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Mlss Kansas Competition	6/9-10
Beaver Building Day	6/13
Board of Trustees Meeting	6/19
Beaver Building Day	6/29
Independence Day	7/4
-campus closed	
Beaver Building Day	7/12
Board of Trustees Meeting	7/17

PCC 2022-2023 Celebrates



PCC finished out another academic year stronger than ever. The last quarter of 2022-2023 was packed with multiple student awards, honors and achievements. The 35th Annual Scholarship Auction produced another record-breaking amount of support for student scholarships and several employees were recognized for their contributions in higher education.

Commencement brought the families of more than two hundred graduates to our campus, and an area student graduated from PCC and high school at the same time through our College Start program (see page 6 for more). PCC helped build hundreds of #DamGoodFutures and we are excited to welcome even more to PCC to see what we're all about!

Check out page 3 to learn the dates of our Beaver Building Day enrollment events. We'd love to expand our close-knit campus community! This edition The Beaver Buzz Newsletter is dedicated to celebrating the hard work and the fun at PCC at the finish line of 2023!



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JUNE + JULY

IMPORTANT DATES

Miss Kansas Competition @ Dennis Lesh Arena
June 9-10

Beaver Building Day
June 13 @ 9am

Board of Trustees Meeting
June 19 @ 6pm

Beaver Building Day
June 29 @9am

Independence Day - Campus Closed
July 4

Beaver Building Day
July 12 @ 9am

Board of Trustees Meeting
July 17 @ 6pm

AUGUST A LOOK AHEAD

Faculty In-Service & Prep
August 7-11

State of the College Address
August 7 @9am

Residence Hall Check-In
August 13 9am-1pm New Students, 1pm-4pm Returning

Registration Days
August 14, 15

Fall Classes Begin
August 16

Board of Trustees Meeting - Riney Student Center
August 21

For more upcoming dates and information,
visit prattcc.edu/calendar



PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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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

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2023 COMMENCEMENT *Ceremony*



Dr. Calvert took his annual graduation selfies at the 1pm and 3pm Commencement ceremonies held on Friday, May 12, 2023. More than 200 graduates crossed the stage and took big steps towards their #DamGoodFutures!

We love to welcome our student's families to help celebrate the many accomplishments that led up to their big day. Thank you for choosing Pratt Community College for your education, we are so proud of you!





Pratt Student Graduates from PCC and Skyline High School in Same Week



PCC graduate Randi Hoffman walked in the 3pm Commencement ceremony with an Associate of Science degree in Biology, and then graduated from Skyline High School a few days later.

Hoffman began taking college courses through PCC's College Start program to gather general education credits as a high school student. She soon realized she had earned enough credits to be able to attain an associate's degree at the same time she would complete high school.

Hoffman also participated in sports and extracurriculars, was given the Citizenship Award from Skyline High School, and graduated with honors from both institutions.

"It was really helpful that I was able to incorporate PCC classes into my high school schedules so that I could work on classes during school or go out to the campus. I think that it is really beneficial to start taking college classes while in high school. It can help students get into the workforce faster."

Hoffman plans to continue her education at Wichita State University in Exercise Science on a Pre-Physical Therapy path, attend grad school and ultimately move back to the Pratt area for employment.

Congratulations to Randi Hoffman and all of the graduates on their #DamGoodFutures!

Learn more about the College Start program on our website!



Congratulations

2022-2023 PCC Faculty and Staff

Annual Recognition for Years of Service at PCC

Kent Adams



30 Years

Lori Montgomery



25 Years

Dave "Kip" Chambers



20 Years

Brenda Sterneker



15 Years

Heather Wilson



15 Years

Mario Tursini



15 Years

Phillip "Dave" Campbell



15 Years

10 Years of Service

Theresa Gee



Sharon Lukens



Juan Perron



Jason Ghumm



5 Years of Service

Ralph Williams



Brandon Cummins



Rocky Robinson



Jeff Hoffman



Chris Nelson



PCC Announces Recognition Awards

During the 2023 Commencement Ceremonies, Pratt Community College announced the winners of the Dennis Lesh Food Service Award, Teacher Recognition Award, and Staff Award. These awards are given based on nominations from PCC students and employees. The Pratt Higher Education Association (PHEA) also announced their pick for Instructor of the Year.

James Lemon



Food Service Award

Carol Ricke



Faculty Recognition

Ashlyn Hatley



Staff Award

Daryl Lucas



PHEA Instructor of the Year

Congratulations Retiree

Carol Ricke

A reception was held to honor Carol Ricke in her retirement after a total of 35 years as a Business instructor at Pratt Community College.

In addition to members of Carol's family and Pratt CC employees, there were several retired Pratt CC instructors in attendance, including four former business instructors Wanda Deen, Pat Gordon, Mary Gordon and Junnae Landry.

PCC thanks Carol Ricke for her many years of dedication and service to her students, peers and the education profession. She will be missed!



AWARDS

Perez-Miller Receives Higher Learning Commission Award



Lisa Perez-Miller with Patricia Newton-Curran, Vice President of Systems and Accreditation Services, HLC.

The Higher Learning Commission recently announced the recognition of several HLC Peer Corp members for awards at the Peer Corps Luncheon held in March during the 2023 HLC annual conference and Peer Corps Program at the Hyatt Regency Chicago.

Lisa Perez-Miller, Vice President of Students and Enrollment Management at Pratt Community College was awarded the Essential Leader Award.

The Peer Corps awards are presented in recognition of exemplary volunteer service in areas key to HLC's success. Recipients of the Essential Leader Award are nominated and chosen by HLC staff. These reviewers have contributed significantly to the development

of a new program, training initiative or process function. They provide HLC with invaluable feedback and field-based perspectives that are crucial to the success of such projects.

HLC maintains a Peer Corps of approximately 1,600 faculty, administrators and staff who are currently employed by or recently retired from colleges and universities in the United States. Peer reviewers play an incredibly important role in all stages of the accreditation process. They are responsible for assuring that an institution is complying with the accreditation criteria as well as for helping an institution advance within the context of its own mission.

"HLC relies on the work of peer reviewers. They have an essential role in assuring the quality of our member institutions, and we thank them for all that they do daily," said Barbara Gellman-Danley, president of HLC.

Perez-Miller has been a member of the HLC Peer Corps since 2014. She serves as a team chair, was a member of the 2023 Advisory Group for planning the 2023 Peer Corps Day of professional development and training, and was a session presenter at the annual meetings in 2022 and 2023. Perez-Miller was a member of the Peer Corps Committee on Diversity from 2018 to 2022.

"I was very surprised and honored to receive this award and be recognized by the Higher Learning Commission. Being a member of the HLC Peer Corps is a tremendous responsibility, but an amazing opportunity to work with higher education professionals from across the country. It is a privilege to serve and also represent Pratt Community College and Kansas higher education professionals," noted Perez-Miller.



PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE HONORS

EPT Students Awarded Scholarships from ITC Great Plains



EPT student Bailey Runnion, ITC Rep Eric Ivey and EPT student Braiden Weis.



EPT instructors Tanner McFarland, Jeff Hoffman, and Director Dave Campbell pictured with recipients.



Pratt EPT Class of 2023 in attendance.

ITC Great Plains is a large utility company in Kansas, operating power transmission infrastructures in Kansas and Oklahoma. They have long-recognized the quality of instruction and workforce preparation in the Electrical Power Technology (EPT) program at Pratt CC. ITC Great Plains visits the Pratt campus every year to support the program in the form of rewarding scholarships to EPT students.

[Bailey Runnion](#) and [Braiden Weis](#) were this year's scholarship recipients, presented by ITC Great Plains representative Eric Ivey. The scholarships from ITC Great Plains are awarded by the recommendation of PCC's EPT faculty, to recognize academic achievement and traits valuable to the workforce.

In addition to awarding scholarships, Ivey spoke with the EPT class about the ever-increasing demands and industry trends that make a career in electrical distribution so lucrative.

Bailey Runnion expressed his appreciation to ITC Great Plains.

"I am honored with the opportunity you have given me and thank you for the funding to assist me with my education. I look forward to completing my Associates in Applied Science and for what my career in the line field holds for me. Again, thank you ITC for your generosity."

Braiden Weis also expressed his thanks.

"I wanted to start off by saying thank you for giving me the opportunity to receive your scholarship. It really help more than you know. And to see line companies doing this for the younger guys coming up in the program really makes me think how great of a career I'm getting into. Thank you very much."

Congratulations to Bailey and Braiden and thank you to ITC Great Plains for continuing to invest in the future of the workforce trained at Pratt CC for more than a decade.

Visit our website to learn more about the [Electrical Power Technology \(EPT\) program](#) with locations in Coffeyville, Wichita, Dodge City and Pratt, Kansas.



PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE HONORS

Three PCC Students Recognized as PTK All-State Scholars



Tamara Radovanov, Jordyn Sanko and Ethan Paris were honored at the PTK Luncheon.



Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) advisor Jason Ratcliffe, pictured with PTK All-State Scholars representing PCC.

Three students represented Pratt CC at the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) luncheon in Junction City, KS. The event honors and recognizes the Kansas All-State Academic Team.

Tamara Radovanov, Jordyn Sanko and Ethan Paris attended the luncheon with PTK Sponsor Jason Ratcliffe, along with their respective families and multiple PCC representatives.

Students are selected based on outstanding academic achievement as well as accomplishments and services rendered outside the classroom. Each student was recognized with a ribboned medallion and certificate.

The luncheon was held at the Geary County Convention Center and was co-sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa and the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees.

Representatives attending from Pratt Community College included Board of Trustee member Eric Scott Killough, Tammy Killough, VP of Finance & Operations Kent Adams, VP of Students and Enrollment Management Lisa Perez-Miller, Chief Information Officer Jerry Sanko, Student Success Center Office Assistant Tammie Sanko, and instructor and PTK Sponsor Jason Ratcliffe.

Dr. Lynn Tincher-Ladner, Phi Theta Kappa President and CEO, was the keynote speaker. KACCT Executive Director Heather Morgan served as emcee and the presentation and introduction of the Kansas All-State Academic Team was performed by PTK Heartland Regional Coordinator Tammy Fuentez.

For more than 100 years, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society has helped millions of high-achieving college students reach their full potential. PTK exists to provide recognition for academic excellence and opportunities for all college students to grow as scholars and leaders as early as possible during their pursuit of a college degree or credential.

Kansas is one of 39 states participating in the All-State Academic Team program. The State Academic Teams are a division of the All-USA Community College Academic Team. Learn more about [PCC's PTK chapter](#) on our website.

SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION SETS NEW RECORD

On May 5th, the PCC Foundation held its 34th Annual Scholarship Auction inside the Dennis Lesh Sports Arena. This year's goal was again exceeded by auction attendees.

GOAL: \$100,000 **FUNDS RAISED: \$107,000**

Bidding was active with many of the 39 items going for much higher than their catalog listing in small part due to the thrill of competition and to a larger degree to the philanthropic intent of the auction-goers. This feeling of good will was aided greatly by the testimonials of PCC students as they walked from table to table and expressed their appreciation for the opportunity they were afforded because of scholarship dollars raised.

The goal of the 2023 auction was to raise \$100,000. This was the same dollar amount as the previous year where the final tally was just over at \$101,000. According to Barry Fisher, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement and Alumni Relations, this year's auction total was in excess of \$107,000.

"We are very grateful to all of our sponsors and auction participants for making this our most successful event yet," Fisher said.

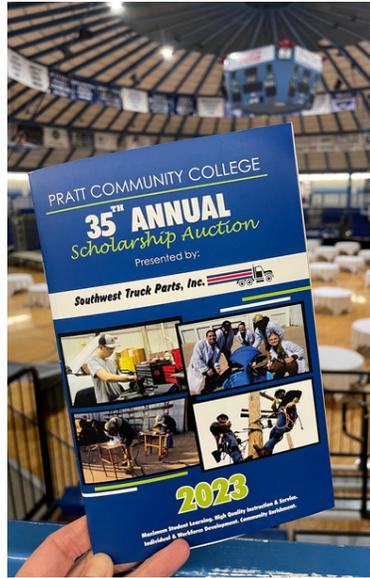
See the full write-up written by Stacey Fisher, freelance reporter, online on [The Pratt Tribune website](#).

See photos of the 35th Annual Scholarship Auction on the next page!

Barry Fisher
Executive Director
PCC Foundation



35TH ANNUAL
PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP
AUCTION



PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE Science Show



STEM Club Visits USD 332 Cunningham



Have you heard the news? Pratt CC has a new student-led STEM club ! And they're taking the middle school science circuit by storm teaching all about Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

PCC students Bella Crowell, Marcus Pollard, Kailey Barnard, Max Moreno and Maddy Reeves traveled to Cunningham, KS to put on a science show for 4th, 5th and 6th graders along with PCC science faculty Paul Primrose, Jason Ghumm and Justin Maughan.

You don't have to look far for all the ooh's and ahh's that come with popular experiments like Elephant Toothpaste and doing "tricks" like expanding marshmallows or balloons, holding hands to see if you can feel the static electricity or make your hair stand on end, make toilet paper fly with a leaf blower, and/or imploding a barrel.

The observers jump right in to give theories and expectations of what might happen next. PCC students and Science faculty have traveled to many area schools for the love of science and have just as much fun as the kids that watch.

Interested in having our mad scientists at your school? Contact Paul Primrose at paulp@prattcc.edu

Visit our [Science and Mathematics page](#) on our website to see more great photos of videos of science in action! Visit our [Facebook Page](#) to see this video on social media!



PTK and KBD Honor Societies Induct New Members in Ceremony



Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) and Kappa Beta Delta (KBD) inducted their newest members at a ceremony in the Riney Student Conference Center.

PTK is the honor society for students attending community and two-year colleges. KBD is a Business Honor Society for students in two-year colleges, or associate degree programs accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP).

A welcome and introduction was given by VP of Instruction Monette DePew with KBD sponsor Carole Ricke presiding alongside PTK sponsor Jason Ratcliffe. The guest speaker was Jackie Mundt. A candlelight ceremony took place before the presentation of new members. Welcome to the newest members of PTK and KBD!

PTK New Members

- Isabella Crowell
- Abdiel Silva-Lopez
- Steve Adhikari
- Hijiri Kuwabara
- Lucas Barcelos Fernandes
- Vinicius Costa
- Lisa Scapini
- Jonathan Wiltshire
- Apostolo Zuniga
- Brooke Tholen
- Nicole Haase
- Levi Adelhardt
- Cesar Holguin
- Madeline Reeves
- Enrique Lankford
- Anastasia Johnson
- Macy Hanzlick
- Grace Hendrickson
- Emily Acton
- Tamara Radovanov
- Andile Sibanda
- Isis Claassen
- Nathalia Rodrigues
- Crispus Atukwatse

KBD New Members

- Dawson Evert
- David Arrieta Gomez
- Brock Herrman
- Micah Carroll
- Vinicius Costa
- Lucas Fernandes
- Peyton Koehler
- Nathaniel Moore
- Ethan Paris
- Andile Sibanda



Visit our website to learn more about [PTK](#) and [KBD](#).
View the [full photo album](#) on our Facebook page!



Wildlife Outfitting and Operations Class Takes Trip to Gila National Forest



April 2023. For the past couple months, the sophomore Guiding in the Outdoors class has been planning a backcountry hunting trip to the Gila National Forest in New Mexico. The Gila was one of the first wilderness areas established in the United States and totals roughly 3.3 million acres. The class went to pursue Merriam's turkey, a high elevation bird primarily found in the western mountain regions of the United States.

The Merriam's hunt is a popular choice for the students who want to complete a "Wild Turkey Grand Slam." To complete the grand slam, a hunter must harvest all four U.S. turkey subspecies (eastern, Rio Grande, Merriam's and Osceola). Once a hunter completes the slam, they will receive a certificate and a record pin from the National Wild Turkey Federation. On the first day in the National Forest, a couple students glassed up three birds but were not able to close the distance before the birds headed down the mountain. The next three days we averaged about 10 miles on foot each day, spike camping into the wilderness portion of the national forest. A few of the students just went to fish. The trout they caught were a nice change from the MREs and freeze-dried meals.

We saw lots of turkey sign during those three days but never laid eyes on another bird. Probably a dozen other hunters stopped and talked to us along the way, saying they had been having the same problems- lots of sign but no birds. The students became particularly attached to two hunters, Kena and Brady. They were ranchers, probably in their early 60s, that had grown up in the Gila Wilderness. They made a living rounding up the feral cattle that are invasive to the Gila. During the elk seasons they would also pack hunters in and out of the mountains on horseback. Kena and Brady would swing by camp around noon each day, spinning stories of the Gila and telling the students where they might go to find turkeys.

On the last full day of hunting we finally found the birds. We heard four different gobblers. The birds would respond to calls but would not come in. After over an hour, the birds disappeared into the mountain and we headed back to pack up camp. According to Brady, "I just don't think the turkeys are feeling frisky enough yet."

Overall, the students said they really enjoyed the trip the Gila. They saw pronghorn, mule deer, coues deer, javelin and more elk than one could count. The Gila is one of the premiere elk hunting units in the United States. Kena told the students, he shot his first elk in the Gila when he was 13. The bull scored over 360 inches (It takes a score of 350 to get into the Boone and Crockett record book).

****Information and photos provided by Wildlife Outfitting and Operations instructor Rocky Robinson.***



PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE PERFORMING ARTS

Tennessee Trip

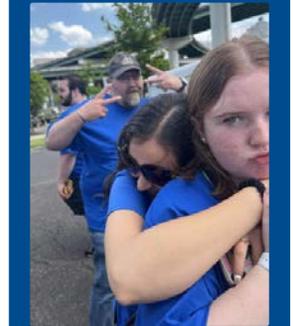


TENNESSEE



PCC's Performing Arts students took their annual spring trip to Tennessee. They visited Graceland, Beale Street, Pigeon Forge and more with multiple opportunities to perform together and make a lot of memories. They wore matching shirts at noted destinations. The shirts are sponsored by area families and businesses to support the Performing Arts department and help make the trip possible. Thank you for your support!

Photos: Misty Beck,
PCC Drama and Theatre Instructor



FINALS WEEK *FUN*

Finals Week can be a stressful time for students, but we are sure to build in breathers that give a little space to relax, socialize and have fun.

The Pratt Area Humane Society (PAHS) visited campus with several furry friends to administer a little pup therapy, courtesy of Student Success and the PASS program (athletics study hall).

Educational Support Professionals (ESP) provided an ice cream social with all the fixings.

And the popular Late Night Breakfast tradition is always a hit. PCC President and Cabinet members serve a great late night meal prepared by Great Western Dining. Students also receive t-shirts and study snacks to go, and it's all arranged by Residence Life. It's a great day to be a Beaver during finals!







PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

RODEO



CENTRAL PLAINS REGION NIRA RODEO SCHEDULE 2023-2024

2023

COLBY
SEOSU
OSU
NWOSU

SEPT. 15, 16, 17
SEPT. 28, 29, 30
OCT. 19, 20, 21
OCT. 26, 27, 28

2024

KSTATE
FSCC
GCCC
SWOKSU
FHSU
OPUSU

FEB. 16, 17, 18
MARCH 8, 9, 10
APRIL 5, 6, 7
APRIL 11, 12, 13
APRIL 18, 19, 20
APRIL 25, 26, 27

Barton CC to Offer Licensed Practical Nursing Program at Pratt Community College

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
APRIL 2023



Pratt Community College (Pratt CC) is pleased to announce that Barton Community College (BCC) will offer a Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) curriculum on the Pratt campus beginning Fall 2023.

The Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN) granted the proposal at their quarterly meeting in March 2023.

This offering is in addition to the successful facilitation of the Associate Degree of Nursing (ADN) program on the Pratt CC campus that began Fall 2022.

Approximately fifteen students are already secured to begin LPN classes in Fall 2023 without full recruiting efforts, speaking to the quality of BCC's healthcare training, the facilities at Pratt CC and market demands.

Pratt CC President Dr. Michael Calvert is proud to help meet the need.

"We are grateful the State Board again saw the need for expanded healthcare training in this area and recognized the development of the quality partnership that currently exists between Pratt CC and Barton CC. We are proud of the positive response from the Pratt area and the healthcare industry for their support in achieving our goals of providing nursing education in addition to our Allied Health programs."

Barton Community College Vice-President of Instruction Elaine Simmons supports the furthering of the partnership between PCC and BCC.

"Barton's partnership with Pratt Community College (PCC) to extend the College's Associate Degree in Nursing (RN) program has been well received by the Pratt community and surrounding areas. We accepted the follow-up request from PCC's leadership to also add our Licensed Practical Nursing to the Pratt location. Support from college officials, community members and the healthcare industry strengthen our desire to ensure nursing education is available to support workforce needs for south central Kansas."

PCC is honored to continue moving forward in partnership with Barton Community College to help meet the need for qualified healthcare professionals in Kansas.

Students may contact [Barton CC](#) for admissions and enrollment information regarding the LPN program.

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2023-2024 ELIGIBLE FIELDS OF STUDY

- Agribusiness & Economics
- Agricultural Education
- Agronomy
- Animal Science
- Ag Power Technology
- Automotive Technology **pending approval*
- AA in Elementary Education
- AS in Elementary Education
- Electrical Power Technology (EPT)
- Farm and Ranch Management
- Information Network Technology
- Home Health Aide
- Medication Aide (CMA)
- Nursing Aide (CNA)
- Welding Technology

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY AND OBLIGATIONS FOR ACCEPTING A KANSAS PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP:

To be eligible, students must have a family household income of:

1. \$100,000 or less for a family of two;
2. \$150,000 or less for a family of three; and
3. \$150,000 + \$4,800 per additional family member beyond three.

Students must:

1. Complete the required scholarship application;
2. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);
3. Enter into a Kansas promise scholarship agreement; and enroll in, and complete within 36 months of first being awarded a Kansas Promise scholarship, an eligible field of study at an eligible institution.

*Scholarship information is subject to change

Pratt Community College

BEAVER ATHLETICS

2022-2023

Visit gobeaversports.com for schedules, rosters, statistics and more!



Jason Henschel and Leticia Tessi Named PCC Athletes of the Year



The Pratt Community College athletic department has awarded their annual female and male athletes of the year. The athletic coaches can nominate an athlete to be considered for the award. Then after the nominations are received each member of the staff has one vote for the female and male athlete of the year.

Jason Henschel from the wrestling team was named the male athlete of the year. His career record is 82-9 (.901 winning percentage). He is a two-time NJCAA All-American and the 2023 NJCAA National Runner-Up at 133lbs. Henschel is a first team all-conference wrestler and won the NJCAA South Central District Wrestling Championship. Finally, he is a three-time NWCA academic all-American.

Leticia Tessi from the women's soccer team was named the female athlete of the year. She set a school record as a freshman for most goals scored in a season with 14. The previous record was eight. Tessi recorded six assists and was named the KJCCC Offensive Player of the Year. She was first team all KJCCC and was awarded the KJCCC Player of the Week twice throughout the season.

"We are honored to recognize these two individuals as Athletes of the Year," said Athletic Director Tim Swartzendruber. "Not only are they deserving because of their athletic accomplishments, but they have been great ambassadors for Pratt Community College. Congratulations to Jason and Leticia."

Beaver Sports continued...



Pratt Cheer wins National Runner-Up at NCA Competition



The Pratt cheer team competed at the National Cheerleaders Association College Nationals April 5-9 in Daytona Beach, Fl. This was the third time the team had competed in this event while this was their first year competing in the Intermediate Large Coed Open division. Before competing in this event, the cheer team won the Region VI Intermediate Large Coed Championship back on March 5.

The Beavers competed in Florida against Tyler Junior College, Riverside City College, Long Beach City College, and Tafts University. After the preliminary competition on Thursday, April 6th they sat in second place only .30 points behind the leader.

After their final competition on Friday, April 7th they finished as the National Runner-Up in their division at the NCA competition for the second time in three years. Last season, they finished third in their division.

The team is busy recruiting for next year's team and will begin their 2023-24 season in July by attending a NCA Summer Camp looking for their fourth straight time qualifying for the NCA College Nationals.



Congratulations!

Beaver Track & Field Finish Season at Nationals



The Beaver track and field team traveled to Hobbs, NM for the NJCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships May 18-20. The top performer for Pratt was Jamaira Ross finishing sixth in the steeplechase breaking her previous school record with a time of 11:55.35. Ross finished her outdoor season as an All-American.

"It was good to see some people step up and competing, like Jamaira Ross all-American. She came in ranked 9th and ended up finishing 6th. Any time you come in the nationals and do better than you were ranked as, is a win," said Head Track Coach Quintin Powell. "She has put a lot of demanding work with Coach Scott, she did good in XC this year and finished 17th and in indoor she qualified for the regional meet for nationals. This year she just had a different mindset and focus, locked in and intense. It was good to watch her go out and compete and become an all-American for us."

Other top performers for the Beavers include Tishere Dockery in the 400M Hurdles who finished 16 overall with a time of 54.17. Braden Colglazier had a phenomenal season in both indoor and outdoor season and finished tied with ninth with a jump of 1.97M.

Pratt finished their season with two All-Americans, 17 All-KJCCA West, and seven All-Region VI accolades. There were also seven school records broken including the women's 3KM steeplechase, women's outdoor 5KM, women's indoor weight throw, men's indoor weight throw, men's javelin, women's indoor and outdoor 400M.

"This year we had athletes that were our athletes, like 80% that we recruited. We got more of the championship mentality than the previous athletes we had," said Director of Track & Field/Cross Country Matt Scott. "It helped us to score some more of the points, we moved up from no points on the women's side to 13 points, with Jamaira Ross making 9 of those and in the KJCC west we went from 0 to 28 points. And on the men's side we went from no points in the region to 15 points and the KJCC west we went from 2 points to 55 points."

"It was a good year overall. Not the way we wanted to end it, we thought we were going to have more all-Americans," said Coach Powell. "It is something you work for, you want to see all that work that you put in being celebrated, being rewarded with accolades and stuff but it was still a great year."

Beavers End Season in Opening Round of NJCAA Region VI Playoffs

The Beaver baseball team competed in the opening round of the NJCAA Region VI Baseball Tournament May 10-12. Pratt traveled to Arkansas City, KS to take on the Cowley Tigers in a best of three series. With the winner advancing to the second round taking place at Eck Stadium.

Unfortunately, the Beavers lost the series 2-1 and ended their season for a second straight season in the opening round of the playoffs. Pratt ended their season 25-33 overall and 12-20 in conference play.



Game One Recap

Both teams were held scoreless through the first four and a half innings until Cowley managed to score three runs off three walks in the bottom of the fifth inning. In the bottom of the sixth inning the Tigers added three more runs to their lead off a three-run homerun. Pratt scored in the top of the ninth inning off a two-run homerun by Garryn Plummer but lost game one by a score of 6-2.

Game Two Recap

To start game two, Cowley scored four runs in the bottom of the first inning. Pratt was able to cut the lead by two runs in the top of the second inning off three hits. Both teams scored one run in the third inning for a 5-3 Cowley lead. Six runs came in for Pratt in the top of the fourth inning off three hits, five walks and two wild pitches. Cowley scored two runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to cut the Pratt lead to 9-7. Both teams scored again in the seventh inning to make it a 10-8 Beaver lead. The Tigers brought one run home in the ninth inning while stranding one runner on base as Pratt won 10-9.

Game Three Recap

Cowley got out to an early 3-1 lead after the first inning in game three. In the third inning, the Tigers extended their lead 5-2. Both teams scored two runs in the fifth inning as Cowley lead 7-4. In the top of the seventh inning, Pratt brought home two runs and cut the Cowley lead to one run. Pratt took their first lead of the game in the top of the eighth inning 8-7 but allowed the Tigers to tie the game up eight all in the next half inning. Both teams were held scoreless in the ninth inning. With one out in the bottom of the 10th inning, Cowley hit a walk off homerun to win game three 10-9 and the series 2-1.



Men's Tennis Finishes Tenth at NJCAA Championships



The Beaver men's tennis team wrapped up their season finishing 10th at the NJCAA Men's Tennis Championships with 19 team points. The #1 doubles team of Dante Despontin and Gabriel Cuenca fell short of the consolation championship losing 9-8 in the semi-finals.

"It was a long and wet trip, but in general it was good. We performed to standards, with the draws, some draws were a lot tougher than the others," said Head Tennis Coach Jeret Johnson. "#1 doubles and some of the single draws were tough over here but very doable to say the least. Overall, it was successful, but we could have had a couple more matches go our way."

The team finished their season with a 9-11 overall record. The team finished runner-up in regular season KJCCC play and third at the NJCAA Region VI Tournament. The team defeated Jacksonville College, Barton, Messa twice, Paradise Valley, Seward County, Friends University, and Concordia University (NE).

"The season was good; we are still growing and moving in the right direction," said Coach Jeret. "The sophomores will be missed next year, the leadership they had was big and especially important and our first-year students have absolutely learned a lot this year and hopefully we will continue our success. I know the program is heading the right direction."



Beaver Softball End Season in Region VI Tournament



The Beaver softball team competed in the NJCAA Region VI DI Softball Championships May 5-6 in Dodge City, KS. The team was the #8 seed entering the weekend's double elimination tournament. Pratt faced the #1 seed Hutchinson Blue Dragons in round one and would go on to play either Barton or Garden City.

Game One vs. Hutchinson

The Blue Dragons got on the board first in the bottom of the first inning. La'Cara Skelton homered in the top of the second inning to tie the game 1-1. The Blue Dragons wasted no time in the bottom of the second, bringing home seven runners. The Beavers managed to add another run in the top of the third inning while Hutchinson was held to only two runs. In the fourth inning, Pratt scored two runs while Hutchinson scored five runs for a 15-4 victory. Naveya Gardner led the team with three hits, two doubles, and two RBIs.

Game Two vs. Garden City

The Beavers faced Garden City in the consolation bracket on the morning of May 6. The Broncbusters wasted no time getting off to an early lead bringing across seven runs in the first inning. Pratt added three runs in the top of the second to make it 7-3 after two innings. In the bottom of the third inning Garden City scored one run. They added three more runs in the fourth inning. In the top of the fifth, Pratt added an additional three runs and could not get on the board again. They lost 11-6 and were knocked out of the Region VI Championships.

Pratt finished the season 5-45 and 4-28 in conference play. They advanced to the postseason for the first time since 2018.



Felicia Teeter Hired as Women's Flag Football Coach, Begins Spring Season



Pratt Community College announced the hiring of Felicia Teeter as the new Women's Flag Football Coach in February. Coach Teeter joins Beaver Nation having served as the Varsity Tight End/Full Back Coach and Director of Football Operations at Estacado High School in Lubbock, TX since July 2022. At Estacado, she turned her position groups into reliable team assets, managed team equipment and provided the head coach with attendance and academic reports.

"We are excited to have Coach Felicia Teeter join the PCC family. Her enthusiasm and work ethic were evident in the interview and follow-up," said Athletic Director Tim Swartzendruber. "To start a new program, it takes a lot of hard work and dedication. Coach Teeter is a great fit for Pratt Community College."

Prior to her time at Estacado High School, Felicia served as the Offensive Coordinator for the seventh grade A team at Dunbar Middle School in Lubbock, TX. During Coach Teeter's time with the team, they won a city championship. Before Coach Teeter started coaching, she spent ten years active-duty military before transitioning to a career in the Department of Defense. She spent thirty years of her life in public service.

"I am so excited to be here in Pratt and to start recruiting young women for our flag football team." said Coach Teeter. "My goal is to have 15-20 athletes on campus this fall."

Coach Teeter's inaugural season began in March with a home tournament and matches against Florida Gateway College, Fort Scott and Hesston College. Coach Teeter was also recently featured in a prominent article, check it out below!

National Coalition of Minority Football Coaches: [Featured Coach, Felicia Teeter.](#)

Stay tuned for more action in PCC Flag Football in Fall 2023!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Employee Birthdays

April, May June

Julie Shriver	4/7
Kim Lee	4/10
Tina Doggett	4/12
Toby Tobias	4/12
Ginnie Wright	4/18
Carmen Forest	4/21
Bruce DeClue	4/31
Jason Birkenbaugh	5/4
Kenny Eddy	5/4
Brenda Sterneker	5/11
Lisa Perez Miller	5/14
Heather Guess	5/19
Todd Reller	5/20
Jason Ghumm	5/20
Cathy Blasi	5/22
Laurie Ackerman	5/23
Otto Orosco	5/31
Nathan Buchmueller	6/1
Dave Campbell	6/10
Ken Kepley	6/14
Brad Luthe	6/16
Kim Albright	6/19
Joely Rogers	6/23
Michael Jackson	6/24
Jerry Thompson	6/24
Lisa Stinson	6/27
Jerry Haskell	6/29
Jeff Hoffman	6/30

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First Day of Summer!

June 21, 2023