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Upcoming Dates

Board of Trustees Meeting June 15

Second Summer Session and Fall 2020 Enrollment

Second summer mini session and Fall 2020 Enrollment are now open for all current, returning and potential students. The Summer and Fall course catalogs are available online at prattcc.edu/CourseCatalog. Current students can register for classes by contacting the Student Success Center at 620.450.2156 or ssc@prattcc.edu.

New students are encouraged to take our virtual tour at prattcc.edu/VirtualTour. To apply to Pratt Community College online go to prattcc.edu/Apply. Find your Admissions Recruiter at prattcc.edu/admissionsrep. Your Admissions Recruiter will work with you to complete your Admissions Checklist and enroll for classes.

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To find your advisor check the bottom of your current schedule on self-service.

Plan ahead for your meeting! See what courses are being offered at prattcc.edu/CourseCatalog

Meet with your advisor before semester end to complete your class registration for Summer/Fall

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Bacon Recognized as 2020 PHEA Teacher of the Year

Each year, one of Pratt Community College's instructors is recognized by the Pratt Higher Education Association for being an outstanding instructor.

This year, the PHEA Teacher of the Year was awarded to automotive technology instructor, Greg Bacon.

"Thank you for this recognition, it's very humbling," said Bacon. "I was not expecting to be chosen given every single candidate is more than deserving to be named Teacher of the Year."

Bacon has worked at PCC for 19 years and has been a teacher for 17 of those years. He is an instructor in the Automotive Technology program and one of the shooting sports coaches.

"We've been making progress to expand the auto program to Kingman," said Bacon.

During his time at PCC he has seen the automotive program expand to three total locations. Those locations include the Pratt Campus, the South-Central Career Pathways Center in Attica and the recently added Kingman location.

"I learned from many of you," said Bacon. "So to be chosen by some of the people I respect the most is truly an honor. Thank you."



Forest and Kurbanova Receive 2020 Dennis Lesh Recognition Awards



Pratt Community College announced the winners of the Dennis Lesh Foundation Teacher Recognition Award and Food Services Recognition Award.

The Dennis Lesh Foundation Teacher Recognition Award is presented to a PCC teacher who, by his or her actions, exhibits courtesy, care and concern for the students. They are known for actively supporting students through attendance and participation in student activities.

Carmen Forest, Physical Education/Wellness Instructor received the 2020 award.

The Dennis Lesh Foundation Food Services Recognition Award of \$500 is to be awarded to a Food Services employee who, by his or her actions, exhibits courtesy, care and concern for students and is known for the quality of service that he or she consistently provides them.

This year, Enayy Kurbanova, food service employee in Great Western Dining, received the award.

Both Forest and Kurbanova were nominated by PCC students and staff and selected by a committee in the Foundation.

Note: Complete features over Forest and Kurbanova will be released in the July newsletter.



Lindsey Earns Dennis Lesh Support Staff of the Year Award

Each year, Pratt Community College awards a support staff member the Dennis Lesh Foundation Support Staff Recognition Award. This prestigious award is based on nominations from students, faculty and staff.

Haley Lindsey, the Director of Financial Aid, is the recipient of the 2020 Dennis Lesh Support Staff award.

"This award makes it all worth it, the hours upon hours learning and helping students," said Lindsey. "It makes me love PCC more."

Lindsey was born in Dallas, Texas. She moved to Bucklin, Kan. when she was young and graduated from Bucklin High School in 2009. Lindsey then attended Fort Hays State University (FHSU) on a basketball scholarship and played basketball for one year. Lindsey graduated from FHSU in 2013 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Tourism and Hospitality Management.

During Lindsey's time at FHSU, she was an Orientation Assistant, Residential Assistant, Resident Hall Council President, on the University Activities Board, Black Student Union and in Alpha Gamma Delta.

In June of 2014, Lindsey moved to Pratt. When she moved to Pratt, she initially applied for the Assistant to the Director of Personnel position. Lindsey received a call from the Director of Personnel, Rita Pinkall, saying that she enjoyed the interview and that there was a financial aid counselor position open. Pinkall asked Lindsey if she would apply for that position as she felt that position might be a better fit. After applying for the Financial Aid Counselor position, Lindsey was offered the job. She started in the PCC Financial Aid Department on August 11, 2014.

"Financial aid is not black and white; there is a lot of gray. I fell in love with not knowing what my day will look like and I love that I can help students go to college," said Lindsey. "So many success stories are dear to my heart, students had issues or ran into problems and I was able to counsel and help them. I am very student-focused and want their experience to be the greatest. Money is stressful and being able to help them navigate that makes me love my job."

In 2016 FHSU created a Higher Affairs Student Master's program and Lindsey decided she wanted to get a master's degree. Lindsey graduated with her master's degree in May 2019 and then became the Director of Financial Aid.

When talking to Lindsey about pursuing her master's degree, she said I enjoyed getting my master's and learned a lot about Higher Education and the issues that it faces. I learned a lot about myself during that time.

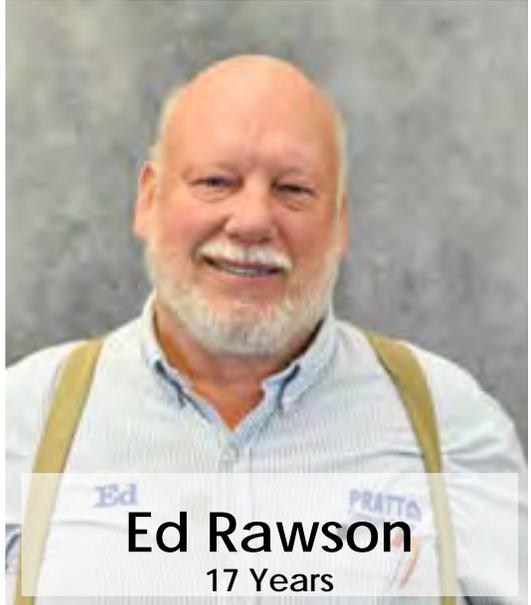
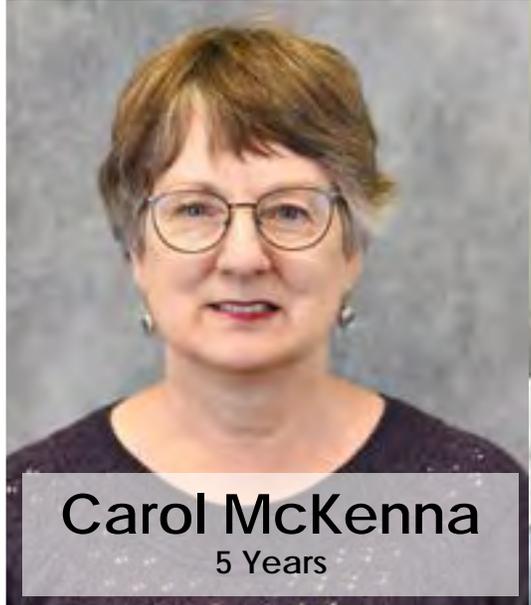
"My favorite part of working at PCC is the students and the people I work with across the college. I have peers that are good leaders and I take what I have learned from them and manipulate it to fit me and my office best," said Lindsey. "Thank you to the PCC community for supporting and allowing me to be who I am and allowing me to grow."

The Dennis Lesh Foundation Support Staff Recognition Award of \$500 is to be awarded annually to a Pratt Community College Support Staff employee who, by his or her actions, exhibits courtesy, care and concern for students and is known for the quality of service that he or she consistently provides to students.



CONGRATULATIONS

2020 Faculty and Staff Retirees



Bonham Retires From PCC After 32 years

Pratt Community College science instructor, Carol Bonham, retired from PCC after teaching here for 32 years.

Bonham grew up in Shawnee, Kan. and attended Shawnee Mission School System. After graduating high school, Bonham attended Kansas State University and began her college career majoring in Resource Management. She had always been fascinated with nature and parks. Her soon to be husband wanted to farm in Harper, Kan. Bonham then rerouted her college career path and pursued a degree in education. Bonham and her husband later got married, moved to Harper and Bonham began teaching at Attica High.

"It was a really good experience at Attica, I was basically the science and math department," said Bonham.

Bonham began teaching at PCC as an adjunct instructor teaching Anatomy and Physiology night classes and summer classes. Jim Stratford informed Bonham about a job opening at PCC in the science department. Stratford encouraged Bonham to interview for the position. Bonham interviewed and began teaching full time in 1991 at PCC.

While at PCC, Bonham had the opportunity to work with different groups of students. She taught Fundamentals of Chemistry to the nursing students, General Chemistry to the students majoring in science and geology to the students that needed a general education course within the science department.

"Pratt allowed me to continue to be diverse," said Bonham. "When I started, I was the quiz bowl coach and I was the coach for a number of years. I taught some math, chemistry and later picked up geology."

Bonham has two children that are teachers. One teaches math at Wichita East and the other teaches science at Norwich.

"School teachers have been in my family," said Bonham. "My mother taught elementary school and my sister taught math."

During Bonham's time at PCC, she has served on the Executive Committee of the Kansas Association of Teachers of Science (KATS), was the president of KATS in 2017, was a member of the National Science Teachers Association and was awarded the Outstanding Rural Science Educator award.

"I am thankful for the opportunities that Pratt provided for me and the experiences that I had there," said Bonham.

When Bonham was asked what her advice to a young professional would be, Bonham said to stay with it. It's worth it, sometimes the road gets a little complicated, but stick with it and get help when you need it. Bonham also said if you believe in yourself and will work for it, that is the path to success. To get the job you want, and get what you want, make choices based on what you want to do.

"Pratt was a nice size, and I always appreciated the students and faculty members," said Bonham. "It was nice to get to know the students in both the classroom and lab setting."





Lisa Kolm



Dan Petz



Tim Renner

Rawson Retires From PCC After 17 years



Pratt Community College maintenance staff member, Ed Rawson, retired from PCC after working here for 17 years.

"I have enjoyed it, and I will miss the people," said Rawson.

Rawson was born in Huron, S.D., during his childhood, Rawson's family moved to Neenah, Wis., then when Rawson was in the seventh grade his family moved to Fullerton, Calif. Rawson continued his schooling and graduated from high school in Fullerton. Shortly after he graduated from high school he joined the army. Rawson is a retired army veteran after serving for 66 years.

When Rawson first heard about an opening at PCC, Rawson and his wife, Genile, were living in Harper, Kan. Rawson heard about a security guard position at PCC from a security guard that was working at PCC at the time. This security guard was also living in Harper and was Rawson's neighbor at the time. Rawson applied for the security guard position and began working at PCC as a nighttime security guard.

Rawson worked as a nighttime security guard for his first three years at PCC, then after three years, Rawson's security guard position became obsolete. At the time, the Director of Facilities, Dan Petz, needed two part-time maintenance staff members. Rawson applied for one of the positions and began working part-time with the maintenance staff and later became full-time with the maintenance staff.

"My favorite part working at PCC was when I worked as an evening custodian and got to make decisions on the spot for things," said Rawson.

Rawson and his wife eventually moved from Harper to the Pratt area.

"It's been a pleasure working with him," said Petz. "He has been a dependable, loyal employee."

Gawith Retires From PCC After 11 years

Pratt Community College maintenance staff member, Kenneth Gawith, retired from PCC after working here for 11 years.

"I've enjoyed every bit of it," said Gawith. "I've enjoyed all the people and I like when the kids come back to campus."

Gawith was born in Cloud County, Kan. Gawith and his family then moved to Ottawa County when he was in the third grade. He then continued his schooling in Delphos and graduated high school from Delphos.

After Gawith graduated from high school, he was up for the draft and joined the Navy. Gawith attended basic training in San Diego, Calif. After basic training he lived in Key West, FL. In 1965 Gawith had orders for Vietnam. Originally, his wife and he had plans to get married in June of that year, but they moved their wedding date to May 26th. Gawith then went to Vietnam for one year. After Vietnam, he came back and lived in Long Beach, Calif.

After Gawith was out of the Navy, he and his wife moved to Concordia, Kan. In Concordia, Gawith began working for Boguards, a meat cutting facility. After working at Boguards Gawith and his family lived in Junction City, Kan., McPherson, Kan. and Salina, Kan.

Gawith then farmed for 11 years, moved to Hutchinson, Kan. and worked as a meat cutter, before moving to Pratt. Gawith has lived in Pratt for 33 years. Before working at PCC, Gawith worked for Dillons for 39 years.

At PCC Gawith was a groundskeeper for six years, then moved to the maintenance staff where he worked primarily in Beck, Porter and Wojchiehowski Halls. Gawith then moved to tend to Chandler Hall.

"I decided it was time to retire and enjoy it," said Gawith.

"Kenny was a dependable, loyal employee" said Petz. "It's been a pleasure working with him."





Stephanie Wiese

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John Patton



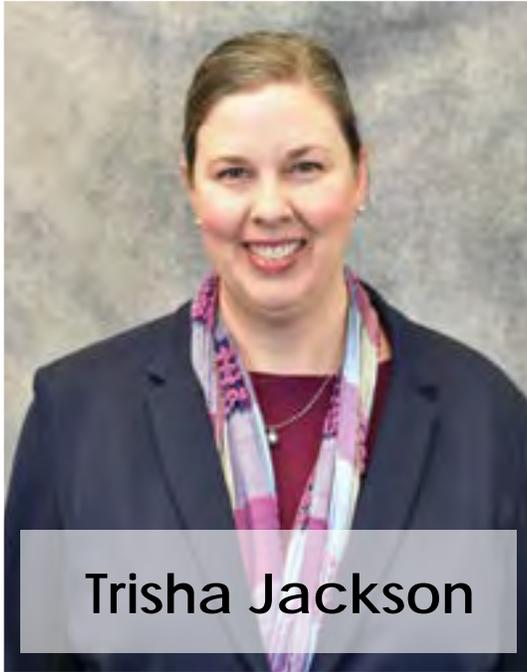
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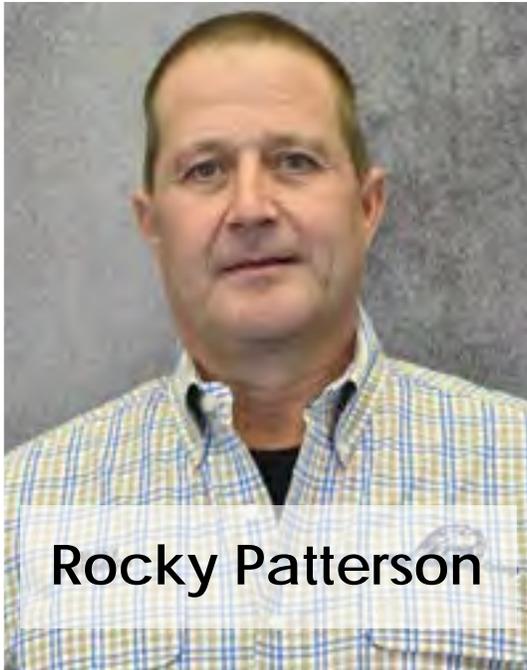
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Westerhaus Issues Special 'Goodbye to Education' Letter

Story Courtesy of The Pratt Tribune

A letter from Rhonda Westerhaus:

Without a last day in the classroom, a graduation, or a gathering to mark my retirement, I am using this open letter to express my feelings for, and appreciation of this wonderful community and its college.

In reflecting back over my 28-year tenure at Pratt Community College, I can say that I have been inspired by great people, that I have experienced numerous learning opportunities, and that I have encountered challenging issues, all of which have made my career at PCC a magnificent journey.

Among the many great people at Pratt Community College, one who especially stands out for me is Bob Romine. As a teacher, a mentor, and later colleague, Bob inspired me to look for connections across the social science disciplines. This quest led me to other teachers, principals, superintendents, librarians, authors, illustrators, CEOs, professional organizations, all of whom not only enhanced my understanding of the world outside of Pratt, Kansas, but also helped me to appreciate the uniqueness of our distinct rural culture.

Making connections became a hallmark of my own teaching style.

Over the years at Pratt Community College I have had the opportunity to wear many hats.

My first job at PCC was in the learning lab where I tutored both teenagers and adults who were working toward their GED. A few years later Jim Strafford asked me to become the Education Coordinator. I feel great satisfaction when I encounter former advisees who now teach in our Community. Pursuing a Reading Specialist Certification afforded me more teaching opportunities, and Club International, one of my favorite hats, grew out of my Reading as a Second Language course. Club International outings, fundraising campaigns, internships, and exchanges enriched my life and affirmed my commitment to study abroad.

When Ron Hill and I were asked to teach Orientation, it gave me the chance to use my undergraduate theater experience to motivate students to become better time managers and better test takers.

In 2005 a nearby school superintendent contacted PCC looking for a German teacher. Our then President, "Dr. Woj", remembered that my Master of Arts was in the teaching of German and asked if I would be willing to take on this assignment. I did so with great pleasure! I commuted daily to Cunningham to teach high school German classes and to help facilitate the exchange between Cunningham High School and a gymnasium in Preetz, Germany. Monette DePew and I were able to arrange for these high school students to also earn PCC Experiential Credits.

When Pratt Community College Social Science Instructor Gregg Wade retired, I added his history classes to my teaching roster. Wearing these many hats led to me having up to eight different preparations some semesters. This variety and the challenges it presented certainly ensured that I was never, ever bored!

As I tell my students, my children, and my grandchildren; challenging issues that we come across, i.e. situations that are averse to our assumptions, beliefs, actions, traditions, do provide invaluable experiences. I have encountered several challenging issues during my career. They surfaced when I was a member of a department, the chair of a committee, a volunteer for an event, etc. In these various situations, I have held on to some traditions, while letting others go, kept my mouth shut for the sake of the team, or spoken up even if it meant personal discomfort.

What I remember from all the issues are, caring colleagues, defined policies and procedures, and the availability of professional negotiators. My faith in the goodness of people did not waiver, and if all else failed, I used my rosary.



Westerhaus Issues Special 'Goodbye to Education' Letter (cont.)

For all the issues, opportunities, and people that I have encountered during my 28 years at Pratt Community College I am grateful. I thank my fellow teachers, the support staff, and the PCC Administration. I thank my family without whom I could not have managed. I thank the students. When I think of you all, I smile, I grimace, I stand tall, and sometimes I even throw up my hands.

Dr. Seuss sums it up for me, " Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."

May you all remember your time at PCC as I do, with pride, humility, and a smile.



Cheer creates alumni Facebook page

In an effort to unite previous members of Pratt Community College's cheerleading alumni, head cheerleading coach Shae Napier has created the "Pratt Community College Cheer Alumni" page. The Facebook group is meant to give those from days past, the present, and in between the opportunity to connect with one another.



Pratt Announces 2019-20 Male and Female Athletes of the Year

As voted on by the school's faculty and staff, Zool Kueth and Rylee Alexander have been named the 2019-20 Pratt Community College Male and Female Athletes of the Year.

The distinction was awarded to PCC student-athletes that have gone above and beyond both on the fields of friendly strife as well as the classroom. Their head coaches had the following to say on behalf of their respective student-athletes:

Sean Flynn, Head Coach, Men's Basketball

"Although Zool gained notoriety as a basketball player throughout the KJCCC in 2019-20, Zool made an impact in the classroom and in the community upon his arrival in the Fall of '19. Speaking to the student body at Liberty Middle School, teaching a local class about South Sudan and mentoring middle schoolers illustrate his service to community."

Kueth was named to the All-KJCCC West Second Team after averaging 14.5 points per game and 4.9 rebounds per game. A 43 percent shooter from the field, Kueth was also named the Player of the Week for Week 13 by the KJCCC, leading Pratt to wins over Barton and Seward County while averaging 22.5 PPG. Kueth recently announced his commitment to Northern Illinois University.

John Ishee, Head Coach, Women's Basketball

"Rylee exemplifies everything you could possibly want in a student-athlete; work ethic, toughness, selflessness, humility and accountability always."

An All-KJCCC West Honorable Mention selection as a freshman last season, Alexander received even more prestigious honors following the 2019-20 season, being named to the All-KJCCC West Second Team. A do-it-all guard, Alexander averaged 9.0 points per game, as well as 5.7 rebounds and 1.2 assists this past season. Alexander finished her sophomore season with the fourth-best free throw percentage in the KJCCC (79.8 percent). Over her Pratt career, Alexander averaged 10.5 PPG, 5.9 RPG, and 1.2 APG. Alexander recently signed to continue her basketball career at the University of Idaho.



PCC ATHLETES
OF THE YEAR

Jason Jordan Ready to See Hard Work Pay Dividends



A month ago, Beavers softball initiated the first step in its reboot, hiring former Fort Hays State assistant Jason Jordan.

A longtime coach both in softball and baseball, Jordan is currently putting together the blueprint for his first season as a collegiate head coach. Despite the uncertainty surrounding the 2020-21 academic year, Pratt's newest face in the athletic department is going about his business with a sense of anticipation.

"I was excited for the opportunity," Jordan said. "I felt like Pratt offered new challenges not just with softball at PCC but in the community as well. I knew it was going to be a challenge and going to take a lot of work but that was what attracted me."

A native of colorful Colorado, Jordan has prior experience as a head coach at both the high school and youth levels working for the Poudre Valley School District., as well as an event coordinator for Triple Crown Sports, an organization that fosters youth-focused athletic competition. Now one rung higher

on the coaching ladder, Jordan is balancing both sides of the emotional scale.

"In every new position there is a sense of nervousness," Jordan said. "Trying to instill a new culture has its ups and downs. However, being able to compete in one of the toughest conferences in the nation, and putting the new culture up against other established cultures is going to be exciting for me."

Jordan is a softball guy. Or a baseball guy. Either way, both sports have influenced him massively.

"Softball and baseball, to me, was a common ground where I could take a break from everything going on in my life," he said. "These games were one of the only things I could depend on to always be there for me in the good and the bad. It brought people into my life from different walks of life and established friendships that will last a lifetime.

"Some of my coaches were the biggest influence in my life, helped me stay out of trouble, were there in the hard times and if

Jason Jordan Ready to See Hard Work Pay Dividends (cont.)

it wasn't for them I would not be where I am today. My hope is that I can be the same type of role model in these girls' lives and positively impact them, their families, their communities like my coaches did for me."

That influence includes a stringent work ethic that he plans on passing down to his team. Jordan doesn't plan on sitting idly by, because his coaching style won't allow it.

"I am hands on, willing to outwork and any other team in our conference," Jordan explained. "I believe that we have the right group of players and coaches that have the right attitudes to put in the amount of effort it is going to take to flip this program. We are going to do things the right way while trying to give back to the community of Pratt."

Having only won 8% of its games since 2016, Pratt softball is aiming to see Jordan's teachings evolve into a winning tradition. Such things start and end, according to Jordan, with a plan, and that plan starts in Year One.

"It's all about trusting the process," Jordan said. "While taking steps in the right direction. I am extremely excited about the group of girls that we have coming for the 2021 season, they are the right group for the job to turn this

program around. It is going to take a year or two to fully implement our new culture and we will hit some challenges along the way, however, there is no doubt in my mind that people will look back on this group of amazing female athletes and say that the change in Pratt Softball started with them."

Given there is still no assurance athletics will take place during the upcoming school year, the challenges facing Pratt Community College, other academic institutions, and many others continues to be unprecedented. In spite of all the concerns fogging the future, for Pratt softball, there is a ray of light poking through the clouds.

"You can plan on seeing us more out in the community giving back to Pratt, getting more involved in local softball programs and partnering with both the high schools in town to grow our sport. We have a lot of work to do as a program this fall, however, we will be trusting the process while making positive steps in the right direction. And hopefully come spring you will see the hard work that our team has put in all year."



PCC Student Receives Kansas Farm Bureau Scholarship

Pratt Community College (PCC) agricultural science student, Jaden Smith, has been awarded a Kansas Farm Bureau's (KFB) Foundation for Agriculture scholarship. College students that are attending a Kansas college with a Kansas Farm Bureau Collegiate Chapter and are a collegiate chapter member studying in a field that benefits agriculture and rural Kansas are eligible to apply for this scholarship.

"This scholarship means a lot to me. Being a child of the agriculture industry, I have seen the struggles of the Ag life," said Smith. "It is important to me so I can continue my education and eventually give back and be an Agriculture teacher."

Smith grew up in Almena, Kan. and attended Northern Valley high school. During Smith's time in high school, she was involved in volleyball, basketball, track, Future Farmers of America (FFA), Forensics, and Student Council. In her local FFA chapter, Smith served as a representative, the 2018-2019 Northwest Kan. district FFA president and was the president of her local chapter for two years.

Before attending PCC, Smith worked at the Norton County Farm Bureau Office. Smith initially learned about Collegiate Farm Bureau (CFB) while working at the Norton County Farm Bureau Office. When Smith started school at PCC she joined the CFB group. Jackie Mundt, CFB sponsor, informed Smith about the Kansas Farm Bureau scholarship and encouraged her to apply.

At PCC Smith is involved in CFB, she is the rodeo manager, member of student leadership council and will be a Resident Assistant (RA) for the 2020-2021 school year.

"Jackie pushed me and I placed at young farmer's and rancher's discussion meet and got fourth," said Smith.

During Smith's time at PCC so far, she has placed at Young Farmer's and Rancher's discussion meet and placed fourth, traveled to Austin, Texas and with CFB and qualified for state in Manhattan, Kan. this past February.

Smith's goal is to finish her general education requirements at PCC and then move on to Kansas State University or West Texas A&M.

"My ag teachers and other teachers are really committed to their students," said Smith. "Barrett Smith reached out to find me another scholarship that he knew I might qualify for. The teachers care about their students and it makes us work harder in and out of the classroom. I'm really glad I chose Pratt."

"It's an awesome culture at PCC," said Smith. "Being on student leadership I can interact with the president and board of trustees and talk about what we like and don't like at Pratt."



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PCC WOO Student receives Kansas Farm Bureau Scholarship



Pratt Community College (PCC) Wildlife Outfitting and Operations (WOO) student, Caleb Hinck, has been awarded a Kansas Farm Bureau's (KFB) Foundation for Agriculture scholarship. College students that are attending a Kansas college with a Kansas Farm Bureau Collegiate Chapter and are a collegiate chapter member studying in a field that benefits agriculture and rural Kansas are eligible to apply for this scholarship.

"This scholarship helps out a lot, I won't have to go get a second job to pay for college," said Hinck. "It helps out a lot more."

Hinck grew up in Eskridge, Kan. on a small family row crop farm. Growing up, he was heavily involved in 4-H and raised pigs. In high school Hinck was involved in Future Farmers of America (FFA), National Honor Society (NHS), wildlife career development events, livestock judging, hunting, fishing and as many outdoor activities as possible.

During his time in 4-H, he held several offices including treasurer, historian and vice president. In FFA he also held positions, including junior treasurer, treasurer and president.

"I applied for this scholarship due to being grown up around Farm Bureau," said Hinck. "It's something I've been a part of and want to keep being a part of."

Jackie Mundt, the Collegiate Farm Bureau (CFB) sponsor at PCC, and Hinck's local Farm Bureau agent told him about this scholarship opportunity.

At PCC Hinck is involved in CFB, Block and Bridle, shooting sports team and the student leadership team.

During Hinck's time in CFB at PCC so far, he has become the CFB Vice President, traveled to Austin, Texas for the National American Farmers and Ranchers Association Conference, attended WFNR with CFB and competed in events at the conference, competed at a discussion meet. In shooting sports, Hinck has had the opportunity to travel across the state with the team and compete. In student leadership, Hinck has had the opportunity to talk to students in other programs at PCC, update them on the programs that he is involved in and learn what is going on in the other programs. Alongside these discussions in Student Leadership, they can talk to PCC faculty members and the president and share their thoughts on the institution.

Hinck's goal after PCC is to attend a four-year university and continue his Wildlife Outfitting and Operations education or get a job in the field. Hinck would eventually like to get a job at the Kansas Department of Wildlife Parks and Tourism and work as a wildlife manager.

"One of my favorite things about Pratt is that it is a small school with teachers willing to help, and they are easy to get ahold of," said Hinck. "There are lots of opportunities to get involved and see what you like and don't like."

The following students received awards and recognitions during the 2019-2020 Academic year.

2019-2020 Awards and Recognition

Aaron Valenciana
Alma Ibarra
Amanda Bucher
Amber Jellison-Harris
Amie Chandler
Andrea Migliozi
Andres Perez-Martinez
Austin Hermstein
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PCC Staff Member Makes Hundreds of Masks



Pratt Community College (PCC) staff member, Theresa Gee, has made 605 masks to date. Gee and her daughters originally began making masks to protect their family and friends that are at high risk for COVID-19 or are required to wear them in their workplace.

"I love to sew and make things," said Gee. "I also love helping people."

Gee has worked at PCC since December of 2012 and is the Secretary of Allied Health and Technical Programs.

"I love working in the technical area. I work with some great instructors," said Gee. "I grew up in the agriculture field, and this fits right in with it."

"I have some nieces and cousins that work in the healthcare field and I heard about a shortage of protective equipment," said Gee. "I asked one niece if they needed face masks. She said they were. They were having to reuse the throw-away masks."

After asking her niece if they would have a use if she made masks, she began by making 20 masks for her niece and her niece's coworkers. Gee then contacted her other niece, who works in healthcare. Her other niece said that would be wonderful as they never know where people are coming in from. Gee then proceeded to make 45 more masks.

Gee also began making masks for workers outside of the healthcare field. Another one of Gee's niece's works in a convenience store and they did not have masks for each worker. Her niece wanted one for each worker and her daughters.

Gee has yet another niece who works in the healthcare field, and this niece is currently pregnant. Gee made and sent her five masks, one for each day of the week. Her daughters' supervisor told her daughters they needed to begin wearing masks when they were working their shift in the food industry. So Gee made one for each crew member at her daughters' work.

When the recommendation to wear masks out in public was released from Governor Kelly, the mask orders picked up even more. National Gypsum Mill called and asked if Gee could make 135 masks for their workers. National Gypsum Mill let Gee know that if one worker came down with COVID-19 and exposed other workers, they would have to shut down the plant. Gee then made the masks for them.

A few of Gee's family members were informed that they will have to wear masks until mid June, so she made more and sent them to her family members. Gee wanted to ensure that her family would always have a clean, sterile mask.

"The cloth ones you can wash, sanitize and reuse," said Gee.

While making the masks, there have been a few complications along the way. At one point Gee was having a difficult time finding the quarter-inch elastic to secure the masks, so they began using hair ties. She also asked her daughters to help her so that she is able to keep up with the demand.

Gee's goal through making the masks has been to help people and keep them safe from the virus. She has been making all of the masks at no charge to those asking for them. Some people have insisted on giving her a donation for all her work. Gee has donated all of the money she has received to her church in Medicine Lodge.

"The church isn't able to meet because of this, and I know they also have bills to pay," said Gee.

Gee said that most of the material being used to make the masks is quilt scrap material or is her mother's material.

"My mother would be happy that we used her leftover material to help those in need."

PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE CELEBRATE DIVERSITY TEAM

The Celebrate Diversity Team is responsible for developing, coordinating and/or facilitating college-wide initiatives which aid in fostering a campus culture which is welcoming, safe, and inclusive of all stakeholders and supports Pratt Community College's diversity core value.

Pratt Community College respects, values, and celebrates the diversity of our students, faculty, staff and the communities we serve, believing that diversity enriches the educational experience.

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PCC Staff &
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Susan Mayberry
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According to AACU.org, the student population in higher education in the United States is more diverse than it has ever been before. A report by the American Council on education reports that students of color make up 29.6 percent of the undergraduate population in 1996. In 2016 this number increased to 45.6 percent. Since 1997, the United States population has become more diverse. In 2017 the population was 61 percent white, 18 percent Hispanic, 12.3 percent black, 5.7 percent Asian, 1.9 percent one or more race, 0.7 percent American Indian or Alaska Native, and 0.3 percent Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander. In the past twenty years, more Americans over the age of twenty-five have received an associate's degree, 44.5 percent versus 31.1 percent in 1997.

Even though the racial and ethnic make-up of students in higher education is becoming more and more diverse, according to the report "college faculty, staff, and administrators remain predominantly white". According to the report 73.2 percent of full-time faculty were white. 58.1 percent of college presidency is white and male, 25 percent is white and female, 11.8 percent is men of color and 5.1 percent are women of color.

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JUNE DIVERSITY

June is LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) Pride Month. On June 11, 1999, President William J. Clinton issues a presidential proclamation designating June as LGBT Pride Month.

June is also Black Music Month. Black Music Month was initiated by President Jimmy Carter in 1979. Black Music Month celebrates the African American musical influences that comprise an essential part of our nation's treasured cultural heritage.

Key dates in June. June 2, 1924 Congress extended the rights of citizenship to all Native Americans born in the United States. June 9 Puerto Rican Day Parade. June 19 – Black American : Juneteenth. June 28-LGBT Pride Day. June 27 – People with Disabilities.

It is time for parents to teach young people early on that in diversity there is beauty and there is strength. We all should know that diversity makes for a rich tapestry, and we must understand that all the threads of that tapestry are equal in value no matter their color.

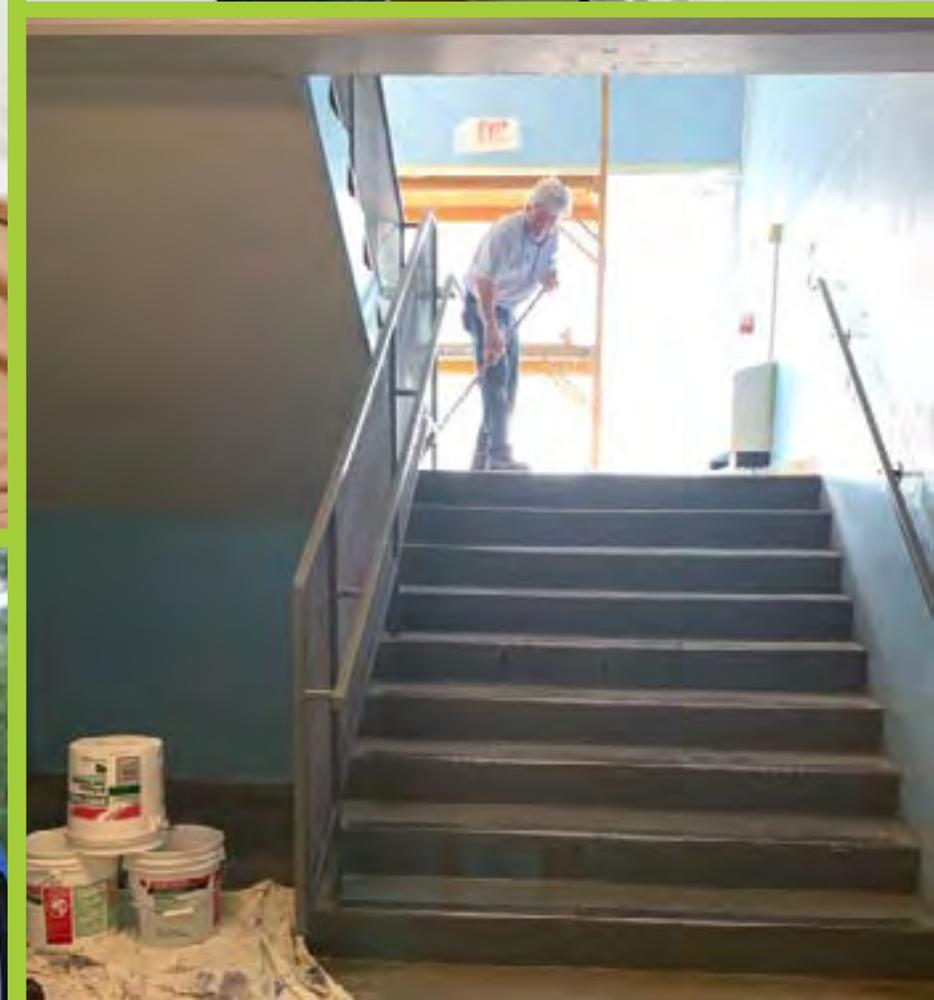
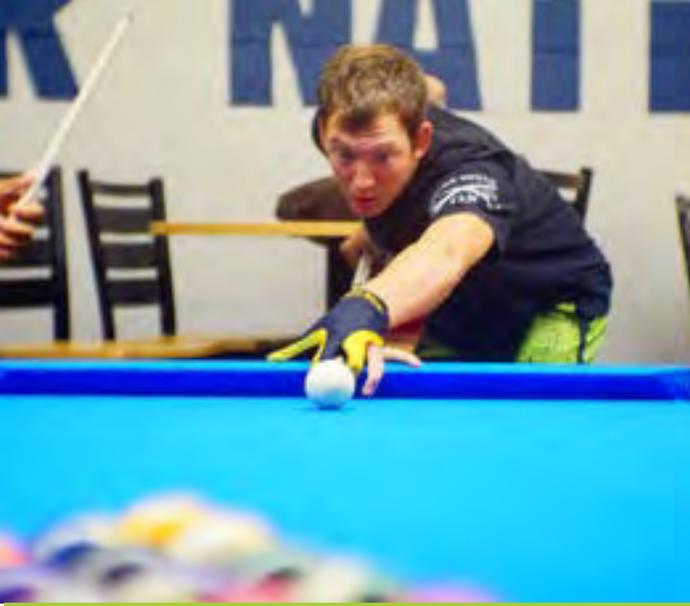
– Maya Angelou

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