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The official newsletter of PCC

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Individual & Workforce Development

High Quality Instruction & Service

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

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Valentines Dinner & Show	Feb .16
Board of Trustees Meeting	Feb. 17
PTK & KBD Induction	Feb. 25
Spring Musical	Feb. 28- Mar. 1

February Is Career And Technical Education Month!

The month of February is Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month. CTE Month takes place each February to celebrate the value of CTE and the achievements and accomplishments of CTE programs across the country. Career and technical education is education that directly prepares students for high-wage, high-demand careers. CTE covers many different fields, including health care, information technology, advanced manufacturing and many more.



**CELEBRATE TODAY,
OWN TOMORROW!**

Pratt Community College offers CTE programs for traditional and nontraditional students in the areas of Agriculture, Agriculture Power Technology, Automotive Technology, Electrical Power Lineman, Information Technology, Allied Health, Accounting and Business, Modern Distribution Sales & Management and Wildlife Outfitting Operations.

PCC is hosting multiple on-campus events for CTE programs including a special event specifically for preparing for college in April. PCC offers an agriculture program that has the great advantage of being located in South Central Kansas, one of the world's most productive agricultural regions. Students are able to work first hand with livestock and in production situations instead of just learning skills and theories in a classroom.

High School freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors interested in getting starting with preparing for a life in higher education can attend College Prep Day. This event will be held at our Pratt campus, April 1 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. students can register and learn more at prattcc.edu/CollegePrepDay.

PCC Automotive Provides South-Central Automotive Training Center New Equipment

Pratt Community College's South-Central Career Pathways Center (SCCPC) has added new equipment for high school students to get hands-on training. In Fall 2019, the newest addition to the PCC Automotive Program, SCCPC, welcomed their first crop of area high school students from Medicine Lodge, Chaparral and Attica. Twelve students, juniors and seniors, started the program which offered first semester courses of Brakes I and Suspension and Steering I.

As the second semester of the program at the SCCPC started students began learning skills in Automotive Electrical I and Engine Performance I as well as gaining new equipment to the shop located in Attica, Kan. Daryl Lucas, PCC Automotive Instructor at the main campus says that the addition of equipment to the SCCPC is to provide students with industry level training.

"PCC is committed to providing professional training with equipment that is actually used in the industry," said Lucas. "The SCCPC in Attica will also be given two additional vehicles for students to work on and train on."

The new equipment in the shop include two battery load testers, six electrical simulators, four multimeters, two oscilloscope and one SnapOn MODIS scan tool for diagnosing vehicle drivability problems. All of these devices are used in automotive electrical testing which are vital to a technician diagnosing problems and finding the best solution moving forward.

"In this program high school students get a jump start on their college career technical education," said Lucas. "By the time they complete their courses, junior and senior year, they will have the opportunity to be ASE student certified in Brakes, Suspension and Maintenance Light Duty Repair."

In addition to the ASE certification, students will also have the opportunity to receive a Level 1 Automotive Repair Certificate from PCC. The PCC Automotive Program is nationally accredited by the ASE Education Foundation. To achieve this coveted recognition, PCC's Automotive Program underwent rigorous evaluation by the ASE Education Foundation. Nationally accepted standards of excellence in areas such as instruction, facilities, and equipment were used.

Not only does the PCC Automotive Program provide college level courses and facilities for high school students to get a jump start on their career but Kansas' Excel in Career Technical Education (CTE) offers high school students the opportunity to take college level, CTE, courses tuition-free. According to the Association for Career and Technical Education taking one CTE class for every two academic classes minimizes the risk of students dropping out of high school and Students earning three or more CTE credits have a 99 percent graduation rate.

The Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) calculated that more than 1,800 credentials were obtained by Kansas high school students in 2018 and that the average wage of CTE students who exit and are employed exceeds \$31,000 per year.

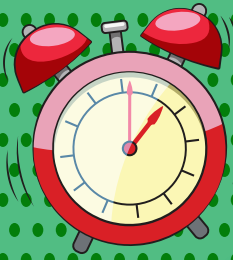


College Prep Day

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PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**THE ULTIMATE
GUIDE TO
PREPARING
FOR COLLEGE**



**TIME TO
START
PLANNING**

APRIL 1

9-12:30

Pratt, KS

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ATTENTION!



Register Online
prattcc.edu/CollegePrepDay

or call us

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Step-by-Step

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ADMISSIONS

SCHOLARSHIPS

HOUSING

PRESIDENT'S HONOR ROLL

Ryan Adams • Victoria Addington • Dawson Augustine
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Chase Coomes • Rollen Copeland • Jacob Crabb
Janell Douvier • Hunter Emerson • Kylee Erickson
Westin Etheridge • Tanner Flax • Zoe Fleming-Mullins
Todd Fritch • Alexander Gillespie • Haley Gleason
Hannah Grant • Ashley Hansen Jorns • Kylee Harman
Nicole Hatch • Michael Helton • Eric Hertlein
Olivia Hessman • Mariah Hillman • Caleb Hinck
Kendell Hutchison • Haven Johannsen • Logan Jorns
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Dalton McNickle • Corey McQueen • Hunter Metcalf
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Riley Sherraden • Colby Shriver • Jared Shriver
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Caleb Stephens • Cole Stephenson • Emma Strobel
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Ryan Trowbridge • Megan Urban • Chase Veatch
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PCC HONOR ROLL FALL 2019

Dean's HONOR ROLL

PCC HONOR ROLL FALL 2019

Archie Agnew • Rylee Alexander • Ean Anders
Courtney Austin • Jacob Beeson • Kiauna Behee
Kendall Beitz • Colin Bell • Rohan Bhakta
Caden Blankenship • Tai Blevins • Spencer Bowman
Hunter Brunson • Drew Burger • Maxwell Caldwell
Kyla Calhoun • Sara Carrington • Amanda Cordes
Luke Culbertson • Michael Cunningham • Levi Dickerson
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Tori Fischer • Priest Foust • Alexandra Franssen
Noah Glendening • Chynthia Godfrey • Remyngton Green
Kobe Grijalva • Benjamin Gross • Jacob Hamilton
Michelle Hamlin • Morgan Hamm • Larissa Hansard
Tal Hartley • Patrick Hartsock • Treven Hegwood
Amy Heimerman • Faith Heitman • Adam Hess
Addison Hoff • Jaylen Hogue • Bradley Huslig
Eddy Ibarra • William Kelley • Sonja Killough
Zool Kueth • Enayy Kurbanova • Russell Lane
Cydney Larson • Daniel Law • Breanna Lett
Dalajah Long • John Long • Alexander Markus
Jordan Mathis • Jacob McBee • Zachary McDonald
Michelle Melson • Andrea Migliozi • Kinsley Miller
Zachary Miller • Brock Montgomery • Roylin Moore
Jada Moss • Mathew Pearson • Jacob Peterson
ChaDricka Pickett • Clay Rolf • Levi Root
Katherine Rose • Aaron Rush • Cynthia Sawe
Morgan Schrag • Wyatt Schulz • Clayton Scott
Kyle Sherwood • Lee Sims • Jaden Smith • Brody Stamm
James Sutter • Brandon Tillotson • Rachel Tippens • Quinn
Tocheniuk • Hunter Turner • Julian Villasenor
Donovan Wahrman • Steele Ward • Bryce Westmoreland

PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ENCORE! PRESENTS

Valentine's

DINNER & SHOW

A relaxing evening of wonderful
music and food!



Sunday, February 16, 2020
6:30 PM

The Front Porch 115 E. 4th,
Pratt, KS

\$15 per person | Seating Limited

RSVP text Misty at 620-770-2345



INT Students Build High Powered Computers

The Information Networking Technology (INT) program is starting off the spring semester in full force. As the semester started students began building six new computers for their program. The parts were custom ordered and the components were verified for compatibility with each other. The computers that the students are building are AMD 3rd gen Ryzen 5 processors, solid state storage, MSI x570 active heat sync motherboards, Air cooled heat syncs, and 1660ti graphics processors.

Although many of the students have assembled computers before, this assignment gives the students additional practice piecing them together while in a controlled learning environment and for the benefit of their class.

"I built my first computer three years ago when I was 13," said Pratt Community College (PCC) high school student Nicholas Vail. "I built it from scratch and learned how to put it together from YouTube and manuals."

Many of the INT students said they had constructed a computer before. Students previously constructed the computers through their high schools or on their own as a hobby.

"The computers are being built to handle heavy graphics and are able to process information faster than standard office machines," said Chris Nelson, PCC Instructor. "They have faster processors, more RAM and GPUs to handle more computations per second than a standard workstation that would be found in an office or classroom."

"The technology and everything it can do is so amazing and being able to work with it sounds fun," said Kali Brown.

K. Brown's favorite part of the INT program is building the PC's (Personal Computers) and her biggest challenge is being the only female in the class.

"Assembling PC's has helped show me what I can do," said K. Brown.

Many of the students enjoy the hands on aspect of with the technology in the INT program.

"My favorite part is putting it all together it's pretty fun," said Dylan J. Brown. "It's like adult Legos."

D. Brown built his first computer when he was a freshman in high school. After building that computer it sparked his interest in INT and he then decided to pursue the program further at PCC. Once in the INT program at PCC, Nelson introduced D. Brown to the eSports program which he then became a member of.

The eSports program is a form of competitive sports played on PC's online against people around the world. The computers that the INT students are building will then be used for the classroom and for the eSports program.

When D. Brown was asked what he liked most about eSports he said

"We kind of just beat everyone, our team is really good."

The eSports team is underway in their season and are undefeated so far with a record of 8-0. The team has qualified for the playoffs which will take place at the end of their season. The team's current goal is to finish the season undefeated. One of the biggest challenges for the eSports members is playing as a team. Many of the members learned how to play individually and are transitioning into a team based playing atmosphere.

"My favorite part of the eSports team is that we have a lot of fun as a team," said D. Brown.



PTK Blood Drive

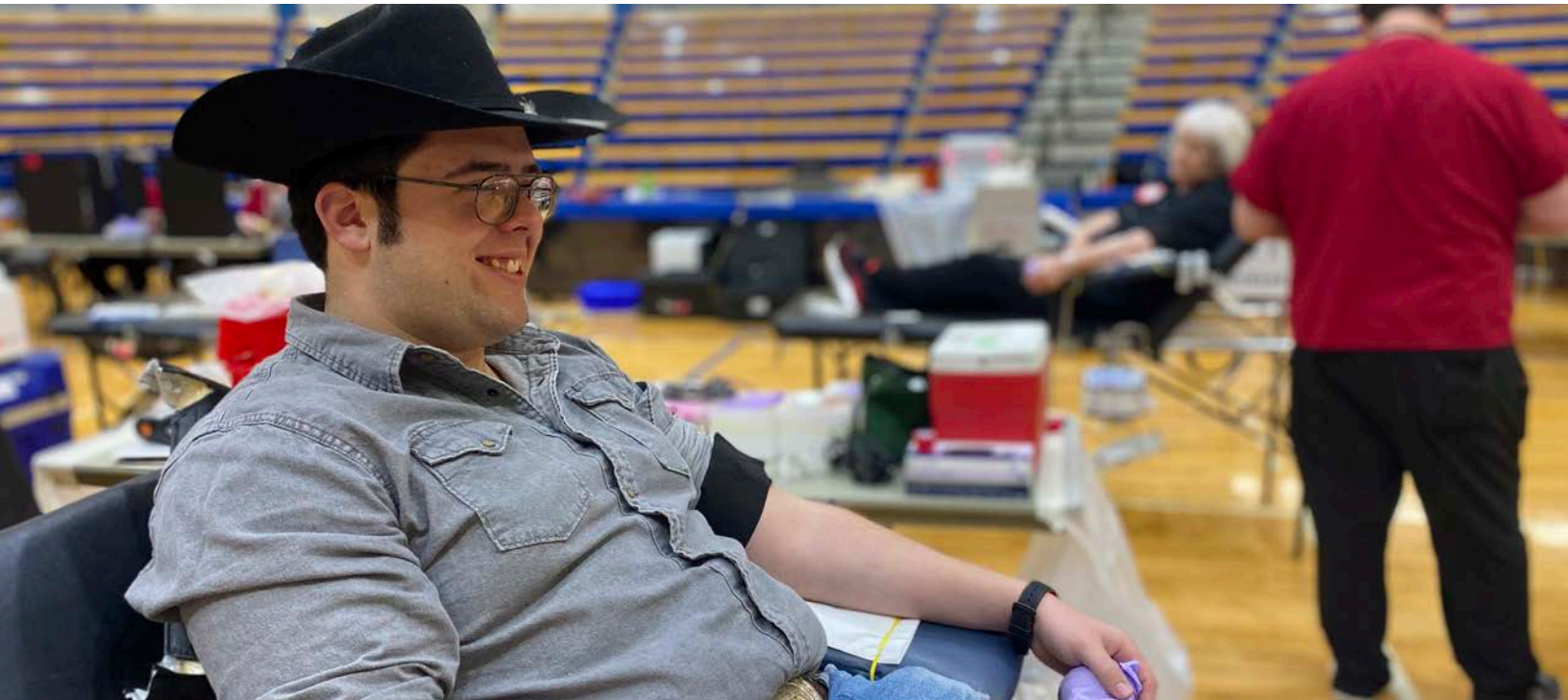
Phi Theta Kappa held their Spring Semester Blood Drive on Wednesday with the help and support of students, staff, and faculty.

The event was organized by Pratt Community College's Phi Theta Kappa chapter, which sponsored the event. Phi Theta Kappa, along with Trisha Jackson, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Advisor, coordinated with American Red Cross representatives to assure the event went off without any hiccups.

With a goal of 32 total units of blood, volunteers and donors helped to raise a total of 24 full units of blood, each of which can be used to help save three lives.

"Even though we were below our goal, the step in lead phlebotomist was pleased with the results," said Jackson.

27 PCC students stepped up to help the drive run smoothly. The PCC women's soccer team helped the Red Cross unload the equipment, set it up, and take the equipment down.



32ND ANNUAL

PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION

Friday May 1, 2020 | Dennis Lesh Sports Arena

Doors Open 6:00PM

Dinner 6-8PM

Live Auction 8:00PM

PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PERFORMING ARTS
presents

Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine's
Brothers Grimm inspired musical

INTO THE WOODS

February 28 at 7:30 p.m.

February 29 at 7:30 p.m.

March 1 at 2:30 p.m.

CARPENTER AUDITORIUM
\$5 GENERAL ADMISSION

Opening Night Dinner Theatre

Dinner at 6:30 | Curtain at 7:30

\$15 Dinner & Show

Reservations Required

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Beavers Tame Panthers In First Action Of 2020

It can be understandably difficult for a team to find its groove after an extended layoff, but the Beavers showed no rust in today's 86-77 win over Neosho County.

Janell Douvier led all scorers with 21 points, shooting 57 percent (8-14) from the field. She was also 2-5 from beyond the arc, while adding seven rebounds to her state line. Dymond McElrath's offensive output has continued to trend upwards, as the sophomore guard added 19 points to Pratt's effort. She ended the afternoon 6-13 on her field goal attempts, including 3-7 from deep. Jazmin George came off the bench to provide key relief for the Beavers, scoring 12 points on five of six shooting.

As is part of Coach Ishee's script, defense was largely a part of the Beavers nine-point, forcing 21 Panther turnovers. Pratt managed to clog up the lane and get to the rim, as Neosho County accounted for 22 fouls compared to Pratt's 10. The Beavers took advantage of the margin, connecting on 23 of 28 free throws.



Pratt Pulls Away Late, Upsets #17 Barton

The Beavers defining win of the 2019-20 season thus far, Coach Flynn's energetic bunch rolled by #17 Barton by a score of 91-80.

Jamel Horton was the key cog in the lethal Pratt offensive attack, finishing with a career-high 33 points. The native New Yorker was a 9-14 from the field, including 3-4 from behind the three-point line. Horton also added seven assists, six rebounds and three steals to an impressive stat line. Harrison Eghan came off the bench to provide a career-high in points as well with 16 (7-9). He also snagged seven rebounds.

Deontae Davis and Drew Honas also posted double-figures for the Beavers, finishing with 14 and 10 points respectively.

Pratt finished an impressive 50 percent from the field (29-58), while doing enough on the defensive end to stifle the Barton offense. The Cougars shot only 35 percent (24-68), including 21 percent from three-point range (4-19).

Carrying a six-point lead into the halftime break, the Beavers saw the tide turn in the midway through the second-half. Jumping out to a game-high 16-point lead with just under nine minutes remaining, the Beavers never allowed the Cougars to find any semblance of momentum.



PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

JUNIOR

CHEER  CLINIC

OPEN TO GRADES K-5

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15

4 - 8PM • PCC BEAVER DOME

Participants will join PCC Cheer Squad during Men's Basketball game vs. NWKT to cheer on our Beavers!

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Men's Basketball Outlasts Hutch In Double Over-Time Thriller

The Pratt-Hutchinson rivalry enveloped the air of the Beaver Dome on Saturday night, though the Beavers managed to find the final gasp.

After a thrilling 20 minutes, the Beavers managed to find the winning edge in the ballgame's extra 10 minutes, pushing away from the Blue Dragons 94-91.

Jamel Horton exploded yet again for a team-high 23 points, while shooting 90 percent from the free throw line (9-10). Horton also added five rebounds to go with his four assists. Deontae Davis sniped his way to 22 points, courtesy of his success beyond the arc (5-11). With 13 rebounds, Davis finished the night with his first double-double as a Beaver. Zool Kueth and Julian Eziukwu each finished with 11 points, while Harrison Eghan collected 12 rebounds along with eight points.

Down 37-31 at the halftime break, the Beavers clawed back to tie the game at 48-48 following a Drew Honas three-pointer with just over 14-minutes remaining in the half. For nearly the next 10 minutes, neither team managed to hold a lead of more than three-points. Down 71-65 with just over four minutes left, the Beavers bolted on a 9-2 run, with Pratt leading 74-73 with 140 seconds to go.

The Beavers held the basketball with 14 seconds remaining with the game tied 76-76. Horton's dribble-drive attempt was denied, as Hutchinson's Majok Kuath blocked Pratt's opportunity to win the game in regulation.

Following a 87-87 finish to the first overtime period, the Beavers clamped down on the defensive end. Hutchinson shot only 1-8 from the field in the second overtime, including 0-4 from beyond the arc, as the Beavers managed to create a 94-91 lead with eight seconds remaining.

The Blue Dragons' Tyler Brown heaved a last-second three-pointer, but to no avail.



Women's Basketball Bolts T-Birds, 63-52

Just days after a disappointing loss at Butler, the Beavers managed to not allow their previous performance to linger, grabbing a road win at Cloud County by a score of 63-52.

Jordan Mathis paved the way for Pratt, posting a game-high 16 points to go with her five rebounds. Though she was four of nine from the field (44 percent), Mathis' success at the free throw line was crucial, making eight of nine attempts. Off the bench, Rylee Alexander finished with 11 points and a team-high eight rebounds.

A dominating first quarter set the pace for Coach Ishee's squad, outscoring the Thunderbirds 20-9, a credit to the Beavers forcing nine early turnovers. Though the Beavers were outscored 33-26 over the middle two, the Beavers won the game on the back of a strong fourth quarter.

Holding a slim 46-42 lead entering the final 10 minutes, the Beavers defense forced the Thunderbirds to shoot 33 percent (5-15), including 0-5 from three-point range. Holding a 10-point lead with just under two minutes left in the ballgame, the Beavers were able to kill the clock and ice the game.

PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE CELEBRATE DIVERSITY TEAM

The Celebrate Diversity Team is responsible for developing, coordinating and/or facilitating college-wide initiatives which aid in fostering a campus culture which is welcoming, safe, and inclusive of all stakeholders and supports Pratt Community College's diversity core value.

Pratt Community College respects, values, and celebrates the diversity of our students, faculty, staff and the communities we serve, believing that diversity enriches the educational experience.

WHAT IS DIVERSITY?

DIVERSITY IS...

Deeper than what's on the surface. We are all diverse in some way.

Jessica Hacker
PCC Staff &
Diversity Team Member



DIVERSITY IS...

All of the unique characteristics and elements that make us different from one another.

Haley Lindsey
PCC Staff &
Diversity Team Member



DIVERSITY IS...

Being confident and comfortable in your own beliefs that you are open to listen, learn and engage all voices.

Lisa Perez-Miller
PCC Administrator &
Diversity Team Member



DIVERSITY IS...

Striving to understand and be welcoming to people of all ages, statuses, backgrounds, cultures and more.

Charles Keefer
PCC Staff &
Diversity Team Member



JOIN US!

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

WHERE DO YOU COME FROM?



**Martha Cortés, Registrar
Caguas, Puerto Rico**

I still have quite a bit of family that still reside in my hometown of Caguas. It is located in a valley surrounded by lush mountains. I just visited my family to celebrate the 90th birthday of my Abuela, which is Spanish for grandmother.

Traditions: Puerto Rican's are known for their hospitality and fun-loving, yet hard working attitude. We have many holiday traditions that we celebrate. First, whenever there is a family gathering, my family will sing "Bomba". Which is a song they sing and then they stop after the chorus and pick a person in the room to tell a story or a quote or a ridiculous tale. When they are done, everyone yells "Bomba!" and sing and pick another family member. The stories get more ridiculous as the song goes on. We also celebrate Three King's Day or El Dia de Los Tres Reyes in January, twelve days after Christmas. Little children put hay or grass in their shoes for the three Kings to feed their camels, and they leave them small gifts in exchange.

Food: I love Arroz con Pollo which is rice and chicken. There is Ropa Vieja which literally means Old Clothes and is a shredded beef dish with peas and carrots in a really tasty sauce. Of course, you can't forget Coquitos which is a drink served at Christmas that has rum, cinnamon and coconut milk.

What I wish people know about Puerto Rico: We are American citizens who love the U.S. but are extremely proud of our African/Taino/European heritage. Most of us are bilingual and the island thrives on tourism. You can visit without a passport and PR uses United States currency! We are rebuilding after the hurricane and we will be stronger than ever!

FEBRUARY DIVERSITY

February diversity celebrations include Black History Month, also known as African-American History month in the United States, marking the important contributions of blacks to the United States, Canada and United Kingdom.

Birthdays of key black Americans include Feb. 1, the birthday of playwright and poet Langston Hughes. The abolitionist Frederick Douglass was born on Feb. 14.

And Feb. 17 marks the birthday of the great singer Marion Anderson, the first African-American to sing a leading role at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City. W.E.B Du Bois, one of the founders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was born on Feb. 23.

"My humanity is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together."
- Desmond Tutu



NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

February is also filled with national and independence days. Countries with key holidays include Mexico (Constitution Day, Feb. 5) and Japan (National Foundation Day, Feb 11) and the United States (President's Day, Feb. 20).

And for all the romantics out there, if you love someone, the one holiday you absolutely must remember is Feb. 14, Valentine's Day.





February 2020

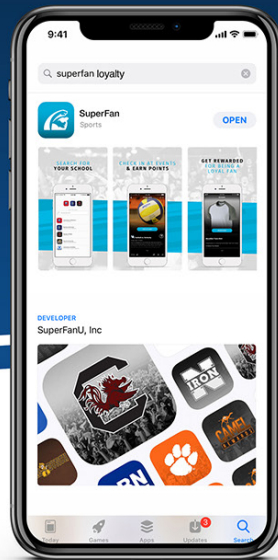
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 Add Bucky Beaver	 @prattcc	 @prattcc	 @prattcc	 Beaver Nation	Feb 1 st PCC Softball VS Lamar Double Header 1PM & 3PM Lemon Park	Youth Sports Day Women's/Men's Basketball VS Colby 2PM/4PM
2 Super Bowl Party Woj Hall Lobby 5:30PM Free Pizza	3 PCC Baseball VS Kansas Wesleyan JV Double Header 1PM & 3PM	4 RA Info Session @ 9PM Room 23	5 PTK Blood Drive Beaver Dome 8:30AM-1PM	6 RA Info Session @ 9:30PM Room 23		8 Blue Out Women's/Men's Basketball VS Seward 5:30PM/7:30PM
9 Feb 16 th PCC Baseball VS Bethany JV Double Header 1PM & 3PM	10	11 Basketball Beaver Dome 8:45PM Sign-up 9PM Start	12	13	14 Pratt After Dark Valentine's Commons 9PM to Midnight	15 Fan Appreciation Day Women's/Men's Basketball VS Northwest Tech 2PM/4PM
16 Performing Arts Presents... Valentine's Dinner and Show The Front Porch venue 115 E. 4th 6:30PM	17 Presidents Day Grocery Bingo Cafe 9PM	18	19 Sophomore Night Women's/Men's Basketball VS Dodge City 5:30PM/7:30PM	20 Scary Movie Night IT Chapter 2 Woj Hall Wall 9PM	21	22 PCC Baseball VS Tonkawa Double Header 1PM & 3PM
23	Feb 25 th Club International Mardi Gras Commons 2PM-4PM	25 PTK Inductions Library 7PM	26 PCC Softball VS Luna Double Header 1PM & 3PM Lemon Park	27 Smash Bros Tournament Scholarship Hall 8:45PM Sign-up 9PM Start	Performing Arts Presents... Into the Woods February 28 th and 29 th @ 7:30PM March 1 st @ 2:30PM Auditorium	

Pizza with the President
 February 25th: Beck @ 9PM
 Woj @ 10PM
 February 26th: North and Sch in Scholarship @ 9PM
 Novotny and Porter in Novotny @ 10PM

February 14th
Pratt After Dark
Valentine's
 9PM to Midnight

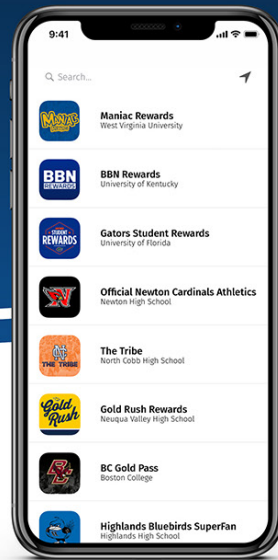
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"Valentine's Dinner and Show!!!"
 Sunday Feb 16th @ 6:30PM @ the The Front Porch venue 115 E. 4th
 Tickets are \$15, Please RSVP by Texting 620-770-2345

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