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## Upcoming Dates

Faculty In-Service	Aug 8-12
State of College Address	Aug 8
Residence Halls Open	Aug 14
Registration Day	Aug 15
PASS Orientation	Aug 15
Classes Begin	Aug 16

## Remembering Bill "Doc" Hunter

William Paul "Bill" Hunter, 63, of Pratt died unexpectedly on Friday, July 15, 2016.

He was born Oct. 18, 1952, in Parsons to Paul W. and Helen R. Hunter. He graduated from Labette County Community High School in Altamont, and was a proud Wildcat, graduating from Kansas State University with a bachelor's of science degree in agriculture with a teaching certification. He also earned master's and doctoral degrees in agricultural education from the University of Missouri-Columbia.



Bill devoted his life to training the next generations of farmers who will feed the world. He was a high school agriculture instructor at Burlingame and Westmoreland and at Salisbury, Mo. He also was an ag economics curriculum specialist for the Vocational Agriculture Service at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He taught at Pratt Community College 23 years as an agriculture instructor, and formerly was department chair of agriculture and technology education at the college.

He was a leader in regional and national professional organizations, including serving as Region II vice president and chair of the Diversity Committee of the National Association of Agricultural Educators and as an NAAE consultant to the national FFA Board of Directors. He also was a past president of the Kansas FFA Association Executive Board. He received honorary state FFA degrees from the Kansas and Illinois FFA associations and an honorary American FFA degree.

He threw himself into any and all activities that would give his students hands-on experience or professional opportunities. He was the longtime adviser to the PCC Block & Bridle Club and took great pride in the success of his students in national Block & Bridle, ag business management and Quiz Bowl competitions.

The PCC Foundation will be setting up a scholarship fund in Doc's memory. Details about the scholarship will be available soon. To make a donation in Doc's name you can contact the Foundation at 620-450-2179.

# PCC Student Pays Homage to Late Ag Instructor

A Pratt Community College Agriculture student is honoring the late Bill "Doc" Hunter with a shiny statement and homage to his life. Kelly Doherty, a sophomore returning to PCC this fall, has set out to show her appreciation for "Doc" in the form of a custom silver belt buckle.

A fitting tribute to the beloved Ag instructor but she needs help in making it a reality. After Doherty learned of "Doc's" passing Friday Jul 15 she was inspired to commemorate his memory by entering a drawing into a belt buckle contest. The contest boasts a free custom silver belt buckle from Molly's Custom Silver located in Riverside, Calif to the design submitted that gets the most "Likes" on Facebook.

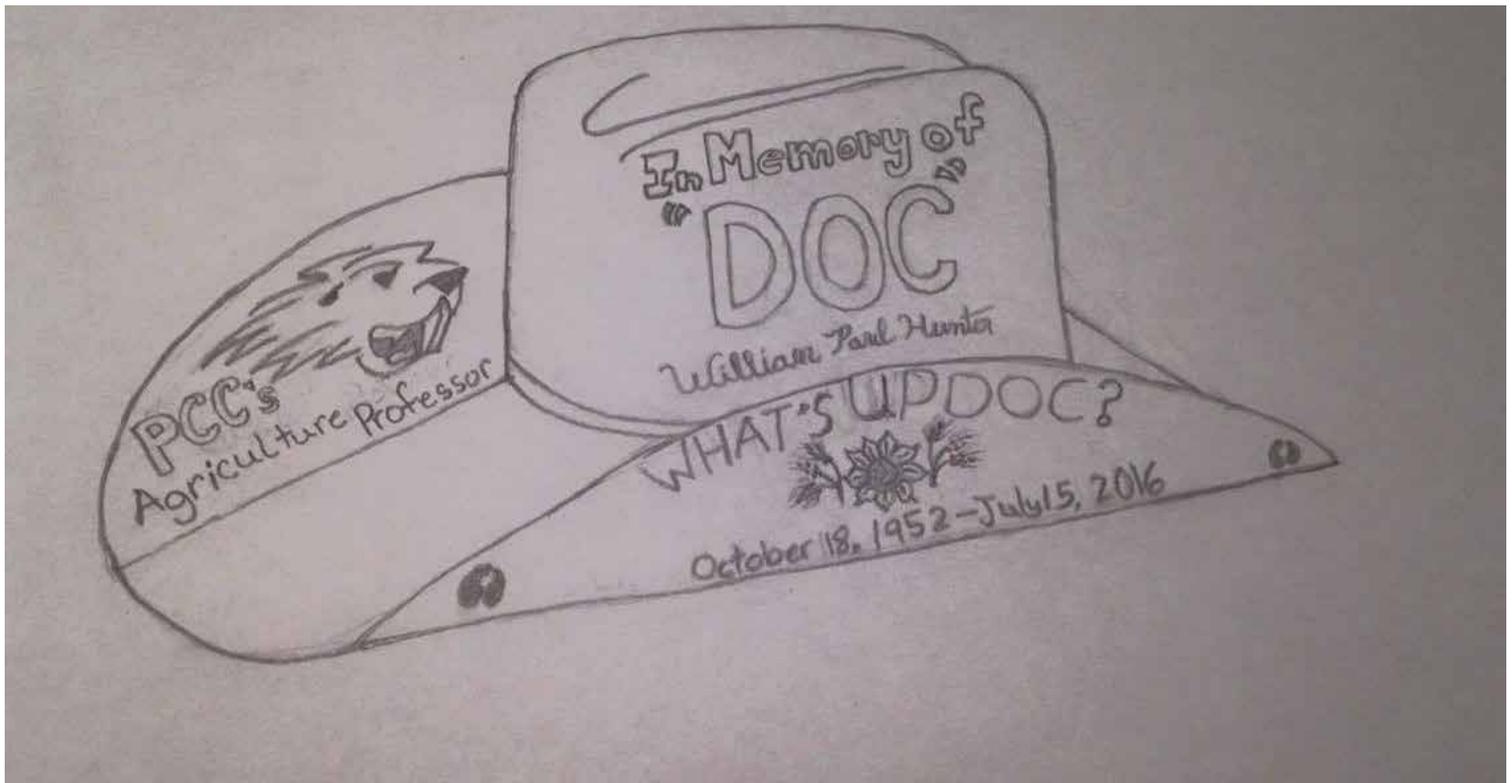
Doherty entered the contest with a drawing she created the day "Doc" passed. The drawing features the shape of his notorious cowboy hat, a sunflower in between wheat, cattle hoof prints, and PCC's Beaver. It says "In Memory of "Doc" William Paul Hunter, WHAT'S UP DOC? October 18, 1952-July 15, 2016".

"To me, the buckle represents his life," said Doherty. "He lived life to the fullest and that legacy reminds me to do the same."

Doherty says that Doc had an impact on her during the short time that she knew him.

"Hearing all of his stories (even when they got long) told me there is much to be done in the short time we have," said Doherty. "I admired his dedication and that encourages me to do my best at what I'm passionate about."

The belt buckle contest will go on through the end of August. To vote you can "Like" Doherty's submission on the Molly's Custom Silver Facebook page. The top two designs with the most likes and shares will receive the prize of a custom silver belt buckle. Doherty plans to donate the buckle to PCC if the design wins. As of Aug. 1 the submission has gotten 96 "likes" and 32 "shares" on Facebook.



# PCC Partners with Skyland Grain for New Agriculture Program

Pratt Community College and Skyland Grain, LLC from Johnson, Kan are partnering together to add a new certificate program to the popular Agriculture and Ag Power departments. Students will be able to enroll in a Crop Application one year certificate program beginning this Fall. At the end of the program students will have learned fundamentals of agriculture science, technology and gain workforce experience from Skyland Grain.

Crop Applicator careers are on the rise according to PCC's Career Coach. Job openings are projected to grow six percent over the next 10 Years and starting salary ranges between \$44,000 and \$55,000 at Skyland Grain. Crop Applicators are highly trained professionals specializing in pesticide handlers, sprayers and applicators, mixing pesticides, herbicides, or insect sprays and repellents for application on lawns, landscapes, crop fields and pastures. They are able to identify areas requiring treatment and they manage the transportation of equipment and chemicals to and from the treatment site.

Skyland Grain and PCC are working together to make this program a success for students. Skyland Grain's CEO David Cron says PCC was a clear choice to partner with.

"I think one of the big reasons for choosing PCC was also their strong agriculture programs, commitment to agriculture and history with agriculture," said Cron. "We are positive this new program will provide students with an avenue for a high paying, productive career in agriculture as well as provide well trained potential employees for Skyland."

Pratt Community College's Skyland Grain Crop Applicator option is a one year, 34 credit hour, Certificate Program. To successfully complete the Program, students are required to enroll in an occupational work experience course and be prepared to test for the Commercial Pesticide Applicator License and obtain a Class A Commercial Driver's License upon employment.

"The Crop Applicator Program will provide students enrolled in the program excellent hands on experience," said Skyland Grain Agronomy Manager Justin Ochs. "The occupational workforce course will provide them with valuable experience, they will be exposed to situations over the course of a year that they could potentially see out in the field while on their new crop applicator job."

Skyland Grain Assistant CEO David Rodriguez says that the new program will provide students with a long term career avenue.

"The program will provide students with the opportunity to not just get a job, it puts them in the driver seat of a spray rig so they can have a valuable long term career," said Rodriguez.

Skyland Grain and PCC are offering scholarships to students who enroll in the program that will begin this Fall. For more information about the program contact Lori Montgomery at [lorim@prattcc.edu](mailto:lorim@prattcc.edu) or visit the PCC Agriculture webpage.



# Click 2 Connect Offers Students Associate and Bachelors Degrees Online with FHSU

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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!

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# Mueller Hired as New Volleyball Coach



Pratt Community College Director of Athletics Bill Wilson announced today the hiring of Jenny Mueller as the next Head Volleyball Coach for the Beavers. Mueller brings a wealth of coaching experience at the collegiate level to PCC.

"I am very excited that Jenny has agreed to be our next volleyball coach", Wilson added. "She is familiar with the Jayhawk conference as well as the NCAA level. These are significant experiences that will benefit our student-athletes at PCC."

Mueller looks to build on the strong volleyball tradition at PCC.

"I'm very excited to be named the head volleyball coach at Pratt Community College," said Mueller. "The tradition of solid competition within this program is strong, so I'm anxious to meet the team and start training for the upcoming season. The Jayhawk is a talented and competitive conference, and I'm looking forward to doing the work needed to drive to the top. I would like to thank Bill Wilson and Dr. Calvert for the opportunity to lead this team and be a part of the coaching staff at PCC."

Mueller comes to PCC after serving as the head volleyball coach at NCAA Division II Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas. Prior to her stint as the head coach at Pitt State Mueller served as the assistant coach for the Gorillas for three seasons. During her tenure at PSU, the Gorillas had 18 All-MIAA players including the 2013 MIAA Freshmen of the Year.

Prior to her tenure at Pitt State, Mueller was the head coach at William Woods University from 2008-2010. She would mentor two NAIA All-Americans and 10 All-Conference players at WWU. She also has served as the head coach at Coffeyville Community College for three years, as well as serving on the staffs at Central Missouri University and Washburn University.

Mueller is a graduate of Central Missouri University where she also earned her master's degree.

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## Pratt Walmart Donates Plants to PCC

Pratt Community College received a lovely gift of donated plants and shrubs from the Pratt Walmart in July. Walmart employees Sandi Evans, manager, and Mitch Evans, garden center manager wanted to give the plants a home rather than disposing of them at the end of the summer. They connected with PCC and donated 20 different plants ranging from rose bushes to holly. PCC's Darrel Kruse helps maintain the grounds on campus and is getting ready to transplant them in different areas around campus. He plans to fill empty spaces around the residence halls and in the front of campus.



# Save the Date for Relay for Life

Pratt Community College is gearing up for the 2016 Relay for Life and invites all faculty, staff and students to participate. The event is scheduled for August 19, 2016 at Zerger Field (Pratt High School) from 7 p.m. till 1 a.m.

College team members and community members who are unable to attend may donate to the PCC team online at or purchase a luminary for \$10. Luminaries are donated in honor or memory of loved ones experiencing cancer, and line the edge of the relay track at nightfall.

For more information on luminaries, donations, sign up and participation, contact Megan Eaton at 620-450-2113 or megane@prattcc.edu.

Participating in the annual Relay for Life is just one of the ways that PCC celebrates being part of the Pratt community. Our mission is maximum student learning, individual and workforce development, high quality instruction and service, and community enrichment. Each year, the members of the PCC family contribute more than 13,000 hours in community service and engagement to South Central Kansas. Our middle name is community.



## PCC Goes to the County Fair

The Pratt County Fair kicked off at the end of July and Pratt Community College was there to connect with students, members of the community and to give out a lot of watermelons. PCC admissions and staff members were in attendance at the PCC booth every night of the county fair. On Thursday night the PCC booth held their annual watermelon feed for the fair patrons. Six watermelon and a lot of happy customers later the newly appointed Director of Admissions and HS/CTE College Start, Caitlin Miller, said that this was a very successful evening.

“We were able to connect with a lot of people and it was the best watermelon feed I have been a





# Fall Start Info

## Residence Halls

Residence halls open August 14 at 9 a.m. Check in begins in the Upper Commons in the Benson Education Center, please do not go directly to the residence halls.

Room assignments were sent on July 15. Please contact Residence Life at 620-450-2120 for housing information.

## Registration and Enrollment

Complete any registration, enrollment, advising, or placement testing on August 15 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. If you still need to enroll: First-time non-enrolled students should begin in Admissions (Office 51).

Returning non-enrolled students should begin in the Student Success Center (Office 55).

## Payment and Billing

Payment plans can be set up using your Self-Service account. Instructions and details at [prattcc.edu/paymentplan](http://prattcc.edu/paymentplan). Contact the Cashier / Business Office for assistance at 620-450-2143.

Note: Payment plans not available for eduKan classes.

## Orientation

PASS Orientation is required for new students and all student athletes enrolled at the Pratt campus. August 15, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. in Carpenter Auditorium.

Contact the PASS Coordinator for more information at 620-450-2198.

## Semester Start Dates

Classes start August 16 on the Pratt Main Campus. Check your class schedule for class start dates at the Coffeyville, Winfield, Wichita and online campuses.

eduKan fall start dates:

Session 1: August 15 (16 weeks) Session 2: August 15 (12 weeks) Session 3: September 12 (8 weeks)

# Welcome Week

## EVENTS August 2016

### Aug. 14

Move-In Day 9 - 5PM

Dorm Meet & Greet 8PM

### Aug. 15

Registration 9 - 5PM

Student Orientation 9-11AM

### Aug. 16

Classes Begin

Beaver Hunt 7PM

### Aug. 17

Outdoor Movie Night 9PM

Porter Hall

### Aug. 18

Outdoor Dance 9PM

Outdoor Basketball Court

### Aug. 19

Relay for Life 7PM

Zerger Field - Pratt High School

Hot Dogs & S'mores 8PM

### Aug. 20

Open Pool Day 1 - 6PM

Pratt City Pool

### Aug. 22

Picnic Dinner 5:30PM

Outdoor Basketball Court

### Aug. 23

Skate Night 9 - 11PM

Rolla Rena

### Aug. 24

Casino Night 8PM

Upper Commons

### Aug. 25

Kickball & Sand Volley 7PM

Lemon Park

### Aug. 29

Community Fair 11-2PM

Upper Commons

Grocery Bingo 9PM

Woj Hall

### Aug. 30

Late Ice Cream Social 9PM

Beaver Bites

### Aug. 31

Water Works Wednesday!

9PM Outdoor Water Park



## August Employee Birthdays

Carol McKenna	8/4
Sandy Dyche	8/7
Dean Senter	8/7
Kent Adams	8/11
Sharon Lukens	8/11
Christy Wright	8/16
Haley Lindsey	8/20
Lori Montgomery	8/21
Robin Lemon	8/22
Hanna Short	8/24
Tim Renner	8/27
Mike Allison	8/30

## Cafeteria Open!

Great Western Dining is now open with limited hours until Aug. 14. They will be offering brunch from 11:30-12:15 and dinner from 5:00-6:00. There will be a limited menu (brunch at lunch time, and only two entrees at dinner, deli and half salad bar at both meals). GWD will charge only \$3.00 for lunch and \$4.00 for dinner- tax is included in that price. For those of you with meals still remaining on ten meal cards, they will be glad to honor those,



## Miller named Director of Admissions

PCC is pleased to announce the selection of Caitlin Miller for the position of Director of Admissions & HS/CTE College Start.

Dr. Calvert and Lisa Perez-Miller said that they are delighted with the selection of an internal applicant and to be able to promote someone from within the organization.

"We have full confidence in Caitlin's ability to lead the Admissions and College Start programs to great success. Caitlin has "earned" her stripes as a member of the admissions team for the past three-and-a-half years and has earned the respect of faculty and staff throughout the institution because of her tireless work ethic and dedication to students," said Perez-Miller.

During the transition period, the HS/CTE College Start responsibilities will continue to be handled as they are now with Susan as the point of contact and Brian, Kristin and others supporting the operation. A small work group will begin meeting to review procedures and identify how best to assign HS/CTE College Start tasks, with the Director overseeing the operation.

## Florio Appointed Head Athletic Trainer



PCC Assistant Athletic Trainer Kelli Florio has been promoted to Head Athletic Trainer. Florio brings a wealth of sports medicine knowledge to this position and Director of Athletics, Bill Wilson, says that he is excited to see her direction for the athletic training program.

## Current Employment Opportunities

Pratt Community College is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of any characteristic protected by law in admission, recruitment, treatment or employment in its programs and activities.

Visit [prattcc.edu/employment](http://prattcc.edu/employment) for full job descriptions and application instructions.

Assistant Athletic Trainer	Full Time	Professional Non-Exempt
Associate Director of Admissions	Full Time	Professional Non-Exempt
Math Adjunct Instructor-Fall 2016	Part Time	Adjunct Instructor
Assistant Athletic Director/Administrative Asst. to Athletic Director	Full Time	Professional Non-Exempt
Clinical Adjunct Instructors--PN/ADN	Part Time	Adjunct Instructor
Security Officer	Full Time	Classified
Clinical Adjunct Instructors--Allied Health	Part Time	Adjunct Instructor
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