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

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Upcoming Dates

Move-In Day	Aug 18
Registration Days	Aug 19-20
NSIS	Aug 20
Classes Begin	Aug 21
Labor Day	Sept 2

Diana Mitzner Hired as Nursing Director

Pratt Community College announces the hiring of Diana Mitzner as the new Director of Nursing.

Mitzner, a Hutchinson, Kan. native graduated from Hutchinson High School received an Associates Degree in Nursing at the University of Arkansas, and from there worked towards a BSN from Southwestern College and also has an MSN for Nurse Educator from University of Phoenix.



Mitzner has been a nurse for more than 28 years with many of those years not only working as a bedside nurse in a critical care setting but as an educator as well. After graduating from Hutchinson High School, Mitzner, joined the Army reserves so she could become a nurse, more specifically a Clinical Nurse Specialist.

While working in Critical Care Mitzner says her area of expertise included caring for open heart surgeries, traumas, neuro surgeries, and any other type of critical surgical patients. Mitzner also helped establish an open heart surgery program, worked as a Stroke Coordinator, and as a charge nurse in all of these units over the years. She was a mentor to new graduates as well as new staff nurses coming into the ICU settings, orientated and trained them to the routines of the ICU. Mitzner is also involved in the National League of Nursing, American Association of Critical Care Nurses, and is currently studying to pursue a certification as a Certified Nurse Educator.

"Teaching has been something I have always loved to do," said Mitzner. "The reason I teach is because I love to see those students who think they can't accomplish anything, succeed."

As the Director of Nursing Mitzner will continue to successfully move the program forward. In the process of reaccreditation the PCC Nursing Program requires three consecutive years of NCLEX pass rates of 75 percent or higher. PCC nursing graduates who took the test in 2018 received a pass rate of 83.33 percent. As it stands now for 2019 graduated test takers the pass rate sits at 77 percent with two graduates who still need to take the test. As it stands now PCC will need these last two test takers to pass with at least a 75 percent and for that trend to continue with the 2020 graduates.

Mitzner says that she is confident in the Nursing Program and she wants to start this year fresh so that it will be one of the best years ever.

DC3 and PCC Partnership Powers EPT Program

Following the April meeting of the Dodge City Community College Board of Trustees in which the trustees voted unanimously to eliminate the college's Electrical Power Technology program, negotiations began between DC3 and Pratt Community College.

Dodge City Community College administration initiated discussions with officials from PCC administration and EPT faculty regarding assisting current DC3 EPT students to complete their remaining requirements for their certification or associate of applied science degree.

At Tuesday's regular monthly meeting, DC3 trustees again voted unanimously to accept a Memorandum of Understanding between the two schools which sets forth the parameters of the partnership.

According to the agreement between the two institutions, PCC and DC3 have entered into a three-year partnership to offer current student the opportunity to complete their requirements on-campus in Dodge City, as well as bringing in potential new students later.

DC3 will provide the facilities and equipment at the Benson campus. PCC will provide the instructors and curriculum, and ultimately award the certificate or degree. Students studying for an associate degree will enroll in DC3 academic classes in addition to Pratt's EPT courses, eventually transferring any academic credits to Pratt.

DC3 will receive payment for the academic courses, plus an annual remittance from PCC of \$12 per credit hour in a technology fee.

According to Dr. Jane Holwerda, vice president of academic affairs for DC3, the institution that actually confers the credential is not the important part. What matters is that students are well-served, while DC3 remains faithful to its mission of providing professional guidance and supportive services to enable students to achieve their educational goals.

"This has been a very positive, collaborative effort with another Kansas community college," Holwerda said. "Ultimately, our students will benefit greatly from this, regardless of who gets credit for their degree."

The PCC program averages about 70 students across all locations, according to PCC officials, making it the largest EPT program in the state. PCC, which has operated its lineman program for 36 years, also offers its lineman program at Coffeyville Community College.

A big advantage to partnering with Pratt is the solid connection to industry leaders.

PCC also partners with the city of Coffeyville, WSU Tech, Westar Energy, Oklahoma City Power & Light, and others. Their industry partners serve on the program's advisory board to inform curriculum and ensure processes are fully up to date.

Dave Campbell, who heads the PCC lineman program, is part of national industry advising boards, including the T&D Powerskills program – a major influencer for the lineman industry nationwide. PCC is the first EPT program in the state to offer certified drone training – the most recent technological advancement in the industry.

Michael Fitzpatrick, PCC vice president of instruction, said the PCC placement rate typically hovers around 96 percent. He said that it's quite common for students to complete a year of training, garner their certification, and get snatched up by eager employers.

Campbell has been prompted to expand the program's hiring fair because an ever-growing number of employers are seeking their students for high-wage, high-demand jobs.

"These are very good jobs," said Campbell. "It's not unheard of for students to be making 100 thousand dollars within five years."



PCC Opens South-Central Career Pathways Center in Attica to Benefit High School Students

Enrollment is now open for students interested in taking automotive classes in the new South-Central Career Pathways Center (SCCPC) located in Attica, Kan.

The SCCPC facility stemmed from a need for an automotive shop for high school students to utilize in the South-Central Kansas area. The shop saves students time and resources by having a facility in their area.

The High Schools partnering with PCC for this initiative are currently USD 254 (Medicine Lodge), USD 361 (Chaparral) and USD 511 (Attica).

Current high school students qualify for tuition paid for by the state through the Excel in CTE (Senate Bill 155) program. You can find out more about the initiative at prattcc.edu/SB155.

Classes offered for the Fall 2019 semester include Steering & Suspension I and Brakes I. Future semesters will offer Steering & Suspension II, Brakes II, Engine Performance I and II, and Electrical I and II. PCC's new automotive instructor, Daniel Meng, will teach all classes. Students will enroll in one class in the morning or in the afternoon, high school schedule permitting.

The shop has ASE Education Foundation national accreditation and prepares each student to obtain their ASE certifications.

Students can call 620-450-2217 to enroll in fall semester courses.

The Automotive Technology department at Pratt Community College works on an "experience the learning" concept. Automotive technology students work in a shop environment with state of the art equipment they will find in the auto industry. Students have the opportunity to earn an occupational certificate or an Associate of Applied Science degree. All these experiences prepare students to test to become ASE certified prior to graduation, enhancing the students' earning potential and career opportunities. For more information contact Greg Bacon at gregb@prattcc.edu.



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AUTOMOTIVE

South-Central Career Pathways Center



Education Foundation

ENROLL TODAY! 620-450-2217

Beavers Bolstering Spirit Squad

The Beavers Spirit Squad is looking for new additions to the 2020-21 cheerleading roster.

Open gyms will be held on three separate dates throughout the fall semester: Sunday, September 22, Sunday, October 20, and Sunday, November 17. All open gyms will run from 3-5 PM at the Beaver Dome, located inside the Dennis Lesh Sports Arena.

If you are interested in attending one of three open gym sessions, please fill out the registration form on gobeaversports.com to be received by head cheerleading coach, Shae Napier.

PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SPIRIT SQUAD  **CHEER**

OPEN  **GYM**

Sept 22 • Oct 20

Nov 17

3-5p

REGISTER ONLINE


New Student
INFORMATION SESSION

RAFFLE PRIZES



AUG. 20 • 1:00PM • DENNIS LESH ARENA

Pratt Community College will host a New Student Information Session on Tuesday, Aug. 20 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Dennis Lesh Sports Arena. The New Student Information Session is required for all new degree-seeking PCC students who are enrolled in 12 hours or more for the Fall 2019 semester.

This is the third year of the orientation style in an effort to increase student engagement and learning retention, students will be divided into groups to discuss a variety of topics such as financial aid, campus safety, and more. Trivia and games will be used to teach students important information they need to know while attending PCC.

The goal of the new format is to provide a fun and entertaining way for students to learn everything they need to know during their time at PCC. We want to get the students excited and prepared for the upcoming school year. Students will have the opportunity to engage with their peers and faculty and staff.

Prizes and giveaways will be awarded to students who actively participate. All students who attend will also have their name entered in a drawing for a chance to win a brand new smart watch.

PCC Men's Basketball Coach Sean Flynn Helps Work Tournament In Mexico

Pratt Community College men's basketball coach, Sean Flynn, represented PCC at Hoops on the Beach in Cancun, Mexico from June 13 to June 16. The Hoops on the Beach event is hosted by International Basketball Training, a player development company that works with athletes of all levels and ages. Flynn worked as an evaluator by watching approximately 30 games at the 15, 17, and 19 and under levels. Players at the event came from countries such as Belize, Panama, Mexico, Argentina, Dominican Republic, and Puerto Rico.

"I met amazing young people on this trip," said Flynn. "I grew enamored with the competitive spirit of both spectators and athletes."

Flynn noted that players at the event were very physical, but not dirty. In fact, outside of the gym kids sparred and played tackle football.

"Contact is embraced as a positive teaching tool (in the Cancun area)," said Flynn. "Good sportsmanship is mandatory."

At the end of the event, Flynn spoke with a team from Argentina. After his speech, the Argentinian coach invited him to run his clinics in Buenos Aires, Argentina at the end of July, which he will attend.

Both of these events help with future international recruiting. In addition to the two international

Beaver Backers Golf Tournament Scheduled for August 24

The Beaver Backers Club golf tournament has officially been scheduled at Park Hills Country Club on Saturday, August 24.

The outing, a four-person scramble, will begin with a shotgun start at 8:30 am. Registration for the event runs from 8:00 to 8:30. Entry fees begin at \$100 per person and \$400 per team, all of which includes a continental breakfast, lunch, green fees, range balls and more. Additional prizes will also be awarded for the following categories: longest putt, longest drive and closest to the pin.

For more information, please contact Athletic Director Tim Swartzendruber by phone at 620-450-2174. You may also email Mr. Swartzendruber at tims@prattcc.edu.

Park Hills Country Club is located at 337 Lake Road, Pratt, KS.

The Pratt Community College Beaver Backers is an organization dedicated to supporting, promoting and advancing Pratt Community College athletics. Pratt Community College Athletics promotes an environment that encourages student-athletes to reach their maximum potential in academic progress, athletic competition, and personal development. The Beaver Backers is an organization that will assist Pratt Community College with providing the support and resources necessary for student-athletes to achieve success in each of these pursuits.



PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE SKILLS & DRILLS

BASKETBALL FALL TUNE-UP

Join the Pratt Community College basketball coaches and players as they conduct skills and drills workout. Campers will improve their ball handling, passing and shooting as they move through a series of age appropriate drills.



ALL AGES

Tuesdays Sept. 10 - Oct. 15

6:30PM-7:30PM

\$25 per student for 6 weeks

Or \$5 drop-in

Held at Blythe Family Fitness
219 W 5th, Pratt, KS
620-672-1055

WELCOME

Fall Start Info

2019-2020

Residence Halls

Residence halls open August 18 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 are mailed mid-July. Please contact Residence Life at 620-450-2120 for housing information.

Registration and Enrollment

Complete any registration, enrollment, advising, or placement testing on August 19-20 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.

Payment and Billing

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

New Student Information Session

New student information session, mandatory for all degree-seeking, new to PCC incoming students enrolled in 12 hours or more for Fall 2019.

•Tuesday, August 20, 2018 •1-3 p.m •Dennis Lesh Sports Arena

Point of Contact: Susan Mayberry, susanm@prattcc.edu 620-450-2184

Semester Start Dates

Classes start August 21 at Pratt Main Campus. Check your class schedule for class start dates at the Coffeyville, Winfield, Wichita campuses as well as online.

EDUKAN fall start dates:

Session 1: August 12 (16 weeks) **Session 2:** August 12 (8 weeks) **Session 3:** Sept. 9 (12 weeks)

Session 4: October 7 (8 weeks) **Session 5:** Dec 2 (4 weeks)

WELCOME WEEK ACTIVITIES

#GoBeaverNation
#DamGoodFuture

SUN | 8/18 | 8PM

RA Hosted Game Night
Residence Hall Lobbies

MON | 8/19 | 8PM

Residence Hall Info Session
Residence Hall Lobbies

TUES | 8/20 | 1-3PM

New Student Information Session
Beaver Dome (Arena)

TUES | 8/20 | 7-9PM

Kickball & Snow Cones
Green Sports Complex*

WED | 8/21 | 9-11PM

Skate Night
Rolla Rena Rink*

THUR | 8/22 | 6:30PM

PCC Volleyball vs. Brookhaven
Beaver Dome (Arena)

FRI | 8/23 | 9-MIDNIGHT

Pratt After Dark: Carnival
Upper Commons

SAT | 8/24 | 1-6PM

Open Pool Day
Pratt Public Pool*

SUN | 8/25 | 8PM

S'mores Roast
Outside Woj Hall

MON | 8/26 | 9-10PM

Casino Night
Upper Commons

TUES | 8/27 | 9PM

Plant Night
Upper Commons

WED | 8/28 | 4PM

PCC Mens Soccer vs. Coffeyville
Soccer Field

WED | 8/28 | 8:30PM

Video Game Tournament & Ice Cream
Beaver Bites

THUR | 8/29 | 9-MIDNIGHT

Back to School Dance & Karaoke
Upper Commons



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STUDENT LIFE
RESIDENCE LIFE
ACTIVITIES

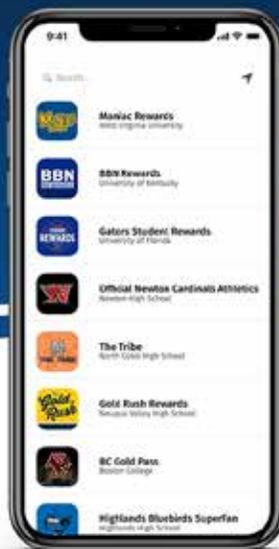
FALL 2019

* You can find locations and maps for each event on the Go Beaver Nation App



1

Download the SuperFan app for iPhone or Android.



2

Search for your school.



3

Enjoy your fan experience, including events, rewards, and more.



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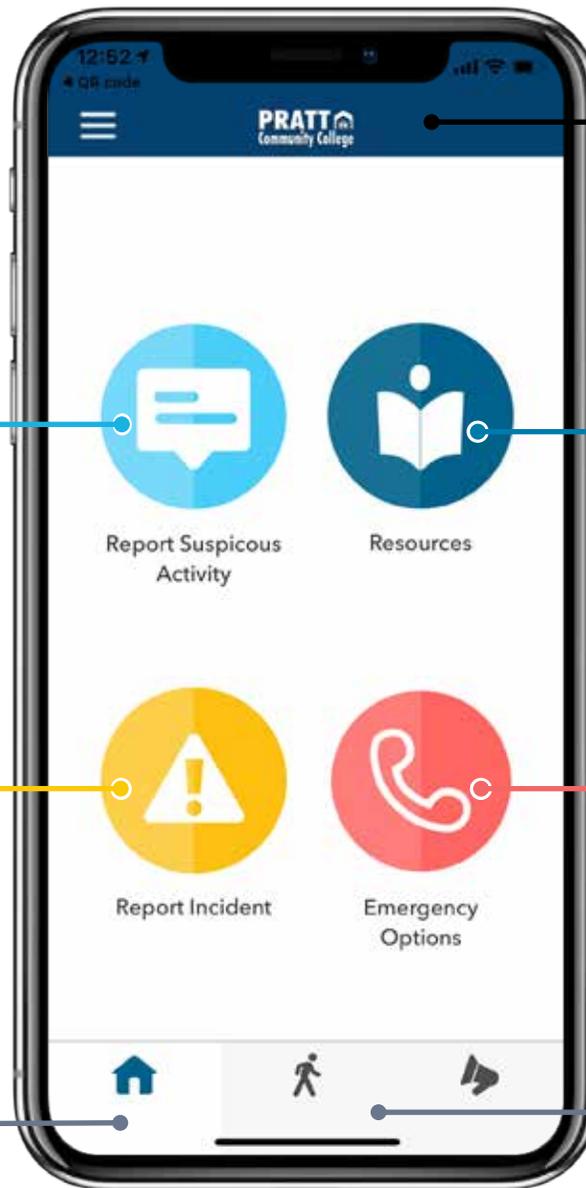
Share Info with Safety & Security

When you see something suspicious, share that intel with your organization's safety and security team.

Report an Incident

Something's happened? With just a few taps, quickly and easily submit a report.

Tab Navigation: Home
Keeps organization-related functionality in one place within the app.



Know What To Do in an Emergency & Other Info

Access important information from your organization, like what to do in an emergency. Use the Safety Map to find organization buildings, safety places, and other information.

Request Help

Communicate with local emergency services and your organization's safety officials - no matter where you are in the world.

Tab Navigation: SafeWalk & Notifications
Virtually walk contacts to their intended destination and know when they have arrived. Access broadcast messages.

