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Upcoming Dates

Last Day to Withdraw

Nov. 4

Back to the USO show

Nov. 7

Veterans Day

Nov. 11

Board of Trustees Meeting

Nov. 16

Thanksgiving Vacation

Students Nov. 19-27

Employees Nov. 26-29

Men's Soccer Wins Conference Title, Headed to District Playoffs

The Pratt Community College men's soccer team are the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference champions.

In the final game of the conference the men took on Cowley College. The Beavers took an early lead with a goal scored by Julio Vielman, the assist going to Jesus Fernandez. Cowley came back with a goal just before the half time whistle to tie the game at 1-1 . Cowley scored again late in the game. Cowley was up 2-1 late in the game. Then with 30 seconds left on the clock Peter Connelly scored to tie the game at 2-2 , Robbie Carter had the assist . Neither team could score in overtime, so the game finished at 2-2.

The tie game gives PCC the win and a Conference Title for the first time in the programs history.

After taking home the title win the men's team took over the Region VI Playoffs winning 6-0 against Northwest Kansas Technical in game one and beating Johnson County in penalty kicks 2-1.

Next stop is the NJCAA Plains District playoff semifinals in Topeka, Kan. on Nov. 5 where they will play nationally ranked Hill College from Texas. The winner of that match will advance to the National Championship.



KANSAS JAYHAWK COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONFERENCE
2015 CHAMPIONS

PCC Basketball Coach Awarded for Volunteer Work

Pratt Community College Women's Head Basketball Coach Stephanie Thompson and the PCC Women's basketball team have been recognized for their work volunteering with Arrowhead West in Pratt. Arrowhead West is a local organization that serves children and adults with developmental disabilities. Thompson and the basketball team began volunteering with the organization in the Fall of 2014 and have continued into the 2015-2016 school year.

"We go to Arrowhead every Tuesday and Thursday with a group of five or six team members and do whatever it is they want to do," said Thompson, "whether it's going fishing with them, baking, having a Valentine's party or just helping them with everyday things that they may not always get to do."

Because of Thompson's commitment to Arrowhead West, and the meaningful hours of service put in by herself and the basketball team, she was nominated to receive the Outstanding Volunteer award from InterHab. InterHab is the oldest and largest association of developmental disability service providers in Kansas. Every year InterHab hosts an annual educational conference called "Power Up!" at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Oct. 14-16 which Thompson attended and received her award.

Thompson believes that even though her name is on the award it was really the work of the students.

"It's not only me," said Thompson. "It really was our team because the clients [Arrowhead West

adults and children] love them. It's just as much about them and what the clients have done for our players."

Many of the hours that the students spent with the Arrowhead West clients was spent in the gym at PCC playing games, shooting hoops, and even getting to cheer on the Lady Beavers at home games with popcorn in hand.

"They're our biggest fans at our games and they come and sit front row and cheer us on," said Thompson. "They're just as much important to us as we are to them."

There are many opportunities to volunteer with Arrowhead West. For more information on their mission and ways you can give back you can visit their website <http://www.arrowheadwest.org/Volunteers.html>.



PCC Named 13th Best Community College

Pratt Community College ranked 13 out of the 100 best community colleges in the country by SmartAsset.com, a financial technology company that provides transparent, automated, and accurate advice on big personal finance decisions.

SmartAsset evaluated approximately 565 public community colleges across the country in order to find the best investment considering four metrics reflective of quality, cost, success rate and ROI. According to their website the cost of attending a four year college or university continues to grow and tuition and fees are one third of the cost of a 4-year institution. Students who attend a community

college in their first two years and then transfer have less student loan debt. Those who go straight into the workforce after graduating a community college earn an average of \$10,800 more than workers with only a high school diploma or GED, according to U.S.. Census data.

"It goes to show what a great value the community college experience is with the affordability and return of investment for the student," PCC President Michael Calvert said. "We're excited to be ranked 13 in the country this year and to have two years in a row ranked in the top 15 overall."

Pratt Community College receives a spot in the top 15 with graduates making about 23 percent more than their college expenses as a starting salary, and having a 64 percent graduation and transfer rate. In 2014 PCC was ranked 10. For a full list of the top 100 community colleges visit SmartAsset.com.



Collegiate Farm Bureau Sends Thanks to Soldiers

The Pratt Community College Collegiate Farm Bureau is giving thanks in a big way. For the CFB's fall service project they reached out to their fellow students as well as the community and PCC employees in an effort to collect at least 100 handwritten letters to give to service men and women who will not make it home for the Thanksgiving holiday. This project is called "The Big Thank You".

The Big Thank You is a letter writing campaign in association with a national morning radio show called The Bert Show. The goal is to send every single service man and women deployed outside of the United States a letter of gratitude to open on Thanksgiving Day. The CFB learned about this initiative from a chapter advisor and agreed that this was a project they would like to participate in.

"We wanted to let the soldiers know how much they are appreciated," said Anna Schmidtberger, Vice president of the PCC Collegiate Farm Bureau chapter. "We hope that sending out these letters will get their spirits up."

To get the word out and collect as many letters as possible the CFB put the word out to PCC students, faculty and staff. Their goal was to reach 100 letters by Oct. 26. Anyone who wanted to write a letter would have the opportunity during the Volleyball game Monday night. They set up a table outside of the Dennis Lesh Sports Arena ready with paper, pencils and crayons. The PCC commons area had tables full of people writing letters about anything they could think of; weather, Kansas City Royals, and even the infamous Pratt pizza taco. At the end of the night they collected more than 120 hand written letters which surpassed their initial goal. The letters collected by the CFB will be shipped out immediately but there is still time to participate and send your own letter in the mail.

If you would like to write a letter and give thanks to a soldier you can mail them directly to The Bert Show. For letter guidelines and mailing procedures you can visit www.bigthankyou2015.com.

FALL SPORTS RECAP

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

PCC @ CHILE PEPPER FESTIVAL - 27TH PLACE
PCC @ FORT HAYS STATE TIGER OPEN - 4TH PLACE
PCC @ REGION VI CHAMPIONSHIPS - 6TH PLACE

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

PCC @ FORT HAYS STATE TIGER OPEN - 11TH
PCC @ REGION VI CHAMPIONSHIPS - NO PLACE

WOMEN'S SOCCER

PCC vs. JOHNSON COUNTY 0-9
PCC vs. DODGE CITY 1-5
PCC vs. SOUTHWEST ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY 10-1
PCC vs. NEOSHO COUNTY 7-0
PCC vs. ALLEN COUNTY 0-6
PCC vs. COWLEY COLLEGE
PCC vs. GARDEN CITY

MEN'S SOCCER

PCC vs. DODGE CITY 3-1
PCC vs. SOUTHWEST ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY 6-0
PCC vs. CLOUD 0-3
PCC vs. NEOSHO COUNTY 2-1
PCC vs. ALLEN COUNTY 3-1
PCC vs. COWLEY COLLEGE 2-2
PCC vs. GARDEN CITY
PCC vs. NORTHWEST TECHNICAL COLLEGE 6-1

VOLLEYBALL

PCC vs. COLBY COMMUNITY COLLEGE 3-2
PCC vs. CLOUD 1-3
PCC vs. SEWARD COUNTY 3-2
PCC vs. HUTCHINSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE 0-3
PCC vs. BARTON COUNTY
PCC vs. GARDEN CITY
PCC vs. DODGE CITY

SEMINOLE OKLAHOMA TOURNAMENT

PCC vs. VERNON COLLEGE 3-1
PCC vs. INDEPENDENCE COLLEGE 3-0
PCC vs. DODGE CITY 3-0



KJCCC Men's SOCCER
PLAYERS of the WEEK
Week of Sept. 28 - Oct. 4, 2015

Jordan Stubbings Pratt **Bruce Turner Barton**

PCC Soccer Player Named Player of the Week

Pratt Community College men's soccer player Jordan Stubbings was named the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference (KJCCC) player of the week after a game against Johnson County on Oct. 3. The Beavers came out victorious during the game and Stubbings scored 2 goals, and had 1 assist for a total of 5 points.

Performing Arts Department Receives Grant for Summer Camp



The Pratt Community College Performing Arts Department was awarded a grant from the South Central Kansas Community Foundation and Youth Making A Difference.

The \$850 award will assist with purchasing craft supplies for the 2016 Summer Music Theatre Camp for Kids. The music theatre camp is a low cost, two week intensive camp in which the campers, ages 4-12, rehearse a musical, make their own costumes, help build the set, sing, dance and do craft projects and education projects related to the theme of the show.

At the end of the two week camp, campers perform the musical on Friday and Saturday evening.

This is the second year the department has received this grant for the Music Theatre Camp. These funds help purchase the craft and costume supplies that are needed for the more than 140 campers. The grant enables the department to keep the costs low for campers.

Traditionally, campers have been from Pratt, Kingman, Barber, Stafford and Reno counties with several attending from out of the area and out of state as well. Area high school and college students assist in the running of the camp.

The plan for Summer 2016 is to produce the musical "Honk, Jr." which is based on the story of the Ugly Duckling. For more information about any of the programs in the Pratt Community College Performing Arts Department, contact Misty Beck at mistyb@prattcc.edu.

A Night on Broadway



On Oct. 23-25 Pratt Community College Performing Arts department presented 'A Night on Broadway'.

The show is the department's annual musical Review show, which featured music from dozens of Broadway classics and modern shows. Some of this year's featured shows included: Little Shop of Horrors, Guys and Dolls, Spamalot, Into the Woods, Peter Pan, Mary Poppins, Phantom of the Opera and Newsies.

The show featured an array of solos, duets, ensemble and full choir. There was also children's numbers.

"There is a large variety of music from a wide range of shows," said Misty Beck, show director. "There truly will be something for everyone to enjoy."

PCC's performing arts department has numerous opportunities for students to get involved through theatre productions, vocal music and instrumental music. There are two vocal music groups for students to participate in, along with the band groups Beaver Jam and the theatre department, all of which perform multiple times throughout the year.

For more information contact mistyb@prattcc.edu.

Rodeo Coaching Staff

Excited to Improve Team

Working with three time World Champion Steer Roper, Rocky Patterson, is just one of the many reasons students should want to come to Pratt Community College to rodeo.

In April of 2015, Patterson came back to PCC as the Head Coach of the Beaver Rodeo program. Patterson first came to PCC as the coach in 1991 then returned to full-time competition after nine years at the helm. He holds three World Champion Steer Roping titles, most recently in 2012.

"Rodeo is all I've ever known," Patterson said. "I'm here to help the students every way I can in what is traditionally a very expensive and demanding sport."

Patterson enjoys helping the rodeo students because it is a good way for many students to fund their education and to stay motivated and engaged during their time at college.

"I wouldn't have made it through college if it hadn't been for rodeo," Patterson said. "Doing what I most loved in the world kept me going. The challenging part of rodeo is that your winning percentage can be pretty small, and the big successes can be few and far between, but you can't let your last low get in the way of your next high."

Since taking over the program, Patterson continues to find ways to improve the returning

team members and recruit the cream of the crop of high school students. With both returning and incoming students, Patterson says work ethic is the number one priority.

"Natural ability plays a part in a student's success, but the most important factor is willingness to work hard," he said. "I can't do enough to hold back a student determined to work his hardest, and I can't do enough to help a student who won't work."

Along with Patterson, Cooper Kanngiesser took a formal position as the Assistant Rodeo Coach at the college this fall after being a longtime volunteer.

Kanngiesser is a professional bull rider and has won the Dodge National Circuit Finals, runner up in the Championship Bull Riding, has gone to the National Finals Rodeo and won the Kansas High School Finals three times.

Kanngiesser is excited to join Rocky Patterson, head coach and three time World Champion Steer Roper.

"The program is already established so we can only make it better," Kanngiesser said. "Rocky and I have the same mentality. He's a great roper and I'm pretty good with rough stock. Hopefully together we can make this program even better than what it already is."

Students currently at PCC are excited to have the chance to work with two coaches.

"Who doesn't want to be coached by a world champ?," asked Noel Hernandez, sophomore team roper from Kinsley, Kan. "It's been a great learning experience under Rocky and Cooper coming on board was the icing on the cake."

PCC participates in the Central Plains Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association, which has both a fall and spring season, with a total of 10 rodeos. The fall season begins in September and the spring in February.



Rocky Patterson, Head Rodeo Coach



Cooper Kanngiesser, Assistant Head Rodeo Coach

Calling All Artists & Photographers 'Tis the Season for Giving'

Give the gift of art! The Pratt Community College Riney Art Gallery invites you to exhibit your artwork and photographs. We are giving PCC employees and students the opportunity to exhibit their artwork and/or photos in the Riney Art Gallery. We hope you will help us create a special exhibit and showcase the talent within these walls. Here are the guidelines:

- Artwork or photographs must be framed and ready to hang and at least 8 x 10 inches or larger.
- Artwork or photography must be created by a PCC student or employee. Up to three pieces can be submitted per person.
- Artwork or photographs must be delivered to the Riney Art Gallery on Friday, November 13 (between 9 am and 5 v) and picked up on December 18 in the Gallery (between 9 am and 5 pm).
- Artists/photographer's name, cell number and date of the work must be provided on the back of the piece.

The exhibit will be on display from November 16 through December 18. Hope you will let us showcase your talent and "give the gift of art" to the Pratt Community. 'Tis the Season for Giving!



Performing Arts Salutes Veterans



To recognize veterans for their service and to celebrate their day, the Pratt Community College Performing Arts Department is hosting a USO show on Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Back to the USO will feature music from 40s era and patriotic music. It will feature Choir, Encore, Solos and Kids' Choir.

"We started this last year and the students loved being able to recognize the veterans so decided to do it again this year," said Misty Beck, head of the Performing Arts Department.

The show will be held in Carpenter Auditorium. There will be a \$5 admittance fee with dessert at intermission.

Student Activities

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NOVEMBER

NOV 3

pizza with the president
8:30 novatny
9:15 north

NOV 17

poetry slam
7:30pm
library

NOV 5

Soccer Semifinals
Topeka, Kan
6:30pm

Hall Activities
sponsored by
RA's
9pm lobby
of your hall

NOV 19

NOV 7

BACK to the USO
7:30pm
Carpenter
Auditorium



ALL FULLTIME STUDENTS
ARE INVITED TO JOIN!

BRING YOUR PCC ID CARD

ACTIVITIES CAN BE FOUND
AT PRATTCC.EDU UNDER
QUICKLINKS

NOV 12

CASINO NIGHT
9pm uppercommons

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT
ACTIVITIES AND STUDENT
LIFE CALL BRAD
450-2120



