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Call for upcoming newsletter content

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HOLIDAY BREAK

DATES

- > **Cafeteria Closes**
December 8th - after lunch
- > **Residence Halls Close**
December 8th - Check out by 5pm

- > **Campus Offices Closed**
December 22nd - January 2nd (Reopen Jan 3rd)

- > **Cafeteria Reopens**
January 8th
- > **Residence Halls Reopen**
January 8th - Check in from 9am-5pm

Pratt CC is wrapping up the Fall 2023 semester, gearing up for final exams December 5, 6 and 7. Campus offices will close for Winter Break December 22 and reopen January 3, 2024.

We will welcome students back to PCC in the new year as the cafeteria and residence halls reopen on January 8, 2023. Additionally, Spring classes will begin on January 10, 2024.



Quote of the Month

Some people
ARE WORTH
melting for.

- OLAF, FROZEN

December 2023

Important dates

Performing Arts - A Christmas to Remember
December 1st & 2nd @ 7:30pm

Final Exams
December 5th, 6th, and 7th.

Residence Hall Check out
December 8th by 5:00pm

Faculty Work Day
December 8th

Final Grade Entry
December 12th by 5:00pm

Winter Break - Campus Closed
December 22nd - January 2nd

January 2024 - A look ahead

Campus Reopens
January 3rd

Cafeteria & Residence Halls Reopen
January 8th

Registration Days
January 8 & 9

Spring 2024 Classes Begin
January 10th

Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday - Campus Closed
January 15th

Tips for Success During Finals Week

1. Start preparing for exams right away

2. Don't just study hard, study smart

3. Meet with your professors or tutors if you have questions

4. Find a good place to focus on your schoolwork

5. Don't rely on all-night study sessions right before the test

6. Don't forget to take care of yourself while you study



Resources:
The Student Success Center
is here to help you!

Where you can find us:
Office 55 in Dennis Lesh Arena
ssc@prattcc.edu
620-450-2156



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FREE ONLINE TUTORING
FOR PCC STUDENTS
Access tutor.com via Canvas

ACCREDITATION

AUTOMOTIVE

Please join us in congratulating our automotive team for the excellent Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) program accreditation prep work and team visit. Our automotive faculty and support staff worked diligently to be ready for the November 2 visit. The efforts resulted in the program being recommended for the maximum 5-year ASE accreditation.

Having an outside party validate the automotive program by recognizing the strength of its curriculum, instruction, and shop reinforces the overall quality of the automotive program and the dedication of the people involved.



NEW FACES

SUZAN PATTON

Pratt Community College is delighted to announce the appointment of Suzan Patton as a new member of our Board of Trustees on November 20, 2023. Individually and as part of the entire board, together they will support the mission of the College to maximize student learning, individual and workforce development, high-quality instruction and service, and community enrichment.

Mrs. Patton was a career English teacher and educator. She spent 12 years at Pratt High School; 8 of which as the district's Superintendent. Patton retired from Pratt High School in 2020. Mrs. Patton earned her associate's degree at Pratt Community College, her bachelor's degree at Wichita State University, and Fort Hays State University to complete her master's degree.

As a new board member, Patton shared her goals, "Wanting to work together to help continue the success of PCC. To be a person who can listen to the people in the community and the College and to continue to be an advocate for education."

Suzan is an active member of the Pratt community and is involved in the Rotary Club, previously serving as the president. She is active in her church and a director of a non-profit group, providing leadership to Superintendents of Districts in Kansas and Missouri.

We are excited about Suzan's passion for education and participation on our Board of Trustees. Welcome, Trustee Patton!



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Johnny "Cash" Thomas

Hometown: Olathe, Kansas
Field of Study: Mathematics

What brought you to PCC?

"Wrestling, I already knew the coach and have been a part of his camps in the summer for about 3 years."

Do you participate in a sport or activity?

"Wrestling and Encore. I was planning on being a part of choir and a video was sent to the Encore group faculty to show them that I needed to be a part of Encore because I sing well."

Do you have any Career goals?

"Not sure yet, but being a wrestling coach is definitely on the table."

What has been your favorite class so far?

Why?

"Encore, the joyful nature of classroom is great."



What do you love about being a PCC Beaver?

"I love the strong sense of culture, even though everyone might not always get along, everyone is proud to wear blue and cheer together."

How have you liked getting used to the small town of Pratt, Kansas?

"Pratt is a small town, but a good place."

Who has influenced you the most in Life?

"My family and wrestling. Wrestling has always given me a spot and my family has helped me get there."

Do you have any interest and/or hobbies in your free time?

"I collect wrestling shoes. I have over 12 pairs currently."

What advice would you give to future students?

"Don't take 8am classes and college is not always about picking the safe option."





STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Tim Renner

Tim grew up in Cunningham, KS. Graduated and started working at the Pratt Coop. One day Jim Stratford, VP of Instruction at Pratt Community College, at the time stopped by the Coop and asked Tim if he wanted to come work for PCC. The position open was for outside maintenance. Tim started in September of 1979, and has been in positions like Head of housekeeping, bus driver, and maintenance for the past 44 years. Tim is married, has 5 children and 10 granddaughters.

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

“Everyday is different and events and projects happen all the time. I tell the students to get to know a custodian, because they know what is going on. I feel the college has great benefits and one of the best is getting to know the students and having new students all the time. “

What do you consider your biggest accomplishment to date?

“Proudest award was being inducted into the PCC Hall of Fame as a contributor in 2017. “

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

“Working with a local carpenter out of high school and help build 3 houses. It was not something that I was familiar with but worked and learned on the job for about 2 years. “

What is an interesting fact about yourself that you believe fellow employees would be surprised about?

“I have played Santa Claus for area community events, Parades and even area homes for close to 30 years. I borrowed my first suit and eventually bought my own. I now share the experience with my wife as Mrs. Claus. “

Growing up, what did you want to be?

“Growing up on a farm, I knew that farming wasn't for me. One of my friends dad growing up, was the school custodian and I always thought it looked cool to be able to raise and lower the flag everyday. I also tried my hand at being a jeweler. “

What do you do for fun/relaxation outside of the PCC Community?

“I like to golf and usual try to get on the course 2 days a week. I enjoy anything sports related and once I retire, my wife and I hope to do some traveling. “

Do you have a motto, personal mantra, or favorite quote to share?

“I have a lot of quotes that my dad would say to us growing up. One of those is, 'When you're growing up you're going to make mistakes. If you make a mistake and learn from it, it isn't a mistake. When you make a mistake and don't learn from it, there is your mistake' .“



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Daryl Lucas

Daryl began working at Pratt Community College in the automotive program in 1991. Doing what he is passionate about and in the area he wanted to live.

What is your favorite part of your job?

"I like working with cars and welding equipment. Teaching the students in those fields allows me to teach the things that I enjoy to others. "

What is the most challenging part of your job?

"Communication is probably the most challenging. Working with students and others' schedules is always difficult."

Before joining the PCC community, what was an unusual or interesting job/position you have had?

"All my skills relate to my teaching experience. I have had positions in the highway department, production machine welding, alignment technician, and owned and operated both a roofing company and a farm. "

What do you like most about mentoring students?

"With welding and automotive, the skills the students are learning are usually new. I enjoy getting the the students engaged with the skills and equipment. "

How do you like to spend your free time?

"I like spend my free time working. I have done some fun things in my life, but I like to be working, always. "

What is the most helpful advice you've received or words of advice you would give others?

"Don't jump off of a tractor. It will wear out your knees and hips. "

Growing up, what did you want to be?

"When I was young I wanted to work on cars and weld, I am doing what I love. By the time I was in the 7th grade, I had built my first car."

If you won the lottery tomorrow, what would you do?

"Winning the lottery wouldn't make any difference. I would still be working."



RETIREMENT NEWS

Lisa Perez-Miller



Lisa Perez-Miller, Vice President of Students/Enrollment Management, is retiring at the end of the 2023 calendar year after almost four decades at Pratt Community College.

Lisa started her career at PCC in an interim position in December 1984. However, she quickly landed a full-time permanent position as the Director of Public Information in January of that following year. Since then, she found herself in multiple student-centered professional positions encompassing enrollment management. As with all her roles at PCC, Lisa's legacy is "trying to help others be the best they can be, live life to the fullest, and celebrate life and people."

Before coming to PCC, Perez-Miller earned her bachelor's degree in fine arts from Kansas State University. Since her time at PCC, she completed her master's degree in education from Wichita State University.

Lisa's fondest memories involve people. "It's all about the people as they create a culture and dynamic at the college," Perez-Miller said.

When asked about the support she received from the presidents she has served under, Perez-Miller said she has served under five presidents and is blessed to have always been supported by executive leadership and executive partners.

Perez-Miller expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to serve.

"For those that are given much in life, much is expected. I am blessed, and it is important to pay it forward, give back, and leave things better than you find them."

Some notable accomplishments during her tenure include serving on several Pratt Community College professional teams, including co-chair of the Higher Learning Commission Leadership Team (for accreditation); coordinator/facilitator of the Campus Equity Framework and DEI initiatives, Student Leadership Council advisor, and member of President's Cabinet, Instructional Council, Financial Working Group, and Collaboration & Planning Council. She chairs the college's program review initiative, Services and Programs under Review (SPuR). She is co-chair of the Return to Campus Task Force, Title IX Coordinator, and Chief Diversity Officer. She serves on the Kansas Board of Regents' Chief Diversity Officer's Council and is a Kansas Chief Student Affairs Administrator member. Lisa is a Kansas Community College Leadership Institute (KCCLI) graduate. In 2014, she was selected as a Peer Reviewer for the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).

RETIREMENT NEWS

In 2023, she was awarded the Essential Leader Award by HLC for her service with the Peer Corp. In 2020, Lisa received the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society's Distinguished College Administrator Award at the national level. She was also awarded the National Association for Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Community Colleges Division's Community College Professional Award nationally. Lisa also received the award in 2019 from NASPA's Region IV-West organization. A state volunteer with the Miss Kansas Organization (MKO) since 1986, Lisa served from 2000 - 2018 as Co-Executive Director and President. She currently serves as an MKO advisor to the executive team. Lisa is past president of the Miss Kansas Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors and an MKO Diversity Task Force member. She is also an MKO judge's consultant and trainer, community service initiative (CSI) advisor, and a preparation team member for Miss America and the Miss Kansas year of service. Lisa is a past National Association of Miss America State Pageants Board of Directors member, serving 11 years on the national board. She has judged numerous Miss America state competitions since 1998 and continues to volunteer and prep candidates nationwide with interview preparation.

When asked about her after-retirement plans, Perez-Miller said boredom is not on the menu! She plans to continue being involved in community efforts and take some time to explore some of her hobbies like photography, antiques, shopping, teaching leadership development, jewelry-making, and all things Kansas-related (to name a few)!

HAPPY
Retirement!



ADMISSIONS

TECH Day

Approximately 75 high school students joined us on campus at Pratt Community College for our Tech Day event.

Tech Day is an opportunity to meet directly with PCC faculty, see our programs and facilities up close and ask questions.

Faculty and staff members from the following programs met with potential students and their families or teachers/counselors on Tech Day:

- Accounting and Business
- Agriculture
- Ag Power Technology (Diesel Technology)
- Allied Health (CNA, CMA, Home Health)
- Automotive Technology
- Electrical Power Technology (EPT)
- Information Network Technology (INT)
- Welding Technology
- Wildlife Outfitting and Operations (WOO)

Tech Day concluded in the afternoon after having lunch, catered by Great Western Dining. Families who wished to stay longer to visit Financial Aid, Student Success or Residence Halls were invited to do so.

A drawing was held during lunch to choose the winner of a \$500 PCC scholarship, and the winner was Jadyn Belt! Jadyn is a senior at Kingman High School and is interested in agriculture. Congratulations, Jadyn!

Individual tours are also available to those unable to make it to a Tech Day group event. We'd love to have you on campus! Set up a tour for any program on our website prattcc.edu/tour or call 620-450-2217.



PCC PERFORMING ARTS

GRANT AWARDED

The Performing Arts Summer Camp received a grant from the Georgene Wade Charitable Fund back in mid-October. This fund goes towards the program, which encourages students to actively participate and grow through the art of theatre.

“Our Summer Music Theatre Camp is for kids ages three through finishing fifth grade. The camp is two weeks long, and throughout this time the campers work to produce a musical,” Beck said.

This grant was presented by Laurie Stroda, member of the Georgene Wade Charitable Fund committee, which is a group that honors late Pratt resident Georgene Wade by giving back to the youth in the community of Pratt. Ms. Stroda, presented a grant of \$290 to Beck and the children, which will go towards purchasing new camp supplies.

“Some of the latest musicals we have done are Finding Nemo Jr. and Moana Jr.. The campers learn songs, dances and staging, make parts of their own costumes, play games, and learn science lessons related to the theme of the musical,” said Beck. Beck also spoke of the numerous benefits that the camp offers to the children. The camp not only allows the children to learn the intricacies of theatre, but also to form and create friendships and bonds with each other.

The summer children's theatre camp has been a long tradition at Pratt Community College. Beck said that, in 2012, they decided to lengthen the camp's time frame so a full musical could be produced. Since then, the camp has created successful musicals every year that provide great entertainment for the city of Pratt.

“Not everyone enjoys just sports. This camp gives people who love music and acting a chance to shine. It also helps to create well-rounded kids.” Once a kid completes fifth grade, their experience with the summer camp doesn't end, Beck said. She said that, once a kid becomes a sixth grader, they become a junior leader for the camp. After this, when they complete eighth grade, they are now deemed a lead counselor.

“The biggest thing about what makes our camp work is the dedication of our camp counselors. These middle school and high school students are vital to the success of our program. Many of the high schoolers who are lead counselors now started camp at the age of 4 or 5. I cannot stress enough on how much their dedication to the next generation of music and theatre kids is appreciated,” Beck said.



PCC PERFORMING ARTS

CHRISTMAS SHOW

The Performing Arts department ended the semester with bringing back an old tradition with the Christmas to Remember holiday show. December 1st and 2nd students sang both traditional Christmas songs, along with fun Christmas carols. Members of Encore, Kids' Choir were involved.



FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Dr. Wojciechowski Donation to PCC Foundation

Pratt Community College is pleased to announce a gift and pledge of \$250,000 from Dr. Bill Wojciechowski. In 2018, Dr. Wojciechowski and his wife Terri established an endowed scholarship at the college. Funds from this recent gift will be added to the William and Terri Wojciechowski Endowed Scholarship bringing the total balance of the fund to nearly \$300,000.

Dr. Wojciechowski left an indelible mark on the institution, spearheading initiatives to enhance academic programs, foster community engagement, and ensure the college's financial stability. His visionary leadership transformed Pratt Community College into a thriving educational hub, dedicated to empowering students with the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in their chosen fields.



In May of 2013, PCC's Board of Trustees showed their appreciation to Dr. Wojciechowski by renaming East Hall and dedicating it as the Dr. William Wojciechowski Hall in his honor. The facility is a co-ed residence hall and offers apartment-style living amenities for 72 students. At the time, Dr. Wojciechowski stated "I was shocked and surprised. It was quite the honor. Anytime people go out of their way to recognize a person, it's a great feeling to know that people appreciate your hard work." He further shared "In the 24 years I have worked here there hasn't been a day that I didn't look forward to going to work."

Affectionately referred to as "Dr. Woj," he came to PCC following a career in the U.S. Air Force, attaining the rank of Colonel. Vice President of Students Lisa Perez-Miller remembers that he had a painting in his office with images under the words "Watch-A-House-Key." He often joked with students, saying they couldn't graduate until they could pronounce his name correctly.

During his presidency he oversaw, construction of the Riney Student Conference Center; national accreditations for the nursing, automotive technology, and business programs; reinstatement of the wrestling program; creation of the EduKan consortium; and the college received national recognition for its community service and was named to the President's Community Service Honor Roll. He also helped the formation of the South-Central Kansas Nursing Partnership and saw the PCC Foundation grow to a value of \$3.4 million. Other construction projects under his watch included Stanion Stables, North Hall, Dudrey Scholarship Hall, Chandler Hall, three wind turbines, and East Hall. Dr. Wojciechowski was recognized by the Association of Community College Trustees as the Western U.S. Region CEO of the Year (1994), honored by Phi Theta Kappa as one of the ten Outstanding College Presidents in the U.S. (1994), and received the Michael Bennet Lifetime Achievement Award (2013), the prestigious national award recognizing his commitment and support of Phi Theta Kappa honors society.

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

“The commitment that Dr. Wojciechowski has to Pratt Community College is incredible. Having had the privilege of working with Dr. Wojciechowski for over twenty years I can say that every day his focus was on PCC as well as its students, faculty, and staff. His dedication and commitment to PCC was contagious which allowed the College to achieve a high level of success in all areas during his presidency.” Stated Vice President of Finance and Operations, Kent Adams.

Dr. Wojciechowski served on a number of community, state, and national boards during his professional career. After retirement, Dr. Wojciechowski and Terri made annual gifts to fund scholarships for PCC students, as well as regular gifts in support of PCC Performing Arts. Terri passed away in August of 2022.

This scholarship is a testament to the enduring legacy of Dr. Wojciechowski's leadership and commitment to education. Recognizing the importance of providing financial support to students, Bill and Terri championed the creation of the endowed scholarship as a means to make education more accessible. With their generous donations, they have established a perpetual source of funding that will benefit students for years to come. The scholarship reflects their deep-seated belief in the transformative power of education and his unwavering commitment to creating opportunities for those seeking to better their lives through learning. Pratt Community College will be eternally grateful for their efforts and generosity.

“We are so grateful for the gift from Dr. Woj. He made a huge impact during his 24 years as president of Pratt Community College. His hand prints are all over the campus in facilities, programs and commitment to student success”, stated current PCC President Dr. Michael Calvert. “With this gift he continues to make impacts and help change lives in perpetuity. You can't do any better than that.”

The mission of the Pratt Community College Foundation is to promote opportunities for a quality higher education and to advance institutional excellence through cultivating positive and enduring relationships with supporters. The Foundation exists as a separate 501(c)3 non-profit organization responsible for college advancement, alumni relations, and stewardship of the college's endowment fund. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.

The mission of PCC is maximum student learning, individual and workforce development, high quality instruction and service, and community enrichment. A two-year public, comprehensive community college and an area technical school, PCC is located in Pratt, Kansas. For more information visit or call 620-672-5641.

STUDENT LIFE

Student Life was all a buzz for Beaver Fever week. Recent events included: Scary movie night, dodgeball, snowcones, pumpkin smashing -hosted by student success and finished off the month with Late Night in the Lesh. Be sure to follow @PCCstudentlife on Instagram.



December Student Activities

December 4: Late Night Breakfast 9pm Cafeteria

HAPPY
HOLIDAYS



STUDENT LIFE

To get ready for finals, student life and Great Western Dining provided a late night breakfast for students, President's cabinet served.

We want to wish all students good luck on your finals!



PHI THETA KAPPA

The results are in!! A big thank you to all for your continued support of PTK! We raised over \$250, our largest sum, for the Pie Your Professor fundraiser for some time.

All of our participants helped raise the money, but only two of them "won," and have the opportunity to be pied. Angie Tatro and Tyler Dallis are the winners, a big congratulations to them!

The pie ceremony was held December 1, 2023 in the Benson Education Center Commons.



LET'S CELEBRATE

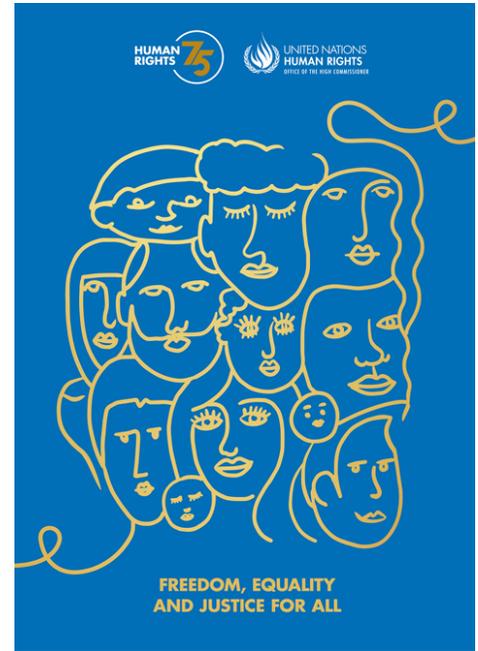
Universal Human Rights Month

Promoting Freedom, Equality and Justice for All

Despite witnessing cruelty and hate, we can strive to create a better world. This December, we celebrate Universal Human Rights Month, which serves as a reminder that the United Nations General Assembly established fundamental human rights for every person. It is a time to reflect on how we treat others and take action to promote equality, particularly in the wake of widespread discussions on systemic racism.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) is an essential document in the history of human rights. This milestone document was drafted by representatives from different legal and cultural backgrounds worldwide and was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in Paris on December 10, 1948. The UDHR serves as a common standard of achievement for all nations and peoples.

Source: <https://www.un.org/en/observances/human-rights-day>



Holidays Around the World

Few months present as many multicultural celebrations as December. From Christmas to Omisoka, the last month of the year is a "world of holidays." Let's take a look at some of December's holidays around the world.



December 5th or 6th: St. Nicholas Day

Also known as the Feast of Saint Nicholas, is a Christian holiday that commemorates the birth of Saint Nicholas. He is famously known for his affection for gift-giving, and is considered the inspiration behind Santa Claus.



December 8th: Bodhi Day

Also known as Rohatsu, is a Buddhist holiday that commemorates the day that Siddhartha Gautama, the Buddha, achieved enlightenment. Many Buddhists celebrate this day through meditation and other spiritual practices.



December 18th-26th: Hanukkah

The eight-day Jewish holiday of Hanukkah begins Dec. 18. A central part of the Jewish Festival of Lights entails the lighting of a nine-branched menorah each night. (The ninth candle is used to light the others.)



December 25th: Christmas

The primary reason for celebrating Christmas among Christians is to honor the birth of Jesus. The holiday has also become a popular secular family event across different cultures and religions.



December 26th: Boxing Day

A British tradition that occurs the day after Christmas and dates back to the 1800s. At the time, it was a day to ensure that upper class Britons gave servants and workers a day off, in addition to giving them a present. Since it has evolved into an occasion for gift giving.



December 26th-January 1st: Kwanzaa

An annual celebration of African-American culture, closing in a shared feast called Karamu. It was created by activist Maulana Karenga, based on African harvest festival traditions from various parts of West and Southeast Africa.

Source: <https://time.com/6242283/december-global-holidays-christmas-hanukkah-yule/>

STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Representing the Performing Arts department, a more local student population met with President's Cabinet as the monthly student leaders. The students and cabinet members discussed topics relating to the family atmosphere, helpful faculty, wifi, cafeteria and experience at PCC. The Student Leadership council is a great way that our students can have a voice and help improve the college as a whole.



COLLEGE HEALTH HINTS

With the holidays comes all the fixings, of every kind. Some good! Some maybe not so good. To help us through.....A few tips from our trusty folks at Mayo Clinic Health Systems, in the links below.

Stay on top of your health with resources on food, fitness, mental health and preventive care:

<https://www.mayoclinichealthsystem.org/hometown-health/speaking-of-health/healthy-holidays-maintaining-good-habits>

<https://www.mayoclinichealthsystem.org/wellness-hub>



May peace and plenty be the first to lift the latch on your door,
and happiness be guided to your home by the candle of Christmas.
In the New Year, may your right hand always be stretched out in friendship but never in want.
Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

PCC College Health

620-450-2150 - Riney Student Center

Monday - Thursday: 8:30am - 3:00pm & Friday: 8:30am - 12:30pm



BEAVER E-SPORTS

Beaver Esports Makes It to NJCAA Playoffs

The Beaver Esports team has qualified for the NJCAA playoffs that will start on Monday, November 27. This semester, three teams have been competing in Fortnite (No-Build), Fortnite (Build), and Overwatch 2, and all three teams have qualified for the playoffs.

Head Esports Coach Charles Keefer is elated about this year's performance, "It is the first time during my tenure that every team competing in a particular semester has qualified for the postseason. We have a lot to be proud of, but the job is not finished as we look to win the first postseason matches under my tenure."

In the first round of the playoffs, the Fortnite (No-Build) team will be the ninth seed and will face the 24th seed Pensacola State College. If they advance to the second round, they will face one of the SUNY Jefferson teams. The Fortnite (Build) team will be seeded tenth and will play against the seventh seed Louisburg College in the first round. The winner of that match will face the second seed Union College. The Beavers faced Louisburg earlier in the season and lost 2-0. Both teams consist of Christopher Whitaker and Samuel Kelly. The matches are set for November 27 and 28 at 5:00 PM.

"The Fortnite team has done well this semester and should be proud of what they accomplished during the regular season," says Coach Keefer. "We have been stronger in no-build, and I believe we could make a run through this tournament if we can maintain that success. The build mode has been more of a struggle for us, but in the last few weeks, we have been improving and are ready to peak here in the postseason."

The Overwatch 2 team has had a busy fall semester. They have competed in the NJCAA Contender Series, participated in a preseason tournament at Highland Community College, finished seventh, and are currently competing in the Wildcat League, a league made up of community colleges around Kansas and one college in Nebraska. The playoffs for that league will take place in person at Kansas State on December 9.

The team consists of Deven Anderson, Kody Canfield, Carlos Pedroza Garcia, Jack Shaffer, and Jeremiah Goebel. They will finish the regular season 3-3 with a 20th seed in postseason play. The team will open against the 13th seed University of South Carolina-Sumter in the opening round. The winner will advance to either Iowa Western or State Fair. The opening round is set for November 29 at 5:00 PM.

"The Overwatch 2 team has had an up and down season, with a successful start to the semester at the Highland tournament and now qualifying for the NJCAA postseason and potential the Wildcat League semifinals," says Coach Keefer. "The team has gone through a roster change in the last month, which has presented several challenges, but the team is starting to feel comfortable again with each other and in their skill sets. We are ready to take the next step and win a postseason match."

#DefendtheDam

BEAVER WRESTLING



Beaver Wrestling Finishes a Busy Month of November

The No. 2 ranked Beaver wrestling team had a busy month of November with three open tournaments. They opened their 2023-24 season at the Falcon Invitational Open on Nov. 4 in Wichita, Kan. After the first week of competition, Blake Jouret was crowned KJCCC wrestler of the week for his championship in the 184 lb division.

Next up for the Beavers was the Grand View Open, which took place in Grand View, Iowa on November 11. The following weekend, Nov. 18 Pratt traveled to Kearney, Neb. for the Younes Hospitality Open.

The Beavers will take a break until Dec. 2 when they will compete at the Bob Smith Open in Hays, KS. The team will wrap up their fall season on Dec. 10 at the Cougar Open in Great Bend, Kan.

The results from all three tournaments are below.

Falcon Invite (November 4)

- 125 | Levi Glover | 2nd Place
- 125 | Kaden Spragis | 5-1 (6 Match Maximum)
- 141 | Easton Tylor | 2nd Place
- 149 | Gabe Maki | 4th Place
- 165 | Cash Thomas | 2nd Place
- 174 | Peyton Besco | Champion
- 174 | Drew Withington | 2nd Place
- 184 | Blake Jouret | Champion



Grand View Open (November 11)

- 133 | Kolton Field | 5-1 (6 Match Maximum)
- 141 | Easton Taylor | 2nd Place
- 141 | Justin Rodriguez | 5-1 (6 Match Maximum)
- 184 | Blake Jouret | 2nd Place

Younes Hospitality Open (November 18)

- 165 | Cash Thomas | 5-1 (6 Match Maximum)
- 184 | Blake Jouret | Champion



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BEAVER SOCCER



KJCCC/NJCAA Region 6 Release Post Season Honors

The KJCCC/NJCAA Region 6 post season honors were announced, November 20 for both men's and women's soccer. Sophomore Gustavo Dias Juliani was named the offensive player of the year on the men's side. Juliani lead the team in scoring with nine goal, one assist for 19 points. Three of his nine scores were game winners for the Beavers. Overall, Juliani's nine goals tied for third in the conference standings, and his three game winners tied for second. Gustavo served as team captain this season and served a consistent leader for Pratt throughout the season.

The men's team finished their season 4-10-1 overall with a 3-9 conference record. Pratt had five players receive honors including Yuri Riberio (1st Team), Gustavo Dias Juliani (1st Team), Jack Lay (2nd Team), Colm Routledge (Honorable Mention) and Hew Brown (Honorable Mention).

On the women's side the team finished 3-9-4 overall with a 2-8-2 conference record. The Beavers had four players receive honors including Rosina Mastro (1st Team), Laila Ortiz-Nolan (2nd Team), Yvie Miller (Honorable Mention), and Kaylane Lemos (Honorable Mention). Stay tuned to gobeaversports.com for continual coverage of all Beaver athletics.



BEAVER VOLLEYBALL

Two Beavers Recognized with 2023 All-KJCCC D1 Volleyball Honors

Back on November 9, the KJCCC announced the 2023 All-KJCCC D1 Volleyball honorees. Two Beavers sophomore Alyssa Hunter and freshman Rylie Hallman were named to the honorable mention team. The Beavers finished 9-23 overall a two-win improvement from last season. The team unfortunately finished 0-16 in conference play but did compete and played better than what the record shows against several conference opponents.



Hunter led the team in total kills with 288 and averaged 2.88 kills a set. Hunter had 980 total attacks including 284 digs in 100 sets played. Leading the team in assists with 706 total and an average of 6.54 a set was Rylee Hallman. Hallman also led the team with 41 service aces. Both players served key leadership roles for the Beavers throughout the 2023 season.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL



Beavers Defeat Dodge City for First Conference Win

In a thrilling basketball matchup on November 29, 2023, Pratt Community College emerged victorious with a final score of 79-67 against Dodge City Community College.

The first half saw Pratt Community College take an early lead, outscoring Dodge City Community College 41-29. Caleb Smith of Pratt Community College showcased his skills, contributing 15 points, while Davonte "Bubba" Russ and Deon McLaughlin added 6 and 17 points respectively. Dodge City Community College's Jamari Gamble and Chevalier "Ice" also made notable contributions with 10 and 14 points respectively.



Despite Dodge City Community College's efforts to close the gap in the second half, Pratt Community College maintained their lead and secured the victory. The Beavers strong shooting performance played a crucial role in their win, with a field goal percentage of 43.5% compared to Dodge City Community College's 38.5%. Additionally, Pratt Community College had a higher three-point shooting percentage of 20.0% compared to Dodge City Community College's 17.4%. Free throws also played a significant role, with Pratt Community College shooting an impressive 78.6% from the line.



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Beavers Defeat Tabor College (JV)

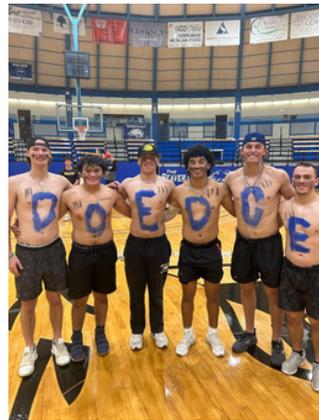
The Pratt women's basketball team hosted the Tabor College (JV) Bluejays on November 9 for their second game of the season. They went up big to start the game and lead 21-7 at the end of the first quarter. By halftime they had grown a 19 point lead 41-22. Pratt rolled to a 78-54 win.

Sophomore Isis Sanders lead the team with 17 points while Princess Anderson had 15 points and Celesta Teijema added 14 points. All of Anderson 15 points came in the first half. Katelin Long was the leading scorer for the Bluejays with 16 points while Kaylee Kauffman added 10 points.

The Beavers are headed to Plainview, TX this weekend to take on the Wayland Baptist (JV) team on November 11 at 4:00 PM. They will return home next Tuesday and Thursday night before starting conference play.



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