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Ricke Named Chair-Elect for ACBSP Regional Council

Pratt Community College Business Instructor, Carol Ricke, has been appointed as the Chair-Elect of the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ASBCP) Midwestern region 5 council.



The Midwestern Council of Business Schools and Programs is a regional division of ASBCP representing colleges and universities in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and the Canadian Province of Manitoba. The mission of ACBSP is to establish, promote and recognize educational standards that contribute to the continuous improvement of business education and, through the process of accreditation, to recognize business schools and programs that adhere to these standards.

The council is comprised of five officers who are elected each year. Ricke and the newly elected council will take their places officially summer 2017. The purpose of the council is to provide a regional forum to foster a better understanding of business education and for the exchange of ideas concerning collegiate business education programs, curriculum, and articulation among member institutions. They executive council also provides ACBSP's Board of Directors with ideas and recommendations as to how the Council can better serve its membership.

As Chair-Elect, Ricke, will be responsible for organizing their regional conference to be held in Pratt in October. Members from institutions all over the Midwest will gather to hear guest speaker presentations, learn about accreditation and attend instructional workshops.

Ricke has been an instructor at PCC for more than 20 years. Shortly after, she began getting involved with ACBSP. She has been the ACBSP Champion of PCC from 1995-1998 and again from 2005-present. She has attended 10 ACBSP national conferences. Ricke served as secretary of Region V from 2007-2009, on the bylaws national committee from 2005-2009 and has served on the Articulation committee since 2015.

Club 62+ Announces Schedule of events for Spring



Houses that gradually sprang up all the way to California and Texas. Between the 1880s and the 1950s more than 100,000 women, many of them Kansans, proudly wore the black and white uniform of the internationally known Harvey Company. The presentation will explore the adventures of these pioneering young women. Presented by Michaeline Chance-Reay. Mickey is an author and historian who teaches at Kansas State University.

Heart of America Science Resource Center // Friday, April 7, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. \$10 plus lunch. Please RSVP by April 1.

The Heart of America Science Resource Center is located in Haviland. Join Dr. Jerry Simmons (DocRock) who will provide a guided tour of displays and hands-on activities on a variety current science topics fascinating to young and old, including geology, paleontology, archaeology, physics, and biology. Dr. Simmons will give an engaging demonstration of examples showing the incredible beauty and design found in the rock and mineral kingdom. Lunch after at the Crazy Mule in Greensburg.

Hendrick's Exotic Wildlife Animal Farm // Friday, April 28, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. \$10 plus lunch. Please RSVP by April 21.

Driving on Kansas Highway 96 just west of Hutchinson, you come upon a most unusual sight: zebras frolicking with camels, ostriches dancing in the brome, giraffes, kangaroos and too many other exotic critters to list. This most unique animal farm, its entertainment affiliate - Hedrick's Promotions, Inc. and Hedrick's Bed & Breakfast Inn - are owned and operated by Joe and Sondra Hedrick, both native Kansas ranchers. Join us for an 1 hour walking tour of the farm. We will have lunch in Hutchinson after.

Pratt Community College announces the Spring 2017 activity schedule for Club 62+ and invites eligible members of the public to participate. Club 62+ is a community organization for residents of Pratt, Kingman, Barber, Kiowa and Stafford counties who are 62 years of age and above.

There is no cost for membership in Club 62+ and benefits include access to exclusive programs and activities, free admission to home sporting events at the college, and waived tuition for any college course (fees and book costs still apply).

Megan Eaton is the Coordinator of Marketing and College Relations at PCC and the coordinator for Club 62+.

"We have some very exciting events planned for this spring and I hope that both new and old members can take advantage of the programs," said Eaton. "We were able to incorporate many of our members' requests and suggestions into the schedule, and have also included some old favorites."

For more information about Club 62+, please contact Eaton at 620-450-2113 or megane@prattcc.edu.

Spring 2017 Schedule

Dillon Lecture Series: Dayton Moore // Tuesday, Feb 7, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. \$10. Please RSVP by Feb. 3.

Senior VP/General Manager of the Kansas City Royals - Dayton Moore was named Senior VP/General Manager of the Kansas City Royals in 2006. In addition to his role with the reigning world champions, Moore and his wife are leaders in the Kansas City community. Afterward we will have lunch at the Dutch Kitchen. Lunch cost is up to you.

Casino Day at Kansas Star // Friday, Feb 24, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. \$10 plus lunch. Please RSVP by Feb. 20.

Transportation will be provided to the casino in Mulvane for a day of fun. You will be responsible for your own lunch at the casino. We must have 20 or more people to make this trip possible.

PCC Guest Speaker: Dr. Michaeline Chance-Reay // Thursday, March 16, 8-9:30 a.m., Pratt CC Linda Hunt Memorial Library. Please RSVP by Mar. 9.

The Harvey Girls' The Harvey House chain of restaurants got its start in Topeka, Kansas, when Fred Harvey opened a café geared to those traveling

on the Atchison, Topeka, & Santa Fe Railroad line. Preferring the term "Harvey Girls" to waitresses, he recruited single women to work at the Harvey

PCC Students Invited to Join State Intercollegiate Band

Three Pratt Community College students have been invited to join the Kansas Bandmasters Association (KBMA) Intercollegiate Band to perform next month in Wichita.

The KBMA Intercollegiate Band is comprised of 40-60 students nominated by collegiate band directors to perform at the Kansas Music Educators Association (KMEA) In-Service Workshop every other year. Sophomores Arica Alexander, Zach Stone and Dakota Hankins were nominated and selected by PCC Music Instructor Jeremy Rupe who is an alumni of the intercollegiate band when he attended PCC.

This is the first year, since Rupe began instructing at PCC 10 years ago, that our students have been selected to be in the intercollegiate band.

"I am excited for them," said Rupe. "It is a pretty big deal for a school with no music major to have not just one but three students selected."

"It feels great to be selected to be in the intercollegiate band," said Alexander. "I'm excited to be able to listen to some of the all-state ensembles and learn about things that will help me musically."

Alexander is involved with PCC's Encore vocal group and multiple concerts and musicals at PCC has been playing the flute for 9 years.

Stone will be playing percussion and Hankins plays the tenor saxophone.

"It will be good to play in a concert band again," said Hankins. "It's an honor to be in the intercollegiate band and I am excited to have the experience."

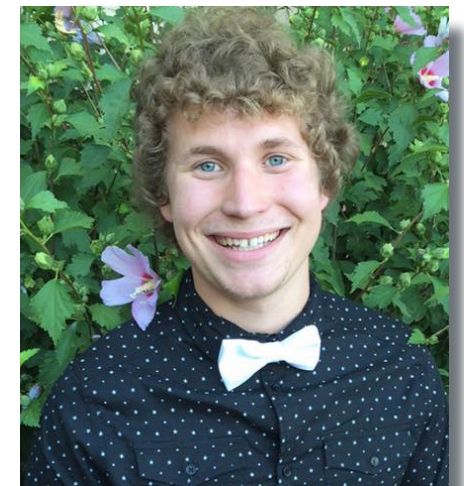
The trio will have the opportunity to rehearse their music individually in the weeks before the event. At the event they will have one day to rehearse as an ensemble before performing. While at the event they will also have the opportunity to connect with four year universities, music vendors and many other students of all ages. The event is set to have performances from many bands throughout the state.



Dakota Hankins
TENOR SAXOPHONE



ARICA ALEXANDER
FLUTE



ZACH STONE
PERCUSSION

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29th ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION

PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SCHOOL SPIRIT

Friday April 7, 2017 | Pratt 4-H Center

INT Program Receives New 3D Printer

The Information Technology (INT) Program at Pratt Community College just got their hands on a new tech gadget that can be utilized throughout the college. As the spring semester began students in the INT program came to class to learn they had a 3D printer waiting for them. The class, along with INT instructor Kenton Small, set up the printer within a day and installed the software to start creating.

"Objects created in the 3D printed can have a variety of uses," said Small. "So far we have already made items for science classes and we can make just about anything."

The new 3D printer is a MakerBot Replicator Z18. It uses filament plastic heated up to more than 400 degrees to build any object that is programmed into it. Students have the opportunity to use templates or design an object of their own design. The INT program wants the printer to be utilized throughout the institution for items needed in nursing, science and more. They have already created a T cell for Jason Ghumm's biology classes.

The PCC INT program is in their second semester since beginning in Fall 2016. Students are learning concepts computer technology, network technology, security and more. Each class prepares students to earn CompTIA (Computing Technology Industry Association) certifications which help individuals build exceptional careers in information technology and enable organizations to form a skilled and confident staff.

Carol Ricke, the business department chair, says that they are currently restructuring the INT program curriculum for next year to be even more comprehensive and in line with the CompTIA educational programs. This will guide students to earn more certifications along with their associates degree to put them in the best possible place to transfer or begin working.

Small and the INT students are also opening their services to the community who are in need of computer repair. Proceeds from their services will go directly into the INT program fund to be used for classroom upgrades and eSports equipment as the programs grow.

"This gives students good experience at troubleshooting and fixing everyday issues with PC's," said Small.

Community members interested in getting their computer repaired at PCC can contact Small at kentons@prattcc.edu.



Become a Featured Artists at the Delmar Riney Art Gallery

Each month Pratt Community College is proud to feature works of art and creative pieces from artists all over Kansas. For more than two years the Delmar Riney Art gallery has seen paintings, drawings, photographs, sculptures and more from a new artist or group each month.

If you would like to be considered as a "Featured Artist of the Month" in the Delmar Riney gallery, send your name, contact information and a brief description of your artwork to Pratt Community College, Vice President of Students/EM, 348 NE SR 61, Pratt KS 67124 or lisam@prattcc.edu.

The Delmar Riney Art Gallery is located in the Riney Student Center, open Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Register Now: PCC Cheer Clinic Feb. 4

To celebrate the weekend of love, the Pratt Community College musical group Encore! will be holding a Sweetheart Dinner and Concert in honor of Valentine's Day.

The dinner and show will be Saturday, Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m. in Carpenter Auditorium. Enjoy dinner and dessert while being serenaded by Encore! featuring love songs from a variety of genres including solos, duets and ensembles.

Tickets for Dinner and the Show are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Reservations are suggested!

Call Amanda at 620-450-2212 for reservations.

"We hope everyone will come out and enjoy some great music and treats for Valentine's weekend," said Misty Beck, theater instructor.



PCC Library features Dr. Trisha Jackson: Gardening with Biochar

Linda Hunt Memorial Library invites PCC students, employees and community members to attend guest speaker Dr. Trisha Jackson, a PCC science instructor, on her discussion of biochar.

Among other uses, biochar may be added to soils to improve the function of the soil ecosystem. Jackson will speak not only about the Amazonian origins and special characteristics of biochar but also how everyone can benefit from using it to make their crops and plants thrive.

Jackson received her PhD in Geography from the University of Kansas in 2011 and attributes her discovery and passion of biochar from an advisor at KU who was researching biochar's effects on soil in the Amazon. Jackson, who has been at PCC since 2015, currently teaches three classes on campus.

Bring your lunch and enjoy the conversation of biochar, Friday, Feb. 10 at 12 p.m. Jackson's Biochar, part two, will be held Friday, Mar. 10 at 12 p.m.



PCC Wrestling Hosts #23 Neosho in the Beaver Dome

Pratt Community College wrestling opened up the year with a convincing and dominating win over #23 Neosho County Community College Panthers on Jan. 10 in the Dennis Lesh Sports Arena.

The night started off with a few opens by Neosho at 184lbs. and 197lbs. At 184lbs., JT Ellis got the nod via forfeit for the first score of the night for the Beavers. While the Beavers had to forfeit 197lbs. with Neosho, the match resulted in a double forfeit which made the team score 6-0 in favor of Pratt.

Action started at 285lbs. where Brandon Huntley defeated Aaron Lewis by a score of 5-3 to put the Blue and White ahead 9-0. Kelvys Gonzalez, at 125lbs., followed up with an exciting match over Jay Maxville. He could not manage to accrue bonus points resulting in a decision to make it 12-0 for the Beavers.

Heading into 133lbs., freshman Demone McClinton kept the crowd on their feet by scoring 13 points before attaining the fall against Alpha Diallo in the second period to push the spread to 18-0 for PCC. At 141lbs., returning national qualifier Dy'Juan Carney also picked up the fall against Mateo Soto before intermission making the score 24-0 in favor of Pratt.

Following intermission, the Blue and White dropped the 149lb. class to Neosho. This brought Neosho their first points of the match making the score 24-6. At 157lbs., the Beavers jumped out on their lead with an outstanding performance by Jayson Failer. His performance was key against a defending NJCAA national qualifier in Cole Franklin. Failer could not get the bonus points towards the end of the match, but he extended the team lead to 27-6.

At 165lbs., Laaiq Hedrick fought through to get the fall in the third period. This gave the Blue and White a commanding lead at 33-6. At 174lbs., Jose Cortez had a hard fought match, but he fell by fall to Jacob Walker. Even so PCC took the victory in the match with a final score of 33-12.

PCC wrestling ends dual season after going 6-4. The Beavers took out five ranked opponents and pushing the issue with the four losses they took despite facing injuries. The Blue and White now set their eyes on the West Central District Wrestling Tournament held in the Dennis Lesh Sports Arena on Feb. 11. They look to build on their productive season and improve upon the 2016 West Central District Wrestling Tournament where the Blue and White had a third place finish and qualified 10 wrestlers for the NJCAA National Tournament in Council Bluffs, Iowa.



Records Broken by PCC Indoor Track at Missouri Southern State University Open

On Jan. 20 the Pratt Community College indoor track and field team competed in a two day meet at the Missouri Southern State University Open. The Blue and White competed in one of the biggest meets they will compete in for the 2017 indoor season.

Action for the Beavers started on day one with Wesley Jackson competing in the men's long jump. Wesley's best leap was a jump of 6.57m (21-06ft). That jump placed him eleventh in the meet out of 52 competitors, just missing finals by two spots. Wesley also competed in the 60m dash placing forty first with a time of 7.24 seconds.

PCC had four men run the 200m Dash. Two of the runners finished in the top ten. Anthony Paul finished seventh running a time of 22.77 seconds, and Chris McEnery took ninth running 22.79 seconds.

Justin Moore closed out the first day on the men's side for the Blue and White. Moore ran the 5000m Race finishing eleventh with a time of 17:00.75.

The first day for the women started with women's Triple Jump. Cayla Smither took sixteenth with a jump of 10.43m (34-06ft). Aaliyah Brown, and Tralesha Williams competed in the 60m dash. They finished thirty first with a time of 8.06 and sixtieth with a time of 8.27 in a field of 103 competitors. Tavaija Bennett ran the Women's 200m Dash and taking sixty first with a time of 27.86.

PCC continued their strong showing on day two of the meet. Anysia Romain kicked off day two for the Beavers with the long jump. Romain jumped 17ft to take ninth and set a new indoor school record for the Blue and White. Her jump broke the school record that was just set two weeks ago by Shaquarris Carter at the Kansas University Bill Easton Classic. This would not be the only record to fall that day. Finishing day two, the women's 4x400m relay team set a new indoor school record running a time of 4:26.76.

Several PCC runners ran in the mens 400m dash. Chris McEnery posted the fastest time for the Beavers that day placing fifth overall in a field of 78 athletes with a time of 51.04 seconds. Clifford Porter placed twentieth in the event with a time of 52.56 seconds.

"I am pleased with some of the performances that we had this week," said PCC track coach Josh Harden. "We have been working really hard to be ready and focused to compete well in meets like this. There is still a lot of room to grow with this group. They are all still learning how to attack some of the subtle differences of an indoor facility, but I do think we are showing some great improvement from when we opened up two weeks ago at KU."

Four school records have been broken since the start of the season two weeks ago at the University of Kansas on the women's side. Men took fifth overall in the 4x400m relay out of 27 teams running a time of 3.28.58. The only other schools running faster than the Blue and White being NCAA division two schools.

"We are consistently raising the bar," said Harden. "We have broken a few school records on the women's side. We are working towards making the program competitive again in multiple events, where we haven't been in quite some time. I'm excited to see how we continue to progress throughout the indoor season."

The PCC indoor track and field team hits the road to compete in the Bill Butterworth Shocker Track Club on Jan. 28.



Register Now: PCC Cheer Clinic Feb. 4

The Pratt Community College Cheer squad is hosting their annual Cheer Clinic next month. The PCC cheer squad will be hosting a one day cheer clinic on Saturday, Feb. 4 at beginning at 10 a.m. Children ages 3-10 will be taught the fundamentals of cheerleading.

Following the clinic, participants will cheer alongside the PCC cheer squad at halftime of the men's and women's basketball games against Coffeyville. The cost of the clinic is \$25 and includes free admission to the basketball games, a t-shirt, and the opportunity to cheer on the Blue and White against Coffeyville. To register for the clinic, call PCC Head Cheer Coach, Jordyn Lott, at 620-770-9374. Go Beavers!





PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT ACTIVITIES

CALENDAR

February 2017

- 2** Student Activity: Grocery Bingo **20PTS**
Woj Hall Commons - 9PM
- 4** Basketball PCC vs. Coffeyville **10-15PTS**
Beaver Dome - Women 2:00PM, Men 4:00PM
- 5** Student Activity: Super Bowl Watch Party **20PTS**
Rec Center - 5:30PM *Food Provided!
- 7** Baseball PCC vs. KS Wesleyan JV **20PTS**
Stanion Field - 1:00PM
- 9** Student Activity: Dodge Ball Tourny **20PTS**
Beaver Dome - 9:00PM
- 11** PCC Wrestling Tournament **20PTS**
Beaver Dome - All Day
Performing Arts Valentines Show
Carpenter Auditorium - 6:30PM
75PTS
- 12** Basketball PCC vs. Colby CC **10-15PTS**
Beaver Dome - Women 2:00PM, Men 4:00PM
- 14** Student Activity: Valentine's Day Formal **20PTS**
Upper Commons - 9PM - Midnight (10PM Dance-Off)
- 15** Baseball PCC vs. Bethany JV Double Hitter
Stanion Field - 1:00PM & 4:00PM **20PTS**
- 21** Softball PCC vs. KS Tonkawa Double Hitter **20PTS**
Lemon Park - 2:00PM & 4:00PM
- 22** Student Activity: Ping Pong Tournament **20PTS**
Rec Center - 9:00PM
- 28** Mardi Gras hosted by Club International
Library **20PTS**

FEBRUARY TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS = 445