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If you have information, ideas for new content, fun facts, or PCC trivia, send them to Leighanne for inclusion in the next newsletter!

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PCC athletes receive NJCAA academic honors

Men's Wrestling Earns Highest GPA in Nation

The men's wrestling team was named 2014-2015 NJCAA Academic Team of the Year for the third consecutive year. This means that the team had the highest cumulative GPA of any community college men's wrestling team in the nation.

Andrew Beck
Anthony Avery
Austin Hughey
Beau Bergeron
Brandon Kahlenbeck
Brian Carter
Bryce Morgan
Cade Noble
Daniel Melcher
Dathan Bell
DeShawn Mclean
Dylan Beckner

Jacob Crane
Joseph Garland
Kyle Macy
Laaq Hedrick
Lance Hickman
Mathew Kissinger
Micah Felton
Syed Ali
Taevon Hoskins
Tommy Vu
Travis Quarterman
Zachary Schridde

Individual Academic Achievements

Receiving the Pinnacle Award for Academic Excellence with a 4.0 GPA:

Skylar Dean
Men's baseball

Marina Hansen
Women's volleyball

Receiving the Superior Academic Achievement Award with GPAs between 3.71 and 3.99:

David Nobo
Men's soccer

Emily Wooldridge
Women's softball

Megan Putman
Women's volleyball

Jocelyn Cochran
Women's volleyball

Receiving the Exemplary Academic Achievement Award for GPAs between 3.5 and 3.7:

Rebecca Borger
Women's indoor track
Women's outdoor track

Zachary Stonecipher
Men's baseball

Samuel Nobo
Men's soccer

Anna Plante
Women's softball

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Upcoming Dates

- **Beaver Building Day (Pre-enrollment)**
7/8 | 11:15 a.m.
- **Board of Trustees Meeting**
7/20 | 7 p.m.
- **Joint Council**
7/14 | 2 p.m.
- **County Fair - Stop by the PCC booth under the round top!**
7/22 - 7/25



All-Academic Teams

Seven Pratt Community College athletic programs have been named 2014-2015 NJCAA All-Academic Teams for their exemplary academic performance. The minimum grade point average requirement for consideration is a team GPA of 3.00.

- Men's Baseball (3.13)
- Men's Wrestling (3.19)
- Women's Basketball (3.35)
- Women's Softball (3.28)
- Women's Indoor Track and Field (3.02)
- Women's Outdoor Track and Field (3.06)
- Women's Volleyball (3.58)

PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE SUMMER HOURS

MAY 18-JULY 31;
MON-THURS 7:45AM - 5:15PM;
FRI 8AM - 1PM

Alumna says “PCC was the foundation to my degree”

“I loved PCC, it was my favorite year of college,” said Kimberly Brown, who attended Pratt Community College during the 2006-2007 school year.

Brown, who grew up in Pratt, said she originally attended PCC because she could get her general education classes out of the way while still living at home but saw many benefits later in life.

“The class sizes and availability of the teachers was wonderful,” she said. “I later saw how my decision to go to PCC made my foundation stronger than that of my peers.”

While at PCC, Brown was also a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Who's Who Among College Students.



Knowing that after leaving PCC, she was going continue with her dietitian degree, Brown took all the biology and chemistry classes she could.

“The teachers were awesome,” she said. “I learned so much that first

year, which was my foundation to my degree.”

Attending PCC gave her the opportunity to meet people from all over the country, including her chemistry partner from Arkansas, Chris, whom she later married.

“College is a huge transition,” she said. “PCC made it easier for me to make the transition from high school to college because of how friendly everyone was.”

Chris was a baseball player so after leaving PCC the two went to Henderson State University so he could continue playing. In 2010, she received her BS in Dietetics and Chris a BS in Physics. They both then went on to Oklahoma State University, where they both received master's degrees.

The couple has been living in Maryland, where Chris has been working at University of Maryland Medical Center for a residency in Medical Dosimetry.

This coming weekend, the couple and their two year-old son will be moving to Tulsa, where both Chris and Kimberly will work at Saint Francis Hospital.

Interested in being a featured alumni? Send your name, contact information, and why you should be featured to PCCupdates@prattcc.edu.

Miller and McAfee Participate in Leadership Development

Two Pratt Community College administrators have been accepted into the inaugural class of the Kansas Community College Leadership Institute (KCCLI).

Lisa Perez Miller, vice president of students / enrollment management, and Kurt McAfee, athletic director, are among the 22 participants selected after nominations by their institutions.

KCCLI is a nine-month leadership development program sponsored by the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees (KACCT) and is designed for individuals in the Kansas community college system who aspire to expand their professional development or move into new leadership roles.

Participants will meet one weekend a month between August and April at various community colleges around the state in interactive sessions over a broad array of topics including but not limited to characteristics of effective leaders and personal leadership styles, higher education and the Kansas system, assessing personal strengths, working effectively with internal and external stakeholders, managing change and conflict, cultural diversity in the workplace, media relations, power and politics, effective communication; strategic planning, collaboration, and fundraising. Pratt Community College will host the December session.

“I am very honored to be selected and have the opportunity to be a member of this inaugural class and I look forward to learning and expanding my knowledge



McAfee



Miller

and skills,” said Miller. “I am very appreciative of [President] Calvert’s support and willingness to allow us to participate in this program.”

KACCT is based in Topeka with a mission of building better futures through cooperation, collaboration and communication in advocating on behalf of community colleges to better serve Kansas constituencies.

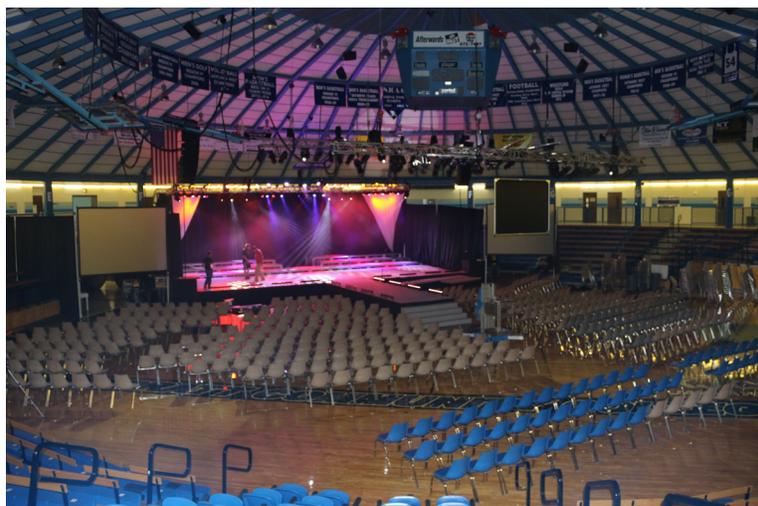
Miss Kansas Pageant Wrap Up



On behalf of the Miss Kansas Organization, thank you to the Board of Trustees, Dr. Calvert and Pratt Community College for your continued support of the Miss Kansas Pageant. We greatly appreciate the generous sponsorship provided by the college through the use of PCC's facilities and the assistance from PCC employees throughout pageant week. In addition, the in-kind scholarship provided by PCC

contributes to the \$3,693,394 total of Miss Kansas In-Kind Scholarships made available to contestants at this year's pageant. Thank you PCC!

Sincerely, Doug Brehm & Lisa Perez Miller,
Co-Directors



Top: President Calvert with wife Jami and Miss Kansas 2015 Hannah Marie Wagner. Bottom: PCC's Dennis Lesh Sports Arena set up for June pageant.

PCC Welcomes New Vice President of Instruction

From the Pratt Tribune. By Gale Rose.

The new vice president of education at Pratt Community College has lofty goals as he takes over his new position on July 6. Michael Fitzpatrick will strive to be an innovator bringing a fresh vision and new insights to the PCC campus.



"I'm excited to be in Pratt. The position matched my skills and it looked like a good opportunity," Fitzpatrick said. "God truly opened the door for me to be here. It was a right fit from my perspective."

Fitzpatrick was highly impressed with the PCC facilities, especially the newest additions to the campus and the PCC staff. He was glad to see the college making use of wind power to reduce the carbon footprint.

His goals include helping Calvert to reach his presidential goals for the college and maximizing the student learning potential so they can excel and be ready for life when they graduate from PCC, Fitzpatrick said.

He wants to look for areas of innovation, work on potential new program development and enhance current options. He is also looking at overall college accreditation.

"My objective is to be a servant leader and help the college achieve their mission goals," Fitzpatrick said.

Fitzpatrick was chosen from a pool of 25 candidates and one of five finalists that took part in on-campus interviews. During his visit he was impressed with the faculty and said they were dedicated to the success of the students and helping them meet their potential.

Calvert was pleased with the quality of applicants and getting Fitzpatrick on the PCC staff.

"I want to thank the search committee for their hard work in conducting the search and everyone who took time to attend the open house forums and provided feedback to the committee," said PCC President Michael Calvert. "I am very excited to welcome Dr. Fitzpatrick to the Pratt Community College family."

Fitzpatrick said he and his wife are ecstatic to come to Pratt and are anxious to get actively engaged in the Pratt community. Fitzpatrick has a master's degree from the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg and a doctorate from the University of Kansas. He has taught at KU as well as being an assistant professor at Avila University (a Catholic University in Kansas City) and New Mexico State University. His most recent position was dean of program education at Morningside College in Iowa. He has classes in special education, emotional behavior and media literacy.

Skouen plays professional basketball overseas

Growing up, many children want to be professional athletes. To make this dream a reality, one Pratt Community College alumni came to the United States for college and is now playing professionally in Germany.

Nikolas Skouen came to PCC from Norway in the fall of 2010 to major in psychology and play on the men's basketball team.



"Being away from home was an obstacle, but I have always been very focused on my goals so it felt like I was doing the right thing," he said.

Skouen said he found PCC through one of his trainers, who knew the PCC coaching staff. Skouen didn't have any offers to play in Norway

so he asked the trainer to put in a good word for him. Once he got to PCC, he knew he made the right decision.

"Pratt gave me a lot of opportunity with playing time and by putting the ball in my hands so I could be successful and get to the next level," he said.

After his time at PCC, he went on to Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif., where he continued to play basketball and received his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.

Last year, Skouen helped his team win the championship averaging 22 points per game, 44 percent shooting and three assists per game.

"My goal is to make it to the best team in Europe as a good and important player that makes a positive impact on the team and community," he said. "I want to reach as high as I can."

Skouen said this should be all students' goals when they are in college or thinking about what they want to do with their future.

"Use the time you are given to work hard and stay focused on your goals and then work towards them daily," he said.

When he isn't playing basketball, Skouen likes to hike, attend church, have movie nights with great food and stay active.

Shooting Sports Club Trains in Nevada

Earlier this month, three members of the Pratt Community College shooting sports club and one instructor traveled to the Frontsight Firearms Training Institute Parumph, Nev. for defensive shooting training.

Mason Welsch of Trousdale, Alex Conley of Council Grove and Tracy Freeman of Macksville all completed the course with top scores and certificates, and club sponsor Greg Bacon earned the rank of Distinguished Graduate. The course included concealed carry, tactical training simulation in shoot and no shoot scenarios, target engagement under time pressure, as well as supplemental lectures on shotgun and rifle topics.

The trip was sponsored by Jerry Condray of Pratt, who provided the funding to complete this training and has pledged ongoing support of the organization

"Mr. Condray wants to give as many youth as possible the chance to experience this incredible training in the Nevada desert and we are so appreciative of his support," said Bacon.

The trip was especially meaningful for the Kansas natives not only as a training resource but also for the travel opportunity.

"Most of our students haven't been far out of the state, and for one, it was his first time on an airplane," said Bacon. "The students were a pleasure to travel with and started conversations with everyone they met. They were able to experience professional firearms training with a focus on safety and the most effective instruction imaginable."



Campers Perform Shrek, Jr.

Ogres, wicked witches, Pinocchio and big bad wolves are taking over at Pratt Community College as 145 campers are on campus for the annual Performing Arts camp.

Campers are on campus in the afternoons during the weeks of June 8 and 15 to prepare for their live performance of Shrek, Jr., on June 19 and 20 at 7:30 p.m. in Carpenter Auditorium.

The children are between the ages of four and 11 and all children have a part in the play. When campers aren't rehearsing, they are participating in arts and crafts projects and playing games.

"I am having a lot of fun," said second year camper Grace Swindler, an 8-year old from Pratt.

Swindler, who is the Storyteller, went on to say that arts and crafts are her favorite part and said her favorite craft was making the swamp, which will be used in the play. To make the swamp, campers were given green plastic table cloths to cut into strips.

The camp is facilitated by PCC Performing Arts Instructor Misty Beck with the help from the performing arts department staff and high school and college performing arts students.





Hamburgers and Agriculture
Published on Jun 16, 2015

Pratt Community College instructor Lori Montgomery gives a presentation to area middle schoolers about hamburgers and agriculture - where America's favorite food really comes from!



Pratt Community College Tennessee Tour 2015
Published on Jun 5, 2015

Join the Performing Arts department students and technical crew on their annual Tennessee Tour in May. Hear their performances, see their travels and share the love!



★ KATE and 4 others favorited

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6'3 combo Brian Wright..Transfer from UC Riverside has signed with the **Pratt Community College Beavers**.#summergrind

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Beaver Dome, home of the Pratt CC Beavers.

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Current Employment Opportunities at Pratt Community College

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Visit prattcc.edu/personnel for full job descriptions and application instructions.

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Electrical Power Lineman Instructor
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Assistant Rodeo Coach
Adjunct Clinical Instructors for Allied Health

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