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Monthly Newsletter

The

The official newsletter of PCC

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Maximum Student Learning

Individual & Workforce Development

High Quality Instruction & Service

Community Enrichment

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

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Upcoming Dates

Board of Trustees Meeting

May 11

Final Exams

May 12,

13, 14

Higher Education Emergency Funds Assistance Available

Federal government funding has been allocated to assist students with covering expenses related to the disruption of campus operations and services available due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Emergency Student Assistance Fund to support the unexpected costs due to the extraordinary circumstances of the global COVID-19 outbreak. Current students are able to apply for these funds.

"We recognize that the current situation may have caused unanticipated financial challenges for our students," said Haley Lindsey, Director of Financial Aid for PCC. "Please know that we care."

Examples of How the Coronavirus Emergency Student Assistance Fund Will Be Used:

- expenses related to student emergency travel
- medical costs
- technology for online classes
- temporary housing and supplies
- storage and moving

Students that qualify:

Only students who are or could be eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), may receive emergency financial aid grants. If a student has filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), then the student has demonstrated eligibility to participate in programs under Section 484 of the HEA. Students who have not filed a FAFSA but who are eligible to file a FAFSA also may receive emergency financial aid grants. The criteria to participate in programs under Section 484 of the HEA include but are not limited to the following: U.S. citizenship or eligible noncitizen; a valid Social Security number; registration with Selective Service (if the student is male); and a high school diploma, GED, or completion of high school in an approved homeschool setting.

If you need financial assistance, please complete and submit the form the Emergency Student Assistance Application at prattcc.edu/FinAidFunds.

Please note that students may not receive the total amount that you request, as funding is limited.

For help or questions you can contact the PCC Financial Aid Office at finaid@prattcc.edu or 620-450-2247.

PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SUMMER 2020

ALL COURSES OFFERED VIA DISTANCE DELIVERY/ONLINE

REDUCED TUITION!

PCC SERVICE AREA COUNTIES
\$75*

2020 High School Graduates & High School Students of Barber, Comanche, Harper, Kingman, Kiowa, Pratt & Stafford Counties

Flat Rate of \$75 per credit hour

KANSAS HS STUDENTS
\$89*

Kansas 2020 Graduating Seniors & All Non-Service area Kansas High School Students

Tuition \$62 Fees \$27 Total \$89

KANSAS RESIDENTS
\$115

Non-Degree Seeking Kansas Residents

Tuition \$64 Fees \$51 Total \$115

An additional \$50 fee is required for non-Pratt County residents for each semester in attendance if enrolled in 12+ credit hours.

*High School Students must be a Sophomore, Junior, or Senior during the 2020-2021 Academic Year.

Nurse Aide • Medication Aide • IV Fluid Therapy • Art Appreciation • General Biology
Microbiology • Anatomy & Physiology • Microcomp Office Apps • Public Speaking
Concepts & Apps of Exercise • Psychology of Sport • Technical Math • College Algebra

EARN AS YOU LEARN SCHOLARSHIP

- HS sophomores, juniors & seniors can earn college tuition awards from PCC
- EAYL scholarship is awarded for every A or B earned in a College Start Class (up to 9 cr hrs)
- EAYL scholarship can be used for fall, spring or summer upon HS graduation

prattcc.edu/EAYL

APPLY FOR FALL SCHOLARSHIPS

The 2020-2021 Scholarship Application is Now Available.

- Academic, Athletic & Activity Scholarships
- Tuition & Books Scholarships
- Veteran Scholarships
- County, In-State & Honors Scholarships

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Summer Full Session

May 27–Aug. 4

Summer Mini-Sessions

May 27–June 30 & July 21–Aug. 4

Pratt Community College Produces High Paid Graduates

Pratt Community College students graduating with an associate's degree between 2008 and 2017 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 2017 is \$37,397 which is higher than the Kansas community college sector average of \$35,114.

"This is an amazing accomplishment for eight consecutive years," said Dr. Michael Calvert, PCC president. "Hats off to our faculty and support staff that helped these students succeed and get good paying jobs. What a great return on investment for our students, local community and the state of Kansas."

This information comes as the ninth 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.



PCC GRADS EARN MORE



2017 Graduates

Employed in
Kansas in 2018

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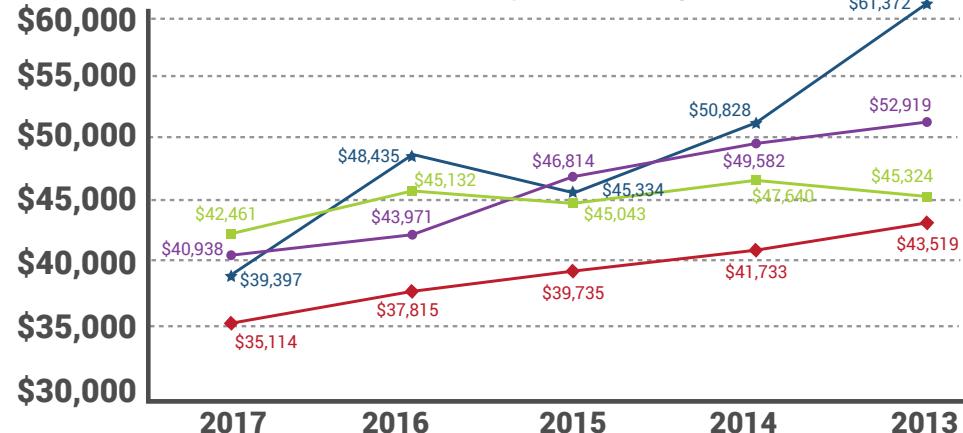
PCC Grads Highest Paid

Last 5 of 8 Years



Average Wages Earned by Graduates Employed in Kansas in 2018

Pratt compared to Sector Averages



*Source of data: Ninth Annual Foresight 2020 Progress Report (February 2020)
Appendix: Employment and Wages in Kansas by Institution
https://submission.kansaregents.org/ibi_apps/bip/portal/KHERS

Pratt CC Associate Degrees
Technical College Sector Associate Degrees
State University Sector Bachelor Degrees
Kansas Community College Sector Associate Degrees

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SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION

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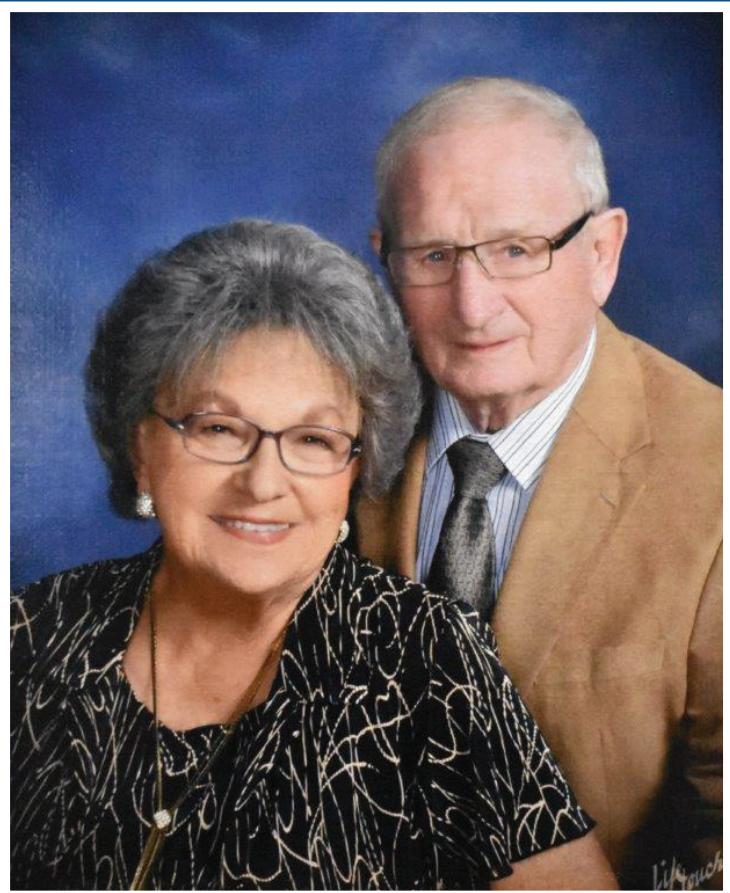
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\$100,000 CHALLENGE



MARVIN & NANCY SCHMIDTBERGER

We are pleased to announce that Marvin and Nancy Schmidtberger have made a \$100,000 gift to establish an endowed scholarship at PCC. We would like to express our sincere appreciation for their tremendous generosity. This new Endowed Scholarship will help PCC students for generations to come.

THE CHALLENGE

To inspire other PCC supporters, Marvin and Nancy would like to challenge all Scholarship Auction participants to raise at least \$100,000 to equal their gift and make this our most successful auction ever. This is a challenge to bidders, sponsors and anyone wanting to make a straightforward donation. We have an opportunity to raise \$200,000 for scholarships if we can meet this challenge. The Schmidtberger Family hopes you will take full advantage of this chance to support deserving students and the Pratt Community!

PCC Sophomore Receives Kappa Beta Delta Scholarship

Pratt Community College (PCC) sophomore, Isaac Root, has been awarded a Kappa Beta Delta scholarship for the 2020-2021 academic school year. The purpose of Kappa Beta Delta is to encourage and recognize scholarship and accomplishment among students of business pursuing associate degrees. To encourage and promote personal and professional improvement and a life distinguished by honorable service to humankind. To be eligible for this scholarship, students must rank in the upper 20% of students pursuing business degrees at the time of invitation to membership, they must have completed a minimum of 15 semester hours of credit, of which a minimum of six are in business subjects toward the degree program and they must have a minimum grade point of average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or the minimum GPA for Honors considerations at your institution, whichever is higher).

"This scholarship will help me get books next year at WSU (Wichita State University)," said Root.

Root was born in Toledo, Ohio and moved to Minneapolis, Kan. when he was in fourth grade. He attended Minneapolis High School and Junior high through his freshman year of high school. After his freshman year he moved to Pratt, Kan. and attended Pratt High School through the duration of his senior year.

During his high school career, Root was involved in a variety of extracurricular activities. While in high school he was a member of the National Honor Society, a Lions Club member, Inside School for Kansas Online Program (ISKS), scholars bowl, basketball, cross country, and baseball. Root chose to attend PCC because it was more cost-effective for him and he is able to work while attending college.

"I hope to try to get an internship with Koch brothers and advance that way and work at a firm," said Root.

At PCC Root is involved in Encore! and Kappa Beta Delta.

In the fall, Root plans on transferring to WSU and majoring in accounting with a minor in business. While at WSU, he would also like to continue to be involved in Kappa Beta Delta.

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"I've enjoyed getting to know Isaac as a student and a person. I've had him in multiple classes where he has proved himself worthy of this scholarship. I wish Isaac well as he pursues his Accounting/Business degree at the four-year university." Carol Ricke





ARE YOU READY TO BECOME A BEAVER?

**Join the PCC Admissions Staff
for an Enrollment Prep meeting**

Wednesday, May 6
10:00 a.m. CST

Placement Testing
Transferring Concurrent Credits
Housing Contract
Filing FAFSA
Completing Necessary Forms
Scheduling Enrollment



Miss Kansas Competitions Rescheduled for September 5, 6

By Courtney Blankenship, Pratt Tribune

Under the guidance of the Miss America and Miss America's Outstanding Teen Organizations, the Miss Kansas Organization (MKO) Board of Directors has decided to postpone the Miss Kansas competition from its original date the first part of June to Labor Day weekend due to COVID-19.

Stephanie Harris, Executive Director, said that while the exact dates for the 2021 Miss America Competition and 2021 MAOTeen Competition have not yet been released, the Miss Kansas Organization will be celebrating its 79th year in September.

Miss Kansas preliminary competitions will be held on Saturday, September 5 at 10 a.m. and at 2 p.m., followed by the traditional Miss Kansas Parade at 6 p.m. in downtown Pratt. The autograph session for Miss Kansas and MKSOTeen will immediately follow the Miss Kansas Parade at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

The MKSOTeen Competition will be held Sunday, September 6 at 1 p.m. in Carpenter Auditorium at Pratt Community College with the Miss Kansas final competition to follow at 5 p.m. in the Dennis Lesh Arena.

"The Miss Kansas Organization is very lucky that Pratt Community College will continue to be the host of the 2020 Miss Kansas and MKSOTeen Competitions," Harris said. "Tickets to the events will go on sale August 1 through Select-a-Seat ticket outlets." Updates will be provided through the www.misskansas.org website and on the MKO and MKSOTeen social media platforms.

A Special Announcement—New Competition Dates

Miss Kansas

Miss Kansas'
Outstanding
TEEN

Miss Kansas & Miss Kansas' Outstanding Teen 2020 Pratt Community College (unless otherwise indicated)

Miss Kansas Preliminary Competition—September 5, 2020 at 10 am & 2 pm

Miss Kansas Final Competition—September 6, 2020 at 5 pm

Miss Kansas' Outstanding Teen Competition—September 6, 2020 at 1 pm

Miss Kansas Parade—September 5, 2020 at 6 pm, Downtown Pratt

Miss Kansas Autograph Session—September 5, 2020 at 7:30 pm, Municipal Building

Updates and additional announcements will be shared on the MKO website and social media platforms



April 2020 Student Features



Savana Larrison- The transition has been fairly easy. We no longer have fun geology labs. We now watch a video and answer questions. My favorite part has been doing everything on my own time and getting to sleep in longer. The biggest challenge has been that I added a class so I have more work to do. I feel like some classes have added more work and that's been an adjustment as I now have to come to work more often and I have less time for school. My motivation to do work has decreased as I don't actually have to go to class physically. I'm hoping I can pick my motivation back up. My advice is to take breaks often and relax your mind.



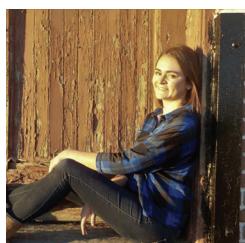
Luke Hurt- The translation has been an interesting experience. A lot of my classes became more streamlined and more to the point. My favorite part would be cutting out the riff raff and getting to work. I also like the core freedom in my schedule. The biggest challenge would be confusion in the way people say something over email or digital instructions. One useful thing I developed was actual usage of making a scheduled to do list. My advice is to make a schedule and be sure only do it by choice if you are self motivated.



Enayy Kurbanova- The transition has been strange; in a usual day I knew what I want to do; when quarantine started I was excited to do all my hobbies and plans (paint; learn new language; read books; sort out things; cook). Here I have all day just for myself, even though I get little stressed. I still automatically push myself to finish my all plans for the day. But now it's time for me to learn to be in peace with myself. My favorite part is I get lost in time, but it's also the part I hate the most(as if time doesn't matter as much), learning and trying new things; I never know will it be even necessary. I am just enjoying the present. I like how we all now just living in the moment. I am lucky one that I can enjoy being alone. But others who can't, I can't imagine how it must feel. I sincerely hope that they will start learning, accepting themselves and open their hidden talents or dreams that they never had time for it. Still living in residence halls feels unnatural. When I walk in the hallways, it doesn't feel anymore that more than a month ago it was loud with a lot of students. And I was one of them, who's wishing to take a nap or trying to figure out how possibly I could finish my assignments before the class. Being far away from my family during this period is not fun at all. My family's worried about me and vice versa. But whoever's with their family I hope they're fancying and appreciating all the crazy moments.



Mason Eck- The transition hasn't been as bad as I thought, there have definitely been challenges, but the faculty has been so helpful and accommodating. Overall it hasn't been too bad. My favorite part has been getting outside and being able to appreciate nature more, the hustle doesn't seem quite as bad, so it's been nice to take a break and go for a walk when I need to. The biggest challenge for me has been not being able to interact and communicate with fellow students and faculty as much. I enjoy the interaction and feel it is just as much of the education experience as the actual classes are. I miss the discussions and the dynamic of my PCC classes and the constant support and motivation from the teachers. This experience has definitely taught me the value of self determination and organization and is a lesson in and of itself. This will be useful when it comes to organizing things or setting goals. My advice for my fellow students is to win the little battles. I know it can seem daunting trying to organize assignments and projects for multiple classes, but win the little battles, get up on time, complete an assignment, get some exercise. Complete those small tasks and it will all come together.



Mallary Nelson- The transition wasn't very difficult for me, since most of my classes had a lot of material online already. I've only worried about and struggled with one of my classes. My favorite part has to be that I can stay up a lot later and sleep in. I don't really have a set schedule, besides a couple Zoom meetings in the afternoon. The biggest challenge is with one of my science classes. I'm not the best at science, so I'm not really benefitting from online in that aspect. I'm a little worried that my grades might go down in that particular class. I've always been a pretty motivated student. I'm still turning in all my assignments on time and such. This has shown me that it's better to finish my assignments earlier, rather than later. It's nice to see that some of my teachers are reaching out and extending deadlines and setting up calls so their students don't fail.

Nominations open for PCC Dennis Lesh Foundation Service Awards

Pratt Community College is proud to recognize the people that make a difference within the institution. Each year PCC recognizes employees in the areas of teacher of the year, food service employee of the year and support staff employee recognition.

The Dennis Lesh Foundation Teacher Recognition Award of \$1,000 is awarded annually to a PCC Teacher who is recognized as an excellent teacher and student advocate and who exhibits general care and concern for the student body. The award is to be used to enhance the recipient's skills and abilities.

The Dennis Lesh Foundation Food Services Recognition Award of \$500 is awarded annually to a PCC 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 to students.

The Dennis Lesh Foundation Support Staff Recognition Award of \$500 is awarded annually to a PCC 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.

Any PCC employee or full-time student may submit nominations for each award by submitting the respective nomination form below. The nomination form included additional details for the award criteria and examples for the employee must have occurred during the 12 months immediately preceding the date of nomination. Examples of the criteria that occurred consistently over a longer period may be used to illustrate the long-term commitment the instructor has to the philosophy of being student centered.

A committee will be chaired by the Vice President of Finance and Operations and include one PCC employee, two resident hall students and two non-resident hall students. The Nominations Committee will forward its recommendation to the Dennis Lesh Foundation Advisory Committee for review and approval.

Nomination sheets completed by students, staff and faculty must be submitted to the Vice President of Finance and Operations by Wednesday, May 13, 2020 via email to kenta@prattcc.edu.



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Wyatt Brown Named 2020-2021 Above And Beyond Scholar At PCC

Pratt Community College is pleased to announce Wyatt Brown as a 2020-2021 Above and Beyond Honor Scholar. The Above and Beyond Honors Scholarship is the highest academic award available from PCC.

"The Above and Beyond Honors award provides full tuition and books plus a stipend of \$500.00 per semester," said Monette DePew, Interim Vice President of Instruction. "This is one of the best scholarships available anywhere and it is the highest award available from Pratt Community College."

Brown, of Lyons, will be a freshman this fall and will be working towards his degree in agriculture and animal science.

"I plan on getting my schooling done and continuing to rodeo as much as possible, going as far as I can with it," said Brown.

Brown is currently a senior at Sterling High School, where he is involved in Sterling High Trap Shooting Team, Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter, Kansas High School Rodeo Association. Brown is also a Kansas Honor Scholar, has earned the President's Award, D.A.R.E. role model, President of Drug Free Youth in Town, builds sets for school musicals and plays, and involved in the Sterling town "clean-up".

"This scholarship will help me financially, as well as helping me continue to strive to do my best. It represents a higher level of effort and persistence to me, so I'll do my best to achieve it," said Brown. "This scholarship means I can focus on my schooling and doing what I love to do, which is rodeo, and not have to focus as much on how I'm going to afford it. It's a big honor for me and I can't wait to put it to use."

During Brown's high school career, he has maintained an accumulative 3.90 grade point average and scored a 25 on his ACT.

To be eligible, the student must meet or exceed two of the three eligibility criteria: ACT composite score of 25 or higher, top 10 percent class rank and/ or have a 3.6 cumulative grade point average or higher.



Congratulations

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CLASS OF

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Jamel Horton
Jeremy Stipe
Jevony Murray, CL
Justin Schwab
Keshun Byrd
Kinsley Miller
Latisha Bain
Lee Sims, MCL
Luisa Paetzold, MCL
Luke Culbertson, CL, PTK
McKenna Carroll, MCL,PTK
Nadir Cano-Lorente
Sameer Mateen
Tyrena Covault

Associate of Science

Alexandra Franssen
Alexandria Moon
Alysha Wilson
Andrea Migliozzi, CL, PTK
Ashley Garten, MCL
Brenda Slagle
Brody Hanna
Camryn Youngers, CL, PTK
Carlos Montiel
Cassidie Patterson,
Cassio Fortes
Charlie Cartwright
Clayton Scott, MCL, PTK
Daisy Carlson
Dalayne Naillieux
Derek Underwood
Erick Estrada
Garrett Smith, CL
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Haley Gleason, SCL, PTK
Hannah Grant, CL, PTK
Hannah Spitzer, CL, PTK
Haven Johannsen, SCL, PTK
Hillary Bay
Isaac Root
Isabella Battaglia, CL
Jacob Beeson
Jacob Crabb, SCL, PTK
Jacob Foster
Jamhad Booth

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Joseph Brett
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Justin Lamatsch
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Kaylee Brown
Kedric Spurgin
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Michael Hudson
Montana Kocher
Nikole Puetz, PTK
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Pake Sipes, SCL, PTK
Peyton Kalmar, CL, PTK
Priest Foust
Rachel Tippens, CL
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Associate of Arts

Christopher Kelly
Deidre Lopez
Logan Jorns

Associate of Applied Science

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Austin Hermstein, CL
Brandon Munger, MCL
Brenton Cooke
Brody Stamm
Caleb Stephans, SCL
Chase Coomes, MCL
Dylan Brant
Easton Voss
Eddy Ibarra
Hunter Brunson
Jay Brown, CL
Jonah Spore, CL
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Ty Esfeld
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Associate of Applied Science Nursing

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Caleb Bradfield
Carrie Roland
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Isamar Deanda
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Macy Tillman
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Congratulations

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Power Technology

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Alexander Markus
Archie Agnew
Austin Johnson
Cale Thompson, CL
Caleb Liesemeyer
Chase Coomes
Christopher Montgomery
Cooper Boyles
Corey McQueen
Daniel Law
Dawson Augustine
Denton Dean
Drew Burger, CL, PTK
Ean Anders
Ean Walter
Erick Requenez
Grant Weinhold
Hunter Emerson
Hunter Turner
Jacob Ediger
Jacob Peterson
Jared Shriver
Jorge Morales
Joshua Christiansen, MCL
Julian Villasenor
Koby Spielbusch
Kyle Bonham, SCL
Kyle Casper
Levi Dickerson
Michael Enfield
Nicolas Rush
Noah Glendening
Ramon Canizales
Ronnie Robinett
Ryan Lively
Seth Boggs
Seth Morgan
Spencer Bowman
Trevor Little
Tristan Soukup
Tucker Hurst
William Oldham
Zachary Miller

Certificate - Practical Nurse

Esmeralda Lopez, PTK
Heather Brambach
Heather Cash
Julieta Rangel
Kylee Ricke, CL, PTK
Margarita Meireis
Maria Lopez, PTK
Mwanakombo Penza
Rebecca Kadau
Rosa Robles
Ryan Reimer
Toney Hatton

Certificate - Farm & Ranch Management

Clay Rolf



Jason Jordan Tabbed As Head Softball



The hiring of Jordan, most recently an assistant coach at Fort Hays State University, ends the month-long head coaching search.

"I want to thank Mr. Swartzendruber for bringing me on board," said Jordan. "I am excited to be a part of the Beaver family. I believe there is a huge opportunity here at PCC to grow this program and softball in the community of Pratt. There is only one way for this program to go and that is UP!"

"It is going to take hard work from everyone to change the culture, however, with the girls we already have on the roster and the new kids joining us this year I believe that we have the tools to start taking steps in the right direction. There is no doubt in my mind that the 2021 season will be the start of a new era in PCC softball. I am excited to see how this group of girls is going to rise to the challenge and leave a long-lasting legacy for the future softball players here in PCC."

Athletic director Tim Swartzendruber also commented on the hire:

"We had a lot of interest in our softball position," he said. "I am pleased that Jason would accept our offer. His organization and attention to detail stood out and the fact he has been a part of a successful program at Fort Hays is positive for our program as well. I believe there is a great opportunity to build a successful program at PCC and he is the person to do it."

Having coached at Fort Hays State since 2017, Jordan previously worked in Fort Collins, Colorado as a baseball coach for the Poudre Valley School District. While serving as a coach for two teams in the northern Colorado area, Jordan also worked as an event coordinator for Triple Crown Sports, an organization that fosters youth-focused athletic competition.

Jordan is a native of Fort Collins, and has a Bachelor of Science in Human and Health Performance. He is currently pursuing a Masters Degree in the same concentration.

Joel Pearson named head cross country coach

Following the departure of Eric Larson, the Beavers were in search of a proven leader to maintain the recent strides made by Pratt Community College's cross country program. Now, the Beavers believe they've found their man.

Pratt Community College announced the hiring of Joel Pearson as cross country head coach. He will also assist the track & field program. Most recently the head cross country/track & field coach at Mountlake Terrace High School in Washington state, Pearson has years of coaching experience through multiple collegiate levels.

"We had quality candidates for this position and Joel stood out among them," said athletic director Tim Swartzendruber. "His success in coaching and recruiting is outstanding. I feel he will continue to build our cross country program not only in quality but quantity. Plus, he will greatly benefit our track program. I am excited for him to join our team."

Pearson's collegiate coaching stops include Kennesaw State University, North Carolina A&T, Meridian Community College, Cardinal Stritch University, and Whatcom Community College. He also served as the Director of Track & Field Operations at the University of Iowa.

The Beavers new coach is has multiple USATF certifications, including Level 3 endurance certification, and Level 2 certification in sprints/hurdles, jumps, and combined events. He is a graduate of Evergreen State College, where he studied history and coaching, and received his Master of Science in Sport Management at Cardinal Stritch University. He is the son former American 50-mile record holder and national champion Jim Pearson.



Three Beavers Sign on to Continue Basketball Careers

Though the circumstances surrounding this spring are unusual to say the least, there is still some familiarity to be had. Despite being quarantined and away from campus, sophomores are still planning their immediate futures, including some from Pratt Community College's women's basketball program.

Over the past week, three of head coach John Ishee's players have signed elsewhere, including Rylee Alexander, Janell Douver, and Jazmin George.

Rylee Alexander - University of Idaho

A mainstay in the Beavers lineup over the past two seasons, Alexander recently signed to continue her basketball career at the University of Idaho, a NCAA Division I program. 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. From Coldwater, Kansas, 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.

Janell Douver - Southern Illinois University

Douver and her sweet right-handed stroke will join the Salukis women's basketball program this upcoming fall, as the 6'2 guard/forward has signed with Southern Illinois University. Having received the honor as a freshman, Douver was once again named a All-KJCCC West Honorable mention following 2019-20 season. The sophomore posted 8.6 points per game, as well as a team-high 6.4 rebounds per game in her 28 appearances. In her 59 games played as a Beaver, the Wichita native averaged 8.2 PPG, 5.8 RPG, and 1.1 APG.

Jazmin George - University of Texas-Tyler

A gritty guard, the Texas native will be taking her talents closer to home as a Patriot. George appeared in 62 games in two seasons at Pratt Community College, as she will take her miles of experience to the Division II level.



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.

WHAT IS INCLUSION?

INCLUSION IS...

Including all people, no matter their backgrounds or beliefs.

Jessica Hacker
PCC Staff &
Diversity Team Member



INCLUSION IS...

Different groups of people in the same race of life.

Susan Mayberry
PCC Staff &
Diversity Team Member



INCLUSION IS...

An opportunity to open my mind up to different ways of life. To learn about others; their cultures, families, and how they were raised.

Sarah Binford
PCC Staff &
Diversity Team Member



INCLUSION IS...

Treating everyone as you want to be treated regardless of race, age, sexual orientation, gender or social status.

Lisa Perez Miller
PCC Staff &
Diversity Team Member



JOIN US!

**CELEBRATE DIVERSITY TEAM
MEETS THE FIRST TUESDAY
OF THE MONTH
3PM • ART GALLERY**

SHARE YOUR TRADITIONS!



**Megan Mayhew,
Director of Marketing**

Classic New Mexican Pasolé

Hello, my name is Megan and I am from Albuquerque, NM. Born and raised in central New Mexico it was not a coincidence that my favorite foods and recipes would be New Mexican style dishes that are heavy in red and green chilies and covered in sharp cheddar cheese. Traditional New Mexican food is, in my opinion, in-between Tex-Mex and traditional Mexican. It's not as authentic as old Mexico family style recipes and not as Americanized as southwest favorite Tex-Mex.

Every New Mexican family I know has their own unique twist on the classic favorites like tamales, green chili stew, enchiladas and my personal favorite, pasolé.

Pasolé is a spicy, red chili based, soup or stew with the main ingredients being a pork or poultry protein, hominy (puffed corn) and red chili. It's simple, easy to make and full of flavor. Most classic recipes call for homemade red chili sauce made from either the powder or by steaming and emulsifying red chili pods. My families recipe incorporates the classic red sauce and an easy to find at your local grocery store (even here in Pratt) red enchilada sauce as well.

Pasolé is a great recipe to have year round but is especially popular in the fall and winter months. Making one pot can feed a crowd and by definition it is a crowd pleaser! My families tradition is to serve Pasolé and Tamales on Christmas Eve and/or New Years Eve.

Here in Kansas I celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a group of family and friends and I serve pasolé and enchiladas. Both crowd pleasers! What I love about this recipe is the ingredients can be found at our local grocery stores and it makes a large batch. Also, there is corn and who in Kansas doesn't love corn? Here is the Pasolé recipie.

Ingredients

- 110 oz Hominy (canned or frozen) drained
- 28 oz Las Palmas Red Enchilada Sauce or any red chili sauce
- 2-3lb pork loin or chicken cut into large chunks
- 4 c water
- 1 tbsp oil
- 1 large white or yellow onion
- 1tbsp minced garlic
- 2 Bay Leaves
- 3tbsp Red Chile powder
- 1 tbsp Chicken Boullion
- Cumin, Salt, Pepper, Garlic Power to taste

In a large heavy pot heat oil at medium. Sauté onion and garlic. Add chunks of meat and sear on each side for 2-3 minutes. After seared cover meat in water and bring to a boil. Once boiling lower temperature to low and cover. Simmer for 2-3 hours. Make sure you have enough liquid and add more as needed. After 2-3 hours of simmering open your pot, add hominy, red chili sauce(s), spices, seasoning and bay leaves. Simmer again for 30 minutes. Remove meat from the pot and shred or dice - add back into pot and stir. Serve in a bowl, add cheese if you like and some warmed tortillas for dipping.

SHARE YOUR TRADITIONS!



Lisa Perez Miller, Vice President of Students/Enrollment Management

In celebration of Cinco de Mayo, one of my favorite memories of growing up is going to visit my Grandma Perez when she was making tortillas. Every Saturday morning my father and I would go visit her and my Grandpa. She would make several dozen at a time so we would tell her she would never miss the two or three we would eat as they came off the hot plate! Fresh homemade tortillas with melted butter are the best and a special memory of my Grandma. She made thousands of tortillas in her 96 years of living! She also made wonderful tamales, which were a favorite of mine. I'm always looking to see if I can find a homemade tamale that takes like grandma's!

Here is her Tortillas recipe:

3 cups flour (heaping)
 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
 3 Tablespoons baking powder (level)
 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup warm water
 2 Tablespoons shortening

In large bowl combine flour, salt, baking powder, and shortening. Mix with hand. Add water mix well with hands until it stays together in a ball. Dough should be pliable but not too soft. If needed add more water. Cover and let set for a few minutes. Divide dough into small balls, size according to the size you want to make. Flatten and round each ball with fingers. Place in plastic bag. If dough gets too soft coat with flour so it won't stick to surface and rolling pin. Roll each ball on flat surface (cutting board, table top, etc.) the size that you want. Place on hot plate or heavy skillet and turn on each side until done or light brown marks appear. Makes 3-4 dozen.

Gorditas

Same ingredients and directions as tortillas. Except make balls smaller and after rolling out deep fry in hot shortening. Shake in paper bag of sugar to coat.

MAY DIVERSITY

May is Mental Health Awareness Month! Mental Health Awareness Month was started in the United States in 1949 by the Mental Health America organization (then known as the National Association for Mental Health). Its purpose is to raise awareness and educate the public about mental illnesses, such as the 18.1% of Americans who suffer from depression, schizophrenia, and bipolar disorder; the realities of living with these conditions; and strategies for attaining mental health and wellness. It also aims to draw attention to suicide, which can be precipitated by some mental illnesses.

Key events in American history. May 1, 1931 The Empire State Building opened. May 12, 1784 Last technical day of American Revolutionary War.



NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

Cinco de Mayo (May 5), National Nurses Day (May 6), Mother's Day (May 10), Memorial Day (May 25)