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Monthly Newsletter

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The official newsletter of PCC

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## Upcoming Dates

- **"Christmas to Remember"**  
12/5 - 12/6 at 7:30 p.m.  
12/7 at 2:30 p.m.
- **Kids Night Out with PCC Wrestling**  
12/6 | 7 p.m. - 12/7 | 8 a.m.
- **Fiddler on the Roof Auditions**  
12/9 - 12/10 | 7 p.m.
- **Kansas Wesleyan Transfer Seminar**  
12/10 | 5:30 p.m.
- **Board of Trustees Meeting**  
12/15 | 7 p.m.
- **Closed for Winter Break**  
12/24/14 - 1/4/2015
- **Residence Halls Reopen**  
1/5/2015 | 9 a.m.
- **Spring Main Campus Classes Begin**  
1/7/2015

## PCC to Dedicate New Building



PCC will hold a building dedication ceremony on Dec. 5 to honor a longtime supporter of the college and unveil the sign for the recently expanded and newly renamed **Dudrey Agriculture Technology Center**.

This summer, the college added

1,650 square feet on the east side to what was formerly known as the Ag Power Building. The addition was possible because of money that was given to the college by Carl and the late Bonnie Dudrey.

"We knew that in order to be able to get more students in the Ag Power program, we had to have more space for them to be able to work," said Kent Adams, Vice President of Finance and Operations.

Adams said that fall 2014 enrollment is up in the program, and that they hope to see that trend continue.

Along with the extra space, the building also has an overhead crane, which will allow students to easier work on equipment and larger doors to so they can bring in larger equipment.

"Carl and Bonnie have been fabulous donors and longtime supporters of the college," Adams said. "They have allowed many students over the years to get scholarships that otherwise wouldn't have had one."

This year there are 17 students on Dudrey scholarships, which are given to students in technical programs.

Some additional money for the project came from an institutional grant.



**Dec. 5  
11:30 a.m.**

# Updates from the Linda Hunt Memorial Library



**Special Library Hours:** (Week of Dec 1) Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
(Week of Dec. 7) Sunday 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.; Monday - Wed 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. / Thurs - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
(Week of Dec 15) Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.



During November, the library hosted the Cheyenne Indian exhibit from the Fort Larned National Historic Site to celebrate Native American Heritage Month.

On Nov. 11, a Veteran's Day brunch was held in the library honoring our employees who have served in the Armed Forces. We salute you!



A laptop cart is now available for patron use. The cart holds 15 Windows 8.1 laptops which can be checked out for studying or to use in class.

Check outs are available in hour increments and there is no charge to check out the laptops, though patrons will be required to leave a driver's license or student ID with the library staff.



On **December 17**, we are launching Office 365, a free service to PCC students and adjunct instructors. Learn more at [www.prattcc.edu/Office365](http://www.prattcc.edu/Office365)

## Students

All students enrolled in any number of credit hours will receive a PCC email address through the Office 365 portal. Your Office 365 account also includes the free download of Microsoft Office on Windows and OS X and 1 Terabyte of storage on the cloud storage service OneDrive.

Access your email account and your Office 365 account at: [portal.office.com](http://portal.office.com) using the username and password emailed to you on December 17. This username and password is also your new login for Self-Service.

Delays in accessing your new email address may occur during the transition. There will be no delay to Self-Service access.

## Adjuncts

Adjunct Instructors at PCC will receive a PCC email address through the Office 365 portal.

Cloud storage and Microsoft Office app downloads are not available for adjuncts at this time.

Access your email account at [portal.office.com](http://portal.office.com) using the username and password emailed to you on December 17. Delays in accessing your new email address may occur during the transition.

## Faculty

Faculty at PCC will experience a change in their Self-Service login. Your old login will be replaced by your standard network password (the same used for computer, email, etc.).

On your first login after the transition, you will complete a brief one-time authentication requiring

- name
- birth date (MM/DD/YYYY)
- people code ID (no dashes)



# Articulation Agreement Signed with Friends University



**FRIENDS**  
UNIVERSITY

On Nov. 11, Pratt Community College signed an articulation agreement that will allow a student who completes an associate's degree at PCC to be accepted as a College of Business, Arts, Sciences and Education student at Friends University.

The two institutions signed an articulation agreement last spring for PCC students who prefer to earn their bachelor's degree by attending evening classes in the College of Adult and Professional Studies.

"We are excited to have this agreement in place with Friends University providing, yet another opportunity for PCC students for seamless transfer," said Dr. Mike Calvert, PCC president. "Friends University has a strong academic reputation and commitment to student success."



## Art Gallery Features Photography

During the month of December, the Delmar Riney Art Gallery will display the works of Brian Elkins.

"Photography has been a hobby of mine since graduating from college in 2009," said Elkins. "I began taking photos just as a way to document my travels for friends and family on social media, however, as I continued with photography, it quickly became a passion of mine."



Over the last few years, Elkins has had the opportunity to travel all across Kansas and through many states. On his journeys, he has encountered many great people, stories and animals ranging from rattlesnakes to buffaloes. Elkins' pictures showcase some of the things he loves the most, which include traveling, storm watching, vintage aircraft, plant life and prairie animals. He hopes those who visit the exhibit in the Delmar Riney Art Gallery enjoy the many images and take away a greater awareness and appreciation for the creation that surrounds them.

Elkins is the Coordinator of Enrollment Services at PCC.

### Women's Basketball

11/01	PCC loss to Cowley 34-50
11/07	PCC def. Hesston 72-50
11/08	PCC def. Hesston 72-50
11/08	PCC def. Labette 75-61
11/11	PCC def. Allen-74-41
11/14	PCC loss to Coffeyville 66-79
11/15	PCC def. Labette 66-39
11/18	PCC def. NOC Enid JV 85-52
11/22	PCC loss to Cowley 45-71

### Men's Basketball

11/01	PCC def. Cowley 87-65
11/08	PCC def. Brown Mackie 80-71
11/11	PCC loss to Allen 57-59
11/15	PCC loss to Coffeyville 96-105
11/18	PCC def. Southwestern JV 101-76
11/25	PCC loss to Coffeyville 86-82

## Pratt Community College Athletics Recap

### Men's Cross Country

11/8	NJCAA Finals	21st out of 90 schools
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### Women's Cross Country

11/8	NJCAA Finals	15th out of 102 schools
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Grasiela Navarro finished 9th overall, making her the first Pratt female to earn All-American honors in cross country. Her time of 18:18 is a new school record for the 5K.

### Men's Wrestling

11/04	#16 Neosho 29 ; PCC 12
11/13	#28 Pratt - 0 #9 NEO - 51
11/20	#25 Iowa Western - 40; #28 Pratt - 9

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## Enrollment Open Now For SPRING

- Enroll now through January 6
- Most full semester classes on the main campus begin January 7
- Find the full schedule with all start dates at [prattcc.edu/schedule](http://prattcc.edu/schedule)

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Pictured above: Alvarez, front row second from right

### PCC Student Named National Community College Aerospace Scholar

Pratt Community College student Silvia Alvarez recently spent three days at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas to participate in the National Community College Aerospace Scholars project (NCAS).

Alvarez, originally from Pratt, was selected as one of 40 community college students from across the U.S. and was the only student selected from Kansas.

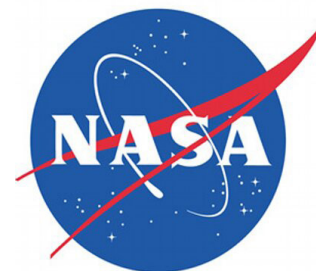
The semester-long scholars program culminates with a three-day on-site event at Johnson Space Center and offers students the opportunity to interact with NASA engineers and others as they learn more about careers in science and engineering.

While at NASA, students form teams and establish fictional companies interested in Mars exploration. Each team is responsible for developing a prototype rover, designing a 3-D model of their rover and forming a company infrastructure, including budget, communications and presentations. Alvarez was responsible for the marketing portion of her team's fictional company, and her team won first place in the competition.

"My favorite part was interacting with the NASA team and seeing their facilities up close," said Alvarez. "It was an exciting experience for someone from a small town in Kansas, and it helped me to decide that I want to pursue an internship with NASA in the future. I've been interested in working with NASA since high school, and since I'm planning a career in science, this fits in well with my academic objectives."

Alvarez will graduate from Pratt Community College in May 2015 and plans to transfer to Wichita State University to study microbiology.

NCAS is designed to encourage community and junior college students to enter careers in science and engineering in order to join the nation's high technology workforce.





# Recent Graduate Helps Keep Nursing Standards High



Jim Leckliter, May 2014 graduate, was selected to sit on a panel that approves or denies questions that will go on the future National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensure Examination (NCLEX).

After the question is written it then goes to the first panel for review which looks at grammar and proper word usage. After that the question goes to his panel to decide if the question is a good one for the test.

"We look to see if someone going into nursing would understand

what the question was asking and to see if it was something that a new nurse needed to know."

Six people were chosen all across the nation to sit on this panel. During the course of the two days the panel met, they looked at 675 questions.

"It allows me to be involved in the future of nursing," he said. "I will want to stay involved know it is going to stay on the level of quality it is today."

Leckliter who is now a Charge Nurse at the State Prison in Leavenworth said he hopes to be able to volunteer on this panel again.

## PCC Presents Awards at Pratt County 4-H Banquet

On Nov. 1, Pratt Community College was proud to present the I Dare You Award at the annual Pratt County 4-H Achievement Banquet.

The I Dare You Award recognizes character and leadership in students who go above and beyond their 4-H responsibilities. The two recipients of this year's award were Kahrie Stegman of the Southwest 4-H Club and Austin Black of the Glendale Reapers 4-H Club.

"PCC is thrilled to be a part of this celebration each year," said Leighanne Dean, Coordinator of Marketing, Communication and College Relations. "These two 4-H'ers are great examples of what this award is all about."

Recipients are nominated by 4-H Club Community Leaders, and selected by volunteers in other counties. PCC has sponsored this award for more than 17 years.



## Automotive Alumnus Feature: Oree Klein

Loving his experience at Pratt Community College in the automotive department, 2008 graduate Oree Klein (pictured at right) comes back to visit whenever he's in town.

"Anytime I am in town I stop by to see what is going on and see the growth of the program," he said. "It is fun to talk with the students."

Klein said his positive experiences in the program are what make him want to come back, along with his respect for the instructors.

"Daryl and Greg have a lot of knowledge and know how to teach it. Not everyone can be taught with a book and having the hands-on aspect made this educational option more effective for me."

Klein works at New Star Pipe Line Co., in McPherson as a Terminal Operator and works from an automotive shop at his house on nights and weekends. He said he chose to start his own shop, so that he can choose what projects he works on.



# Performing Arts Presents "A Christmas to Remember"

Pratt Community College's Performing Arts department will have the annual Christmas show to help kick off the season on Dec. 5-7.

'A Christmas to Remember,' will have the same layout as the show has the past few years, with the first half of the shows focus being more on the entertaining side of Christmas and the second half focusing on the true meaning of Christmas, with more religious numbers.

The show will feature solos, duets, the ensemble and full community choir. There will also be children's numbers.

"It promises to be a fun show with the classic favorites and also some new music," said Misty Beck, show director.

The event will take place in Carpenter Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 5 and 6 and at 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 7.

Admission to the event is \$5.

## "Back to the USO" Nov. 11

To recognize veterans for their service and to celebrate their day, the Pratt Community College Performing Arts Department put on "Back to the USO." The show featured music from 40s era and patriotic music including solos, duets, Encore and a full choir.



## "Fiddler on the Roof"

**Auditions December 9 - 10  
7 p.m. Carpenter Auditorium**

**LOTS OF ROLES FOR ALL AGES  
Come prepared to sing, act and  
possibly dance!**





## At the Nov. 17 Board of Trustees meeting, President Calvert recognized the following groups and individuals:

Volleyball: Marina Hansen – 2nd Team Jayhawk West All Conference

Instructor: Carmen Forest

Block & Bridle: Lane Kissinger – Outstanding Sophomore (1)

EPT: Zack Reimer – mikeroweWORKS Scholarship

Men's Soccer:

- James Gragson - KJCCC Second Team Forward
- Declan Fitzpatrick – KJCCC Second Team Midfielder
- Greg Roller - KJCCC Second Team Midfielder
- David Nobo – KJCCC Second Team Defender
- Sam Nobo – KJCCC Second Team Defender
- Jose Vaquera – KJCCC Honorable Mention

Women's Soccer: (3)

- Wynter Keetso – KJCCC Second Team Defenders
- Ashley Contrares – KJCCC Honorable Mention

Women's Cross Country Team 15th in the nation (2)

- Regan Borger
- Cyra Fenceroy
- Divina Flores De Leon – Top 10 All-Time 5K @PCC
- Kimberly Martin
- Grasiela Navarro – All American, Region Runner up, All-Conference, PCC 5K Record Holder.

Men's Cross Country Team 21st in the nation (2)

- Andrew Gillespie
- Gregorio Guajardo
- Trae Lane – PCC #2 in 8K Time
- Cody McVey
- Esteban Munguia – PCC #5 in 8K Time
- Andres Pelayo – PCC #8 in 8K Time
- Jacob Rice-Stewart
- Branden Sandoval
- Brody Sumpter
- Alfredo Vega
- Andrew Zimmerman



## Residence Hall and Student Life Updates

**RESIDENCE HALLS CLOSE AT NOON ON DECEMBER 12.**

**RESIDENCE HALLS REOPEN JANUARY 5.**

Dec. 2	Ice Cream and Cookie Decorating	9:30 p.m.	North Hall
Dec. 2 or 3	Mandatory Hall Meeting	9 p.m.	Dennis Lesh Sports Arena
Dec. 8	Late Night Breakfast	9 p.m.	Cafeteria