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May 20 - July 26, 2019

Monday-Thursday 7:45a-5:15p; Friday 8a-1p

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Annual Report Shows Pratt Community College Produces High Paid Graduates

Pratt Community College students graduating with an associate's degree between 2008 and 2016 have a higher first year of employment annual wage than the Kansas community college sector average. This comes from a study done by the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) Foresight 2020 report.

The average annual wage for first time earners who graduated from PCC with an associate's degree in 2016 is \$40,557 which is higher than the Kansas community college sector average of \$34,195.

This information comes as the eighth installment of data from Foresight 2020, a 10-year strategic agenda approved by the Kansas Board of Regents for the state's public higher education system. Established in September 2010, the plan sets long-range achievement goals that are measurable, reportable, and ensures the state's higher education system meets Kansans' expectations. The original plan included six goals, but a redesign reduced that number to three: increase higher education attainment among Kansans, improve alignment of the state's higher education system with the needs of the economy, and ensure state university excellence.

The report and its appendices provide data for 18 metrics, including demographics, graduation and retention rates, student success index rates, credential production, and data on graduates' rates of employment and average earnings in Kansas.

You can find out more about Foresight 2020 at KBOR.org.

Upcoming Dates

Commencement	May 10
Beaver Building Day	May 15
Board of Trustees	May 20
Memorial Day	May 27
Beaver Building Day	May 29



BUILD OUR FUTURE

PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Feature:

Darrell & Jeff Shumway

Over 1,200 community, technical, and junior colleges are governed by more than 6,500 elected and appointed trustees in the United States. Out of the 6,500+ trustees, there is only one father and son duo who serve on the same board – Pratt Community College trustees Darrell and Jeff Shumway.

Darrell grew up in Pratt County and became involved with PCC in 1981 as a booster club member. In 1986, he wanted to make a bigger impact. He ran for a position on the Board of Trustees in which he was elected. He remained on the board until 2008, when he took a short hiatus before returning in 2011. During his tenure, he served as chairman of the board twice. In addition to serving on PCC's Board of Trustees, he also served on the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees (KACCT) executive board for 20 years, the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT), a national board, for six years, and the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) for three years. He served as chairman on the KACCT board twice and once on the ACCT board.

His son, Jeff, decided to follow in his father's footsteps and joined the PCC Board of Trustees to fill in Darrell's vacant position in 2008. He has remained on the board ever since. He currently serves as the board chairman – a position he has held for the past year and a half.

"When I was asked to run for the board, I really didn't know how I felt about it at the time," said Jeff. "I agreed to go ahead and put my name in. I've been on the board now for 11 years and am currently the chairman."

The role of the chairman is to set the agenda and oversee meetings. They also have a direct line of communication with the president and the authority to spend budgeted money in the event of an emergency. They do not vote on any issues unless there is a tie. The job of the board as a whole is to set the budgets, hire the president, and set board policy – all of which both Shumways believe are huge responsibilities.

"The voting public, the citizens, put the college's trust in our hands," said Darrell. "Someone has to kind of be the guide, so to speak."

All decisions, with the exception of an emergency, must be made during the board's monthly meetings. Darrell describes the organization as a hands-off board, meaning that trustees have no authority to make decisions outside of the meetings and without a consensus of the rest of the board.

"Trustees can meet with the president and make suggestions, but any major decisions have to be a board decision," said Darrell. "Many people believe they can join the board and make immediate changes. There has to be a consensus of the board before any changes are made – one member can't make the changes themselves."

"Not everybody can do this," Jeff adds. "Some people might want to be too involved with things they shouldn't, such as personnel or student issues. We let the president tend to all of that. He can report to us if something happens, but it's not our responsibility to get involved with that part."

Between all of the meetings, budget hearings, study sessions, and weekend retreats, both Shumways spend a lot of time at and working for PCC for what is considered an unpaid position. Both, however, believe there's not a price that can be put on the feeling they receive to be involved with the college.

"Serving on the board is more time consuming than people might think," said Jeff. "However it is fun. It makes me feel like I am doing my part to help the community."

"Some of the guys I played golf with would ask me why I spent so much time at PCC," said Darrell. "I always told them maybe I can make a difference in someone's life. So I said that for years and years. When I got ready to get off the AACC board, I had two minutes to explain how community colleges affected me. I told the story that always said that maybe I could make a difference in someone's life. I then realized, it made a difference in my life. You got to have a passion to come out here and sit through meetings in a non-paid position."

Among their favorite projects they have been a part of so far are the track and field project, which has been a topic of discussion for five years now, as well as the Sports Performance and Fitness Center update that took place last year. While being involved in large scale efforts to enhance the college is an exciting part of their position, both agreed the best aspect of serving on the board is sitting on stage at graduation.

"You sit there on the stage and you see those kids walk across with visions of the future. You see those single moms and dads walking across to get their pin for nursing. You know they will become wage earners and support their families," said Darrell. "It's a feeling you can't explain. That's the reason why I've done it for 30 years."

"That one day is a culmination of everybody's hard work," adds Jeff. "It's why we are there."

As for serving on the same board, the Shumways treat each other as any other trustee.

"Jeff doesn't call me dad during the meetings," said Darrell. "He calls me by my first name or Trustee Shumway."

"It doesn't have any advantages or disadvantages," adds Jeff. "We don't always share the same opinions. However if he is annoying me at a meeting, I will definitely let him know!"

2019 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year Awarded to Linda Lanterman



On May 10, the Pratt Community College Foundation will honor Linda Lanterman, as the 2019 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year. The Outstanding Alumnus of the Year award was established in 1966 to honor PCC alumni who have made contributions to career and community.

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

In 1993, Lanterman accepted the position of Deputy Chief of Licensing and Permits. Shortly after, she was promoted to the Deputy Director of State Parks at Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, located in Pratt. She intended to stay in the area she grew up in for three years at the most, however she had found a job she loved and ended up working as the deputy for 14 years before becoming the Director of Kansas State Parks in 2010, where she remains today. She has held many positions on local, state, regional and national organizations throughout the years, including President of the National Association of State Park Directors (NASPD) in 2017-2019 and has presented for national and worldwide events, such as the World Parks Congress in Sydney, Australia, in 2014. Over the past 20 years, she has had numerous articles published for the Kansas State Parks newsletters and publications and even published an article, Elevating Communities, for the Kansas Recreation and Park Association in TODAY Magazine in 2015.

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

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

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

Lanterman is honored to receive the 2019 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year Award. She will give the keynote address at the commencement and nursing pinning ceremony beginning at 2 p.m. in the Dennis Lesh Arena.

ITC Great Plains Awards EPT Students with Scholarships

Chantz Brungardt and Keaton Augustine, two students currently in the Electrical Power Technology program at Pratt Community College, were awarded with scholarships by ITC Great Plains, LLC on May 1. The students were recognized for their hard work in the program and received the scholarships in front of their peers and instructors.

Brett Leopold, President for ITC Great Plains, and Kim Goodnight, Regional Manager for Community Affairs, presented the scholarships to the students. This is the seventh year the company has provided scholarships to the EPT students at PCC.

“The utilities across the state and region who hire graduates of this program tell us how effective it is at preparing young people for this skilled work,” said Leopold. “There is significant job creation potential in our industry because of the aging, retiring workforce. It’s important to us to make focused investments in our people and the workforce of tomorrow by partnering with organizations including Pratt Community College to educate and train utility workers.”

EPT instructor, Dave Campbell, informed the audience that selecting only two students to receive the award was difficult. Brungardt and Augustine were chosen due to their good attitudes and abilities to show up on time and work hard.

“We would like to thank ITC very much for their continued support of the program and helping students like Chantz and Keaton with an opportunity to have a scholarship to help defer some of the costs of training,” said Dave Campbell. “ITC is giving back a portion of what they make in the industry to plant seeds to help grow the next generation of linemen. It’s a wonderful thing and we greatly appreciate it.”

Brungardt grew up in Hays, Kansas and graduated from Hays High School in 2017. He went on to complete one year at Fort Hays State University before figuring out that a four year institution was not in his best interest. As an avid hunter, fisher, and outdoorsman, he decided to join the lineman program at PCC.

“I spoke with a family friend who is a lineman, and he suggested going to PCC,” said Brungardt. “I looked around at different lineman schools and everyone I talked to mentioned that PCC was the best. I went on a visit to campus and that’s when I knew I really wanted to be a lineman. I have formed great bonds with the instructors in the EPT program. They are very knowledgeable in what they teach and really prepare us for what to expect in the work force. They really care about the wellbeing of their students.”

Brungardt worked as a groundman for Western Cooperative Electric in Plainville, KS during the summer of 2018. He accepted an internship for the



upcoming summer with the same company. The scholarship he received will be used to pursue an Associate’s Degree in Applied Science at PCC. Once he obtains his apprentice lineman certificate, he plans to further his career to become a journeyman lineman.

Augustine also grew up in Hays, Kansas, and graduated from Hays High School in 2018. His passion for hunting, fishing, and spending time outdoors working on various projects led him to the lineman career.

“Being a lineman is what made the most sense to me,” said Augustine. “It is a rewarding career that keeps me outside instead of being cooped up in an office. The one thing that really influenced my decision to be a lineman is how you can give back to a community and help people in various ways. Coming to PCC for school was definitely the best decision I could have made. Both the instructors have so much on the job experience and there is always something to learn from them.”

After he has graduated, Augustine hopes to intern in his hometown at Midwest Energy. The scholarship will be used towards his education as he works towards becoming an apprentice lineman.

“As a college student, any financial help is greatly appreciated. I cannot thank ITC and enough for giving me this opportunity to save money I may need for various other things down the road.”

ITC Great Plains is a transmission-only utility based out of Topeka providing access to reliable, non-discriminatory access to low-cost energy in the 15-state Southwest Power Pool region, with a particular focus on Kansas and Oklahoma. In the past 10 years, ITC has invested in \$500 million in building approximately 500 miles of high voltage electric infrastructure projects to improve the reliability of the regional grid and provide more efficient and cost-effective transmission of energy. ITC is a subsidiary of Fortis Inc., a leader in the North American regulated electric and gas utility industry.

Carol Ricke Receives 2019 ACBSP Teaching Excellence Award

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

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



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

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

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

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

PCC Food Drive a Success



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

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

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

First MDSM Graduate Gets Hired

By Jennifer Stultz, Pratt Tribune

Pratt Community College, in cooperation with several state manufacturing companies, has created a first-of-its-kind course structure that prepares students to step immediately out into management employment positions. Brett Reynolds, first graduate of the program has been hired by Stanion Wholesale Electric Company to put his new skills to work.

Pratt native Brett Reynolds is one to recognize a good opportunity and when Stanion Wholesale Electric Co. joined forces with several other businesses and Pratt Community College to form the Modern Distribution Sales and Management program last fall, he was one of the first students in line to sign up for the courses.

"I jumped into the program," Reynolds said Thursday at a special ceremony where he signed a letter of intent to serve as an intern with Stanion Electric upon his impending graduation.

"This program provided the background and the network I need to get a good job and I am very excited about the opportunity to work within the company culture of Stanion."

PCC's modern distribution course track is the first of its kind in Kansas, created in coordination with an advisory board of partners, giving students options for a 1-year certificate of completion or a 2-year associates degree in applied science from the college.

Jenny Egging, Program Coordinator and Instructor of the MDSM classes at PCC, said she works closely with the advisory board, bringing in representatives from those companies as class speakers and setting up field trips for the enrolled students to see how management jobs work.

"We are looking at jobs in manufacturing, sales, shipping, purchasing, accounting and more," Egging said. "There is a job, literally, for any type of person. My job is to get to know the students and look for jobs that are suited to their skill sets and interests. We have a network of professionals waiting to hire these kids as they come out of training, all they have to do is show a willingness to get started."

Bill Keller, Stanion President, said that one of the reasons Stanion was willing to support this program was because so many students coming out of high school or college just had no idea what a wholesale distribution career could look like, and there were openings in his company he wanted to fill with quality applicants.

"We are very happy to take Brett on as an intern and we will show him, in a compressed time, everything we do with lighting, clean energy and data communications," Keller said. "He will even get to travel around and visit other branches within our company."

Reynolds will start his internship at the Kansas City branch of Stanion. The corporate headquarters of Stanion are on South Main in Pratt.

Other businesses partnering with Stanion to create and energize the MDSM program at PCC include GT Midwest, Hajoca, C&B Equipment, CED, WM F Hurst, Mize & Co., Massco Maintenance Supply, Cross Manufacturing, Home Lumber & Supply, C&O Electric Sales, HEBCO. Institutional partners include Texas A&M and University of Nebraska Kearney.



Westerhaus Selected for German Language Workshop Abroad



A Pratt Community College instructor is trading in her beaver gear for lederhosen and traveling to Germany for a teacher's workshop during the summer. Education instructor, Rhonda Westerhaus, was selected, along with 20 other teachers across the United States to participate in a five week-long workshop that will take place in Munich, Germany.

The goal for this summer school is twofold. First, there will be mini-workshops focusing on developing teachers' instructional expertise in several areas that are particularly relevant for North-American teachers, such as assessment, using digital media in the German classroom, or differentiated instruction. The mini-workshops will be led by experts from the Goethe-Institutes in Germany and will be augmented by classroom observations in German schools.

At the same time, participants will have an opportunity to improve their own German language abilities through an integrated language course designed specifically for teachers (Levels B1-C1) as well as through the around-the-clock immersion environment. The overarching theme for both components will be presenting and exploring current issues and trends in the German culture.

The summer school consists of two components: a three-week-long online phase and a two-week-long face-to-face session in Germany.

"Although it will be very intensive, I am ready to prove that life-long learning is a valuable and worthy word view," said Westerhaus. "Strategies for learning assessment, using digital media in the German classroom, or differentiated instruction can be applied to my classes in History as well as Teacher Education, so I am especially excited about this part of the learning experience."

PCC Awards & Recognition Ceremony

Student Honorees

On April 30, Pratt Community College hosted the annual Academic and Athletics Awards Ceremony. The students listed below were recognized for their achievements throughout the year.

Wyatt Akins
Kenzie Anderson
Bryan Balderrama
Garrett Beat
James Brambach
Morgan Bullinger
Scott Clark
Jacob Crabb
Kendall Davidson
Mason Eck
Westin Ethridge
Gabriel Flanders
Blake Furcron
Samantha Halabi
Jerrek Henderson
Julia Hewlett
Luke Hurt
Cala Jamison
Aminata Kenyawani
Nickolas Lucas
Dymond McElrath
Blake McGinness
Brock Montgomery
Luisa Paetzold
Kadesha Prescott
Caitlin Ray
Raul Rios
Lexi Sanborn
Erin Shaw
Tanner Sipes
Kedric Spurgin
Shelbi Stultz
Clarissa Tracy
Naomi Warren
Alena Whillock

Kazun Alexander
Thelma Anele
Elise Baranco
Serena Blaske
Jay Brown
Kelie Byers
Zach Claussen
Luke Culbertson
Michael Davis
Ty Esfeld
Demarcus Fisher
Nate Fowler
Saul Garcia
Love Heitman
Austin Hermstein
Alena Hobert
Casley Israel
Amber Jellison-Harris
Kristina Klausmeyer
Lupe Lopez
Sean McElwee
Brooke Menhusen
Bryce Murphy
Kayla Page
Sam Ramirez
Brinklee Reed
Elerie Rivera
Marcus Sanders
Jared Shriver
Karsyn Smith
Brody Stamm
Drew Taylor
Tianna Tullis
Lucas Wepf
Kiara Whitmore

Rylee Alexander
Keaton Augustine
Isabella Battaglia
Landon Borgelt
Chantz Brungardt
Yves Cherubin
Courtney Cleveland
Francesco D`Aulerio
Marissa Dedrick
Erick Estrada
Jenna Fitzsimmons
Paige Freund
Kayley Geesling
Chris Henderson
Olivia Hessman
Judy Humphrey
Anna Jacobs
Megan Kennedy
Martin Lakovic
Briana Luis
Reese McDonald
Quemberli Merida
Jevony Murray
Ashley Pogue
Austin Randolph
Brett Reynolds
Isaac Root
Clayton Scott
Kierra Singleton-Greene
Savannah Smith
Sadie Stanley
Tyvon Taylor
Valeria Venegas
Kylan Wess
Camryn Youngers





BUILD OUR FUTURE

PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Feature: Michele Hamm

When Michele Hamm was a student at Pratt Community College, she never imagined she would one day serve as a Board of Trustee member – in fact, she didn't even know there were boards helping to ensure that she, along with the rest of the students, received a quality education. It was a position she took for granted and did not learn more about until she entered the education field herself. Her passion for education and a phone call from a board member at the time led her to the PCC Board of Trustees ten years ago, where she has been a voice for students ever since.

"A lot of our students, and even the business and industry, don't have a voice unless somebody gives that voice to them," said Hamm. "I don't have a fancy resume'. I am not a flashy person. But because of the title I carry as a trustee, sometimes I can help carry a voice for somebody who needs it. It's important to try to be a voice for other people to make sure we are advocating for quality and improvements that the institution may need."

During her ten year tenure on the board, Hamm has held the position of both vice chair and chair. As chair, she would meet with the president to go over the agenda before it was set and guide the monthly meetings. She felt it was important to be more involved with the college while in the position, so she attended everything from athletic events to Phi Theta Kappa induction ceremonies.

"As board chair, I felt it was the right thing to be at the events to make a presence," said Hamm. "It wasn't because of me or who I am, but to know that the board chair was in attendance, I thought that meant something."

The most important decision she has been involved with so far was the hiring of current PCC president, Dr. Michael Calvert, after former president, Dr. William Wojciechowski retired in

2013. The biggest challenges she has faced include the ongoing issue of funding, and for her personally, the game of politics.

"Learning how (the politics) works is a challenge," said Hamm. "It's disappointing sometimes how long the relationship building can take. It's not necessarily bad, but it's definitely a part of the politics I don't always enjoy."

Hamm's involvement with the board has led her down more paths for her to make an impact and be a voice for PCC as a whole. She has served on the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees (KACCT) executive committee for the past five years and is currently finishing up her second stint as president. Her duties include taking a lead in the committee's quarterly meetings and monthly phone conference calls. She believes the KACCT is a vital organization, as all 19 community colleges in Kansas are represented and the organization provides one solid voice for the community colleges in the higher education sector. Her reasoning for being so involved is simple.

"I love the student success. I love the mission of community colleges – making education affordable and attainable for everybody. I enjoy helping to build our state," said Hamm.

As a married mother of four and transitioning back into the work force as a teacher at Liberty Middle School, finding time to be involved is a challenge, but making time to give back to the college that began her higher education is something Hamm takes seriously.

"PCC afforded me an opportunity that I needed as a student to have an affordable education which then led to my degree of teaching. It feels good to be able to give back and still be a part of a really neat institution," said Hamm. "There's such a neat sense of pride being a part of something that helped me get to where I am at today."

This year, Pratt Community College is honoring those who choose to help build the futures of our students. Each month during 2019, PCC is proud to feature those alumnae, community members, board members and faculty who have done their part to build the future of the lives of students as well as the growth of the institution. If you would like to be considered for one of our monthly features, contact Jessica Ward at 620-450-2192, jessicaw@prattcc.edu.

**PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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* Graduates check-in upper commons area at 1:15 p.m.

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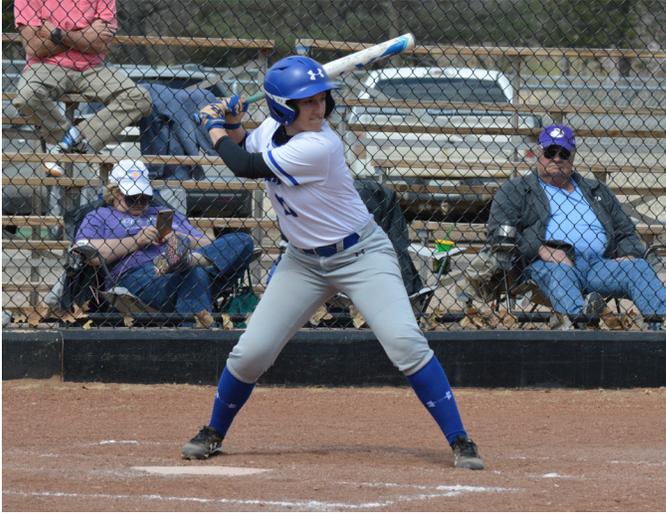
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PCC softball ends season 4-21 in Conference



A home double-header against Barton Community College concluded a tough season for the Pratt Community College softball team. The Lady Beavers finished the season 4-42 with a conference record of 4-21.

Pratt's first win didn't come until mid-March when they defeated Garden City Community College 7-1 and 8-4. They were able to carry some of that momentum into the following week and had some very close games against Hutchinson Community College before picking up another win against Northwest Kansas Technical College, a conference rival they defeated 14-4 in 5 innings.

The Lady Beavers picked up their second home win of the season against Independence Community College on April 10. They won the first game of the double-header 6-4 with Kiah Redd and Kenzie Anderson leading

the team at the plate.

Redd went 2 for 2 at the plate with two runs batted in. Anderson was also perfect from the plate, going 4 for 4 with two RBIs and one run scored.

Pratt was the first on the board in the nightcap, scoring a solo run in the first inning. Independence scored a run in the third and two in the fourth to take a 3-1 lead, but Pratt bounced back with a two run inning the bottom of the fourth and the fifth to take back the lead.

The Lady Beavers went scoreless the remaining two innings as Independence put up eight unanswered points to take the game 11-5.

Following the loss to Independence, PCC softball ended their season with double-header losses to Hutchinson Community College, Butler Community College and Barton Community College.

Beavers give up seventh inning lead to Barton

The Pratt Community College men's baseball team will look to break a three-game losing streak, hosting Southeast Community College in a four game home series this weekend. The Beavers currently hold an 18-25 overall record and are 5-19 in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference.

The Beavers started the month of April on a six-game losing streak that included a four-game series against Garden City Community College, a conference rival. They continued their conference run against Hutchinson Community College. They gave up game one 10-0 but bounced back in game two, taking a very close 11-10 game.

The Blue Dragons came back to win games three and four at Hutchinson, taking the series 3-1.

Pratt hosted Barton Community College last Tuesday. The Beavers gave up a three-point lead in the seventh inning to lose the game 5-3. Pratt struggled at the plate late in the game. Khalir Vazquez led the team going 2-5 with one run. Michael Davis and Rivera both went 1-4 from the



plate with one run.

The loss dropped Pratt's overall record to 18-25 and they are currently 5-19 in conference play. They will continue their five-game home stand this Saturday, hosting Southeast Community College in a three-game series.

Game one is set to start at 1 p.m.





May 2019						
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 Add Bucky Beaver @prattcc @prattcc @prattcc Beaver Nation			1 Wiffle Ball Tournament Free Snow Cones Beaver Dome 7PM	2 		
			Finals (Treats in the Library)			11 Graduates Move Out by Noon
		<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px;"> <p align="center"><u>Special Announcements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 10th: Commencement and Nursing Pinning is at 2PM in the Beaver Dome • May 10th: Residence Halls Close at 5PM (For Non-Graduates) • May 11th: Residence Halls Close at 12PM (For Graduates) • Residents Must Sign Up on an RA Door for Proper Check Out </div>				18
12 <i>Mother's Day</i>						
	27 MEMORIAL DAY		29 Summer Session Begins			

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