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Happy New Year, Beaver Nation! PCC faculty and staff are back from Winter Break and we are ready to welcome students back to residence halls January 9th and the first day of Spring classes on January 11th.

In this edition of The Beaver Buzz newsletter, we take a look back on the many accomplishments of 2022. We saw an encouraging return of in-person events and saw record-setting turnouts in attendance for campus tours and events, such as the Academic Olympics. The 34th Annual Scholarship Auction set a new record in fundraising towards student scholarships. The Fall 2022 semester at PCC also brought a sharp increase in enrollment numbers. It's always a great day to be a Beaver, but 2022 was especially good year in many respects, and we look forward to putting forth those same efforts in 2023.

Residence Life is ready to support returning students as they get settled back into residence halls for the Spring 2023 semester. A brief New Student Information Session will take place for new, incoming students for the Spring semester. More information on the New Student Information Session can be found on page 3. Our Student Life department also has an activities calendar ready for all students as they join us on campus.

We are glad to be back and look to again finish strong in 2023!

Upcoming Dates

Cafe/Residence Halls Open	1/9
Board of Trustees Meeting	1/9
Registration	1/9-10
Spring Classes Begin	1/11
Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday	1/16

See next page for more important dates!

WELCOME BACK
Beavers!
#BEAVERNATION

JANUARY

IMPORTANT DATES

Cafe and Residence Halls Reopen
January 9

Board of Trustees Meeting - Riney Student Center
January 9

Registration
January 9, 10

Spring Classes Begin
January 11

Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday - no classes
January 16

FEBRUARY + MARCH A LOOK AHEAD

Certification Day for full-semester classes
February 8

Performing Arts - Valentine's Dinner Show
February 12

Board of Trustees Meeting - Riney Student Center
February 20

Academic Olympics - no classes
February 27

Mid-Term Week
March 6-10

Spring Break
March 13-17

Early Enrollment Begins
March 20

Board of Trustees Meeting - Riney Student Center
March 20

Performing Arts - Spring Musical
March 31, April 1, 2

New Student



INFORMATION SESSION

TUESDAY JAN. 10 1:30PM
ROOM 312, RINEY HALL

INFO • PRIZES • GAMES • ICE BREAKERS



**HIGHLY ENCOURAGED OF ALL DEGREE-SEEKING,
NEW TO PCC INCOMING STUDENTS ENROLLED IN 12 HOURS
OR MORE FOR FALL 2022**

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LOOK BACK AT 2022



New EPT Program Announced

Brand new in Fall 2022, a new major was announced to complement the high-performing Electrical Power Technology (EPT) program. The new EPT Support Specialist major offers six additional pathways of study in electrical distribution that do not involve pole climbing. PCC is proud to offer so many options to train for a career in electrical distribution.

Academic Olympics Event Returns to PCC

PCC hosted 17 area schools on campus, totaling nearly 500 students as the Academic Olympics returned to PCC as an in-person event. Multiple events returned to PCC in 2022, for example Tech Day, Senior Day, the New Student Information Session and Commencement.



34th Annual Scholarship Auction Sets Record

Another large event returning in-person to PCC was the PCC Foundation's 34th Annual Scholarship Auction held in May. Around 370 people attended which is a new record, and a new all-time record was reached on the total money raised. Total funds raised for student scholarships were \$101,501, which far exceeded the goal of \$90,000!

PCC Partners with Barton CC for ADN Program

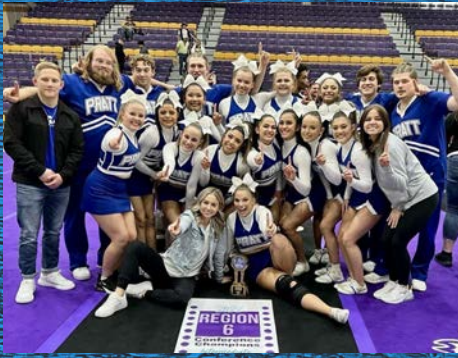
PCC entered into a partnership with Barton CC, which allowed for BCC to begin facilitating the Associate Degree of Nursing (ADN) program on the Pratt campus in Fall 2022. A potential partnership to also offer the LPN program in partnership with BCC on the Pratt campus is in progress with the Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSNB).



All-Kansas Scholars Announced

Two Pratt Community College students were chosen to represent PCC for their achievements in academic excellence at the community college level for all of Kansas. Riley Washington and Chariah Daniels were honored at an awards ceremony and luncheon held for All-Kansas Scholars in Junction City, Kansas.

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Pratt Cheer, Region VI Conference Champions

The Beavers took home first place in the Small Co-Ed Intermediate division, earning the title of 2022 Region VI Conference Champions! Next up was NCA Nationals in Daytona, FL. Pratt Cheer placed 3rd at the second largest NCA College Nationals event in history.

Jamaira Ross Breaks Women's 5K Record

Freshman Jamaira Ross had a record-breaking afternoon in Fayetteville, AR at the 34th Annual Chile Pepper Festival in September. She finished in 30th place in the 5K with a time of 19:20.5, breaking the school record. Then in November at the National Junior College Athletic Association Cross Country and Half Marathon Championship in Tallahassee, FL Jamaira broke her own new record in the 5K, placing 17th in the race with a time of 19:13:60.



Multiple PCC Teams Earn Academic Honors

The Wrestling team was named the 2021-22 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Academic Team of the Year with a team grade point average of 3.49. PCC teams also recognized for academic excellence include Baseball (3.16 GPA), Women's Basketball (3.32 GPA), Women's Soccer (3.28 GPA), Men's Tennis (3.46 GPA), Softball (3.19 GPA) and Volleyball (3.21 GPA).

Women's Soccer Wins Region VI Championship

Women's Soccer won an exciting game against Allen County Community College at home, becoming National Junior College Athletic Association's (NJCAA) Region VI Champions for the first time. They were also ranked #1 seed in conference for the first time in program history and Coach Ashley Cordeiro was named Coach of the Year. The public was invited to attend as they revealed a new banner to hang in the Beaver Dome.



Men's Soccer Two-Time Region VI Champions

Men's Soccer also faced Allen County Community College at home. The Beavers won 2-1, becoming NJCAA Region VI Champions for a second year in a row. Coach Kevin Kewley was also named Coach of the Year for the men's team and they joined Women's Soccer for the banner reveal in the Beaver Dome.

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PCC Tennis Competes in NJCAA Championship

The PCC men's tennis team competed at the 2022 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Men's Tennis Championships in Tyler, TX over the week of May 16-20. The Beavers finished ninth in the tournament with 21 points. The highlight of the tournament for the Beavers was having two doubles teams play their way through the consolation round and win.

Welding Program Gets New Building

Pratt Welding purchased the building formerly occupied by Pioneer Tank and Steel at the Pratt Regional Airport Industrial Park in Pratt. Classes officially started in the new shop for Fall 2022 and an open house was held to show off the new facility and showcase students in November. Pratt Welding was also named the "School on the Rise" by the National Coalition for Certification Centers (NC3) for August 2022.



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Pratt Community College's New EPT Program
Pratt Community College offers one of the most comprehensive Electrical Power Line

Good Day Kansas Show Visits EPT Program

KSN's Good Day Kansas crew out of Wichita visited the Electrical Power Technology (EPT) facility on campus. EPT Director Phillip "Dave" Campbell spoke about the new EPT Support Specialist major. Host Jillian Carroll attempted a pole climb with instruction from EPT instructor Jeff Hoffman.

New Rodeo Coach Hired, Grounds Improved

Jake Ritz joined PCC in June of 2022, following the retirement of long-time Rodeo Coach Rocky Patterson. Coach Ritz hit the ground running, signing multiple new members and building a team of more than 20 students for the 2022-2023 PCC Rodeo Team. Coach Ritz also brought training clinics to campus and made several upgrades to the rodeo grounds at PCC with help from members of the team and PCC Alumni.



Wizard of Oz Musical Packs the House

PCC's Performing Arts department enjoyed a surge in attendance for the Wizard of Oz musical held in Carpenter Auditorium. It was a packed house for all three performances over the weekend. It meant a lot to PCC students, faculty and staff to have such a great turnout for this performance in April of 2022. It was a sign of better times (and crowds) to come and being able to welcome large groups back to the theatre to support PCC productions.

Congratulations Beaver Nation on all of your accomplishments in 2022!





January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Follow Student Life @ Pratt Community College Student Life						
		<h1>Welcome Week</h1>				
8 Resident Halls Open 8AM to 5PM	9 College National Finals Football Game & Pizza Woj Hall 7PM 	10 Resident Hall Meeting Your Hall 9PM 	11 Classes Start RA Game Night Your Hall 9PM 	12 Skate Night Rolla Rena 9PM-11PM 	13	14 PCC Basketball VS Cowley 2PM/4PM
15	16 Martin Luther King Day NO Classes!!! *Offices are Closed	17 Water Pong Tournament Commons Sign Up 8:50 Start Time 9PM 	18	19 Wrestling Vs Cowley 7PM 	20	21 PCC Basketball VS Northwest Kansas Tech 2PM/4PM
22	23	24 Wiffleball & Snow Cones Beaver Dome 9PM 	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	College National Finals Football Game & Pizza Where: Woj Hall When: January 9 th 9PM Who: 1Georgia VS 3TCU 			

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



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Late Night Breakfast



The Late Night Breakfast tradition during Finals Week continues at PCC. Students were greeted by PCC President Dr. Michael Calvert and the Residence Life team, served a full breakfast by members of cabinet, gifted a free t-shirt and study snacks for finals. Thank you also to the Great Western Dining team in the cafeteria. We are proud of all the student accomplishments this year, it's a great day to be a Beaver!



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Building Days

PREPARE FOR FALL

MEET WITH ADVISORS
and **REGISTER FOR CLASSES**

2023 DATES

APRIL 25

MAY 17

JUNE 13

JUNE 29

JULY 12

**PLACEMENT TESTING AVAILABLE
LOGIN & SET UP STUDENT ACCOUNT
APPLY FOR HOUSING**

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SPRING 2023

ALLIED HEALTH

schedule

ENROLL TODAY!

CNA

FIRST CLASS
JAN 9 - FEB 26

SECOND CLASS
JAN 30 - MARCH 19

THIRD CLASS
FEB 27 - APRIL 16

FOURTH CLASS
MARCH 20 - MAY 7

CMA

FIRST CLASS
JAN 23 - MARCH 5

SECOND CLASS
FEB 13 - MARCH 26

THIRD CLASS
MARCH 27 - MAY 7

CMA UPDATE

MARCH 6 - MARCH 12

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APRIL 17 - APRIL 30

**FOR ENROLLMENT
INFORMATION VISIT
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PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEGISLATIVE *luncheon*

The 2022 Legislative Luncheon was held at Pratt Community College on Monday, December 12, with members of Pratt CC's administration hosting administrators from USD 382 and USD 438, Pratt CC Board of Trustees, Kansas Association of Community College Trustees Executive Director Heather Morgan, Senator Larry Alley (District 32) and Representatives Brett Fairchild (District 113), Michael Murphy (District 114), Gary White (District 115), and Kyle Hoffman (District 116).

The annual luncheon provides Legislators with a briefing on 2023 Legislative Priorities and Positions of the Kansas Community Colleges and area school districts. Each Legislator provided a brief outlook and sharing of priorities for the upcoming Legislative session.

Heather Morgan, Pratt CC President Dr. Mike Calvert, USD 382 Superintendent Tony Helfrich, and USD 438 Superintendent Becca Flowers each provided Legislative priorities respectively.

PCC is glad to host area officials on campus to discuss issues in education.



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BEAVER ATHLETICS

2022-2023

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schedules, rosters, statistics
and more!



Head Women's Soccer Coach Ashley Cordeiro Resigns



Pratt, Kan. - Ashley Cordeiro, head coach of the women's soccer team at Pratt Community College, submitted her letter of resignation to the school after serving at the helm since 2017. Cordeiro has taken the Head Women's Soccer Coach position at Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans, Louisiana.

"Coach Cordeiro did an amazing job here at PCC. Not only was she a tremendous coach, but she is an amazing leader and person," said Athletic Director Tim Swartzendruber. "She took great pride in building a culture that created a family atmosphere. We are going to miss her. But certainly, wish her well in her new endeavor."

During her time in Beaver Nation, Coach Cordeiro has had many ups and downs as she oversaw the team's transition from National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I to Division II women's soccer. Coach Cordeiro is departing the program at the height of its success. This past fall, the program won a record number of wins with 12 and won both the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference championship and the NJCAA Region VI championship. Their season ended in the NJCAA Plains District Championship game against the Northeast Community College Hawks.

In her debut season back in 2017 the Beavers finished 2-15 and have made improvements every season under Coach Cordeiro over the past six years. In the past two seasons before this fall the team finished runner-up in the KJCCC and NJCAA Region VI. In addition, Coach Cordeiro over her time at PCC has built a track record for helping student athletes transfer on to four-year schools. The list of schools is long, but includes York University, Harris-Stowe State University, McPherson College and many more. The school will conduct an immediate search in order to find a suitable replacement.

Thank you Coach Ashley, you will be missed!

Beaver Sports continued...



PCC Tennis Celebrates Christmas with Team Party and Angel Tree Shopping



Pratt's Men's and Women's Tennis teams spent time together celebrating Christmas with food, a fun gift exchange and going shopping together to pick out gifts for Angel Tree recipients. It was a great way to spend time together before Winter Break. #OurMiddleNameisCommunity

SATURDAY, JAN. 14

Women's Home Basketball Game - Pratt vs. Cowley CC

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JUNIOR CHEER CLINIC

FOR STUDENTS GRADES K-8



Join 2x Region VI Champions



PRATT CHEER

during an official home basketball game!

REGISTER NOW!





Beavers Open 2023 With Conference Win at Garden City



The Pratt Community College women's basketball team kicked off 2023 with a trip to Garden City, KS to take on the Broncbusters on Wednesday, January 4. The game started very slowly as both teams were looking to shake off the winter break jitters. Garden City struck first in the game at the 8:56 mark.

It was all Broncbusters in the first quarter as Pratt did not score until the 6:23 mark in the quarter. The Beavers only scored seven points in the first quarter and were down 14-7 at the end of the first.

In the second quarter, the roles reversed as Pratt scored 20 points to tie the game 27-27 at halftime. Pratt never held a lead during the first half. Pratt tied the game up three separate times in the third quarter, pulling the game within one point 41-40 with 40 seconds to go in the quarter. Garden City lead 43-40 after three. Pratt took their first lead of the game 49-48 with 4:20 left in the game. The Beavers scored 25 points in the fourth quarter to win the game 65-58.

Princess Anderson wasted no time in 2023 to continue her scoring dominance with 27 points and three steals. Freshman Emily Acton had one of her better games in a Beaver uniform with 17 points. The Cimmaron, KS native played in front of a packed crowd of family and friends. Pratt was outrebounded by the Broncbusters 32-31 while the Beavers scored 36 points from their bench. Pratt will host Coffeyville Community College on Saturday, January 7 at 2:00 pm.

Read more and see game stats at
GoBeaverSports.com



Sports Continued..

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BASKETBALL

MEN'S & WOMEN'S



Beavers Drop A Close One At Garden City



The Pratt Community College men's basketball team opened their 2023 season on the road against the Broncbusters of Garden City on Wednesday, January 4. The Beavers dominated the game from the start leading 18-13 at the halfway mark of the first half.

After several back-and-forth ties Garden City was able to pull ahead 39-35 at halftime. Pratt was never able to regain the lead in the second half, only being able to pull the game within two points 64-62 with 2:52 left in the game. The Broncbusters rolled to a 73-67 win.

Quintin Metcalf led the team with 16 points and nine rebounds. Cidiebere Obichere had 13 points with five rebounds. Both DJ Bailey and Jaylen Davis had ten points in the game. Pratt was outrebounded 31 to 28 with 19 turnovers. Pratt had 24 assists in the game as well.

The Beavers will host the Red Ravens of Coffeyville Community College on Saturday, January 7. Gametime is set for 4:00 pm in the Beaver Dome.



**Read more and see game stats
at GoBeaverSports.com**

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CELEBRATE DIVERSITY TEAM

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday - January 16, 2023

In honor of the observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr holiday, here are several of the accomplishments Dr. King fulfilled during his life and the Civil Rights Movement.

In 1955, he was recruited to serve as spokesman for the Montgomery Bus Boycott, which was a campaign by the African-American population of Montgomery, Alabama to force integration of the city's bus lines. After 381 days of nearly universal participation by citizens of the black community, many of whom had to walk miles to work each day as a result, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that racial segregation in transportation was unconstitutional.

In 1957, Dr. King was elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), an organization designed to provide new leadership for the now burgeoning civil rights movement. He would serve as head of the SCLC until his assassination in 1968, a period during which he would emerge as the most important social leader of the modern American civil rights movement.

In 1963, he led a coalition of numerous civil rights groups in a nonviolent campaign aimed at Birmingham, Alabama, which at the time was described as the "most segregated city in America." The subsequent brutality of the city's police, illustrated most vividly by television images of young blacks being assaulted by dogs and water hoses, led to a national outrage resulting in a push for unprecedented civil rights legislation. It was during this campaign that Dr. King drafted the "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," the manifesto of Dr. King's philosophy and tactics, which is today required-reading in universities worldwide.

Later in 1963, Dr. King was one of the driving forces behind the March for Jobs and Freedom, more commonly known as the "March on Washington," which drew over a quarter-million people to the national mall. It was at this march that Dr. King delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech, which cemented his status as a social change leader and helped inspire the nation to act on civil rights. Dr. King was later named Time magazine's "Man of the Year."

In 1964, at 35 years old, Martin Luther King, Jr. became the youngest person to win the Nobel Peace Prize. His acceptance speech in Oslo is thought by many to be among the most powerful remarks ever delivered at the event, climaxing at one point with the oft-quoted phrase "I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right temporarily defeated is stronger than evil triumphant."

Also in 1964, partly due to the March on Washington, Congress passed the landmark Civil Rights Act, essentially eliminating legalized racial segregation in the United States. The legislation made it illegal to discriminate against blacks or other minorities in hiring, public accommodations, education or transportation, areas which at the time were still very segregated in many places.

The next year, 1965, Congress went on to pass the Voting Rights Act, which was an equally-important set of laws that eliminated the remaining barriers to voting for African-Americans, who in some locales had been almost completely disenfranchised. This legislation resulted directly from the Selma to Montgomery, AL March for Voting Rights led by Dr. King.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s less than thirteen years of nonviolent leadership ended abruptly and tragically on April 4th, 1968, when he was assassinated at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee. Dr. King's body was returned to his hometown of Atlanta, Georgia, where his funeral ceremony was attended by high-level leaders of all races and political stripes.



Source Cited: The King Center
<https://thekingcenter.org/about-tkc/martin-luther-king-jr/>

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