



# A YEAR OF PERFORMING ARTS



## Performing Arts Schedule 2015-2016

A Night On Broadway  
Back to the USO  
A Christmas to Remember  
Valentines Show  
Concert of Choirs  
Esther  
Finale!



## Spring Musical "Esther" Comes Back After 20 Years



mentors who inspired me to do what I do. With a little convincing I was able to win them both over on the idea."

Beilman, now the Pratt High School theatre director, and Davis, now a music and worship pastor at the First United Methodist Church in Stillwater, Okla., made a difference in many students lives, which is apparent from looking at the cast list.

"It has been a joy to share this musical season with a fabulous cast," Beck said. "Several cast members from 1996 are in the 2016 cast as well as children of the '96 cast and many of Davis and Beilman's students past and present."

One student who is excited to be in the play because of the people involved from the beginning is Zach Stone, freshman from Pratt.

"Being a part of Esther is a huge honor for me since it was written by my high school theatre and forensics coach and my college theatre teacher was in it and is now directing it," he said. "It's fun to put this show together with a cast that I've gotten to work with on different shows throughout the last three years."



PCC's spring musical has only been performed once, 20 years ago, but is coming back to Pratt Community College's stage for a second time.

"Esther", based on the book of Esther in the Bible, was written by Prattan Rose Beilman with music by Ed Davis and performed at PCC in 1996.

"Twenty years ago, as a student at PCC, I had several teachers who really helped me define who I was and find my place

in the world," said Misty Beck, director. "Two of the teachers were Ed Davis and Rose Beilman, my music and theatre teachers. That sophomore year we were privileged to get to produce a play they had just finished writing and composing. We worked songs in Encore to 'try them out' and had the very unique experience of being the first cast to produce an original musical, one of the best I've ever been in or seen. As the 20 year anniversary of that semester approached I knew I wanted to produce that same musical in honor of my

# EMPLOYEE YEARS OF SERVICE



## Less than 1 year

AMANDA COLON  
DONNY DAVIES  
MEGAN EATON  
MICHAEL FITZPATRICK  
KELLI FLORIO  
EDDIE FREEMAN  
ETHAN GILLIG  
MAX GOOD

SCOTT GOODHEART  
JOSHUA HARDEN  
MELVIN JENKINS  
ERIC LARSON  
ROBIN LEMON  
DONNA MEIER PFEIFER  
JACKIE MUNDT  
CAREY PHARISS  
BRITTANY ROBERTS  
ALYSSA RUSHTON  
KENTON SMALL  
RON SNYDER  
BILL WILSON

## 1 year

JARED BROWN  
STACEY DAVIES  
SANDRA DYCHE  
JERRY HASKELL  
TRISHA JACKSON  
HALEY LINDSEY  
JORDYN LOTT  
SUSAN MAYBERRY  
SUSAN MEYER  
ALICIA NOVOTNY  
LEAH PATTERSON  
ROCKY PATTERSON  
TODD RELLER

MELINDA RODMAN

## 2 years

MICHAEL CALVERT  
MICHAEL EMMOTT  
CAROL MCKENNA  
KRISTEN NIBLETT  
MARY SULLIVAN  
AMANDA WADE

## 3 years

CASEY BACKMAN  
KATHERINE BROWN  
THERESA GEE  
JASON GHUMM  
ERIN LACIO  
LUKE LAHA  
SHARON LUKENS  
CAITLIN MILLER  
JUAN PERRON  
TRACY REYNOLDS  
CHAD SHADE  
STEVE VANDERVOORT  
CHRISTY WRIGHT  
LELANNE ZIMMERMAN

## 4 years

VALARIE DELLROCCO  
KATHRYN FALKINBURG  
KEVIN KEWLEY  
SANDRA WAGNER

## 5 years

JENNIFER BARTEN  
BRIAN ELKINS  
CHER GRUVER  
KENNETH KEPLEY

CINDY LAMBERT  
HANNA SHORT  
FRANK STAHL  
STEVE WESTERHAUS

## 6 years

KIMBERLY HANSEN  
DARRELL KRUSE  
MARY MARQUARDT  
SANDRA NISSEN

## 7 years

PHILLIP CAMPBELL  
LANE GOURLEY  
AMY JACKSON  
GLORIA MUELLER  
HANNAH SHAW  
TONY SHULL  
ERIC THOMPSON  
JANIE WHITMAN

## 8 years

KENNETH GAWITH  
ANDY GREENSTREET  
BRENDA STERNEKER  
STEPHANIE THOMPSON  
MARIO TURSINI  
HEATHER WILSON

## 9 years

MIKE ALLISON  
JEREMY RUPE

## 10 years

SCOTT JACKMAN  
KURT MCAFEE

## 12 years

MICHAEL JACKSON  
SARAH JACKSON

## 13 years

GREG BACON  
DAVE "KIP" CHAMBERS

## 14 years

RIT PINKALL  
EDWARD RAWSON  
ALLEN WIESE

## 16 years

STEPHANIE WIESE

## 17 years

MISTY BECK  
ROY CLARK  
JERRY SANKO  
E. DEAN SENTER  
RODNEY STEWART

## 18 years

LORI MONTGOMERY

## 21 years

MARY BOLYARD  
LISA KOLM  
SHERRY WARD

## 22 years

LEIGH ANN HALL

## 23 years

KENT ADAMS  
WILLIAM HUNTER

## 24 years

RHONDA WESTERHAUS

## 25 years

DARYL LUCAS

## 26 years

DAN PETZ

## 27 years

DAVID CRAMER  
PATTY HUFFMAN  
CAROL RICKE

## 28 years

CAROL BONHAM

## 30 years

MONETTE DEPEW

## 31 years

MARSHA SHRACK

## 32 years

CARMEN FOREST  
LISA PEREZ-MILLER

## 34 years

LORRAINE PROSSER

## 36 years

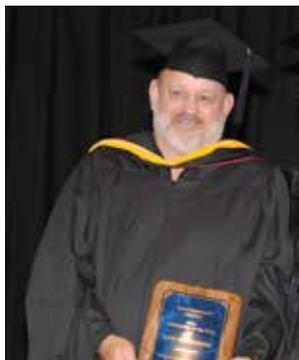
TIMOTHY RENNER

## 37 years

CATHY BLASI

# EMPLOYEE AWARDS

## Chambers Recognized as PHEA Teacher of the Year



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

This year, the PHEA committee chose to recognize science instructor, Kip Chambers as this year's recipient.

"I am very appreciative of this award," Chambers said. "We have so many good teachers here and it is an honor to be recognized."

Chambers has been at PCC for 14 years and teaches General Biology, Environmental Science, Zoology and Botany classes' on-campus.

Since starting at the college, Chambers said his favorite part of teaching has remained the same.

"I love to interact with the students," he said. "It is rewarding to be in a classroom and have all the energy. I love to be able to see the students grow and improve their lives."

Chambers, who grew up in Pratt, said he has many teachers at the high school and college level that made a difference in his life and he wants to do the same for his students.

"I really enjoyed him (Chambers) as a teacher. He made things fun and easy to learn, along with making the process from high school to college easier," said Emma Hall, who will be a sophomore this coming fall. "He is my mentor on-campus. If I have an issue I always know I can go to him and he helped me find summer job opportunities. Not every teacher is willing to do those types of things."

Another reason Hall said she enjoyed Chambers as an instructor was because he made so much of the class hands-on through labs and field trips.

One field trip the students' enjoy each year is when they go to the South Fork Ninnescah River and collect fish using an electro-fishing technique. Once the fish are caught, students look at how the environment is affecting the fish.

"We went on a lot of trips that showed us how what we do on a daily basis is affecting our world," said Chance Kruger, who will be a sophomore this fall. "We covered a lot of trends in his class along with environmental issues and discussed how we can leave the world a better place. He was my favorite teacher because of those conversations and because of how hands-on his classes were."

For being the recipient of the PHEA instructor of the year, Chambers received a \$500 check and plaque.

## Haskell receives teaching award as first year instructor



Each year students at Pratt Community College are invited to nominate a teacher that has made a positive influence on their learning career and life.

This year Jerry Haskell, a first year Electrical Power Lineman Technology instructor in Wichita, won the Dennis Lesh Instructor of the Year Award after getting nominations from six of his students.

"I felt Jerry was a great nominee for this award because of his excellent ability to teach students on a level that I have never experienced before," said student Greyson Pihl. "Jerry creates both a fun and productive learning environment in the classroom and on the pole field. Along with teaching us what we need to know to be successful in our jobs, he also taught us about life."

Haskell said his teaching philosophy was to teach them everything he could about line work and the dangers of the job so they could stay safe. He said he also tried to give them life lessons along the way about putting money in their 401K and being a good employee and co-worker and about having a good appearance.

All of these things are reasons why the committee picked him as this year's winner of the plaque and \$1,000.

"When we read through what the students said about him (Jerry), we knew he was who Dennis would have wanted as a winner," said Susan Mayberry, who served on the committee. "Dennis used to do the same thing, helping students in and out of the classroom. He would have been proud of this selection."

Before coming to PCC this past fall, Haskell worked at Butler Rural Electrical Cooperative as a lineman, foreman and service technician for 36 years.

"Being a first year teacher, I didn't know about this award so when they talked about the award and said my name with it, I was absolutely shocked," Haskell said. "It made it very special knowing the students nominated me."



## Dennis Lesh Foundation Food Service Award 2016 Recipient

Linda Bold

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

**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.**



# LETTER FROM THE FOUNDATION DIRECTOR



Dear PCC Alumni and Friends,

Like many of you, I have a number of connections to Pratt Community College. My relationship with the college began as an employee when I was just a newlywed who recently moved to the Pratt area. PCC gave me professional opportunities and relationships that benefit me to this day. At PCC, I completed my Associate degree and then seamlessly moved on to complete my Bachelor degree at Friend's University.

Even after leaving PCC's employ, I continued my relationship with the college by serving on its Foundation Board. I hope you will take a moment to stop and reflect on your special connections to PCC; those teachers and staff that made a difference in your life, those friendships that created wonderful memories, the ways you personally benefit from the college's presence in the community. One of our goals at the Foundation is to do a better job informing you about all the good things happening at PCC and to give you more opportunities to stay engaged.

We are doing a lot of great things at PCC. Pratt Community College currently ranks 13 out of the 100 best community colleges in the country by SmartAsset.com. Pratt Community College was named an Aspen Institute top 150 community college for a third consecutive time. Keep in mind that there are over 1600 community colleges in the United States and to be recognized as one of the best, is truly amazing.

Many community colleges around the country are employing innovative ways to teach and educate the next generation and PCC continues to be one of the best two-year schools in the country. Pratt Community College has been ranked 15th most affordable community college in the nation by AffordableColleges.com based on a combination of low average in-state tuition and high rates of financial aid being given by the school.

Pratt Community College students graduating with an associate degree between 2008 and 2012 have a higher annual wage than the average of associate degree and bachelor's degree graduates in that same time from all Kansas public colleges and universities.

We are grateful for your past donation and want to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for your help and support. As state aid continues to dwindle, we are doing a lot of great things with limited resources. I ask that you take a moment and think about your experience at PCC and make a gift. Your generosity will bring positive change and progress. You have the ability to change lives and provide an opportunity for deserving students to experience what you did at Pratt Community College.

Thank you,

*Diane Thompson*

Diane Thompson, PCC Foundation Board Chair



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# ALUMNI AND FOUNDATION UPDATES

## Annual Scholarship Auction

On April 23, the Pratt Community College Foundation hosted the annual scholarship auction. The theme was "Back to the Dam," and the back to the future-inspired evening included dinner, raffles, a live auction with John Hamm, a silent auction and a performance by PCC's vocal ensemble, Encore!. Altogether, more than 90 items were auctioned off, and \$35,000 was netted for student scholarships.



## Foundation Board Members

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## 2016 Outstanding Alumnus, John Toothaker



student government association. He graduated from PCC in 1995 with an Associate in Science in Liberal Arts. After PCC, Toothaker graduated cum laude from Emporia State University where he was immersed in numerous academic, community service and social groups.

Toothaker taught science at Wichita's Southeast High School. In 1998, he started his own financial services partnership. In 2010, John became a partner with Schreck Financial Group, a leading area independent advisory firm. As an advisor, he was named President of Kansas's largest chapter of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors. Toothaker also commits many hours to his community and volunteers in Clearwater, Kan. as the board chairman for Clearwater's assisted living, memory care and nursing home facility.

Toothaker has also been recognized by the premier association for financial advisors, the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT). He has achieved participation in their "Court of the Table" for five years and has been member of MDRT's prestigious "Top of the Table" for six years, putting him in the top half of 1 percent of financial advisors in the world. Toothaker also teaches continuing professional education classes for hundreds of insurance agents, financial advisors, attorneys and accountants on a wide range of financial topics.

From humble roots, Toothaker and his wife Crystal are the proud parents of three active boys: Brock, Carter and Will. They live in Clearwater and when they're not running around playing, cheering, and coaching the boys in sports they can be found with family and friends or out exploring the world. Toothaker says that he is honored to be given this title.

On May 13, the Pratt Community College Foundation will honor John Toothaker, as the 2016 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.

Toothaker has been involved in organizations and the community since high school. His freshmen year Toothaker was instrumental in helping establish a baseball program at Turpin High School in Oklahoma. He graduated from Liberal High School and moved on to PCC on a baseball scholarship and was named to the Jayhawk conference's second team as a freshman. While at PCC he was active in campus life and was elected President of the

"I am honored to hear that the leaders of Pratt Community College selected me to receive this award," said Toothaker. "My time at PCC was just what this simple kid from western Kansas needed at that time in my life. The values that were reinforced by those who contributed to my education while I was at PCC have served me well throughout my life, and to them I say, thank you."

## Congratulations Class of 2016



# SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS HONORED

## Scholarship Recipients

<i>Above and Beyond</i>	Jacob Bowles Jacob Brubaker Olivia Diestelamp Taylor Elliott Iva Foster Emily Lucas
<i>Cummins, Victor, Thelma</i>	Alicia Hall
<i>Krueger, Irene</i>	Arica Alexander Brittany Thelen Shelby Boskens Jayme McCarty Andrew Beck Kaliegh Soneson
<i>Glen M. McCaslin Academic</i>	Mattison Dusin
<i>J.C. Lemon</i>	Regan Boyer Tyler Beat Anna Schmidtberger
<i>Virgil Miles</i>	Molly Miller Ellie Brehm
<i>Fred E. Haas and Mary Francis Haas</i>	Easton Mitchell
<i>John Megaffin Scholarship</i>	Lakin Pianalto
<i>Darrell and Irene Shumway</i>	Stonie Flemming
<i>Chandler, George</i>	Kathryn Baker Tonya Dupree Terryll Hayner Michelle Strohl Randi White
<i>Leek, Harold (Margarent Brant Leek)</i>	Savannah Dutton Amy Gibson Kaitlyn Millis
<i>Beck, Clarence</i>	Cara Johnson
<i>Hicklin Memorial Scholarship</i>	Abigail Smith

## Carl and Bonnie Dudrey Scholarship Recipients

<i>Agriculture</i>	Katie Schrag Kylie Mull Noel Hernandez
<i>Agriculture Power Technology</i>	Nolan Lankton Ryan Zoglmann Kolby Haselhorst Zach Kysar Adam Willoughby
<i>Electrical Power Lineman Technology</i>	Barrett Freund Cannon Burns Cole Washington Trevor Hassler
<i>Automotive Technology</i>	William Hall Shawn Hook Cole Quaney Zach Schridde
<i>Nursing</i>	Melinda Sparks



# CLUB 62+

Club 62+ is a programming and discount service for senior citizens 62+ years of age in Pratt, Kiowa, Barber, Kingman, Harper, Comanche and Stafford counties. In addition to great programs and events such as casino trips, crafting workshops, special speakers and murder mysteries, seniors may receive a discount card entitling them to:

- One-half price admission to home athletic events
- Tuition scholarships for all college courses (fees and books still apply)
- Free admission to college events to which students are admitted free

There is no charge for membership. To receive a schedule of upcoming activities and events, contact:

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