



Pratt Community College

Monthly Newsletter

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The official newsletter of PCC

# BEAVER

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Maximum Student Learning

Individual & Workforce Development

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Community Enrichment

## Call for upcoming newsletter content

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

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## Students and In-Person Events Return to PCC

All hands were on deck for Move-In Day on August 14, 2022. Students and their families were welcomed to PCC with open arms and settled in for the first day of Fall classes on August 17, 2022.

The New Student Information Session made a comeback this year. 200 students brand new to PCC gathered with faculty, staff and resident assistant leaders to learn about the long list of services on campus. Students were matched at random with the intention of mixing it up to meet and get to know each other. Ice breakers revealed a diverse background of students with many different interests.

Student Life was ready with planned activities for every night of Welcome Week with the same goal and students settled in nicely!

We are a close-knit campus community at PCC, and we are always laying out the welcome mat for new visitors! You're welcome to set up a campus tour on your own, or join us for a specialty event. We invite high school seniors to join us on September 14th for Senior Day and our popular Tech Day event is scheduled for November 16, 2022. Visit pages 3 and 4 for more information and watch for several more events to come!

**SENIOR DAY**  
PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
9 - 1PM  
SEPT 14  
Register at [Prattcc.edu/SeniorDay](http://Prattcc.edu/SeniorDay)

## Upcoming Dates

Labor Day, No Classes	9/5
Certification date, full semester	9/14
Rodeo at Colby	8/16-8/18
Performing Arts Showcase	8/18
Board of Trustees Meeting	8/19
Rodeo at SEOSU	8/29-10/1

See next page for more important dates!

# SEPTEMBER

## IMPORTANT DATES

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**Labor Day, No Classes - Campus Closed**  
September 5

**Certification Date for full-semester classes**  
September 14

**Rodeo at Colby**  
September 16, 17, 18

**Performing Arts Showcase**  
September 18 @2:30pm

**Board of Trustees Meeting - Riney Student Center**  
September 19

**Rodeo at SEOSU Durant, OK**  
September 29, 30, Oct 1

## OCTOBER A LOOK AHEAD

**Mid-Term Week**  
October 3-7

**Performing Arts Concert/Alumni Weekend**  
October 9 @2:30pm

**Fall Break - No Classes/Faculty Work Day**  
October 10

**Early Spring Enrollment Begins**  
October 11

**Board of Trustees Meeting - Riney Student Center**  
October 17 @6pm

**Rodeo at OSU Stillwater, OK**  
October 13, 14, 15

**Current Student Advising Day - No Classes**  
October 19

**Performing Arts Benefactor Event, TBA**  
October 20

**Rodeo at NWOSU Alva, OK**  
October 27, 28, 29

For more upcoming dates and information, visit [prattcc.edu/calendar](http://prattcc.edu/calendar)





# PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE SENIOR DAY

SEPT  
14  
9 - 1PM

## LEARN ABOUT

- Admissions
- Financial Aid & Scholarships
- College Start Courses



## EXPLORE

- PCC Academic Programs
- Hear from current students and faculty



REGISTER

Register at [Prattcc.edu/SeniorDay](http://Prattcc.edu/SeniorDay)



# PRATT CC TECH DAY

**November 16, 2022 | 9:00am - 1:00p.m.**

## EXPERIENCE THESE PROGRAMS:

- Agriculture
- Agriculture Power Technology (Diesel Mechanics)
- Allied Health
- Automotive Technology
- Business & Accounting
- Electrical Power Technology (Linemen)
- Electrical Power Technology (Support Specialist)
- Information Network Technology
- Welding Technology
- Wildlife Outfitting & Operations

**REGISTER TODAY!**



## ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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

For more information, email [pccadmissions@prattcc.edu](mailto:pccadmissions@prattcc.edu) or call 620-450-2217

**Be entered to win a \$500 PCC tuition scholarship & Beaver gear!**

**Register at [prattcc.edu/techday](http://prattcc.edu/techday)**

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# PRATT Community College

## MOVE-IN DAY 2022

# SUNDAY, AUGUST 14



We enjoyed welcoming students and their families to PCC for Move-In Day 2022. There were a lot of great moments! Thank you for choosing PCC for your education. We appreciate you and we're glad you're here!

It takes a lot of folks to pull off Move-In Day, as there are many moving parts. Big thanks also to numerous PCC Staff on campus and student volunteers for helping to serve our students and their families. It's always a great day to be a Beaver!







## New Student Information Session Returns to PCC

200 students attended the New Student Information Session held inside Dennis Lesh Sports Arena the day before Fall classes began at PCC.

The event is for students who are new to PCC. They are divided up into small groups, led by a Resident Assistant (RA) and a PCC faculty or staff member.

The purpose of NSIS is to extend a welcome to students and give valuable information, such as office locations and services and contact information. They are also welcome to ask questions. Icebreakers are a part of it to help students get to know their peers and group leaders. A beach ball with questions such as "What is your favorite cereal?" and "What is one thing you can't live without every day?" is tossed around the group to help them get to know each other.

Several different backgrounds and interests are represented in the student body at PCC. A large population of International Students and students local to Pratt County were recognized.

Several prizes were awarded for attendees through a raffle drawing. Swag was given for answered campus trivia questions, free t-shirts were given and a big food buffet was served at the close of the session.

PCC is proud to be able to return to the New Student Information Session as an in-person event for the 2022-2023 school year.

View the full album of photos [on our Facebook page!](#)





# Student Life Activities at PCC

The Student Life department at PCC is busy over the summer planning activities students can enjoy for Welcome Week when students arrive, and every month afterwards. Activities are planned so students with a variety of interests can join in. They encourage attendance at Beaver Athletic competitions. Education takes place inside and outside the classroom and we are proud of the efforts our Student Life crew make to help students settle in. They also give great prizes!



# Pratt Community College

## *Performing Arts Department*

Greetings, friends!

The Pratt Community College Performing Arts Department is off to a great start already with the 2022-2023 school year! The last weekend in July we hosted our annual Encore Camp. This year we had camp at the Rut and Strut Lodge just east of Pratt. What an incredible set of hunting lodges! Our camp was full of fun, singing and growth for our students. We have an excellent group this year. Several of the members are Pratt County graduates.

For the first time since the beginning of the pandemic, we are anticipating a somewhat normal schedule this year! Of course, that can always change, but we are excited about the plans for the year. Our schedule is included with this letter and we hope to see you at our events. It means so much to our students to have community support for our productions and concerts.

Kids' Choir for pre-k4 through fifth grade meets Mondays at 4pm starting August 22. Community Choir (which is open to anyone 7th grade and up) meets at 6:30pm Mondays starting the 22nd and Pep Band, which is also open to any 7th grade and up meeting Mondays at 8pm starting that same week! We would love to have more community members join us!

We plan to begin touring in the fall semester. While many schools still may not allow outside events, we know that we will be able to fill a tour schedule in both the Fall and the Spring. If your club or organization would be interested in having Encore perform at a function, please contact Misty at [mistyb@prattcc.edu](mailto:mistyb@prattcc.edu).

We are excited to start a new semester and get these shows off the ground! Your contributions to the Friends of the Arts help us to make all of these things happen each year. So many opportunities supported by so many wonderful friends. Thank you for partnering with us to make performing arts a lifelong love of our students and a great entertainment for the Pratt community!

Blessings,

Misty Beck      Brad Herndon

Pratt Community College Performing Arts

# Pratt Community College Friends of the Arts

## Annual Donation Levels:

<b>Producer:</b>	<b>\$1,000 and up</b>
<b>Director:</b>	<b>\$500-999</b>
<b>Star:</b>	<b>\$250-499</b>
<b>Supporting Actor:</b>	<b>\$100-249</b>
<b>Stage Crew:</b>	<b>\$24-99</b>

I would like to be a 2022-2023 member of Friends of the Arts.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this sheet along with your donation to:

PCC Friends of the Arts c/o Misty Beck 348 NE SR 61 Pratt KS 67124

# PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE OUR MIDDLE NAME IS COMMUNITY



Pratt Community College participated in the Pratt Strong Strong Community Night Out. It was an event held at Green Sports Complex for the community featuring a kickball tournament between Pratt Fire and Pratt Police, family fun zone, free food, face painting, performances by local cheerleaders and fall athletes and more.

PCC's Encore gave a performance as well at Pratt Cheer. The rain didn't deter the festivities and the rainbow made a great backdrop for photos. It was great to be a part of the Pratt Strong Community Night Out!

[#OurMiddleNameisCommunity](#)



PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

# RODEO

2022-2023

## Improvements to Rodeo Grounds Made Ahead of 2022-2023 Rodeo Season



The summer preceding the 2022-2023 PCC Rodeo Season was a busy one and August was no exception.

New roping chutes arrived as well as new Rodeo Team vests, and another signee joined the team. A large amount of cleanup has taken place at both the indoor and outdoor arenas by PCC Rodeo Coach Jake Ritz and his students. Coming up in October, PCC Rodeo is hosting a Steer Wrestling Clinic.

Pratt Community College Rodeo is active on social media with an engaged community following, be sure to follow along on the [Pratt Community College Rodeo Team Facebook page!](#)



**PCC Rodeo continued...**



PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

# RODEO



## CENTRAL PLAINS REGION NIRA RODEO SCHEDULE 2022-2023

**2022**

COLBY  
SEOSU  
OSU  
NWOSU

SEPT. 16, 17, 18  
SEPT. 29, 30 OCT. 1  
OCT. 13, 14, 15  
OCT. 27, 28, 29

**2023**

KSTATE  
FSCC  
GCCC  
SWOKSU  
FHSU  
OPSU

FEB. 17, 18, 19  
MARCH 10, 11, 12  
MARCH 31, APR 1, 2  
APRIL 13, 14, 15  
APRIL 20, 21, 22  
APRIL 27, 28, 29

# PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE EDUCATIONAL TOURS FOR STUDENTS

## Pratt FFA Visits Ag Power Program



PCC instructor Ralph Williams and the Ag Power class welcomed Pratt FFA students to the shop on campus. Students heard a good overview of the Ag Power Technology program, as well as what to expect when working as a Diesel Technician in dealerships.

After 8 weeks in the classroom, PCC students are matched in paid internships for 8 weeks with dealerships that keep in regular contact with instructor Ralph Williams.

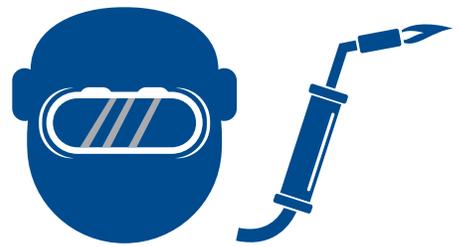
Current PCC students talked about their experiences in the classroom and in their internships with Prairieland Partners and Rose Fabrication and Repair.

The beginning earnings potential is a huge draw to the Ag Power program, as well as the job placement rate and partnerships with businesses, near and far. Diesel technicians are in high demand.

Thank you to the Pratt FFA chapter for coming to see us!  
Visit our website to learn more about [Ag Power Technology](#).



# WELDING TECHNOLOGY



Pratt CC Welding has a new home! PCC purchased the Pioneer Tank and Steel facility near the airport in Pratt, KS. A lot of time was spent over the summer getting the facility ready and students will officially begin classes in the new building when Fall 2022 classes begin.

In addition to Welding classes, PCC will run a Steel Sales operation out of the facility. PCC offers Welding in our Pratt, Kingman and Attica locations this Fall. Special thanks to Taylor Printing from Pratt, KS for handling the new signage on all of our buildings!



SCHOOL ON THE **RISE**

PCC is also pleased to announce we were selected by the National Coalition for Certification Centers as the "School on the Rise" for August 2022. The article features Daryl Lucas, PCC faculty member and program lead for our Welding and Automotive Technology programs! [View that article here!](#)

**[Learn more about our Welding Technology program on our website.](#)**



NC3 - National Coalition of Certification Centers

August 26 at 5:45 PM

**Congratulations** to Pratt Community College for being chosen as NC3's August 2022 School on the Rise!

Located in the south central region of Kansas, PCC has developed career and technical programs that provide their community with opportunities for educational and economic growth. PCC has established exceptional Snap-on automotive and Lincoln Electric welding programs since becoming an NC3Start Member in 2021.

Learn more about this school and its achievements at [bit.ly/SOTR...](#) See more



NC3.NET

NC3's School on the Rise: August 2022

Congratulations to NC3's August 2022 School on the Rise, Pratt Community College! Located i...

## Aaron Murphy is the 2022 PCC Outstanding Alumni Award Winner



Aaron Murphy was born and raised in Cunningham Kansas and graduated from Cunningham High School in 1994. He graduated from PCC in 1996 with an Associates of Applied Science degree in Automotive Technology.

While attending PCC he moved to Pratt and worked part time for Iuka Coop then moving on to a full-time position as an Applicator. After a year running a sprayer, Aaron was promoted to Location Manager and served in that role for 5 years. He had the opportunity to move back to his hometown where he was the Location Manager for Cairo Coop in Cunningham for 10 years and then promoted to Assistant Manager of the Coop.

In 2015, he began working for Skyland Grain and held a couple different positions before landing in his current role as the Relationship Manager. This position gives him the opportunity to promote agriculture and rural communities to young people in our schools.

Aaron has served on the Cunningham Fire Department, Pride, Cunningham City Council and is currently serving as the Mayor of Cunningham. He is a member of the Chief Elected Officials Board of the Workforce Alliance in Wichita, Kansas and the Kingman County Kansas Economic Development Advisory Board.

Aaron has been married to his wife Angela for 25 years and they have two children, Bryce 23 and Lauren 21. Bryce graduated from Cunningham High in 2017 and received his AAS in Farm and Ranch Management and the Skyland Grain Applicator Program Certificate from PCC. Lauren graduated from Cunningham High School in 2019 and is attending Ft. Hays University.

Congratulations to the 2022 PCC Outstanding Alumni Award Winner Aaron Murphy!



# MENTAL HEALTH MINUTE



## Finding Motivation

As an adjunct instructor and a staff member in the Student Success Center, I have seen many students who appear to be lacking motivation throughout the semester. Often times, it is toward midterms. Other times it is toward the end of the semester. However, there is a sly group that begins to show that very early on. So why is motivation so important? Motivation is a part of almost everything we do. Simply getting out of bed in the morning, going to classes, doing the homework for those classes, making it to practice, etc. Motivation is the ultimate underlying factor that drives us to complete those tasks.

Neuropsychologist, Sanam Hafeez, PsyD, from Columbia University states that, "Motivation is a key activity to living a productive life. Without motivation, it is hard for people to complete important tasks, find a work-life and home-life balance, and essentially, make the most of every single day."

If that is the case, then why do we sometimes have a difficult time finding motivation? Simple. Sometimes people struggle to find that sense. It could just be a general feeling once in a while. It could be more than that. Here are some common roadblocks:

**Little or No Direction** They may feel like they are just making it through the days. If this is the case, maybe try writing out a to-do list or a plan to help inspire you.

**Lack of Self-Discipline** Conquering a task simply by writing out a goal will not happen. Discipline is what pushes that goal into a conquered feat. One big piece that seems to be ignored in self-discipline is that it does require focusing. We simply are not meant to multitask; our focus cannot actually be divided up like that.

**Self-Doubt and/or Fear of Failure** Many people feel embarrassed, self-hatred, sad, worried, or more stressed out when they fail. While accomplishment feels amazing as an end result, it is not always a clear and smooth path. Remember that it might start out muddy and feelings may be a bit unpleasant; however, they can be processed in a healthy way. Rachel Goldman, PhD, is a licensed psychologist who says,

"Many people experience fear or feeling or thoughts related to failing, but until you try, you will never know." And sometimes, we may need to rely on the wise words of Master Yoda, "No! Try not. Do. Or do not. There is no try."

**Feeling Overwhelmed** This is probably one of the most common reasons I have heard from students – and even myself when I lack motivation. We often pile too much on our plates at one time, convinced we can do it all and multitask our way through it. However, our brains are simply -once again- not meant to multitask. When we get overwhelmed, we tend to shut down and avoid all the tasks we need to attend to.

**Anxiety, Stress, and/or Depression** Sometimes people lack motivation because of an underlying -or even known- mental health battle. There are many strategies, from meditation to exercise to just talking to a friend, that can help. Additionally, we have a licensed professional counselor (that's me!) on campus to help out as well.

That may all seem a bit overwhelming to read, but there are ways to find and harness that motivation. It is never too late to bounce back when we feel unsure or even stuck.

\*\*Start by looking at habits, practices, patterns that you do. But do so without judging yourself. In order to fix anything, you have to be willing to acknowledge the issue. It can be difficult, but if you remove judgment, you can see the patterns and habits that may be blocking your motivation.

\*\*Find a reason to do your tasks without expecting something in return. This is simply looking for intrinsic motivation – that inner drive that keeps us in activities just because it is rewarding in and of itself to complete. Dr. Hafeez says, "Some intrinsic motivations that drive us are curiosity, personal growth, challenges, a sense of duty and belonging, affiliations, and recognition of purpose." Anyone who has taken my General Psychology class will tell you that I have told them all to find something to be curious about in each class, even if it is a subject you absolutely do not care about...find something to learn.

If you want help looking at your habits and patterns or motivation levels, stop by the Student Success Center. Any of us are willing to sit with you and talk about those areas and help you come up with ideas and ways to bounce back.



Amanda Wade  
Licensed Professional Counselor

To schedule an appointment, email Amanda Wade  
at [amandaw@prattcc.edu](mailto:amandaw@prattcc.edu) or call 620-450-2263.

# PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## CELEBRATE DIVERSITY TEAM

### September is World Alzheimer's Awareness Month

World Alzheimer's Month is the international campaign from Alzheimer's Disease International that takes place every September.

Each September, people unite from all corners of the world to raise awareness and to challenge the stigma that persists around Alzheimer's disease and all types of dementia.

During World Alzheimer's Month, we call on everyone, from individuals to large organisations, including every Alzheimer and dementia association globally, to support World Alzheimer's Month by getting involved in some way.

As outlined in our World Alzheimer Report 2019, many people still wrongly believe that dementia is a normal aging. This alone highlights how important public awareness campaigns, like World Alzheimer's Month, are for changing perceptions and increasing existing public knowledge around dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

This year's theme, 'Know Dementia, Know Alzheimer's,' continues on from the 2021 campaign, which focused on diagnosis, the warning signs of dementia, the continued effect of COVID-19 on the global dementia community and more.

In 2022, the campaign will have a special focus on post-diagnosis support. Following recent developments and potential breakthroughs, in both dementia treatment and support, the campaign will aim to highlight the importance of support for people living with dementia and families following a diagnosis.

#### World Alzheimer's Day

World Alzheimer's Day takes place during World Alzheimer's Month and is on September 21 every year.

Source: Alzheimer's Disease International  
<https://www.alzint.org/get-involved/world-alzheimers-month/>

In the build up to, and on the day of, many Alzheimer and dementia associations around the world host memory walks, fundraisers, awareness raising activities and campaigns to bring attention towards those in their community that are affected by Alzheimer's disease or other types of dementia.

Since COVID-19, many associations, including ADI members, host events and activities virtually. These activities include webinars, remote memory walks and more.

Each World Alzheimer's Day, ADI releases its annual World Alzheimer Report. Like this year's campaign theme, the 2022 report will centre around post-diagnosis.

The following are findings from the 2021 Report, Chapter 5 Mood and Behavioral Assessment:

- Psychological symptoms associated with cognitive decline can be part of the disease process but may be reactions to what is happening.
- Depression is a common symptom in early dementia.
- Behaviours such as agitation, paranoia, aggressivity, sleep disturbances usually occur well after the diagnosis of dementia is made but can be present in earlier stages.
- The term anosognosia refers to limited awareness of cognitive and functional deficits, but also to impaired awareness of emotional changes.

A large part of getting involved with Alzheimer's Awareness is to better understand the disease as more becomes known. You can view the [full 2021 World Alzheimer Report](#) on the Alzheimer's Disease International website.



# Join Us!

### CELEBRATE DIVERSITY TEAM

EDUCATION | RESPECT  
VALUE | CULTURE

Contact Lisa Perez-Miller at  
[lisam@prattcc.edu](mailto:lisam@prattcc.edu) for more information.

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# BEAVER ATHLETICS

2021-2022

Visit [gobeaversports.com](http://gobeaversports.com) for  
schedules, rosters, statistics  
and more!



## Beavers Competitive Against Butler in the Beaver Dome



Pratt, Kan. – The Pratt Community College (PCC) Beavers opened conference play August 31st against the Grizzlies of Butler Community College (BCC). The Grizzlies came into the match receiving votes in the national poll and are the defending Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference (KJCCC) and the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region VI champions.

The Beavers entered the match in front of a packed Beaver Dome coming off a five-set thriller at Lamar Community College (LCC). The match unfortunately ended in a 3-2 loss for the Beavers. Pratt wasted no time feeding of the energy and played pretty competitive with the Grizzlies. Butler held on to win set one 25-14.

The second set was a back and forth match with Butler going on a 6-1 run late in the set which lead to a Pratt timeout. After the timeout, Butler continued their 12-4 run to win the set 25-17 and to take a 2-0 lead. Pratt struggled to get things moving in the third set as Butler went up 19-6 to start the set. After a Beaver timeout, the team was able to go on a run of their own, but ultimately lost set three 25-14. Butler won the match 3-0 and the Beavers dropped to 1-3 overall and 1-0 in conference play.

Pratt will take a week to rest and prepare to host #13 Hutchinson Community College (HCC) September 7th. Match is set to begin at 6:30 PM in the Beaver Dome.



Beaver Sports continued...



## Beavers Win Against Redlands



Pratt, Kan. – The Pratt Community College (PCC) Beavers battled the Redlands Community College (RCC) Cougars on Monday, August 22 at the Pratt Soccer Complex. The Beavers picked up their first victory of the 2022 season over the Cougars 3-2.

Action began quickly for the Beavers, as freshman Kaylane Lemos scored the first goal of the game at the 40:48 mark of the first half. Freshman Leticia Tessi was credited with the assist. Tessi didn't waste much time picking up her first goal of season at the 20:30 mark of the first half. Lemos provided the assist. Just four minutes later, Tessi added another goal for a 3-0 Beavers lead.

Redlands scored late in the first half at the 3:09 mark to make it 3-1 at halftime. The Cougars scored the only goal of the second half at the 25:55 mark to pull within one goal of the Beavers. Sophomore Jessi Ferneau had seven saves in the box including two late saves to help lead the Beavers to victory.

In a preseason interview, Coach Ashley Cordeiro had the following to say:

"Last year was an exciting season with a lot of records broken with the most wins and the most goals scored. Coming runner-up again was good, but I feel like there is always room to grow and improve each year. Moving into my sixth season here and with every season going better than the previous we want to continue on that successful path. The goal is to try to do something we have never done before which is to win conference. That is what we have our eyes on this season."

Read the full interview here on [GoBeaverSports.com](https://GoBeaverSports.com) and definitely keep an eye on this team!



## **Men's Soccer Opens Season 1-1-1**



Pratt, Kan. – The Pratt Community College (PCC) men's soccer team opened their 2022 season August 26th when they took on the ranked #15 Northern Oklahoma College-Tonkawa (NOC-T) Mavericks.

The Beavers wasted no time in scoring the first goal of their season at the 10:00 minute mark of the 1st half. Freshman Gabriel Dias Juliani scored his first goal in a PCC uniform with sophomore Joao Neves Santos getting the assist. The Mavericks would go on to score five of their own goals (three in the first half and two in the second half) before the Beavers would see another goal. With just 13 minutes left in the game Neves Santos made his first goal of his sophomore season. The Beavers dropped game one 5-2.

On August 27th the Beavers faced off against the Otero College Rattlers from La Junta, CO. The Rattlers struck first in the game, but the Beavers were able to tie the game up at the 56:10 mark off a goal from sophomore Rory O'Conner with an assist by freshman Yuri Ribeiro. The game was called with about 17 minutes remaining due to lighting and ended in a 1-1 tie. Due to the game being over 70 minutes it did count as an official game.

On August 29th the Beavers traveled to McPherson College (MC) to take on their reserve team. The Bulldogs struck first off, a penalty kick within the first minute of the game. Pratt quickly tied the game at 1-1 off a goal from Neves Santos. Freshman Jack Lay was awarded the assist. The game still remained tied at halftime, but the Beavers wasted no time in the second half advancing to a 4-1 win. Their first of the 2022 season. Neves Santos had two goals and both freshman Yushi Nagamatsu and Yuri Ribeiro picked up their first goals in a Beaver uniform.

After playing three games in a four day stretch the Beavers will take a small break as they prepare for Garden City Community College (GCCC) on Wednesday, September 7th. The game will begin at 3:30 pm in Garden City, KS.



## PCC Athletics Hosted the 4th Annual Beaver Backer Golf Tournament



Pratt, Kan. - The fourth annual Beaver Backer Golf Tournament was held at Park Hills Country Club on Saturday, August 20. There were 14 teams who participated in the tournament to help raise funds for the Pratt Community College (PCC) Athletic Department. The tournament started at 9:00 am and included a performance from the Beaver Cheer team, eighteen holes of golf, a visit from all 13 athletic teams on the course, lunch and an auction following the tournament.

"We had a beautiful day, Park Hills Country Club was in amazing condition, and we had tremendous support for the event," said Athletic Director Tim Swartzendruber. "A big thank you to all who participated and all who helped sponsor the event. All proceeds go to the PCC Athletic Department."

Results from the tournament are listed below.

### Championship Flight

First place: Legacy Bank

Second place: Meigs and Associates

Third place: Smiley Concrete

### First Flight

First place: Jared Cordes, Jeff Slater, Nikki Pinkerton, Amanda Cordes

Second place: The Peoples Bank

Third place: Tobin Farms



### Flag Prizes

Closest to pin on #2: Jack Goss

Longest Putt on #5: Ryan Clark

Longest Drive on #9 Men: B. Means

Longest Drive on #9 Women: Nikki Pinkerton

Thank you to all that came out to support PCC!

**See next page for info on how to become a Beaver Backer and support PCC Athletics!**



Pratt Community College

# BEAVER BACKERS

2022-2023

[gobeaversports.com](http://gobeaversports.com)



## From the Athletic Director

I am excited to be entering my fourth year as Athletic Director of Pratt Community College. I am proud of what we have accomplished in my previous three years and look forward to another great year of Beaver Athletics. One of the biggest highlights last year was seven of our athletic teams garnering Academic Team of the Year status and our wrestling team earning Academic Team of the Year for the 10th straight time.

As I strive to improve our athletic department, I am fortunate to have great support both from our President, Dr. Calvert, and our Board of Trustees. Community support has also been positive and I am thankful for the many relationships I have built during my tenure. Improving facilities continues to be one of my main focus points and this year our renovation of the wrestling room, men's basketball locker room, and the addition of restrooms to the basement of the Riney Student Center will benefit many student-athletes.

Joining Beaver Backers is a way to support our student-athletes. With your continued support, we can make Pratt Community College Athletics relevant in the Jayhawk Conference. Those who follow this conference know the Jayhawk is one if not the best Junior College conference in the nation. We should be proud to be part of it! Thanks for considering Beaver Backers for the 2022-23 school year.

**Go Beavers!**



**Tim Swartzendruber**  
Director of Athletics

## Objectives

The athletic programs at PCC benefit the entire college and surrounding communities. Whether competing in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference or in NJCAA competition, our PCC Beavers demonstrate the school's commitment to excellence in both academics and athletics. The outstanding young men and women who participate each season for PCC are building important physical and leadership skills, while gaining a superior community college education.

## Mission Statement

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

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# beavers

## Membership Information

### Purpose

The purpose of the Beaver Backers is to support the entire athletic department and our student-athletes. The opportunity to get an education and participate in college athletics is a privilege and not all get that chance. Being at Pratt Community College not only gives student-athletes the chance to further their education, but also an opportunity to open doors to their future whether that be a four year institution or gaining valuable experience in one of our technical programs, preparing them for a future career.

In addition to financial support for athletic scholarships, the Beaver Backers connect supporters of Pratt Community College Athletics with each other, the athletic department and current student athletes. All Beaver Backer members receive a copy of the Beaver Tale, the monthly newsletter, listing in all athletic programs and on the athletic website. Members also receive other perks depending on the level of donation and will be included in special events planned throughout the year.

### Beaver Backer Membership Level Options

	Tier 1 (65+ Only)	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Tier 5
BeaverTale Newsletter					
Website Listing					
Booster Hospitality Room					
All-Sports Pass	 (1)	 (2)	 (2)	 (4)	 (5)
Preferred Chair Back Seating				 (4)	 (5)
Sponsorship Sign Website Ad - \$750 Score Table Ad - \$500 '4x'6 Banner - \$250					

### Benefits of Giving

- Alleviate pressures on athletes on rising costs of education
- Build strong, consistent competitive athletic teams
- Opportunities for student-athletes to further their academic and athletic career
- Build relationships with student-athletes and assist in their development

### How To Join Beaver Backers

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to become a club member:

- Tier 1 (must be 65 years of age or older) \$50-\$99
- Tier 2 \$100-\$249
- Tier 3 \$250-\$499
- Tier 4 \$500-\$749
- Tier 5 \$750+

Gift Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

- Check Enclosed
- Mastercard  Visa  Discover

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CSV: \_\_\_\_\_



Please detach this form and mail to:

Pratt Community College  
 Attn: Athletics  
 348 NE SR 61  
 Pratt, Kansas 67124

Any questions?  
 Call 620-450-2154



# TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

<https://gobeaversports.com/information/Tickets>



Tickets for all Fall 2022 Athletic events are now on sale as well as season passes!!

**We are moving to digital ticketing** in the PCC Athletic Department and you can purchase tickets by visiting:

**<https://www.gobeaversports.com/information/Tickets>**

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# We're Hiring!

AT PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## OPEN POSITIONS:

- Dean of Technical Education/Accreditation Liaison Officer
- Admin Assistant to VP Finance & Operations
- Admin Assistant to Director of Athletics
- Women's Flag Football Coach/ Residential Supervisor
- Welding Instructor
- Marketing Communications & College Relations Specialist
- Assistant Athletic Trainer
- Bus Drivers
- Clinical Adjunct Instructors--Allied Health

## APPLY:

[PRATTCC.EDU/EMPLOYMENT](http://PRATTCC.EDU/EMPLOYMENT)



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.

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