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November 2021

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ENROLLMENT

SPRING 2022

Open

Enrollment is now open for Spring 2022. There are a lot of ways to get started on making a positive change for the coming year. We offer a variety of delivery options for our classes, both online, on campus and hybrid options.

Pratt Community College is hosting a Tech Day Event on November 10th where you can get an up close and personal look at our outstanding Technical Programs by meeting with program instructors and students who are currently enrolled in those programs.

We offer an interactive virtual tour on our website and campus tours can be scheduled at any time on our website! We'll know your name at Pratt Community College!

Visit our website now at prattcc.edu and join our community!

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Spring Classes Begin January 12

Upcoming Dates

Performing Arts - USO Show	11/7
Performing Arts Dinner Show	11/10
Tech Day	11/14
Board of Trustees	11/15
Thanksgiving Break - Campus Closed	11/24-26
Performing Arts - Christmas to Remember	12/3-5
Final Exams	12/7-9
Winter Break - Campus Closed	12/23
Campus Reopens	1/3

Mel Hambelton Ford Visits Kingman Automotive Facility

Pratt Community College prides itself on being able to apply real-world insights and training when preparing students for the workforce.

It is a mutual benefit for students and businesses when they are brought together on campus through our technical programs. Students are able to meet with employers to ask questions about what it's like on the job, and employers are able to offer insight into their evolving industries and find potential hires in the process.

Kelly Hamilton and Josh Proffit from the Mel Hambelton Ford dealership met with students at PCC's Automotive Technology facility at Kingman High School to talk about what it's like to work in a dealership.

Students from Kingman, Medicine Lodge, Pratt, Attica and Norwich learned about the way new hires enter the workforce at their dealership as apprentices, and work their way all the way up to senior master technicians, as well as the overall operation of the service department.

They discussed the importance of communication and being thorough with inspections and repair orders, staying current with certifications as the

industry evolves, how much money you can make and considerations when choosing a company to work for so it's a good fit for yourself and the dealership.

Students asked questions about what a typical day is like for an auto technician, what kind of hours to expect, the different types of certifications required for different kinds of vehicles that are serviced, and what kind of benefits are offered.

Then they were able to check out new features on new vehicles under the hood and in the driver's seat.

Automotive Technology Instructors in attendance were Tyler Wells from the Kingman facility, Daniel Meng from the Attica campus and Alan Ziegler and Philip Spillman from Pratt.

Visit our Automotive Technology program page for more information about each program location.

<http://prattcc.edu/departments/automotive-technology>





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EMPLOYEES WHO SERVED



HAPPY VETERANS *Day*

Phillip D. Campbell
Jenny Egging
Jason Ghumm
Juan Perron
Zachary Rambo
Jerry Sanko
Dave Schmidt
Jeff Shumway
Frank Stahl
Mario Tursini
Diana Mitzner

PCC HONORS THE WISHES OF VETERAN EMPLOYEES WHO
CHOOSE NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS RECOGNITION.



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Broadway Review

Performing Arts

Performing Arts Takes The Stage During Broadway Review

PCC's Performing Arts took center stage to a captivated audience in their annual Broadway Review live performance on campus.

"October 22-24 the Pratt Community College Performing Arts Department hosted the annual Night on Broadway show. The production included scenes and songs from more than a dozen Broadway hits. While the crowds were small, the passion and fun quotient in the performances was large.

Shows featured included Hamilton, South Pacific, Dear Evan Hansen, Wonderland, Catch me if you Can, Thoroughly Modern Millie, Spamalot and so much more. Don't miss the department's next production next Sunday, November 7 at 2:30pm. Our USO Show features music of the 40s and patriotic tunes in honor of Veteran's Day!" - Program Instructor, Misty Beck

Visit the Performing Arts page to learn more about the group or book them for a performance at www.prattcc.edu/performingarts



For more information about PCC's Performing Arts, contact:
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The Pratt Community College Performing Arts Department presents our

USO SHOW

**FEATURING SONGS OF
THE FORTIES AND
PATRIOTIC MUSIC**

November 7 2:30pm

Carpenter Auditorium

Admission \$5

*Veterans, Military Personnel and First Responders
please be our guests of honor.*

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Pratt Chamber of Commerce TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL

PCC Cheer and Bucky Beaver Pass Out Candy

The PCC Cheer team and Bucky Beaver gave away more than 1,000 pieces of candy at the Trick or Treat Trail hosted by Pratt Chamber of Commerce on Main Street! The team saw so many great costumes and made a lot of new friends!

It was such a beautiful day to spend in the community, we are #PrattProud!



Rodeo Team Reunited After 30 Years

It's been more than thirty years since they helped weld and build the outdoor rodeo arena on campus at Pratt Community College, and just as long since they were on campus for the construction of the horse barns and indoor arena.

The 1982-1985 Rodeo Alumni members returned to Pratt, Kansas in October of 2021 for an exclusive tour of the college, the new farm and rodeo facilities.

They were greeted by PCC Foundation Director Barry Fisher and guided on the tour by Agriculture instructor Lori Montgomery, who was happy to show them around on a tour focused around the Ag Education Program and the facilities for students in both locations.

"We had a great tour and visit with these PCC Rodeo Alumni and their former coach. Welcome back to campus guys, it was great to see you. Thanks for your support!"

The group lived in the basement of Novotny Hall during their time as PCC students. During their visit, they spent time recalling memories of former PCC employees; Mattie Kaiser- the dorm parent, Don Schwartz- former PCC football coach and told a lot of stories about their college adventures at PCC.

Kenton Baughman is a former PCC faculty member and Rodeo coach from 1981-1991. He remembers when the

arena needed to be rebuilt, and all the help it took to accomplish that task.

"Admin was able to fund materials, and we received donations. Students provided most of the labor and the welding program helped us out. We helped the college continue to grow after the football program was eliminated. When I started coaching, we only had about 10 people the first year, and by the last year we had between 65 and 70."

Baughman even recalls trying to recruit current PCC Rodeo Coach Rocky Patterson as a student once upon a time.

It was good to return to campus and share in the memories.

"It was fantastic to be back. Some I had not seen since we left college 35 plus years ago. People's voices don't change much and sometimes your appearance changes a bit, but I could also identify some of them just by the way they walk!"

The group missed being able to see some they may have known on campus by visiting on a Saturday. But the hope is that this visit will inspire an annual visit to PCC with more returning members in the future.

Pictured below, Agriculture & Rodeo Alumni (left to right): Todd Tegerstrom, Doug Munsell, Tim Wason, Ed Zeller, Donnie Bell and (former auto faculty & rodeo coach 1981-1991) Kenton Baughman

1985 PCC Rodeo Team at GCCC Rodeo



2021 Rodeo Alumni Reunion Tour



Student Life Tackles Another Successful Beaver Fever Week

Beaver Fever Week was a hit at PCC! It was jam-packed with fun activities for PCC students! Student Life planned a variety of activities for students all week, which kept students eager for more fun. Students enjoyed mask painting, a water pong tournament, pumpkin painting, door decorating contest, Pratt After Dark and Nate Night in The Lesh.

Director of Residence Life, Brad Luthe organized an awesome return of Beaver Fever Week.

"PCC Student Life is happy to bring back Beaver Fever Week this fall. It's truly great to see student being involved in campus events and remaining active as more activities unfold. As always, Beaver Fever Week was well received and everybody had an awesome time! Thank you to all that helped make the week special for our students. We had a Dam Good Time! I can't wait to see everybody at our next event."

Luthe was excited to see the amount of participation from students and can't wait for Student Life's next big event!

See the next pages for the activities calendar and pictures from the Halloween Door Decorating contest!



Brad Luthe

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November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Men's/Womens Basketball VS McPherson JV 5:30PM/7:30PM	2	3	4 Men's Basketball VS Bethal JV 7PM	5	6
7 Performing Arts Presents "USO Show"	8 Men's Basketball VS Tabor JV 7PM	9 Dodgeball Beaver Dome 8:45PM	10	11	12	13 Men's/Womens Basketball VS Kansas Wesleyan JV 3PM/5PM
14	15	16	17	18	19 Pratt After Dark Jungle Cruise Auditorium 9PM – Midnight	20 Men's/Womens Basketball VS Northwest Tech 2PM/4PM
21 Christmas in the Park	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 	<div style="border: 2px solid purple; padding: 10px; background-color: #4b0082; color: white;"> <p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">Thanksgiving Vacation</p> </div>			
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; background-color: #d3d3d3;"> <p>Need to Know: Café will be Closed: November 24th – November 28th Dorms Close: December 10th @ 5PM Spring Move in: January 10th From 9AM - 5PM</p> </div>						

Performing Arts Presents "USO Show" - November 7th @ 2:30PM in The Auditorium

Nov 19th
 Pratt After Dark
 Crafts, Games, Movie,
 Food, Drinks, and Prizes
 Auditorium - 9PM to Midnight

HALLOWEEN DOOR DECORATING CONTEST





SAVE-THE-DATE

34TH ANNUAL

PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIP

A U C T I  N

MAY 6, 2022

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COLLEGE PLANNING

Conference

College Planning Conference Held at PCC

Pratt Community College hosted a College Planning Conference on campus at Dennis Lesh Sports Arena. High school students had the opportunity to meet with numerous colleges and universities to start planning for a college career.

PCC also had the opportunity to take part in College Planning Conferences and meet with students on other college campuses this Fall.

PCC will also host Tech Day on November 10. Students can visit the Pratt Community College campus and meet with faculty from our outstanding Technical Programs.

Register for Tech Day today!

<http://prattcc.edu/student-services/tech-day-event-registration>





PRATT CC TECH DAY

November 10, 2021 | 9:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.

**LEARN ABOUT MANY OF PCC'S UNIQUE TECHNICAL PROGRAMS.
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Automotive Technology
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Electrical Power Technology (Linemen)
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Modern Distribution Sales & Management
Nursing & Allied Health
Welding Technology
Wildlife Outfitting & Operations

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Meet fellow incoming students
- Speak directly with PCC faculty and staff
- Hear from current students

**For more information, email
pccadmissions@prattcc.edu
or call 620-450-2194**

**Be entered to win a \$500 PCC tuition scholarship & Beaver gear!
Register at prattcc.edu/techday**

**Social distancing and limited capacity will be observed.
Masks are required by everyone.**

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Brad Luthe

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT & RESIDENCE LIFE



Staff Senate is launching a new initiative through which the PCC employees and members of the community can get to know our staff better. Staff Senate hopes that this spotlight will help us get to know one another better and feel even more connected as a community.

What is your name, what is your role/position at PCC, and how long have you worked here?

My name is Brad Luthe. I'm the new Director of Student and Residence Life. I have been working at PCC for five years.

What project, responsibility, and/or aspect of your position do you enjoy the most?

My favorite part about working here is working with the students as they journey through this life transition and helping them navigate developing new life skills.

What do you consider your biggest accomplishment to date?

I consider one of my biggest accomplishments to be obtaining a Masters of Science in Education with a 4.0. It was something I did not need but went above and beyond to achieve.

Before joining the PCC community, what was the most unusual or interesting job/ position you had ever held?

One of my most unusual and interesting jobs before working at PCC was at a chocolate factory in Wichita called Cero's. Oh boy was that sweet.

What is an interesting fact about yourself that you believe your fellow staff members would either not already know and/or would be surprised to learn?

Something interesting about me that my coworkers may not know is I can wiggle my ears and nostrils (only 30 percent of humans can flare their nostrils) and I can wiggle one or both ears. (Approximately 22% of people on the planet are capable of wiggling one ear, while no more than 18% can do it with both ears). Facts obtained from Google.

What do you do or are involved in for fun/ relaxation outside of the PCC community?

For fun I like to go to musicals. I am a season ticket holder at Roxy's and Broadway in Wichita. My favorite show so far at Roxy's this season was the 70's Disaster musical. I can't wait for their Christmas Musical "Away in the Basement". I am looking forward to "Lion King" and "Fiddler on the Roof" in the Broadway in Wichita series. My other passion is theme parks. If I lived closer to any of them I would be a guaranteed season ticket holder. I went to Texas last summer with some friends. We did a lot while we were there but the best part was Six Flags. I love a good thrill ride.

Do you have a motto, personal mantra, or favorite/ influential quote to share... Why is that important to you?

I have a few quotes I live by, one is "In school you are given a lesson and then a test. In life, you're given a test and learn a lesson." "If you make a mistake and you learned from it you never made a mistake. If you made a mistake and did not learn from it, that was your mistake."



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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

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APPLY FOR FALL SCHOLARSHIPS

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Welding & Ag Power Technology

Welding and Ag Power Technology Students at Pratt Community College Earned Forklift Certifications



PCC students participate in comprehensive training that provides on-the-job confidence and safety when operating a forklift. The course includes classroom instruction and a driving skills test on campus.

Students that earned the Forklift Certification:

- Clay Arensdorf
- Braydon Lemuz
- Kenny McCartney
- Jonathan Popovich
- Jonathan Ruckle
- Cayden Winter

The Forklift Certification makes a great addition to a student's resume when applying for internships and jobs in industry.

The Material Handling and Plant Layout (WLD110) course will be offered again this Spring by Ag Power instructor Ralph Williams.

For more information, please contact:
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Ag Power Instructor
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MENTAL HEALTH MINUTE



Breaking Down Mental Wellness: Physical Well-Being

What a fitting first look into the major types of wellness during the first holiday meal month of the season. Many of us often forget that physical and mental well-being are connected. They are not truly separate, no matter how much we try to keep them that way. For instance, how many of us when we are bored or sad or mad turn to food? We are feeding out mental side using our physical bodies. See? They go hand-in-hand.

Let me include a brief disclaimer before launching into this type. This is not my forte when it comes to mental well-being. Because of my past and my present choices, my physical well-being is on the top of my list to improve.



As a reminder, physical well-being is understanding what a healthy diet and exercise routine looks like in order to put them into a daily practice. When we begin to do this and get to the point of routine practice, our bodies feel better. We help ourselves prevent many diseases, heal our guts, limit health challenges we may be dealing with or could potentially deal with, and boost our mental well-being.

What ways can we heal our physical well-being to help with healing our mental well-being?

1. Not just eating healthy, but eating for our health. This does not just mean to make sure to get the proper servings of fruits and veggies, etc. It also means to make sure to get the right nutrients for our bodies and drinking plenty of water. This is just a small amount of what we can do here. More information can be attained from meeting with your general practitioner, our nurse on campus, coaches, and our HPR faculty.
2. Detox the body from toxins. Unfortunately, we hurt ourselves with toxins that come in by way of certain plastics and, even, processed foods.
3. Correct nutritional deficiencies. This is going to look different for each of us. We can learn this by first meeting with our general practitioner who may order lab work and then may refer on to nutritionists and others to help you learn what the body needs or what is too much.
4. Remove plastic from the home. It is recommended to look for those items that are marked BPA-free. Another suggestion is to invest in a reusable water bottle.

Some of these ways are controversial depending on who you talk to. The important part of this aspect of well-being is to learn what YOUR body needs to not only make you health physically, but also give you a boost emotionally.

Next month, we will look at Workplace Well-Being.



Amanda Wade
Licensed Professional Counselor

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PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Maintaining The Grounds And Facilities On Campus Is A Big Ask From Season To Season

In addition to routine seasonal work such as removing brush and bushes and keeping the grounds mowed and trimmed, our facilities crew keeps an eye out for other projects.

Groundskeeper and custodian Darrell Kruse noticed the benches at the Riney Student Conference Center had fallen into disrepair. Kruse, along with Tanner Sipes and Brian Hlavachick from Maintenance replaced the lumber and refinished the wood, making them good as new.

Small landscaping projects and painting retouches at entrances are also on the list along with several other items, as time allows. We are grateful to our Facilities department for all of the work they do to keep PCC looking great year-round!



PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE CELEBRATE DIVERSITY TEAM

National Native American Heritage Month

What started at the turn of the century as an effort to gain a day of recognition for the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the U.S., has resulted in a whole month being designated for that purpose.

One of the very proponents of an American Indian Day was Dr. Arthur C. Parker, a Seneca Indian, who was the director of the Museum of Arts and Science in Rochester, N.Y. He persuaded the Boy Scouts of America to set aside a day for the "First Americans" and for three years they adopted such a day. In 1915, the annual Congress of the American Indian Association meeting in Lawrence, Kans., formally approved a plan concerning American Indian Day. It directed its president, Rev. Sherman Coolidge, an Arapahoe, to call upon the country to observe such a day. Coolidge issued a proclamation on Sept. 28, 1915, which declared the second Saturday of each May as an American Indian Day and contained the first formal appeal for recognition of Indians as citizens.

The year before this proclamation was issued, Red Fox James, a Blackfoot Indian, rode horseback from state to state seeking approval for a day to honor Indians. On December 14, 1915, he presented the endorsements of 24 state governments at the White House. There is no record, however, of such a national day being proclaimed.

The first American Indian Day in a state was declared on the second Saturday in May 1916 by the governor of New York. Several states celebrate the fourth Friday in September. In Illinois, for example, legislators enacted such a day in 1919. Presently, several states have designated Columbus Day as Native American Day, but it continues to be a day we observe without any recognition as a national legal holiday.

In 1990 President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November 1990 "National American Indian Heritage Month." Similar proclamations, under variants on the name (including "Native American Heritage Month" and "National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month") have been issued each year since 1994.

Source Cited: About National Native American Heritage Month, Native American Heritage Month, nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov/about/.



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PRACTICAL NURSING *Program*

PCC's Practical Nursing Program to Expand into Hybrid Learning Format

During the quarterly board meeting with the Kansas State Board of Nursing (KBSN), PCC obtained approval to expand the Practical Nursing (PN-LPN) program into a synchronous-hybrid learning format for the Fall 2022 school year.

This allows Pratt Community College to extend access to the program by delivering live lectures via Zoom to students unable to travel to the Pratt area. Clinicals for LPN students can be completed on campus at PCC, or at an approved health care facility near the student's location.

Practical Nursing classes also continue to be offered on the Pratt campus.

PCC also recently announced a forming partnership with Barton Community College to facilitate the Associate Degree of Nursing (ADN) training on the Pratt campus, expected to begin in the Fall of 2022.

Strong offerings in the CNA, CMA and Home Health programs in Allied Health also continue at Pratt Community College in face-to-face and hybrid formats.

PCC is proud to be able to offer a variety of options to help meet the increasing and urgent need for health-care professionals in Kansas.

Our Nursing and Allied Health programs also qualify for the Kansas Promise Scholarship, where students can get books, tuition and fees paid for with money allocated from the State of Kansas. Check it out!

Learn more about our practical nursing program at www.prattcc.edu/nursing



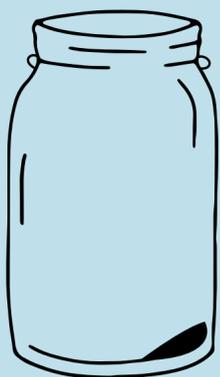


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- Assistant Director of Admissions
- Office Assistant – Student Services
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If you have any questions, please contact the Director of Personnel, Pratt Community College, 348 NE SR 61, Pratt, KS 67124, 620.672.5641 ext. 139, Title IX/Section 504 Coordinator.

GO BEAVER SPORTS



Athletics Honors Tennis Hall of Fame Inductees

Pratt Community College Athletics had the honor of inducting nine former Tennis athletes into the PCC Hall of Fame on October 9, 2021. Those inducted were the 1959 & 1961 NJCAA Tennis National Champions and the 1985-87 All-Region Player.

Great Western Dining catered a meal and a ceremony was held on campus for the inductees and their families. PCC's Tennis coach Jeret Johnson was also in attendance as Athletic Director Tim Swartzendruber presented plaques to the inductees

"I believe this is a tremendous honor and long overdue to have these two teams and individuals inducted into our Athletic Hall of Fame. With PCC reinstating our tennis program I believe the time was right and I have had great response from the inductees on this event. Not only were these teams and individuals successful at tennis at PCC, they have each had successful careers in their chosen field. Being inducted into a Hall of Fame is a great honor and I am very proud to be the Athletic Director here at PCC and oversee the ceremony." - PCC Athletic Director, Tim Swartzendruber.

1985-87 All-Region Player

Glenda Swiantek

1959 Doubles National Champions & Team Member

Tom Brungardt

Larry Rhodes

1959 National Champion Team Member

Ivan Williams

1961 Singles National Champion & Team Member

Terry D. Smith

1961 National Champion Team Members

Tom Jarnagin

Frank Hattabaugh

Richard Green

Hall of Fame Honorable Mention

Larry Blake



Men's Soccer

Men's Soccer Wins Region VI Championship

History was made in Beaver Nation on a cold and rainy night in Pratt, KS as the men's soccer team defeated Allen County Community College 1-0 to win the programs first National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) DII region six championship. The Beavers beat Hesston College on October 28th with a score of 4-2 in the semi-final round of the regional playoffs.

"So proud of everyone of these guys," said Head Coach Kevin Kewley. "The team is excited for our next opportunity in the divisional round and for our season to continue."

The men's soccer team will travel to Burlington, IA to face the Southeastern Community College Blackhawks in the Plains District Championship. The Blackhawks are defending DII NJCAA national champions. Game time is set for 1:00 pm on Sunday, November 7th at Bracewell Stadium. The game will be livestreamed on <https://www.sccblackhawks.com/blueframe>.

The winner will advance to the NJCAA DII men's soccer championship hosted on November 15-20th at Stryker Complex in Wichita, KS.



Women's Flag Football

Pratt Community College Awarded \$10,000 Grant from NJCAA Foundation, NFL FLAG, and RCX Sports

Pratt Community College was recently notified by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) that it had been awarded a \$10,000 grant, provided by the NJCAA Foundation, NFL FLAG, and RCX Sports, towards establishing women's flag football as a competitive sport.

"We are excited to be a recipient of the grant, which will help offset start-up costs of adding a women's flag football program," said Pratt Community College President Dr. Michael Calvert.

The grant is part of a major joint initiative with the NJCAA, National Football League (NFL), and RCX Sports in promoting women's flag football across intercollegiate athletics.

"There are some other community colleges in Kansas planning on adding this sport, as well as several NAIA schools that already have the program up and running," said Calvert. "With our new track & field, soccer facility, we have a place to practice and compete, but it will be nice to have other schools already competing so a full schedule can be achieved."

In March, the NJCAA announced the \$150,000 grant provided by the NFL to support the initiative of expanding women's flag football. Since then, 11 grants have been awarded to NJCAA member colleges to grow the sport and encourage other two-year colleges to consider adding the program.

"The NJCAA Foundation is passionate about the value women's flag football brings to institutions' overall growth, the student-athlete experience, and equality across playing fields," stated Brian Lockett, NJCAA Foundation Executive Director. "This is an opportunity for women of the association to compete at the highest level and we are fortunate to work hand in hand with NFL FLAG and RCX Sports during this exciting time."

Pratt Community College Athletic Director Tim Swartzen-druber is firm in his belief that the addition of women's flag football can only be a net positive for the institution.

"Women's flag football is one of the fastest growing sports currently in the United States," said Swartzen-druber. "The fact that we can begin this program through a partnership with the NJCAA Foundation, NFL FLAG, and RCX Sports is truly exciting for Pratt Community College and the Pratt community. We have the opportunity to be one of the first community colleges in Kansas to start the sport and we will make it a great success at PCC."



FOUNDATION

In June, the Beavers announced eSports to be added to its sport offerings, joining men's and women's tennis as newly added intercollegiate sport offerings. Women's flag football is yet another opportunity for female student-athletes to get involved in.

"RCX is dedicated to creating opportunities for all athletes to play and so that every child can gain important life skills only learned through sports," said RCX Sports CEO and NFL FLAG Executive Director Izell Reese. "Through NJCAA women's flag football, young women will not only be able to compete, they'll earn a valuable education that will set them up for success after college."

RCX Sports, the official operating partner of NFL FLAG and the NAIA women's flag football initiative, works to enhance the youth sports experience for athletes all around the world.

"The NJCAA expanding NFL Flag opportunities for female student athletes at member institutions demonstrates clearly that football is for all," said Executive Vice President of NFL Football Operations Troy Vincent, Sr. "The values, fun and competitive environment of football can be enjoyed by anyone and everyone who wishes to participate. It is exciting to see junior colleges offer NFL FLAG as a varsity sport to female athletes."

More news and information regarding Pratt Community College women's flag football opportunities will be announced in the future.

"PCC is always looking at adding unique opportunities for students to enroll, such as eSports, rodeo, shooting sports and now women's flag football," Calvert added. "The research also supports that students involved in activities or sports tend to be more successful students and anything we can do to further enhance student success, we will strongly consider."

SPORTS CONTINUED..

Cross Country

Cross Country Competing at Regionals

The last time out for the cross-country team took them to the Mid-States Classic in Winfield, KS. It was a very special day for freshman Aron Tanui as he broke the school record in the 8K by four seconds with a time of 25:28.62 and finished sixth overall in the race.

The previous record holder in the 8K sophomore Zach McPhee finished 16th in the race with a time of 26:22.40 and then freshman Colin Turley finished the race 35th and with a time of 27:29.20. Only four men finished the race for the Beavers and therefore they were unable to score in the rankings. Freshman Ashley Snyder finished the 5K with a time of 26:31.19 and was the only female runner for the Beavers.

"I am very proud of Aron for getting after it from the start and setting the school record," said Director of Cross Country, Track and Field Joel Pearson. "We have the best 1-2-3 in school history, but still lack depth."

On Saturday, October 30th the team traveled to Colby, KS to participate in the region six championship hosted at the Meadow Lake Golf Course. The men's 8K race started at 10:00 am and the women's 5K race started at 10:45 am.

"We are looked forward to regionals and hoped to improve individual and as a team," said Coach Pearson.

