



Pratt Community College

Monthly Newsletter

THE

The official newsletter of PCC

BEAVER

September 2021

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Maximum Student Learning

Individual & Workforce Development

High Quality Instruction & Service

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Welcome back, Beavers! We're so happy to see campus booming with excitement as students fill our classrooms, hallways, courts and fields again.

PCC Faculty and Staff have worked hard over the summer in preparation to make this 2021-2022 academic year a success. We look forward to seeing what this year will bring to our students and community!

At PCC, we honor each student's confidence as they begin to take their first steps towards their futures. Our Beavers have the power to learn and succeed, and our students are living proof of this as they achieve milestones in the classroom and activities. No matter what changes may come, we are proud of our Beaver Achievers!

"The best way to predict your future is to create it."
- Abraham Lincoln

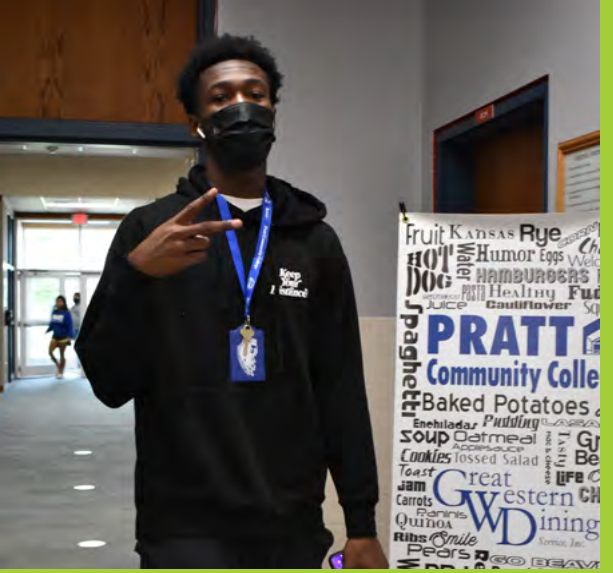
See page 2-3 for pictures of Move-In Day and the first day of classes!

Upcoming Dates

Labor Day (Campus Closed)	9/6
Budget Hearing	9/7
Certificate Date - Full Semester	9/15
PCC Rodeo @ Colby	9/17-19
Board of Trustees Meeting	9/20
Encore Showcase	9/26
PCC Rodeo @ SEOSU	9/30

WELCOME BACK *students!*







MEET THE 2021-2022 RA'S

What does it mean to be an RA? We have developed an acronym and themes around our mascot BEAVERS!

Building- the beginning of each academic year is about building and finding community, friendship, and a sense of belonging.

Engaged- it is important to get engaged on campus by joining a student organization or attending an activity.

Awareness- educate residents about the differences among people and social justice.

Virtuous- it is important to live your values, to do the right thing, and give back to others.

Education- teaching a new skill or subject can help develop residents' personal skills.

Resiliency- the residential life department wants to assist our residents in all of these changes and in becoming resilient through difficulties.

Send-Off- the end of the semester is here. For our communities it's about closure and our residents continuing friendships.

Continued..



Shelby Cunningham



Jazmin Levario



Jacob Mitchell



Adalynn Wells



Kenny McCartney



Christy Wiebe



Kawana Santos



Stephanie Kerst



Faith Bannister



Zachary McPhee



Jeweliauna Chambers



Nasan Ayala



Gina Olivas



Mark McDaid



Arthur Weston



Julian Ezkiwu



STUDENTS COMPLETE RA TRAINING

Residence Life department supervisors conducted training in conjunction with Pratt County officials and PCC Personnel to prepare RA's for their responsibilities before students arrive on campus.

The week is spent enjoying "energizer" and team building activities and sharing meals together along with formal trainings.

Brian Atteberry from Pratt County EMS met with RA's at PCC for an important session on assessing medical situations and calling for help. He talked about First Aid, CPR, the Heimlich Maneuver, AED devices, EpiPens and other potential life-saving measures that can be used in an emergency while waiting for help to arrive. He also talked about EMS procedures and how they help patients when they arrive on a scene.

The RA training schedule is full of important sessions such as:

CPR

ALICE Training (active shooter)

Personality Assessments

Conflict Management

Fire Safety and Extinguisher Training

Bloodborne Pathogens and Student Health

Emergency Procedures

Who To Call/Support Services

Social Issues

Campus Resources

Pratt County Fire also met with students for a training session. Safety is our number one priority!



PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MASK REQUIREMENT

EFFECTIVE AUGUST 9, 2021

To support our number one priority, the health and safety of College stakeholders, followed by keeping classes, operations, and extra-curricular activities in-person for 2021-2022, the College is taking proactive steps to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and the Delta variant.

Effective August 9th, 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.

The following exceptions apply: while participating in activities in which a mask cannot be worn or would prohibit respiratory function (eating, drinking, playing sports), students in their private residence hall room, residence hall suite restroom, individuals with a recognized disability who have approved accommodations with the Student Success Center.

The College strongly encourages everyone to get vaccinated as this remains our strongest defense against community transmission and spread. Vaccines are free to everyone and available locally at Wal-Mart, Dillon's, and the Pratt County Health Department. The College will also be hosting vaccination clinics on campus through the College Health Office, dates and times to be announced. Additional COVID-19 protocols and guidelines are being finalized and will be announced next week.

Approved by Cabinet, August 5, 2021

Visit the Coronavirus section of our website for regular updates, as the ongoing COVID pandemic continues to evolve and information is subject to change.

<http://prattcc.edu/coronavirus>

2021-2022

ATHLETIC GUIDELINES



Effective August 9, 2021

Pratt Community College is committed to providing a safe environment for students, athletes, and spectators. Effective August 9, 2021 and until further notice, the guidelines below will be used to provide a positive experience for each of the groups.

Indoor Events (Volleyball, Basketball, Wrestling)

- 1) All persons attending an event will be asked to wear a face covering.
- 2) Social distancing is encouraged. Every other row of bleachers will be used.
- 3) Concessions will be available.

Outdoor Events (Baseball, Softball, Soccer, Track, Tennis)

- 1) Face coverings are recommended.
- 2) Social distancing is encouraged. Every other row of bleachers will be used.
- 3) Concessions will be available.

As always these recommendations could change with little notice due to evolving conditions.

Social Activities on Campus Help Students Settle In

Students stay busy from the minute they arrive on campus for Move-In Day, setting up their rooms and getting settled in with everything they need before classes start.

The Residence Life and Student Life departments at PCC do a lot to prepare for students to arrive, like handling paperwork, fielding calls about housing and making numerous arrangements, which can change with little notice.

They're also big, however, on one of the most important aspects of higher education: the overall college experience. Students often arrive unsure of how to go about meeting people and getting involved.

Numerous social activities are planned in advance to help all students do just that. There was a great turnout for the first week of activities, which included Kickball and Snow Cones at Green Sports Complex, Grocery Bingo, a Cornhole Tournament and Pratt After Dark, which includes an outdoor movie showing with games and prizes. Students are also encouraged to attend games to support Beaver Athletics teams.

There is plenty of opportunity to make friends and socialize on our close-knit campus community, and we are so proud of that! Welcome to PCC!

See next page for the calendar for upcoming activities!



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September 2021

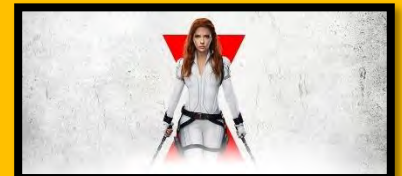
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
  		<p>Sept 1st</p> <p>PCC Womens Soccer VS. Bethany JV PCC Soccer Field 5PM</p> 	<p>1</p> <p>PCC Volleyball VS. Garden City Beaver Dome 6:30PM</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>PCC Cook-Out Lunch Hosted by Staff Senate</p> 	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>Sept 6th</p> <p>PCC Volleyball VS. Friends JV VS. Hesston Beaver Dome 2PM/6:30PM</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>LABOR DAY</p> <p>No School! Offices Closed</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>PCC Volleyball VS. Dodge City Beaver Dome 6:30PM</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>PCC Womens Soccer VS. Tabor JV PCC Soccer Field 7PM</p> 	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>PCC Mens Soccer VS. OK Panhandle JV PCC Soccer Field 2PM</p> 
<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>PCC Volleyball VS. McPherson VS. Lamar Beaver Dome 2PM/7PM</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>Ultimate Frisbee And Snow Cones PCC Soccer Field 8:30PM Sign-up There</p> 	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Pratt After Dark Disney: Black Widow 9PM-Midnight</p> <p>BLACK WIDOW</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Paint Night Café 9PM-10:30PM</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>PCC Soccer Womens/Mens VS. Allen PCC Soccer Field 3PM/5PM</p> 	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Sept 25th</p> <p>PCC Soccer Womens/Mens VS. Central PCC Soccer Field 2PM/4PM</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>PCC Volleyball VS. Cloud Beaver Dome 2PM</p> 
<p>26</p> <p>Performing Arts Students Encore Showcase Auditorium 2:30PM</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Roommate Quiz Woj Hall Lobby 9PM-10PM</p> 	<p>29</p> <p>PCC Volleyball VS. Seward Beaver Dome 6:30PM</p> 	<p>30</p>	 	

Other Places to See!!!

*Rolla Rena Skate Center *Movie Theaters - Kingman, Greensburg, and Pratt *Lemon Park *Disc Golf Course @ May Dennis Park *Pratt County Historical Museum *Hutchinson Salt Mine *Pratt County Lake *Humane Society *The Big Well - Greensburg

Sept 17th

**Pratt After Dark: Disney
Movie, Games, Food, and Prizes
Commons
9PM to Midnight**



hey students!

START THIS SEMESTER ON THE RIGHT FOOT:

#1

Get connected and take advantage of PCC's online college tools.

#2

Plan your schedule and keep track of what you need to do.

#3

Take study-worthy notes.

#4

Understand key points of your reading material.

#5

Take advantage of all your college has to offer.

#6

Reach out to instructors and college staff to answer the questions you have.





Rotary Club of Pratt Donates Funds

Rotary Club of Pratt Donates Funds for Flagpole at New Track and Soccer Complex

Old Glory flies high at the newest community treasure in Pratt, Kansas.

The Rotary Club of Pratt donated funds for the purchase of a new flag and flag pole at the new Track and Soccer Complex.

Pratt Community College Athletic Director Tim Swartzendruber has had the honor of witnessing so many community businesses, schools and organizations come together in support of the new facility.

“We are extremely thankful to our local Rotary Club for their support at the Track Soccer Complex. Along with the great scoreboard, it adds class to the facility and will be extremely useful for years to come. We are truly blessed to have such tremendous community support.”

Rotary District 5680 Club member Donna Meier Pfeifer speaks on behalf of the Rotary Club's contributions to the TSC and Green Sports Complex.

“The Pratt Rotary Club is honored to be a part of a project that supports a facility that students and members of the community can enjoy. Rotary has been very privileged to have been able to contribute funds for the flagpoles.”

The Rotary Club has donated funds for a total of 4 flagpoles to be installed on the properties.



**Rotary Club
of Pratt, Kansas**

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PERFORMANCE DATES

Performing Arts

PCC Encore Looks Forward to Another Year of Performances



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Date	Time	Show
September 26	2:30pm	Encore Showcase
October 2	10:00am - 4:00pm	Big Rig Truck Show
October 22-24	7:30pm (22nd) 7:30pm (23rd) 2:30pm (24th)	Broadway Review
October 31	2:30pm	Choir & Jazz Concert
November 7	2:30pm	USO Show
November 14	6:00pm	All Together Now Dinner Show
December 3-5	7:30pm (3rd) 7:30pm (4th) 2:30pm (5th)	Christmas to Remember
February 13	6:30pm	Valentine's Dinner & Show
April 1-3	7:30pm (1st) 7:30pm (2nd) 2:30pm (3rd)	The Wizard of Oz
April 24	2:30pm	Finale Concert
May 1	2:30pm	Choir & Jazz Concert
May 13-22		Tennessee Trip

Visit the Performing Arts Encore page to learn more about the group or book them for a performance at www.prattcc.edu/performingarts

For more information about PCC's Performing Arts, contact:
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Six EPT Students Receive Scholarships from Evergy



Six Electrical Power Technology (EPT) students at PCC are craft scholarship recipients, courtesy of Evergy.

To be considered for the two-year renewable scholarship reward, students must be a Kansas or Missouri resident, must be enrolled full-time to pursue a degree in Electric Power and Distribution in Kansas or Missouri, be eligible to earn a Commercial Driver's License and maintain a 2.5 GPA in the program.

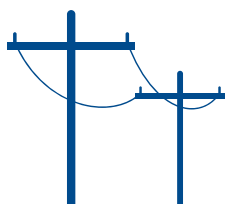
Congratulations to these six EPT students:

- Reis Brandt
- Matthew Ayala
- Grant Hebb
- Derek Scribner
- Caleb Keith
- Brent Escareno

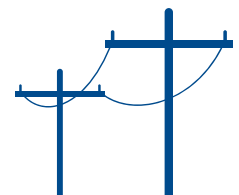
Applicants were required to submit an essay and participate in personal interviews with Evergy and the Ellis Foundation.

Along with the outstanding resources at PCC for job placement, recipients also have access to mentorship and internship opportunities through Evergy.

Learn more about the outstanding Lineman program at PCC: <http://prattcc.edu/departments/electrical-power-technology>



Director of EPT, Dave Campbell
Pratt Campus Instructor, Jeff Hoffman
Dodge City Campus Instructor, Otto Orosco
Wichita Campus Instructor, Jerry Haskell
Coffeyville Campus Instructor, Dean Senter



PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE CELEBRATE DIVERSITY TEAM

HISTORY OF HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Every year from September 15 to October 15, Americans celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month by appreciating the community's history, heritage, and contributions of the ancestors of American citizens who came from Mexico, Spain, the Caribbean, and South- and Central America.

Hispanic Heritage Month originally started with one week of commemoration when it was first introduced by Congressman George E. Brown in June 1968. With the civil rights movement, the need to recognize the contributions of the Latin community gained traction in the 1960s. Awareness of the multicultural groups living in the United States was also gradually growing.

Two heavily Latinx and Hispanic populated areas, the San Gabriel Valley and East Los Angeles, were represented by Brown. His aim was to recognize the integral roles of these communities in American history. Observation of Hispanic Heritage Week started in 1968 under President Lyndon B. Johnson and was later extended to a 30-day celebration by President Ronald Reagan, starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law via approval of Public Law 100-402 on August 17, 1988.

TRADITIONS OF THE DAY

National Hispanic Heritage Month traditionally honors the culture and contributions of both Latino and Hispanic Americans. The history and accomplishments of these groups in the shaping of the country are celebrated.

The month is celebrated in a plethora of ways. As several other celebratory holidays fall during this month — such as the independence days of several Latin American countries — concerts, parades, food fairs, and more are organized throughout. Educational events like art exhibitions take place as well, highlighting important Latino heroes in history.

The U.S. government honors the immeasurable contributions of Hispanic Americans to our economy, culture, and society.

Source Cited: Hispanic Heritage Month – September 2021, National Today, nationaltoday.com/hispanic-heritage-month/.



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JOIN US!

**CELEBRATE DIVERSITY TEAM
MEETS THE FIRST TUESDAY
OF THE MONTH
3PM | VIA ZOOM**

Contact Lisa Perez-Miller at
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PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE CELEBRATE DIVERSITY TEAM

Library Displays Flags of Students Enrolled at PCC

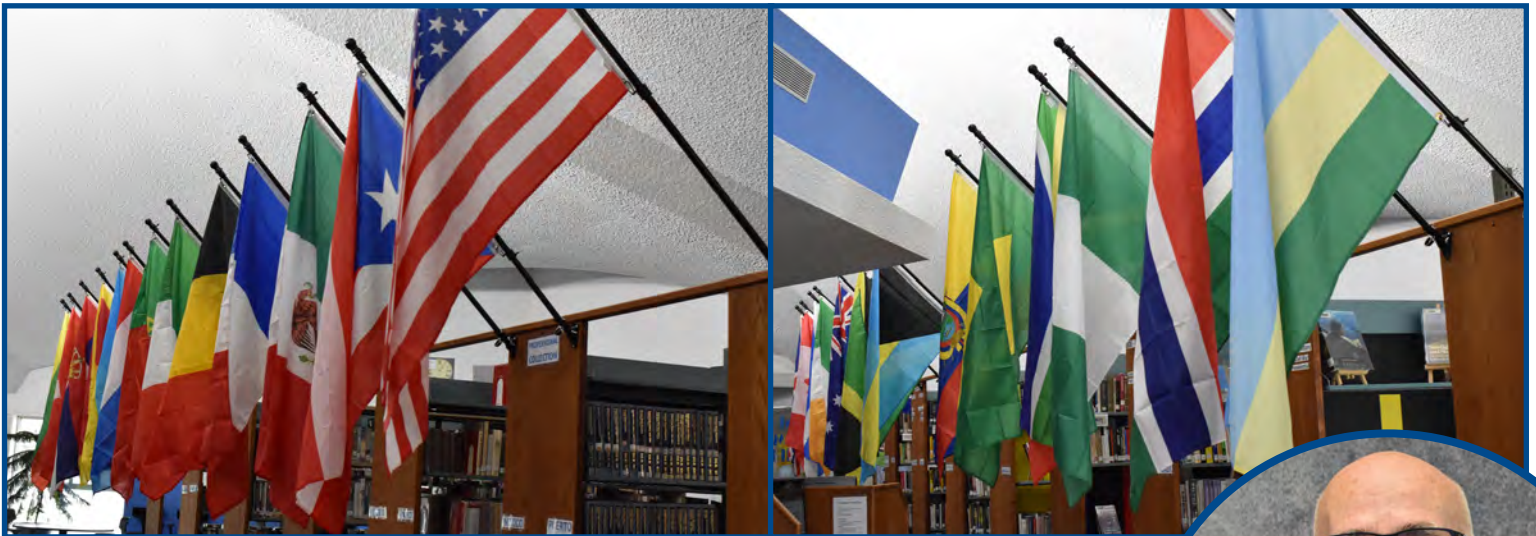
The Linda Hunt Memorial Library on campus at Pratt Community College has a special tradition every school year. They put up a flag that represents the country of students enrolled at PCC.

There are 26 flags on display at the Linda Hunt Memorial Library for the Fall 2021 semester, which is the highest number of flags displayed at PCC to date.

"The Library has chosen to fly the flags of the home country for each student attending PCC on an F-1 VISA. The ability to recognize each student individually is very important. I remember a couple of years ago when a new student for Turkmenistan arrived in the library she spotted her countries flag, and ran to hold it in tears. The appreciation in her voice and eyes was priceless. This is the reason we proudly fly all of our flags with honor. The honor is returned to us all through the sharing of each student's culture and heritage. It is our desire to provide a glimpse of home that is always within sight at the Pratt Community College Library." - Frank Stahl, Library Director

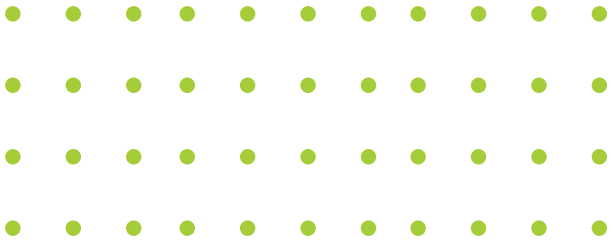
Library monitors display a picture and short bio of International Students, and the dining hall creates a recipe favorite that other students can sample and enjoy.

We are proud of the diversity of our students!



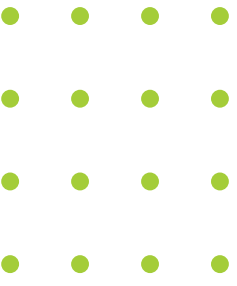
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MENTAL HEALTH MINUTE



Flipping Sides: What is Well-Being?

We often get “stuck” on the concept of mental illness and how to “fix” our minds and the problems that come at us in life. But by hyper-focusing solely on the illness side, we forget to focus on the other side that bears just as much weight on us mentally – the wellness side. Just like our physical bodies need good nutrition, plenty of water, plenty of sleep/rest, and exercise; our minds also need the wellness mentality so that when life knocks us down -or tries to- we have a way to bounce back or even a way to prevent it from kicking our rears. That is why this month's mental health minute is shifting perspectives to the well-being side.

According to Dr. Tchkl Davis (2019), well-being “is the experience of health, happiness, and prosperity. It includes having good mental health, high life satisfaction, a sense of meaning or purpose, and ability to manage stress.” Some of us reading through that definition might wonder if we are truly living in a well-being mindset. Admittedly, I fail at times with some of those aspects mentioned. And, unfortunately, here in the United States, mental health practitioners are seeing well-being showing up in the decline rather than a positive light. Part of that is because people often find maintaining or pursuing well-being as a tough task because they may not know what to do or how to approach it. Rather than just give a list of “here, try these things to help,” I wanted to address two questions that may be asked prior to wanting to work on well-being.

Question: Can we improve our well-being?

Answer: Absolutely! There are a lot of ways to do so and skills that can be built upon to help. I will issue a brief warning in this though – it is not always easy to do so. Figuring out what parts of your well-being are most important for you, what you already internally possess to help you figure out how to increase it, and even asking for extra help may be needed are ways to get started.

Question: How long will it take to improve our well-being?

Answer: Sorry, I cannot give you a timeline or wave a magic wand to fix it for you. If you really want to work toward it though, you are one step closer than you were when you did not even think about this topic. It helps when you are consistent in wanting to work on it and developing steady and good habits to help increase your well-being. Additionally, remember that there will be days with setbacks. It happens □ it is called life. But it does not mean that you failed and should stop trying and working. Take it one day at a time. Acknowledge when you fall. Be ready to pick up and move again.

Though I could continue, I am going to stop here for this month and pick up next month with a discussion on the five major types of well-being because this concept of well-being is such a broad topic and experience for each of us. I will end with this at the moment...remember to give yourself grace during the process. It is not a light switch that can be flipped easily. Until next month...stay well.



Amanda Wade
Licensed Professional Counselor

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GO BEAVER SPORTS



3rd Annual Beaver Backer Golf Tournament



The 3rd Annual Beaver Backer Golf Tournament was held at Park Hill Country Club on August 29th. Fifteen teams participated in 4-person scramble tournament competing for prizes in their flight and for other awards on the golf course.

A thunderstorm had other plans for the morning and each team was only able to finish around nine holes. After the tournament participants took part in a lunch, awards ceremony, and actions. All proceeds for the tournament go to support Beaver athletics.

To find more information about the Beaver Backers Club, and to join please visit: <https://gobeaversports.com/information/beaverbackers>.

Championship Flight



First place: Legacy Bank



Second place: Brian Schmidtburger & Team



Third place: BTI

First Flight



First place: Pratt Community College Team 2



Second place: Stanion Wholesale Electric



Third place: Waddell and Reed

SPORTS CONTINUED..

Pratt Community College

BEAVER BACKERS

2021-2022

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From the Athletic Director

As I enter my third year as Athletic Director, I see many positive things happening at PCC! Our athletic teams continue to improve overall; both in the conference standings and in the classroom. Last year, in a challenging situation with COVID, our men and women both performed at very high levels. Of our 11 sports, six achieved Academic Team of the Year status with NJCAA, with our wrestling team being named Academic Team of the Year for the ninth straight year.

Being engaged in our community has been one of my focus points since arriving and I continue to be thankful to all the support we have received since I arrived. One of my goals is to upgrade our facilities that are in need and also to maintain the ones we currently have. Our new track/soccer complex has been a huge highlight of my tenure and I am pleased to see improvements in our baseball complex as well. Lesh Arena is well maintained by our staff but the locker rooms and other areas around can use some upgrades. Our weight room and cardio rooms were new when I arrived and we want to continue to add to these areas.

With the addition of men's and women's tennis, making cheer and dance a competitive sport with NJCAA, and moving our eSports program to the athletic department, we continue to need funding to allow each program success. Joining Beaver Backers is a way to support our student-athletes. With your continued support, we can make Pratt Community College Athletics relevant in the Jayhawk Conference. Those who follow this conference know the Jayhawk is one if not the best Junior College conference in the nation. We should be proud to be part of it! Thanks for considering Beaver Backers for the 2021-22 school year.

Go Beavers!
Tim Swartzendruber
Director of Athletics

Objectives

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

Mission Statement

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

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beavers

























Membership Information

Purpose

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

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

Beaver Backer Membership Level Options

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

Benefits of Giving

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

How To Join Beaver Backers

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

I would like to become a club member:

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

Gift Amount: _____

- Check Enclosed
- Mastercard Visa Discover

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ CSV: _____



Please detach this form and mail to:

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

Any questions?
 Call 620-450-2154



Women's Soccer

Fall 2021 Women's Soccer Preview with Head Coach Ashley Burnett

The Pratt Community College (PCC) Women's Soccer team kicked off their season on Thursday, August 19th at 3:00 pm against Metropolitan Community College from Kansas City. We had the chance to sit down with Head Coach Ashley Burnett to preview the upcoming season.

1) You ended your 2020-2021 season in the district championship game and finished second in the conference. How do you build on the success of last season as your team prepares for this fall?

We have a big returning class with a total of 14 players which is definitely a huge advantage. These sophomores understand what it took to get there, and how hard we need to work to continue to improve and build on last season's accomplishments.

2) Your last game was on May 23rd due to the COVID-19 pandemic and with a quick turnaround this fall how did you keep the motivation of your team over the summer?

This summer was definitely a unique situation, and I had to change up our routine of when we started summer workouts for example. I gave the players 2 weeks off away from soccer and to let their bodies recover physically and their minds recharge. We had our new team group chat going over the summer so we could welcome the freshmen in and start to build a team culture early. Some of the players also met up with each other over summer, and everyone was excited to get back to playing this fall.

3) Last season, the soccer program transitioned to NJCAA Division 2... what went into making the transition and what are your thoughts looking back on your first season in DII?

There were many discussions on the transition and the list of advantages and disadvantages. Overall, I am happy that we decided to make the change, and I believe it has helped create a positive environment where we have the opportunity to be successful.

4) You have a large group of sophomores returning from last year's roster... what type of leadership are you looking for from this group?

This is one of my biggest sophomore groups I've had, and I am very happy with each of them. They are natural leaders in their own way and have a great personality as a group. Many of them have taken on leadership roles already and taking the freshmen under their wing. I think the freshmen can really learn a lot from this group and I am looking forward to watching the sophomores continue to grow as people and as players throughout this year.



5) What excites you most about your incoming freshman class as you begin your season?

I am really happy with my freshmen class. They each bring something to this team and they all fit in really well with our team culture. What I am most excited about is that each of them is ready to make an impact early in their collegiate soccer career and they are adjusting really well to the college level so far.

6) The team is being predicted to finish 2nd in the conference this season. In your opinion, what will it take for this team to supersede that prediction and win the conference?

With a big returning class coming back, they understand the hard work, grit, and determination it will take to clench that conference spot. Although we had some success last season and accomplished many goals, the girls were still not satisfied. That says a lot about this team and how we are always striving to be better than before.

7) Besides competing for a conference and divisional title what other teams' goals do you have for the fall?

Of course, the conference title is a big goal for the program and one we hope to accomplish, but we do have some shorter-term goals that we are looking to achieve this season. We want to continue to make history here and break previous records such as most wins, goals scored, and clean sheets to name a few. This team is hungry to compete!



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