

Pratt Community College Monthly Newsletter

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### **Upcoming Dates**

Mid-Terms	Mar 5-9
Skyland Grain/FFA Day	Mar 8
Joseph and the Amazing	Mar 9-11
Tecnicolor Dream Coat	
Spring Break	Mar 17-25
Board of Trustees	Mar 19
Summer/Fall '18 Enrollment	Mar 26
Good Friday	Mar 30

### PCC to Host Women in Agriculture Workshop

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On Saturday, Apr. 28, Pratt Community College will be hosting a free event for all women interested in the Agriculture industry. The event is open to high school aged females interested in exploring topics and careers in Agriculture, as well as females of all ages with an interest in or actively involved



in the Agriculture industry. The workshop will run from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m.

A variety of breakout sessions led by industry experts that participants may attend include Careers in Agriculture (STEAM, Farm Finances, Water, Grasslands & Soil Conservation, Travel Kansas, Ag Succession Planning, Agvocacy & Social Media, Visioning for the Future of the Farm and Ranch, and Empowering Young Women in Agriculture.

In addition to the breakout sessions, a diverse selection of learning stations will be set up for participants to explore during the Lunch & Learn session. Representatives from PCC, TSA & Team Beef, KS Nature Conservancy, and more will have tables set up for participants to learn more about their respective area.

Lunch is provided during the free event and provides an opportunity for participants to network with those involved in the industry.

Giveaways, prizes, and freebies will be available to those who participate in the workshop. All those who attend will also receive a free PCC T-Shirt.

Pre-registration is required for this event. Those interested can register online at prattcc.edu/AgWomen by Apr. 28.

For more information, please contact Lori Montgomery at lorim@ prattcc.edu.

\*\*CORRECTION: A previous article states Debbie Lyons-Blythe as a keynote speaker. A specific keynote speaker has not been confirmed at this time."

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### Kansas Men in Nursing Workshop Being Held on PCC Campus

Pratt Community College will be hosting a Kansas Men in Nursing Workshop on Thursday, Apr. 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The free event is open to males of all ages with an interest in the Nursing field.

The workshop will provide resources and knowledge needed for success in the challenging Nursing environment. It is geared for men of all ages that have an interest in the nursing field to gather, learn, network, and to provide a background on exploring careers in nursing.

Presenters for the workshop include male industry experts as well as recent male graduates from the PCC ADN program. A current student discussion panel -



will also provide attendees the opportunity to ask questions of current LPN male students to further clarify and evaluate their personal goals regarding a career in the nursing field.

Exhibits and demonstrations during the event will include a nursing simulation, expectations of nursing and nursing career options.

For more information, please contact Kim Hansen at kimh@prattcc.edu.

# Performing Arts Presents: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

With "a crash of drums, a flash of light," Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, the internationally acclaimed musical and dance extravaganza explodes on the Pratt Community College Carpenter Auditorium stage this March 9-11.

PCC's Performing Arts students and college staff along with more than 80 community members make up this colorful cast directed by Misty Beck, Speech Communications/ Drama and Theatre Instructor.

The first full-length musical by the legendary theatrical team of Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, JOSEPH is a lovely, comic, and colorful journey through the Biblical story of young Joseph, sold into slavery by his brothers after his father favored him with a gorgeous colored cloak. His gift of prophecy saves him from an uncertain fate and



helps him to rescue Egypt from famine. Animated with a high-energy mix of music and dancing from 50's rock to calypso to country, this show is hailed for its family-friendly storyline, universal themes, and catchy music.

Described as a high-voltage extravaganza, Joseph includes such classic songs as the contemplative "Any Dream Will Do," the Caribbean infused "Benjamin Calypso," the dazzling "Jacob and Sons/ Joseph's Coat," the rockabilly sensation "Song of the King "and the unforgettable "Go, Go, Go Joseph."

Starring as Joseph is freshman Joseph Stewart, freshmen Kayley Geesling and Kayla Harbaugh tell the story as the narrators and community member and alumnae Josh Jacobs channels his inner Elvis as the Pharaoh. A large chorus of both adults and children are featured in the show as well as a principal ensemble and the brother's ensemble.

Join PCC and the Performing Arts department opening night March 9 show begins at 7:30 p.m. Saturday's show includes a delicious and entertaining dinner theater option with dinner at 6:15 p.m. and show starting at 7:30 p.m. The final performance will be Sunday March 11 at 2:30 p.m. Admission for the show is \$5 and Saturday's dinner theater is \$15, reservations are required for the dinner,

### PTK Students Honored at Kansas Academic Team Luncheon

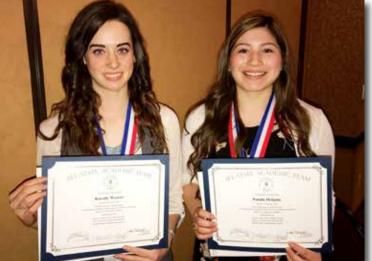
Two Pratt Community College students joined 54 of their peers when Kansas saluted the 57 community college scholars for their academic accomplishments February 15 in Topeka during the Twenty-Third Annual Kansas All-State Academic Team Luncheon. Representing the state's 19 community colleges, a private college, and a technical college, these scholars were named to the 2018 All-Kansas Academic Team, sponsored by the international headquarters of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees, and the Kansas Council of Community College Presidents.

PCC's PTK chapter is sponsored by faculty member, Trisha Jackson. The two student award recipients are Natalie Holguin and Kassidy Weaver.

"I was honored to be chosen to help represent PCC. It was a unique and wonderful experience, as I got to meet important people and celebrate my success along with other students' success," said Weaver. "It was definitely different, as I'm not used to the fancy atmosphere. It was a memorable experience and I'm glad I was able to be a part of it."

The Luncheon was held at the Ramada Inn Hotel in Topeka. Those in attendance included the scholars, members of their families, PTK chapter sponsors, community college administrators and trustees, university representatives, legislators, and members of the Kansas Board of Regents staff. They heard from Dr. Liang Chi Wee, President of Northeast Iowa Community College, who shared his history as an immigrant from Shanghai.

Michael Calvert, president, Lisa Perez Miller, vice





president of students and enrollment management, Carol Ricke, faculty member, and Board of Trustees Darrell Shumway, Dwane DeWeese and Michelle Hamm were also in attendance.

Natalie Holguin is an Agribusiness major at PCC. She is currently involved with PTK and serves as the Kappa Beta Delta president. She is also known as a community volunteer and her 4.0 GPA has landed her on the President's Honor Roll.

Kassidy Weaver is a Pre-Veterinary major. She is currently involved with PTK, Block and Bridle, and currently serves as a rodeo manager. Along with working as a work study, she also volunteers at the Humane Society. Her 4.0 GPA has also earned her position on the President's Honor Roll.

Phi Theta Kappa is the honor society for students attending community and two-year colleges. Membership is based on high grade point averages and other criteria, with members focusing on scholastic achievement and service to community and campus. These 57 student scholars are part of a statewide student body of more than 123,000 students enrolled at the 19 Kansas community colleges.

Each scholar was selected by his or her own community college for the annual statewide academic team, and was presented with a medallion, certificate, and scholarship awards from the Presidents' and Trustees' organizations at the Luncheon. Each scholar also is a nominee for the 2018 All-USA Academic Team, sponsored by the newspaper USA Today, Phi Theta Kappa, and the American Association of Community Colleges. First team members will receive a \$2,500 stipend and will be featured along with second and third team members in USA Today. Names of the students will be placed on the Society's website, www.ptk.org.



# PEOPLE

"I'm originally from Rooks County, about an hour north of Hays. I was raised out in the country in the middle of nowhere, however I was born here in Pratt. My dad came to school here and my brother recently came down to school here. I was also involved with the homeschool group in Pratt, so it made my decision to attend PCC very easy.

Right now, I am studying business management. Deciding what I wanted to major in was kind of a process. Currently, I am a CNA. I thought about going directly into nursing, because I really enjoy the nursing field. However, being a CNA, I saw a lot of issues within the realm of nursing homes that I wanted to fix. Therefore, I am going into business management and eventually following up with a nursing degree. My ultimate goal is to eventually do business management at a nursing home to fix some of those issues I had dealt with as a CNA.



I love helping others and I always wanted to do something for my career that physically helps someone else. I felt that working in a nursing home and fixing some of the common issues in the field is a great way help others and will lead to a fulfilling career."



"I find everyone unique. To me, if I had to pick a unique characteristic about me, it would be that I am very approachable and outgoing. My soccer team gave me an award for being the Most Approachable back in December. Everyone in this college that knows me well knows that if you come up to me with a question, I will help you as much as I can. I will lead you the right direction. They also know if they have a problem, they can always come to me and trust me too. That is why I am involved with Student Admission Representatives, Student Leadership, and am the recorder for Phi Theta Kappa. I can use my approachable characteristic to help people and lead them on the right path."

"I do a lot with animals. Growing up, I was involved with in 4-H and FFA. I participated in Kansas High School rodeo, so I take a lot of pride with what I do with my horses. They are my biggest companions and passion. I started riding right after I started walking and have been obsessed ever since. I started officially participating in junior high rodeo in sixth grade, but I have been doing barrel races, pole bending, and team roping since I was young. I made it to nationals three times in junior high school and one year in high school. Those were cool experiences and are some of my favorite memories."





"I really enjoy working at a kids' camp during the summer. It has a lot of high moments. It's a Christian camp, so we are able to share the gospel with kids. We get kids from all over, including those from really bad backgrounds. It's a chance to love them and teach them. It's really rewarding. My dream for the future is to be working with kids somehow. I don't necessarily want to be a teacher. I want to be a mentor but not necessarily as a job. I want to be able to know kids and let them know they can come to me when they don't have anyone else. I want them to know I am a person they can count on."

"I'm originally from South Texas, down between Houston and Galveston. I was actually recruited last year for shot put and discus. I told the coach at the time that I wanted to play volleyball. If I couldn't do track and volleyball at the same time, I wasn't coming. After being told I could play volleyball, I needed some signs to show me this is where I was supposed to be. My high school just finished doing the Wizard of Oz production. I thought that was the biggest sign I could get. Then, I had to do a school project that was based in Kansas. Little things just kept popping up that were Kansas based and I decided this is where I need to be.

My overall college experience here at PCC has been awesome. I am studying Sports Management and Communications. I am involved with volleyball, Encore, and Student Admissions Representatives. I am blessed to be involved with such family oriented groups. Since I am in multiple activities and I have met so many people, it's like I have the whole college behind me. "





"I was a Sunflower Princess for years when I was little girl and one year I competed as a teen. After that, I took a year off. I went back to pageantry last year and competed as Miss Leavenworth County. This year in June, I will be competing as Miss Butler County. Between my senior year of high school and freshman year of college is when I chose my platform for Miss Kansas. My mom passed away when I was ten and my ultimate goal is to help others through tough situations such as that. That's what my platform, "Facing the Burning Building", is. It is about dealing with the five stages of grief and making sure that you reach the final stage, which is acceptance. Helping others through tough situations is ultimately what I am going to be doing with my life."

PEOPLE PCC People of PCC is a spinoff of the well-known Humans of New York project. The goal is to feature students, employees, board members, and anyone else who is associated with PCC to learn more about their unique stories and life ambitions.

Each Friday during the academic school year, features detailing the lives and stories of those related to the college will be published to the PCC website, social media and other platforms to provide a variety of ways to get each story heard.

"With a glimpse into the backgrounds and daily lives of fellow peers, we can develop a better

understanding of the people around us and create a community that makes us PCC proud," said Jessica Sanko, Coordinator of College Relations and Student Services Assistant.

To be considered as a feature for People of PCC, please contact Jessica Sanko at jessicas@ prattcc.edu or 620-450-2192.

### PCC Baseball Wraps Up Series With Seward CC

Pratt Community College baseball traveled to Liberal, Kan. to wrap up the second half of their four game series with Seward County Community College. The Beavers ran into Seward offense that came alive in the final two games of the series. PCC gets swept in the double header splitting the series at 2-2.

The Blue and White were the first to score in Game 3 of the series. Ben Van Diest reached second on an error on the second baseman to come all the way home for the first run. After the first run, Seward erupted in scoring. Over the next three innings, Seward scored five runs, six runs, and five runs for 16 runs. PCC loses Game 3 3-16.

Elerie Rivera led the Beavers from the plate in Game 3. Rivera went a perfect three for three at the plate with two runs and an RBI. He hit a double, triple, and home run in his at bats coming a single away from hitting for the cycle.

Gage Axline and Van Diest both went one for two at the plate. Axline brought home a run with an RBI and Van Diest scored a run.

Player of the game for Game 3 goes to Seward's Cole Bergdall who went a perfect three for three with three runs and three RBIs.

Game 4 saw the Seward offense continue their hot streak. While the Beavers mounted a

## Track Competes at NJCAA Nationals

Pratt Community College track and field ended the indoor portion of the season by competing at the NJCAA national championship meet. The Beavers competed in nine events over the two day event in Lubbock, Tex.

The women represented the Blue and White well at nationals competing in four events. Madeline Jacobsen ran in the 600m dash. Jacobsen finished the race in 1:41.84 for a top ten finish. In the 400m run, Anysia Romain ran a 1:01.06. The highlight of nationals for Pratt was the women's 4x400m relay. The team of Feja Hodges, Ashley Marcelin, Jacobsen, and Romain broke their school record again with the time of 4:01.48 for a top 15 finish.

On the men's side, the Beavers competed in five events. Yves Cherubin ran an 8.92 in the 60m hurdles. In the 600m dash, Elijah Battle finished in 1:25.03. Running the 60m dash Dorson St. Phard ended the race at 7.03. Christopher McEnery ran in the 400m race. McEnery finished in the top 25 with a time of 49.47. Finishing the meet was the men's 4x400m relay. Darius Ruff, Joshua Mitchell, Battle, and McEnery ran the race with a time of 3:29.84.



resistance scoring seven runs, Seward could not be cooled down scoring 19 runs. PCC falls in Game 4 7-19.

Axline continued his strong play in the series in Game 4. Axline finished two for four at the plate with a run and an RBI. Trace Maddux and Eric Escamilla were perfect in their at bats in Game 4. Maddux ended the game going two for two with three runs and an RBI with two walks. Escamilla finished two for two with two runs and an RBI.

PCC baseball continues a five game road stretch with a game against Kansas Wesleyan JV on March 6. First pitch is at 4 p.m.



"The meet didn't go as planned, but I'm proud of these kids for powering through the transition and succeeding," said Jamaal Barnes head track and field coach at PCC. "We were able to gain a lot of experience this indoor season. Coach Larson and myself hope transitions into the outdoor season and translates into results for the Beavers."

PCC track and field begins the outdoor season at the Butch Reynolds Invitational in El Dorado, Kan. on March 9. Events for the invitational, hosted by Butler Community College, begin at 10 a.m.

### Sean Flynn Hired As Head Men's Basketball Coach

Dr. Michael Calvert and Pratt Community College athletics are proud to announce the hiring of Sean Flynn as the new head men's basketball coach. Flynn has coached the Beavers as the interim head coach since mid-November and looks to build on the foundation he has helped establish for the program.

"I'm excited to be removing the interim tag for Sean," Calvert said. "I've been evaluating him since December. I'm pleased with what I'm seeing both on and off the court. He brings a variety of experiences including three years of experience coaching in the Jayhawk Conference. Sean relates very well with his players and is a solid recruiter. I'm very excited he is our men's basketball coach going forward."

Flynn took over as the interim men's basketball coach in mid-November following the departure of Max Good. Prior to the season, PCC men's basketball was predicted to finish thirteenth in the KJCCC out of fifteen teams. Under Flynn's guidance and without an assistant coach, Pratt currently sits tied for ninth in the KJCCC. The Blue and White are also currently enjoying a five game home win streak.

"I'd like to thank my players for working hard and sticking together through challenging times," Flynn said. "They are fun to coach, and I'd run through a wall for all of them. I would also like to thank Dr. Calvert for hiring me to coach basketball in one of the best leagues in the United States. Dr. Calvert and athletic administrators Bill Wilson and Scott Goodheart all possess an incredible feel for two-year athletics. They understand this level through the respective lenses of players and coaches. Having an administration who holds this perspective makes coaching and competing at Pratt a terrific experience. The teachers and staff at Pratt support our kids every day. My players and I appreciate this. We look forward to building a program that community members and faculty can rally behind."

Flynn has been with the PCC men's basketball program for the past two seasons. He came to PCC from Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. Trinity won the NESCAC title and advanced to the NCAA tournament while Flynn coached at Trinity. Flynn's first experience in the Jayhawk Conference came as an assistant coach at Cloud County Community College during the 2014-15 season.

Flynn also has coaching experience under five New England Basketball hall of famers, Max Good (Pratt CC), Charlie Titus (UMASS-Boston),



John Rice (Jeremiah E Burke High School), Leo Papile (Boston Amateur Basketball Club), and Jamie Cosgrove (Trinity College).

Flynn also gained invaluable knowledge working as a graduate assistant under Tom Herrion at Marshall University for three seasons.

"I don't get to Pratt unless Leo Papile intimidates Max Good into hiring me," joked Flynn. "Max is a great coach and might be the funniest person I have ever met. My players and I are lucky to have been a small part of Max's career coaching basketball. Finally, I've worked for great coaches. I can't thank Chad Eshbaugh and Jamie Cosgrove enough for what they've taught me about dedication to your players. All of their players are better human beings after meeting them. They are the two toughest guys I know. I hope I can make a similar impact at Pratt."

### PCC Wrestling Competes at the 2018 NJCAA National Championship Meet

Pratt Community College wrestling wrapped up the 2017-18 season in Council Bluffs, IA at the NJCAA wrestling national championship meet. The five Pratt wrestlers who qualified for nationals at the West Central District Region Qualifier competed for a chance to be the national champion of their perspective weight classes.

In the 125lbs. class, Brayan Balderrama battled for the Blue and White. In his first match, Balderrama lost to eighth ranked Noah Bauer from Rochester. Falling to the consolation bracket



Balderrama rallied winning his next two matches against Jacob Mendoza and Matt Genau. Balderrama's tournament came to an end at the hands of Boo Dryden of Northeast Oklahoma A&M. Dryden advanced through the tournament to take third in the weight class.

Justin Hershberger competed for PCC in the 133 lbs. class. Hershberger won his first match against Harper's Jordan Carson. In his next match, Hershberger went up against the first ranked Todd Small from Iowa Central. Hershberger lost the bout to Small, the eventual 133 class champion, and fell to the consolation bracket. Hershberger then lost to Taylor Jeffries of Northwest Wyoming to end his run in the tournament.

At 184, JT Ellis fought hard for the Beavers. First match was against the sixth ranked Hunter Roller of Northland. Ellis lost the bout and fell to the consolation bracket. Ellis won his next two matches defeating Nick Sanfors and fifth ranked Dominic Gallo from Harper. Ellis lost to Northwest Tech's Joseph White to end the day for Ellis. White moved on to take seventh place in the weight class.

Nick Lucas ended his 2018 season on a strong showing at nationals. Lucas lost his first match of the tournament. Lucas dug deep from there having to face the seventh ranked Aaron Soloman from Camden. Lucas defeated Soloman and his next two opponents for a matchup with third ranked and defending national runner up Dillon Ulrey of Clackamas. Ulrey ended Lucas' tournament and moved on to take fourth place. Lucas came one bout away from being an all-American, a great accomplishment for the freshmen.

Kevin Kissane had the best run of the Beaver wrestlers at nationals in the 141 lbs. class. Kissane started the tournament as a wild card in part to a shoulder injury earlier this season. First up was the sixth ranked Sam Eckhart from Northeastern. Kissane won the first bout and went on to defeat Barton's Keaton Sander next. Iowa Central's third ranked Eric Clarke defeated Kissane sending him into the consolation bracket. Kissane won his next two matches over Kollin Wade and Jake Thompson before coming up against fourth ranked Tyree Johnson from Triton. Kissane lost setting up a rematch with Clarke for fifth place. Due to the injury, Kissane could not compete, but still finished sixth in the weight class.

Overall, PCC wrestling finished the 2017-18 season ranked in the top 25 nationally.

"I am very proud of the way we competed this weekend and their gratitude and effort towards representing not only our institution, program and region, but the Pratt community," said Ken Kepley head wrestling coach at PCC. "This year has been a year full of injuries and recovery, and we finished strong. We may not have finished where we wanted, but we and everyone else in the nation know where we stand if we are healthy. This goes to show how strong our team was this year with the amount of adversity we experienced. With injuries to where they had each other's backs and rose to the occasion for their injured comrades. It was a great feeling as a coach to see someone step right in, trust the process, and capitalize on their opportunities. We will use this momentum straight into the off-season. As a coach, with those freshmen coming up to me with the fire and desire to get back to work on Monday, it is the best feeling in the world. I cannot wait to get back to work with these young men and build a team around them and watch them grow as leaders."

### Women's Basketball Season Ends Against Hutchinson CC

Pratt Community College women's basketball started the KJCCC tournament with a road game against Hutchinson Community College. The Beavers could not counter Hutchinson's high scoring offense as the Blue Dragons took an early lead and controlled the pace to take the win. Pratt's season comes to an end as PCC loses to Hutchinson 22-82.

Channa Parvin played with heart in her final game for the Blue and White. Parvin led Pratt in scoring with 12 points. Dakota Smith followed with six rebounds, four points, an assist and a steal.

Player of the game goes to Hutchinson's Dejanae Roebuck who led all scorers with a double-double of 21 points and 15 rebounds.



### Men's Basketball Season Ends Against Colby

Pratt Community College men's basketball entered the post season with a KJCCC tournament road matchup against Colby Community College. The Beavers ran into a high scoring Colby team. Colby's scoring created a lead that Pratt could not come back from. PCC's season comes to an end as the Blue and White loses to Colby 82-103.

Sophomores AJ Banks, James Brooks, and Asem Johnson led the way for the Beavers in their final game at Pratt. Brooks finished with 16 points, eight rebounds and a steal. Banks led the Blue and White in bench scoring with 11 points, six rebounds, three steals and two assists.

Player of the game goes to Johnson. Johnson led all scorers with 37 points, seven rebounds and two steals.





The second annual Beaver Backer Duck Race is set for Thursday April 19 at Jack Ewing Park! Tickets are on sale now at the PCC Athletics Office.









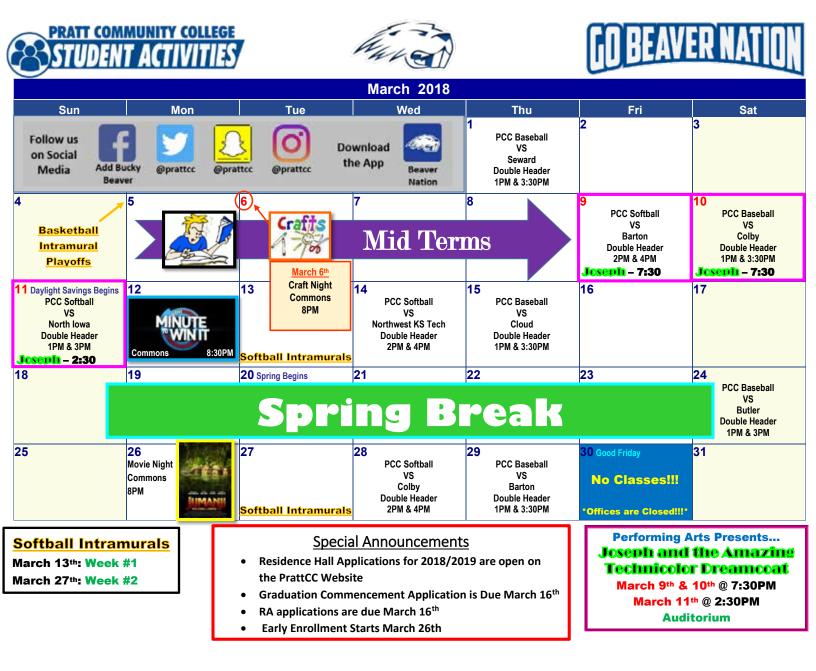












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