



Pratt Community College

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## Call for November newsletter content

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

She is also happily accepting suggestions of all natures, complaints and corrections.

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## Upcoming Dates

- **45th Annual Stanion Wholesale Electric Rodeo**  
10/3 - 10/5
- **Nursing Pinning Ceremony**  
10/10 | 4 p.m.
- **Joint Council**  
10/14 | 2 p.m.
- **Phi Theta Kappa Inductions**  
10/16 | 7 p.m.
- **Board of Trustees Meeting**  
10/20 | 7 p.m.
- **"A Night on Broadway"**  
10/24 - 10/26

## PCC Top Ten in Country

In September, Pratt Community College was named one of the Top Ten Community Colleges in the Country by SmartAsset.com. The company evaluated approximately 700 public community colleges across the country in order to find the best investment in terms of a low cost education, good return on investment and high success rate

Pratt Community College graduates make 22.8 percent more than their college expenses as a starting salary, and has a 54 percent graduation and transfer rate.

## WOO Students Travel to Cedar Bluff



PCC's Wildlife Outfitting & Operations sophomores recently traveled to Cedar Bluff Reservoir, in northwest Kansas, to put what they learned in the classroom to use.

The students corralled geese on a pond by

the wildlife area office into a pin so that they could pull the geese's primary feathers and band them.

Primary feathers, also known as the wing tips, are pulled so they can't fly for approximately eight weeks. After the students pulled the feathers, they gave them to a biologist who looked at the sex and age and then banded the animal. Then when one of the birds is then shot, they can call in the band number for biologists to know where the animal was banded and its migration route, which helps set the bird's hunting season and helps determine the four waterfowl flyways.

"This is a good experience for students to see one of the many projects that Wildlife and Parks and biologists do each year," said Program Instructor Luke Laha. "We talk about bands in waterfowl management class so it's great for them to be able to see it and be involved."

# Updates from the Linda Hunt Memorial Library



All students, faculty, staff and community members are invited to take part in an upcoming coffee and discussion with Pratt Community College President Michael Calvert.

This is a casual meet-n-greet held in PCC's Linda Hunt Memorial library to facilitate dialogue between the college and the public.

**October 7**  
**8:30 - 9:30 a.m.**

At left, PCC employees celebrate Constitution Day in the library on Sept. 17

## PCC to host Diabetes Health Fair

On Oct. 9, Pratt Community College will host a seminar entitled "Diabetes & You." This free diabetes health fair is sponsored by the Pratt County extension office and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas.

Participants will attend presentations to learn how to improve heart health, make smart food choices, and maintain normal blood sugar, and will be offered healthy snacks and opportunities to win prizes. Kathy Smith, ARNP and Certified Diabetes Educator, will be on hand to answer questions.

Anyone may register for this event by visiting [www.bcbsks.com](http://www.bcbsks.com) or contacting the extension office at 620-672-6121. Registration is encouraged by Oct. 2, but walk-ins are also accepted.



## Pratt Community College Athletics

### Women's Soccer

09/03 PCC 3; Garden City 1  
09/11 PCC 0; Coffeyville 3  
09/13 PCC 0; Neosho 2  
09/17 PCC 1; NOC 0  
09/19 PCC 1; Hesston 2  
09/23 PCC 0; Allen 4  
09/29 PCC 0; Allen County 4

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### Volleyball

09/03 PCC def Butler 3-1  
09/05 PCC def. East Central 3-0  
09/06 PCC def NOC 3-0  
09/10 PCC def. Colby 3-0  
09/24 PCC Loss to Hutchinson 3-1  
09/05 PCC def. Labette 3-1  
09/06 PCC def Independence 3-0  
09/08 PCC def Barton 3-0  
09/22 PCC loss to Cloud 3-1  
09/29 PCC def Garden City 3-0

# October Gallery Features Jodi Ray



Pratt Community College is proud to display the work of featured artist Jodi Ray. Ray's collection features a mixture of art styles and media, including portraits, abstract images, and pencil drawings. Ray says she has decided to embrace her artistic talent. After turning down an art scholarship in college, one of her biggest regrets, Ray is now pursuing outlets to share her work with the community, including teaching art classes through the Vernon Filley Art Museum.

"Art keeps me sane and feeds my soul," said Ray. "My eyes see art everywhere! My mom recognized that I had an artistic ability when she saw one of my first pieces that I did in middle school, which was a pencil drawing of myself as a baby."

Ray and her husband Kendall are both Pratt natives and have two sons, Jaxon and Parker.

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## ***Electrical Power Lineman Alumni Return for Training***

The annual Kansas Electric Cooperative Hotline School was held on Sept. 9-11 at Pratt Community College, and of the 40 participants from Kansas and Nebraska, many of them are PCC alumni.

"I remember watching this as a student and thinking that I just wanted to be involved and up in the bucket doing it," said Zane May, who graduated in 2011 and is now at Pioneer Electric out of Ulysses, Kan.

The training allows individuals to receive hands-on training while refreshing their skills. As part of their training, the men work on the lines as if they had electricity running to them. Working with others and passing on their knowledge is very important and is helpful to all who attend, said Dave Campbell, EPT program coordinator.

"This is great not only for the linemen that are out in the field, but also for my guys," Campbell said. "It gives them a chance to rotate with the lineman and observe what they are doing and learn different techniques."

May said that while it is more fun to be up working on the wires, than down below observing, he felt it was a good experience, along with his training at PCC.

"While in college I learned how to climb and the fundamentals, which were what I needed to know to get a job," he said. "I felt equipped for the real world, when I started my internship."

After his freshman year, May had an internship at Pioneer and finished his degree online so he could continue working there when they had a job open up as his internship was ending.

"The job is a lot of hard work but I love it," May said. "If the students are willing to work hard, they will do well."



# Rodeo Team on the Road

The PCC Rodeo Team will produce the 45th Annual Pratt Community College Stanion Wholesale Electric Rodeo on Oct. 3 - 5.

Tickets are on sale now at PCC and the Pratt Chamber of Commerce.

\$8 PRE-SALE  
\$10 AT THE GATE  
KIDS FREE

On Sept. 19, the Pratt Community College team traveled to Cherokee, Okla. for their first competition rodeo of the season.

“Our team had a strong showing on both the timed event and rough stock end of the arena, with two qualifiers advancing to the short round,” said Head Coach Ryan Vander Pluym.

Sophomore Ryan Whetham placed in the average in the steer wrestling, while standout freshman Laramie Mosley clinched third overall in the bullriding.

“Our ladies had a case of bad luck and failed to advance to the short round, but I saw a lot of potential and look for them to be in the winners circle at our home rodeo,” said Vander Pluym. “Overall I feel we have the most talented team in my coaching career, and feel we have a viable chance of qualifying both teams for the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo. this summer.”

“We are looking forward to taking advantage of competing in our home arena and showcasing the talent that this region offers,” said Vander Pluym.

A FREE COMMUNITY HOT DOG AND CHILI FEED WILL BE HELD AT 6 P.M. THURSDAY, OCT. 2, AT LISA’S WESTERN WEAR. MEET THE RODEO TEAM AND GET AUTOGRAPHS. WHILE YOU’RE THERE, ENJOY A COUNTRY CONCERT BY PCC ENCORE. IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, LOCATION WILL BE IN THE PCC COMMONS AREA.





**Higher Learning Commission**  
A commission of the North Central Association

## **PCC Administrator Selected as Peer Reviewer**

Lisa Perez Miller, Vice President of Students/Enrollment Management at Pratt Community College has been selected to serve The Higher Learning Commission as a new member of its Peer Corps.

The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools oversees the accreditation of degree-granting colleges and universities in 19 Midwestern and South-Central states, including Kansas.

The Commission relies upon the work of peer reviewers for its accrediting activities. These volunteers generously share their knowledge and experience to assure and advance institutional quality. The Commission maintains a Peer Review Corps of approximately 1,500 faculty and administrators from institutions within the North Central region.

Peer Reviewers evaluate member institutions for adherence to the Commission's Criteria for Accreditation. In addition, they offer consultative feedback that contributes to the quality of an institution's processes and academic offerings.

Peer Reviewers must have at least five years of experience in higher education, a master's degree or other appropriate terminal degree, and be currently employed by or recently retired from an institution accredited by the Higher Learning Commission



Peer review entails bringing judgment based on experience and knowledge to the evaluation process. In all evaluation processes, judgment, reason, and the documentation of evidence contribute to effective peer review. Effective judgment of the Criteria for Accreditation requires that any evaluation be informed significantly by the context of the institution being evaluated and its mission. The review process requires examination of submitted materials, participation in an evaluation

(on ground or online) and report writing.

Miller will participate in a New Peer Corps member's comprehensive training sessions on Oct. 1 - 3 at the Q Center in St. Charles, Ill.

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### **2014 Annual Security Report Available**

This information is posted in accordance with the provisions of the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990 and the Jeanne Clery Act of 1998. The mission of Pratt Community College's security department is to help provide and maintain an atmosphere that complements the educational process. They do this by maintaining a caring and helpful attitude among all security personnel, enforcing any and all college

rules and regulations, providing timely reports to the college on crimes reported to college authorities or local law enforcement that are considered a threat to other students or staff, and maintaining a close liaison and working relationship with local law enforcement authorities.

<http://prattcc.edu/SecurityReport>

# STUDENT LIFE



PCC students donate and volunteer at the Red Cross Blood Drive on Sept. 15

Students compete in dirt skiing, left, and hay bale races, right, at the annual Agriculture Olympics on Sept. 25 sponsored by Block and Bridle



## Oct. Student Events

Oct. 1	Karaoke Night	9-11 p.m.	Rec Center
Oct. 2	Dance	9 -12 a.m	Outdoor Basketball Court
Oct. 7	Outdoor Movie: The Neighbors	9 p.m.	On the side of Porter
Oct. 9	Intramural Information meeting	9 p.m.	Sand Volleyball
Oct. 14	Capture the Flag	9 p.m.	Meet in front of Novotny
Oct. 15	Guitar Hero Contest	9 p.m.	Rec Center
Oct. 16	Lego Building Contest	9 p.m.	Rec Center
Oct. 19	Intramural Sand Volleyball	4 p.m.	Lemon Park
Oct. 20	S'mores and Hotdogs	9 p.m.	In front of North
Oct. 23	Pumpkin Decorating Contest	9 p.m.	Rec Center