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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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Spring Enrollment

BEGINS OCTOBER 12

Spring 2022 Early Enrollment begins October 12 for returning and potential students! The Spring 2022 course catalog will be available online soon. Current student can get a jumpstart registering for classes by scheduling an appointment with their advisors.

See page 14 for the tuition and scholarship situation that best fits you.

Tech Day 2021

PCC encourages students to sign up for Tech Day 2021! Students and their families are invited to join and take part in our fall on-campus Tech Day Event. Come to learn more about the Technical Programs offered on the PCC campus!

Sessions will be organized in pathways of related interests to maximize student-to-professor interaction!

Learn about many of our unique programs, as well as obtain information about financial aid, student resources, and admissions requirements. Register today at prattcc.edu/techday

REGISTRATION GUARANTEED TO THE FIRST 50 INTERESTED STUDENTS.

WHEN: November 10th, 2021 from 9 AM - 1 PM

WHERE: Pratt Community College

See page 5 to learn more about Tech Day 2021!

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Early Spring Enrollment Begins	10/12
Current Student Advising Day (No Classes)	10/20
Performing Art Broadway Review	10/22-24
PCC Rodeo @ NWOSU	10/28-30
PCC Choir & Jazz Band Concert	10/31



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AGRICULTURE POWER TECHNOLOGY

Ag Power Partners with Local Businesses for Student Success



The Agriculture Technology program at PCC has a 100% job placement rate. Instructor Ralph Williams takes a lot of phone calls from dealerships looking for quality hires, and those calls led to relationships and regular partnerships with big-name businesses in the form of equipment use, internships and job placement in the Pratt County area and beyond.

KanEquip Pratt Manager Rodney Walker recently brought a new swather to the PCC campus, allowing Ag Power students an in-depth look at modern machinery, and a good test drive.

But first things first before getting behind the wheel, Williams explains.

“Everything comes with a price as they endured a lecture over features, emissions and design features built into the engine to meet tier 4 final regulations as applied to new engines. We touched on drive features of the tractor part and head for the unit. Then we got to drive.”

“The goal is to expose students to equipment serviced in ag dealerships as much as possible before the first internship. KanEquip Pratt

generously allowed us to use a new round baler in the Fall of 2020 which paired well with our old but operable swather owned by Ag Power. This Fall, they had the new swather available and let us break it in. Manager Rodney Walker and crew are quite helpful toward Ag and Ag Power.”

KanEquip employs a PCC Ag Power graduate at their Ottawa location, and a freshman intern at the Pratt location. Several other dealerships in the Pratt area are on board with contributing to diesel tech training as well.

“**Kincheloe’s** and **BTI** are helpful with equipment as well, loaning equipment as they can. Kincheloe’s have an alumnus from some years back as a technician and have allowed internships. BTI has an alumnus from Ag Power employed for over 10 years. **Morgan Diesel** has a current sophomore as an intern and cooperate with the loan of an irrigation engine with electronic controls. Morgan Diesel is part of our Advisory Board along with Richard Dugan, corporate recruiter for KanEquip. Volunteer member is Mark Fincham, **Heartland Family Farms** with valuable input from the ag dealer consumer view-point.”

AG Continued..

Ag Power Technology

Ag Power students involved in operating the new swather from KanEquip were:

James Kiley, Sammuel Lee, Cade McCracken, Destinee Mckenzie, Garet Robertson, and Peyton Westerman (not pictured, Kenny McCartney). Some had swather experience, some hadn't operated such a machine before.



Ag instructor Barrett Smith was also present, supervising test-drives and educating students over the functionality of specific equipment as it applies to field work. He views program partnerships as a benefit to the students and dealerships.

"This gives KanEquip the opportunity to interact with students in Ag Power and Agriculture by finding students that might fit them, and it helps with KanEquip being on the advisory council to give pointers to students and help with ideas/issues in the field."

Other industry businesses the PCC Ag Power program has partnered with in the form of equipment use, internships and job placements include **Prairieland Partners, Foley Caterpillar, Bumper to Bumper, Kansas Department of Transportation, Carrico Implement, The Wrays LLC, Berry Companies, Andale Construction, New Holland, Case IH, Agco, American Implement** and more.

Learn more about the Ag Power Program at PCC: <http://prattcc.edu/department/agriculture-power-technology>



Ralph Williams
Ag Power Instructor
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PCC Agriculture

Skyline FFA Students Tour Our Agriculture Program

We have instructors at PCC with decades of experience and strong connections with businesses in their industries. They love to talk shop and shoot you straight about the job skills and training you'll need, the paths you can take, and the money you can make. Employers stay in regular contact with them looking for quality hires.

Skyline High School FFA recently toured with us and gave us a shout-out on Facebook!

"Thanks to Pratt Community College and Skyland Grain for hosting Skyline FFA members. Students toured the PCC Applied Tech programs. Students learned about Welding, Animal Science, Agronomy, Ag Business, Ag Power, Crop Application Certificate Program, and Wildlife Outfitting & Operations (WOO). This tour provided students with opportunities to learn about different careers and opportunities in Agriculture."

Curious about all of the different paths of study in the Agriculture Department at PCC? Visit our website to learn more and sign up for a tour: www.prattcc.edu/tour





PRATT CC TECH DAY

November 10, 2021 | 9:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.

**LEARN ABOUT MANY OF PCC'S UNIQUE TECHNICAL PROGRAMS.
REGISTRATION GUARANTEED TO THE FIRST 50 INTERESTED STUDENTS.**

EXPERIENCE THESE PROGRAMS:

Agriculture
Agriculture Power Technology (Diesel Mechanics)
Automotive Technology
Business & Accounting
Electrical Power Technology (Linemen)
Information Network Technology

Modern Distribution Sales & Management
Nursing & Allied Health
Welding Technology
Wildlife Outfitting & Operations

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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

**For more information, email
pccadmissions@prattcc.edu
or call 620-450-2194**

**Be entered to win a \$500 PCC tuition scholarship & Beaver gear!
Register at prattcc.edu/techday**

**Social distancing and limited capacity will be observed.
Masks are required by everyone.**

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BARTON

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Pratt Community College Announces Formation of Partnership with Barton Community College for ADN Nursing Program

During the quarterly board meeting with the Kansas State Board of Nursing (KBSN), a proposal for Pratt Community College (PCC) to partner with Barton Community College (BCC) for the delivery of the Associate Degree of Nursing (ADN) program on the Pratt Community College campus was approved.

PCC has continuously offered the Pre-Nursing and Practical Nursing (PN-LPN) programs on campus, along with the CNA, CMA and Home Health programs in Allied Health without interruption, but the conditional facilitation of the ADN program was discontinued in June 2021.

Pratt Community College president Dr. Michael Calvert is pleased the partnership between PCC and Barton will restore the ADN curriculum back to the Pratt County area.

"We are grateful the State Board saw the need for the ADN training in our area, and we are grateful Barton Community College is willing to partner with us in that endeavor. We are also able to offer a mutual benefit for students that may wish to continue their training in Barton Community College programs upon completing their training at Pratt Community College."

Barton will now seek final approval from the Accreditation Commission for Nursing Education (ACEN) before implementing the ADN program at Pratt Community College, expected to begin for the Fall 2022 semester.

Barton Community College Vice-President of Instruction Elaine Simmons appreciates the opportunity to expand education and training services in healthcare.

"Partnerships are an essential ingredient to higher education operations and provide an opportunity to expand education and training service to communities, employers and students. Barton looks forward to extending its Associate Degree in Nursing (RN) program in the Pratt and surrounding community area. We appreciate the collaboration with Pratt Community College and the support extended from the healthcare industry. We celebrate the recent approval received from the Kansas State Board of Nursing to offer the program and look forward to a similar outcome with the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) as we seek program accreditation."

The KBSN also approved a hybrid learning format for the LPN program at Pratt Community College for the Fall 2022 school year. This allows Pratt Community College to extend access to the program by delivering live lectures via Zoom to students unable to travel to the Pratt area. Clinicals for LPN students can be completed on campus at PCC, or at an approved health care facility near the student's location.

In order to meet the market and environmental demands of years past, PCC has participated in successful program partnerships across multiple locations in the state of Kansas, and established the technology needed for quality hybrid delivery practices in a variety of programs.

PCC is proud to continue moving forward in a partnership with Barton Community College to help meet the increasing and urgent demands for qualified healthcare professionals in Kansas.

More information about applying to the ADN Program is coming soon!
Visit prattcc.edu/nursing for additional information about PCC Nursing.



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HOG ROAST

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OCTOBER 9

AMERICAN LEGION POST 86 7PM
DINNER RAFFLE AUCTION

FREE DINNER

\$20/5 RAFFLE TICKETS

\$5/1 RAFFLE TICKET

HOSTED BY:

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WRESTLING**



RSVP: KEN KEPLEY

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SILENT AUCTION

STARTING BID - \$200.00

WATERFOWL HUNT

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GEESE AND/OR DUCKS

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DUCK STAMP.

2 DAY HUNT

PROVIDED BY JAY SWEET

SILENT AUCTION

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ARCHERY WHITETAIL HUNT

DODGE CITY, KANSAS

2 DAY HUNT

INDIVIDUAL WILL PROVIDE ALL TAGS

& LICENSES REQUIRED BY KDWP

(MEALS & LODGING NOT PROVIDED)

PROVIDED BY JAY SWEET

STAFF SENATE

PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

STUDENT, FACULTY, & STAFF

WELCOME BACK COOKOUT



PCC's Staff Senate hosted a Courtyard Cookout for students, faculty and staff. A beautiful afternoon packed with food, games, and giveaways kicked off another great semester. PCC President Dr. Calvert manned the grill. Staff Senate partnered with Great Western Dining and PCC Student Services.

Great
Western
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Service, Inc.

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AND PCC STUDENT SERVICES**





Krystal Eck

ASSISTANT TO THE
DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL

PCC Staff Spotlight

Staff Senate is launching a new initiative through which the PCC employees and members of the community can get to know our staff better. Staff Senate hopes that this spotlight will help us get to know one another better and feel even more connected as a community.

What is your name, what is your role/position at PCC, and how long have you worked here?

My name is Krystal Eck, I'm the Assistant to the Director of Personnel, I started working at PCC August 26th, 2019. I'm starting my third school year at PCC!

What project, responsibility, and/or aspect of your position do you enjoy the most?

I really enjoy doing the paperwork for student workers, because that's the only encounter I get to have with them. So it's fun to get to meet some of the students here at PCC and get to see them around campus working. I also really enjoy the advertising for job opportunities at the college and getting to process paperwork for applicants and new hires.

What do you consider your biggest accomplishment to date?

My biggest and greatest accomplishment is becoming a mom. It's the hardest and most rewarding thing I've ever done! My little boy brings so much joy in my life!

Before joining the PCC community, what was the most unusual or interesting job/ position you had ever held?

I haven't really had any "unusual" jobs, but before working at the College, I worked at Pratt Family Practice as a receptionist and in medical records. I also worked at the Club D'est in Pratt and had worked at the business for about 11 years. The owners are great and make it feel like family!

What is an interesting fact about yourself that you believe your fellow staff members would either not already know and/or would be surprised to learn?

I'm the youngest of six kids in my family.

What do you do or are involved in for fun/ relaxation outside of the PCC community?

I enjoy spending time with my little boy, family, and friends. I enjoy lifting weights, being outside, hiking, shooting targets, and swimming.

Do you have a motto, personal mantra, or favorite/ influential quote to share... Why is that important to you?

"The most beautiful things in life are not things. They're people, places, memories, and pictures. They're feelings and moments, and smiles, and laughter"





PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE BEAVER BITES

PCC's Beaver Bites Cafe is owned and operated on campus at Pratt Community College inside Dennis Lesh Arena, at the Benson Education Center.

Students train early in the semester to run Beaver Bites, under the direction of James Lemon. Along with several prepared menu items for breakfast, lunch and game day concession items, there are grab-and-go options as well. Be sure and stop in and provide your support!

Hours:

Monday thru Friday

9am-2pm

6:30pm-11pm (during semester)

Call ahead to place order at 620-450-2555.

*Hours and operations subject to change based on season.

The Beaver Bites Cafe is currently open to the public. Please be advised that masks and social distancing practices are required on the PCC campus, effective August 9, 2021 until further notice. View the [Coronavirus section of our website](#) for the latest information.



James Lemon
Beaver Bites Manager



PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BEAVER BITES

FULL MENU

BEAVER BITES HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY

9AM - 2PM

*Hours subject to change based on season

BREAKFAST (UNTIL 10:30AM)

Breakfast Sandwich	\$4.00	Add Ons	
Breakfast Croissant	\$4.00	Cheese	\$0.50
Pancakes (2)	\$4.00	Chili	\$0.50
Pancakes/Sausage	\$6.00	Bacon	\$1.00
Ham/Cheese Omelet	\$4.00	Egg	\$1.00
Deluxe Omelet	\$5.00	Jalapenos	\$0.50
Breakfast Burrito	\$4.00	Mushrooms	\$0.50
Breakfast Bowl	\$5.00	Salsa	\$0.50
Scrambled Eggs/Bacon	\$4.00		
Biscuits and Gravy	\$4.00		
Toast	\$1.00		

**ORDER ANY
COMBO AND
UPSIZE YOUR
DRINK FOR
.25 CENTS!**

LUNCH

SANDWICHES

Ham and Cheese	\$4.00
Turkey and Cheese	\$4.00
Grilled Chicken	\$4.00
Grilled Chicken/Bacon	\$5.00
BLT	\$5.00
Crispy Chicken Sandwich	\$4.00
Grilled Cheese	\$3.00
Chicken Salad Sandwich	\$4.00
Combo (Fries/Med. Drink)	\$1.50

WRAPS

Chicken (Fried/Grilled)	\$5.00
Ham and Cheese	\$5.00
Turkey and Cheese	\$5.00
Southwest Chicken	\$5.00
Southwest Turkey	\$5.00
(Cold Wraps)	\$3.50
(Wraps come with your choice of Ranch, Mayo, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion and Pickle)	
Combo (Fries/Med. Drink)	\$1.50

QUESADILLAS

Cheese	\$3.00
Chicken/Cheese	\$4.00
Deluxe (Pepper, Onion, Tomato)	\$5.00

CHEESEBURGERS

Regular	\$5.00
Jalapeno Cheeseburger	\$6.00
Bacon Cheeseburger	\$6.00
Double Cheeseburger	\$7.00
Combo (Fries/Med. Drink)	\$1.50

HOT DOG

Plain Hot Dog	\$3.00
Chili Cheese Dog	\$4.00
Combo (Fries/Med. Drink)	\$1.50

CHICKEN STRIPS (3)

CHICKEN STRIP COMBO	\$6.00
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(Comes with fries and a medium drink)

Sauces: Ranch, BBQ, Honey Mustard

SALADS

Chef Salad	\$4.00
Fried Chicken Salad	\$5.00
Grilled Chicken Salad	\$5.00
Side Salad	\$3.00

Dressings: Ranch, Italian, Blue Cheese, Dorothy Lynch, Honey Mustard

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BEAVER BITES HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9AM-2PM

*Hours subject to change based on season

CONCESSIONS

Soft Pretzel w/ Cheese	\$3.00
Chili Pie	\$3.00
Nachos	\$2.75
Fried Pickles	\$3.00
French Fries	\$2.50
Tater Tots	\$2.50
Small Popcorn	\$1.00
Large Popcorn	\$2.00
Popcorn Combo (Med. Drink)	\$3.00
Assorted Candy	\$1.00
Muffins	\$1.00

DRINKS

Small Soft Drink/Tea	\$1.00
Large Soft Drink/Tea	\$1.25
Bottled Water	\$1.25
Bottled Juice	\$2.00
Coffee (K Cup)	\$1.00
Cappuccino	\$2.00
Hot Chocolate	\$2.00
Powerade	\$2.00
Monster Energy Drinks	\$2.50
Ice Coffee	\$2.00
Bottled Sweet Tea	\$2.00

New!

ICE CREAM (ASSORTED PRICING)

Fresh Fruit (when available)	\$1.00
Yogurt	\$0.75

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BEAVER BITES



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SPRING 2022

REDUCED TUITION!

KANSAS 2021 SENIORS

\$91

Kansas 2021 Graduating Seniors & All Kansas High School Students*

Tuition \$63 Fees \$28 Total \$91

KANSAS RESIDENTS

\$119

All Kansas Residents

Tuition \$66 Fees \$53 Total \$119

NON-KANSAS RESIDENTS

\$132

All Out of State Residents
Excludes International**

Tuition \$79 Fees \$53 Total \$132

An additional fee is required for non-Pratt County residents for each semester in attendance if enrolled in 12+ credit hours.

*High School Students must be a Sophomore, Junior, or Senior during the 2021-2022 Academic Year.

**International Students: Tuition \$100, Fee \$53, plus \$150 special fee per semester if enrolled in 12+ credit hours.

Spring Classes Begin January 12

EARN AS YOU LEARN SCHOLARSHIP

- HS sophomores, juniors & seniors can earn college tuition awards from PCC
- EAYL scholarship is awarded for every A or B earned in a College Start Class (up to 9 cr hrs)
- EAYL scholarship can be used for fall, spring or summer upon HS graduation

prattcc.edu/EAYL

APPLY FOR FALL SCHOLARSHIPS

The 2021-2022 Scholarship Application is Now Available.

- Academic, Athletic & Activity Scholarships
- Tuition & Books Scholarships
- Veteran Scholarships
- County, In-State & Honors Scholarships

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- Transferable credits
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GO BEAVER SPORTS



Women's Flag Football Comes to Beaver Nation

Pratt Community College was recently notified by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) that it has been awarded a \$10,000 grant towards establishing Women's Flag Football as a competitive sport. The grant is part of a major initiative sponsored by the National Football League (NFL) in promoting Women's Flag Football. The NJCAA has identified women's flag football as an "emerging sport" and is encouraging community colleges to consider adding the program.

At the board of trustees meeting on Monday, September 20th the trustees officially approved the addition of Women's Flag Football for the 2022-23 school year.

"PCC is always looking at adding unique opportunities for students to enroll, such as E-Sports, Rodeo, Shooting Sports and now Women's Flag Football," PCC President Dr. Calvert added. "The research also supports that students involved in activities or sports tend to be more successful students and anything we can do to further enhance student success, we will strongly consider".

Pratt Community College athletic director Tim Swartzendruber is firm in his belief that the addition of women's flag football can only be a net positive for the institution.

"This is very exciting for Pratt Community College! We are one of a select few to receive this grant and offering this up and coming sport," said Swartzendruber. "I believe we can set ourselves apart by offering this innovative program and certainly look forward to the first ever Women's Flag Football games at the new Track and Soccer Complex."

The plans moving forward are to post the head coach position in the next few weeks and have someone hired in December with that individual starting January 1st. The official season for women's flag football will begin in March of 2023.



Beaver Tennis

Beaver Tennis Finishes Fall Season

It was a beautiful spring day, on April 27th when it was announced that tennis was coming back to Beaver Nation. A few weeks later, the hiring of Head Coach Jeret Johnson was announced and recruitment was underway. Everyone on campus was filled with excitement in August when they meet the twelve new men who would fill the first tennis roster in years.

Over the last month, that excitement has been played out all over the state of Kansas and Oklahoma. The team kicked off their season on September 5th with exhibition matches against Cowley College and Southwestern College in Winfield, KS. The Beavers went 1-1 on the day beating Southwestern College 4-3 and losing to Cowley College 0-7.

The first official tournament of the fall came on September 11th at the Bethany College Invitational in Lindsborg, KS.

In Draw A singles, freshman David Arrieta had a bye in round one and went on to lose in the 2nd round, but finished 6th overall in the bracket. In the bottom half of the bracket, freshman Dante Despontin started out with a bye, but competed all the way to the final round and finished 2nd overall. He defeated two players from Iowa Central on the day.

In Draw B singles, the Beavers had lots of success with both freshman Maxime Guyon and Vitor Goncalves playing their way into the final round. The final match was called off due to the heat and it being between two Beaver athletes. Guyon had a bye in the first round and then went on to defeat a player from Bethany College and Iowa Central on his way to the finals. Goncalves had a bye in the first round as well and went on to defeat a player from Doane University and Iowa Central. The final player from Pratt in Draw B was freshman Oleksandr Makarov who was defeated in the second round after having a bye in the first.

In Draw C singles, freshman Auron Hoyer lost in the semi-finals after defeating a player from Doane University in the second round. Both freshman Vinicious Costa and Andile Sibanda lost in the second round and fought their way in the 5th place match. The match was not played due to both players being from Pratt.

In Draw D singles, the Beavers repeated their success from earlier in the day with both freshman Antonio Mironovic and Nate Moore playing their way into the final match. Freshman Connor Fitzsimmons was also in this draw, but lost in the second round.

In Draw A doubles, two Pratt teams faced each other in the semi-finals. The team of Despontin/Moore faced Goncalves/Guyon with Goncalves/Guyon moving into the final round ultimately finishing 2nd. The third Pratt team in the bracket consisted of Hoyer/Mironovic who lost in the second round.



In Draw B doubles, the Beavers pick up their first doubles bracket W of the day. Freshman Makarov/Costa competed and won the Draw B champions. They knocked off teams from Tabor College and Iowa Central on their way to the championship. The second doubles team in the bracket was Fitzsimmons/Sibanda who were defeated in the second round.

Over the weekend of September 17th, the tennis team traveled to Oklahoma City to take part in the OKC Collegiate Invite. The team faced competition from both community colleges and universities all over the Midwest region.

In the consolation round of Flight #2 freshman Guyon advanced to the semifinal round eventually losing to a player from Texas A&M University-Texarkana. In Flight #3 Goncalves advanced to the quarterfinal round losing to the #1 seed of the bracket from Seward County Community College. In the final flight of singles action both Moore and Mironovic advanced to the quarterfinal round both losing their matches to schools in Kansas.

In the consolation round of Flight #1 doubles the team of Despontin and Moore played their way into the semifinals and eventually lost to a team from Texas A&M University-Texarkana. In the consolation round of Flight #2 both the teams of Goncalves/Guyon and Arrieta/Mironovic played into the semi-final round. In the final round of doubles the team of Costa/Hoyer played their way into the final consolation matchup and lost to a team from the host school Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

The Beavers finished up the fall season this past weekend at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Regional Championships held in Arkansas City, KS. The tournament consisted of one flight for singles and one for doubles. The doubles team of Despontin and Arrieta played their way back and won in the consolation bracket.

In the singles flight Arrieta made into the round of 16 eventually losing to the #6 seed from Seward County Community College. Despontin played his way back into the semifinals of the consolation bracket losing to a player from Iowa Central. In the doubles flight Guyon/Goncalves made into the quarterfinals and were beaten by the #2 seeded team from Cowley College.

"This fall has been exciting and tough. The young squad got their first taste of college tennis, and they are hungry to get out and compete in the spring," said Head Coach Jeret Johnson. "We have the tools and mind set to do something special this year."

The team will take the next couple of months to prepare for the start of their spring season. The Beavers will open their season at home on Saturday, February 19th taking on Tabor College. Matches will begin at 11:00 am that morning. To stay up-to date on the tennis team please visit www.gobeaversports.com and like us on social media.

SPORTS CONTINUED..

PCC Cross Country

Cross Country in Arkansas this Weekend

The Beaver cross-country team will be traveling to Fayetteville, Arkansas this weekend to participate in the Chile Pepper Cross Country Festival. The races will be taking place on the afternoon of Friday, October 1st at the University of Arkansas Experimental Farm. The Women's Collegiate Prairie Fire Pepper 5K will start at 3:45 pm with the Men's Collegiate Prairie Fire Pepper 8K taking place at 4:15 pm. The team will be competing against over 50 teams from all across the Midwest region.

The last time out for the Beavers took them to Lincoln, NE for the Woody Greeno/Jay Dirkson Invitational on Saturday, September 18th. The men's team finished 11th overall in the gold division that included 17 teams. The men ran an 8K and the women ran a 5K.

Freshman Ashley Snyder was the only female runner for the Beavers and finished the race with a time of 25:41.5. Leading the men's team was sophomore Zach McPhee who broke the 8K school record with a time of 25:32.7. The rest of the men's team finished as follows:

Aron Tanui: 26:24.7

Collin Turley: 27:51.1

Raul Orozco: 30:48.2

Sebastian Gilbreath: 31:39.8

"Overall as a team we struggled in the later parts of the race, but showed promise that we are a top-20 team nationally," said Head Coach Joel Pearson. "We are very much looking forward to Chile Pepper! Arkansas puts on one of the best cross country meets in the country."

Stay tuned to www.gobeaversports.com and social media to stay up-to-date on Beaver cross country results.



#DEFENDTHEDAM



PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

RODEO



CENTRAL PLAINS REGION NIRA RODEO SCHEDULE 2021-2022

2021

COLBY
SEOSU
OSU
NWOSU

SEPT. 17, 18, 19
SEPT. 30, OCT. 1, 2
OCT. 7, 8, 9
OCT. 28, 29, 30

2022

KSTATE
FSCC
GCCC
SWOKSU
FHSU
OPSU

FEB. 18, 19, 20
MARCH 11, 12, 13
APRIL 1, 2, 3
APRIL 7, 8, 9
APRIL 15, 16, 17
APRIL 28, 29, 30



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- **Cashier/Bookkeeper**
- **Computer Specialist (Server Ops)**
- **Computer Specialist (Software Support)**
- **Nursing & Allied Health Secretary**
- **Adjunct Instructor - Practical Nursing (PN) Program**
- **Clinical Adjunct Instructors - Allied Health**
- **Document Management Specialist**
- **Director of Students & Residence Life**
- **Assistant Director of Admissions**
- **Nursing Department & Allied Health Secretary**
- **Office Assistant – Student Services (2 position)**
- **Assistant Women’s Basketball Coach /Residential Supervisor**
- **Assistant Athletic Trainer**
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Student Life helps PCC Students Get to Know Their Roommates Better

“Who is more submissive? Who is more likely to fall in a hole by not looking?” Students got to test their knowledge of their besties or roommates during Student Life’s Roommate Quiz night at PCC. The questions get crazy and laughter gets crazier! Another fun way for students to enjoy time together at PCC.

Assistant Director of Residence Life, Brad Luthe took charge of this event, in the hopes that students would better connect their roommates.

“It feels awesome to bring back the atmosphere that was so limited a year ago! As we continue to learn how to manage student life events in these trying times, We look forward and are excited for the many more memories we get to help create.”

Here what the students had to say!

“It was nice to see everyone laugh and enjoy their night together. Also, it was hilarious, everyone’s laugh was contagious and it was nice to see everyone enjoying themselves.” - PCC Student, Jasmine Levario

“The best friend quiz was very fun, I’ve known my partner for a while but some questions really made me think about my partner and others just made me laugh and instantly put a card up. It was a fun time and i really enjoyed it!” - Shelby Cunningham.

See next page for the calendar for upcoming activities!

Brad Luthe

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October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				BEAVER FEVER WEEK OCT 24th – 31st		2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		DOOR DECORATING CONTEST Doors will be Judged on the 29th	PCC Volleyball VS. Colby Beaver Dome 6:30PM	Oct 6th PCC Soccer Womens/Mens VS. Southeast CC PCC Soccer Field 5PM/7PM		PCC Womens Soccer VS. Highland CC PCC Soccer Field 3PM
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	No Classes EARLY Spring ENROLLMENT BEGINS	Scary Movie Night Woj Hall Lobby 9PM 	PCC Volleyball VS. Butler Beaver Dome 6:30PM			Pratt County Jamboree Beaver Dome 8AM
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Wiffleball and Snow Cones Beaver Dome 8:30-10:30 	No Classes Current Student ADVISING & ENROLLMENT DAY	Oct 20th Sophomore Day PCC Soccer Womens/Mens VS. Hesston PCC Soccer Field 5PM/7PM	DOOR DECORATING CONTEST Performing Arts Presents "Broadway Review"	PCC Volleyball VS. Hutch Beaver Dome 2PM
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Performing Arts Presents "Broadway Review"	PCC Volleyball VS. Barton Beaver Dome 6:30PM	Water Pong Tournament Commons 8:45PM Sign-up 9PM Start 	Mask Painting Cafe 9PM 	Late Night in the Lesh PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Pratt After Dark	Sophomore Day PCC Volleyball VS. Friends JV VS. Labette Beaver Dome 2PM/6:30PM
31	Community Event: Oct 2nd – Big Rig Truck Show Find them on facebook @hotcoldtruckshow					

Performing Arts Presents
"Broadway Review" October 22nd & 23rd @ 7:30/October 24th @ 2:30PM in The Auditorium
"Choir and Jazz Concert" – October 31st @ 2:30PM in The Auditorium

Oct 29th
Pratt After Dark: Halloween Games
Pumpkin Carving/Painting Commons - 9PM to Midnight

MENTAL HEALTH MINUTE



Breaking Down Mental Wellness: The Five Major Types

As you may recall from last month's mental health minute, I touched briefly on mental wellness – an area we often neglect because we get hyper-focused on illness. I left it open to continue in this month's minute by talking about the five major types of mental wellness or well-being since the topic as a whole is rather broad.

Physical wellness is the most obvious type and the one that many people take care of -or attempt to- easily or readily. Simply stated, it is our ability to improve our body's functioning through healthy living, good exercise habits, etc. That being said, the best way to improve this area when it is lacking is to get plenty of healthy and nutritious foods, drink plenty of water, get plenty of rest, and be active.

Workplace well-being is one that many may not include in a list like this, but it is one that will affect the vast majority of people. This area is not meant to be solely based on how we make due at our workplace. It is our ability to actively pursue our interests, our values, and even our life purpose. All of this helps us get to a place of gaining personal meaning within a profession, happiness while at work, and finding professional enrichment. This is a tricky area as a lot of people simply work because they have to. This does not mean that we cannot work toward this enrichment. It just means that we have to dig deeper and find that meaning within the job we are doing. The days will not always be happy. For example, one of my cousins knew at the age of five that he was going to be an optometrist and that is what he is now. He loves what he does; but there are days it is not always easy. It is how much he invests in his interest area and his happiness for the field that keeps his workplace wellness high. Those bad days rarely -if ever- affect his mindset in this area of well-being.

Another major type is known as societal well-being. It is an area that many people may not even know exists within the

topic of wellness. This is our ability to participate in a fulfilling community, culture, and even within the environment around us. I will admit that this is one area I do not have know much more about or even how we can work toward it. However, I am happy to do research and find information for anyone who would like to know more.

A major type that many of our students will recognize easily is our social well-being. It is our ability to communicate, to develop relationships with others that are filled with meaning and purpose, as well as finding and maintaining a support network that helps us when we are struggling. Social wellness extends to our family, our friends, our colleagues, and out into our communities. That is why it is important to encourage our first-year students who are away from home to get involved and find "their people." This area is one that when I see someone for depression, for instance, is lacking heavily. Often times, they find they have no support system or feel like they do not have anyone in their corner.

The final major type that I find the most difficult to work on is emotional well-being. This area is more than just us having "healthy" emotions. It goes well above and beyond that general of a mindset by including our ability to practice stress management, relaxation techniques that work for us, how we handle resilience, boost our love of self, AND how we can dig down and find emotions that help us get to those "healthy" or "good" feelings. For example, we all get stressed out by work or classes. It is how each of us handles that stress that allows our emotional well-being to be impacted. I will, without a doubt, let anyone know that depending on the kind of stress I am experiencing, I do not always handle it well – instead, I allow it to handle me. Thanks to graduate school and one professor in particular, I have a whole list of relaxation techniques that I use depending on what kind of stress is impacting me. I also have my own self-care toolkit available when my emotional side is struggling to keep up with life.

Our overall wellness can be built up from a low level. We just need to work on each of the areas. Even a small amount of well-being in one area can help place the next brick in the building process. For the next five months, I will break each of these areas down a bit more and provide ways that we can all work to build them up and be well.



Amanda Wade
Licensed Professional Counselor

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PCC SCIENCE



You never know what you'll find inside a science lab on campus at Pratt Community College.



PCC Biology instructor and bacteria knowledge-connoisseur Jason Ghumm likes to keep it interesting and memorable for his students.

"We did a section over biotechnology with a subset of food microbiology. These are about how we use microbes to make products for consumption, industrial use, etc. We usually do a genetic engineering lab and make bacteria glow in the dark, but I wanted to try something different."

An excellent way to use microbes in making products for consumption in a Biology lab?
Making cheese!

Yes, cheese you can eat within about a half hour's simple processing time with little fuss.

The ingredients used: whole milk, whipping cream, citric acid and rennet, a clear-liquid enzyme that acts upon proteins in milk. The first ingredients were added to beakers and heated to certain temperatures over a certain period of time before adding rennet in the final stage, to slowly curdle and separate the mixture into "cheese".

After reaching a soft state that resembles ricotta cheese, the mixture is poured through a cheese cloth to drain off the liquid.

And voila', you can spread the finished product onto a cracker and eat it.

There were mixed reactions and varied willingness about digging in to sample the cheese. Mr. Ghumm jumped right in and described it as warm, buttery and creamy.

"All of the students were nervous about trying their cheese, but each said it was better than they thought it would be. Each ate multiple crackers with cheese."

Ghumm shared that this is the same technique large cheese-producers use to make large batches of their product, with varied ingredients for different flavors and textures.



Jason Ghumm
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The Kansas Art Guild

The Kansas Art Guild was formed in 1977 to support local creatives and offer a community where artists could meet and share ideas.

Artists from all experience levels continue to meet once a month to learn from one another, as well as other well-renowned artists through critique and demonstrations. Guild members exhibit their artwork throughout the year in Kansas venues to display the work of their artists and share in the recognition.

Pratt Community College is proud to feature a Kansas Art Guild exhibit on campus in the Delmar Riney Art Gallery through November 18, 2021.

The art gallery is open during business hours from 9 am to 5 pm or by arrangement.

Please stop by to support the work of Kansas artists. Most of art is available for purchase and some artists are also available for commission.

Visit the Kansas Art Guild website for more information on the Guild, or individual artists.

<https://kansasartguild.com/>



PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE CELEBRATE DIVERSITY TEAM

Global Diversity Awareness Month

This October, celebrate Global Diversity Awareness Month and pay tribute to the diverse minds and beliefs held by all cultures around the world. We live in a multicultural society and embracing the values of various cultures only strengthens our understanding and appreciation of the world. Open your mind to new views and ideas, appreciate cultural differences, and enjoy a fresh perspective you may have been missing. It helps you become a true citizen of the world.

HISTORY OF GLOBAL DIVERSITY AWARENESS MONTH

After the Second World War, The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at the Palais de Chaillot, in Paris. The Declaration represents the first global expression of rights to which all human beings are inherently entitled. It is essentially an acknowledgment that we should remember and understand the value of each human being, regardless of their nationality, color, race, sex, gender, country of origin, language, or otherwise.

As the world becomes more and more connected and globalized, it's important to remember that a 'global monoculture', or a homogenization of cultures, kills off traditional cultures and unique traits of people. Embracing cultural diversity – in all aspects of life – is the answer to avoiding a global monoculture. The phrase 'cultural diversity' can also refer to having different cultures respect each other's differences.

Although its origins are difficult to trace, Global Diversity Awareness Month represents the perfect opportunity for you to learn more about new cultures, and explore some of the diversity that makes the world such a wonderful place.

HOW TO CELEBRATE:

1. Connect with people

Make a friend on the other side of the world - Modern technology allows us to learn almost anything we want to learn about people's lives through social media, and other online channels.

2. Learn about another culture

If you can't experience the 'real thing' through travel or another person, indulge in listening to international music, or watching international movies ('Nollywood', or Nigeria's film industry, produces approximately 50 new movies per week).

3. Make an effort to stay informed.

Keeping up with global happenings and events may be emotionally tragic at times, but it can also be extremely informative in daily life, as we are all connected in one form or another.

Source Cited: Global Diversity Awareness Month – October 2021, National Today, nationaltoday.com/global-diversity-awareness-month/.



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CELEBRATE DIVERSITY TEAM

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VALUE | CULTURE

Contact Lisa Perez-Miller at lisam@prattcc.edu for more information.

COVID-19 VACCINE INCENTIVE FOR 2021-2022 ACADEMIC YEAR

Pratt Community College will offer the following incentive to students who elect to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and who are fully COVID-19 vaccinated. To receive the incentive, a student must be fully vaccinated* and provide proof of vaccination. Additional terms include:

\$250 FOR ANY NON-RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT

\$500 FOR ANY RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT

1. **Residence hall students** - A one-time \$500 incentive for any student enrolled and residing in a campus residence hall. Students living in a residence hall must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester, have paid deposit and completed contract on file.
2. **Non-residence hall students** - A one-time \$250 Incentive for any student, not residing in a campus residence hall. No credit hour limit is required.
3. All students who have been fully vaccinated and enrolled and attending in-person classes at any PCC location, including high school locations. **Note: For the purposes of this guidance, people are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 ≥ 2 weeks after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or ≥ 2 weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine.*
4. The one-time incentive is available throughout the 2021-2022 academic year; including summer 2021, fall 2021 and/or spring 2022 semesters.
5. Students receiving the incentive must be enrolled through 20th day of the semester. If fully vaccinated after the 20th day of the semester but prior to the last day of the semester, the incentive will be available upon receipt and processing of the vaccination documentation in the student's account on the PCC E-Central portal.
6. The incentive will be available to a student upon receipt of proof of COVID-19 vaccination and after the 20th day of the semester; documentation should be submitted through the student's account on the PCC E-Central portal.

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR 2021-2022



Effective August 9th and until further notice, all students, faculty, staff, and visitors, will be required to wear a mask in all PCC public spaces (commons gathering areas, hallways, facility lobbies (including residence halls), restrooms, switchboard/mailroom, entry ways, bookstore, cafeteria, Beaver Bites, Learning Resource Center, Carpenter Auditorium and Dennis Lesh Arena), *regardless of vaccination status.*

In other designated spaces (classrooms, meeting rooms, private offices, residence hall rooms), where physical/social distancing *can and is* practiced, masks are recommended, but not required unless determined by a college staff, faculty, or administrator. If physical/social distancing *cannot or is not* practiced, a mask is required regardless of your vaccination status. A mask is required in all college vehicles unless social distancing can occur. A mask can be required in a campus location if determined by a campus staff, faculty, or administrator deems it necessary due to specific circumstances.

Information is subject to change as the COVID situation continues to develop, read the latest updates on the Coronavirus section of our website: <http://prattcc.edu/coronavirus>

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
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UPLOADING VACCINE RECORDS IN E-CENTRAL



Proof of vaccination is required in order to verify *full vaccination status before receiving the vaccine incentive.

Students are able to submit vaccine records electronically on E-Central.

1. Locate the **COVID-19 Immunization form** in E-Central under **College Health**.
<https://etcentral.prattcc.edu/#/form/141>
2. You are required to attach a copy of your COVID-19 immunization record before you can submit the form.
3. If you are under the age of 18, you will receive a message that you must download the form and have a legal guardian provide a signature before submitting.
4. After submitting, the form is routed to PCC Health Nurse Leigh Ann Hall for review before it is placed in the student's record in E-Central content.
5. After the Health Nurse has reviewed and approved, the immunization information (vaccine brand, vaccine date, etc) is inserted into a database table for reporting purposes.
6. View the screenshot below for your reference.

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COVID-19 Immunization

Student ID: [Redacted] Student Name: [Redacted] Academic Year: --Select Year--

Date of Birth: [Redacted] Age: [Redacted]

Vaccine Brand: [Dropdown Menu] Date of Immunization: mm/dd/yyyy

[Dropdown Menu Options: Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson, Other]

...ines, I have taken all doses necessary to be considered fully vaccinated

...each copies of your COVID-19 Immunization records.

*For the purpose of this guidance, people are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 ≥ 2 weeks after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer - BioNTech or Moderna), or ≥ 2 weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine.

VIEW THE LATEST UPDATES AT
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COVID VACCINES AVAILABLE AT:

- **Dillons Pharmacy**
- **Walmart Pharmacy**
- **Gatlin Pharmacy**
- **Pratt Co Health Dept**

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COLLEGE PLANNING Conference

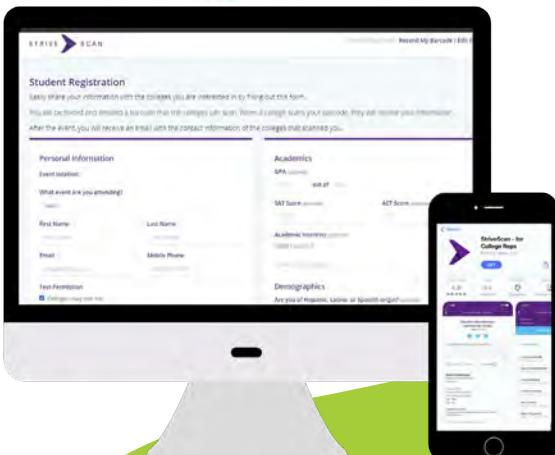
INFORMATION

- WHO:** High School Students
- WHEN:** October 11, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
- WHERE:** Pratt Community College
Dennis Lesh Sports Arena
- WHAT:** Visit with various colleges and universities to begin planning your college career!

Pre-register online at strivescan.com or through the StriveScan app. This registration provides a barcode that students should print and bring with them or we can scan using their phone.

Please use the west arena entrance and look for the welcome banner. We hope that your school will be able to attend and look forward to welcoming you to our campus.

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Social distancing and limited capacity will be observed. Mask are required by everyone.

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The Clery Act

The 2021 Clery Act Report is Now Available

The Clery Act requires colleges and universities that receive federal funding to disseminate a public annual security report (ASR) to employees and students every October 1st. This ASR must include statistics of campus crime for the preceding 3 calendar years, plus details about efforts taken to improve campus safety.



ASRs must also include policy statements regarding (but not limited to) crime reporting, campus facility security and access, law enforcement authority, incidence of alcohol and drug use, and the prevention of/response to sexual assault, domestic or dating violence, and stalking.

You can view the Pratt Community College 2021 Clery Act Report on our website: <http://prattcc.edu/about-pcc/annual-security-report>