

**GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE**  
*Pioneer Update*  
**YOUR WEEKLY UPDATE ON GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE**  
*A COMMUNICATION TO ALUMNI AND FRIENDS ABOUT EVENTS AND PEOPLE IN THE NEWS*

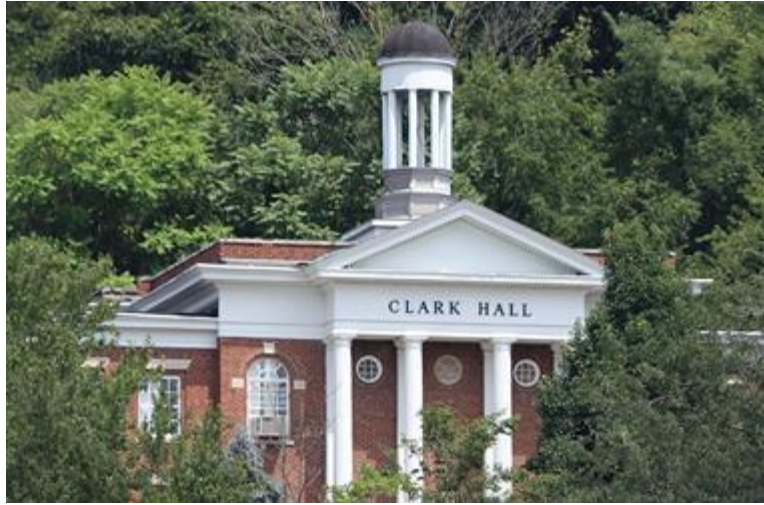
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## **Alumni Spotlight**

Jeffrey Glenn "Jeff" Davis '84, a native of Summersville, West Virginia, has been chosen as the August Artist of the Month at the [West Virginia Fine Artisans gallery](#) in Lewisburg.

He came to Glenville State College in 1979, almost by accident, after first enrolling at another school before deciding it wasn't for him. Jeff was heading back home and had stopped for gas in nearby Burnsville when he saw a sign for Glenville State. He decided to visit the campus and was introduced to now Professor Emeritus Charles C. Scott. The semester had already begun



## **GSC Lowers Many Academic Course Fees**

Glenville State College has committed itself to being a leading force in college access and affordability by lowering the cost of higher education to the students and families of West Virginia and beyond. Over the past year, GSC has reduced the cost of tuition, lowered meal plan costs, and opted not to raise housing fees.

As part of ongoing efforts, GSC evaluated all fees associated with academic courses. As a result, 70 course fees have been either eliminated entirely or reduced for the 2018-2019 academic year. Course fee reductions ranged from 13% to 50% with a total savings for students of around \$800.

“The idea of a college reducing any of its costs for students is unheard of these days. Glenville State is taking a different approach and recognizes that students are overburdened with debt when they graduate. This reduction in fees is an important step in demonstrating our efficiency in reducing

but Mr. Scott worked with then-President William K. Simmons '61 to make sure he was able to enroll and catch up with his classmates.

Jeff, whose father built all of the signs for West Virginia's state parks for 30 years, is a relief wood carver and painter. He says he tries to represent the Mountain State in his work by choosing native hardwoods such as chestnut, white walnut, oak, and sassafras for his canvas. Davis then carves, sands, and paints each piece by hand before finishing it with a glossy clear coat. Many of the items he creates are functional, such as benches, tables, and doors.

He even has work on display right here at GSC. [This secretary desk](#), which was originally owned by John Arbuckle, was donated to GSC by Professor Emeritus Ernest "Ernie" H. Smith '64 in memory of his wife Luanna T. Smith '55 who served as a longtime Assistant to the President. Jeff added the eagle artwork while the desk was in Ernie's possession. It is now proudly on display in the James W. Curry '37 Room of [your Alumni Center on campus](#).

Jeff has demonstrated his work in Washington, D.C., at the Mountain Heritage Arts and Crafts Festival, and at the Ripley Mountain State Arts and Crafts Fair. He

costs and shows that our top priority is being a student-focused institution," said GSC President Dr. Tracy Pellett.

These reductions in course fees come following the announcement in April that Glenville State would reduce its cost of tuition by .05% for the 2018-19 academic year in addition to a 25% tuition reduction for the summer, 2018 term. GSC also lowered tuition in the 2017-18 academic year, reduced its parking fees, and is working to incorporate more free and online course materials.



## Welcome to Glenville State College Class of 2022!

The Glenville State College Class of 2022 gathered last weekend to take their official class photo to mark the end of Pioneer Welcome Weekend. The Weekend is designed to help new students create connections with current students, faculty, and staff, and to familiarize themselves with GSC. Classes for new and returning students began on Monday, August 13.



**THE GIVING CORNER**

Click the gift icon to make a donation of your own and join the Giving Corner.

Greg Smith '76 – \$2,662.63 for Surveying Gift-in-Kind

Michael '73 and Nancy (Lemon) Rust – \$2,000 for PAC Women's Basketball

Ronald '62 and Kathryn Stoops – \$2,000 for the Ronald V. and Kathryn J. Stoops Wood County Education Scholarship

served on the board of directors for Carnegie Hall (WV) for six years and on Ripley's Arts and Crafts Fair board for nine years.

Kudos to Jeff for being chosen as the August 2018 Artist of the Month! We are pleased to feature him in this week's Alumni Spotlight. You make us proud that you are an alumnus of Glenville State College.

and the Ronald V. and Kathryn J. Stoops Pioneer Scholarship

Jean (Crawford) Eister – \$1,500 for the Annual Fund in memory of Former President Robert T. and Mabel (Rose) Crawford '33

Don '71 and Susie '98 Sheets – \$500 for the Pioneer Athletic Club

Dennis '74 and Dianna Carpenter – \$300 for PAC Women's Basketball and Men's and Women's Track and Field

Steven Hunt – \$200 for the Hunt-Stalnaker Scholarship in memory of Oliver Hunt '55



## Gillespie Gives Back to his Hometown

Dr. David Gillespie '64 is giving back to his hometown of Webster Springs, West Virginia by helping restore the iconic 'Lovers Lane' boardwalk that runs alongside the Elk River. The boardwalk was originally built in 1875 by Benjamin Conrad. Conrad, owned a grist mill and hotel that sat on the Elk River and decided to build the boardwalk to save his



## 50 Year Forest Technology Reunion

On Saturday, August 25 GSC's Department of Land Resources invites Forestry Alumni back to campus to celebrate 50 years of the Forest Technology program.

The reunion will be held in the College's Waco Center beginning at 9:00 a.m. with a social reception followed by a Forest



## Pioneer Stage to Hold Grand Opening

The GSC Bluegrass Program has recently relocated to The Pioneer Stage at 10 East Main Street in downtown Glenville. The Pioneer Stage will serve as the Bluegrass Music Education Center for GSC and will be open to the public.

A [grand opening celebration](#) for The Pioneer Stage will

customers the mile-long walk on the muddy road.

Dr. Gillespie served as Head Librarian at GSC from 1968-1984 and went on to complete his career at Frostburg State University in Frostburg, Maryland with nearly 30 years of service.

[Click here](#) to read the full article.

Technology presentation by former GSC Surveying Professor Dr. Darrell Dean. A panel discussion will take place after Dr. Dean's presentation. The celebration will also include lunch, historical pictures, a raffle drawing, and opportunities for group photos.

To RSVP contact [Ashley Reed](#) or [click here](#).

take place throughout the day on Saturday, September 22. The day kicks-off at 10:00 a.m. when the GSC Bluegrass Band will showcase the opening event and be followed by: history lectures, musical performances, workshops, traditional flatfoot dancing, a car show, and more.



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