

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



**Alumni
Spotlight**

Donald "Don" Sheets, a lifelong educator, spent his 32-year career working in public education for the Ritchie County Board of Education. Throughout his career, he spent 3 years working as a middle school teacher and 29 years as an elementary school principal.

Don graduated from Glenville State in 1971 with a degree in English and Social Studies Education and went on to receive his Master's Degree in Administration from West Virginia University.

He has many connections to GSC, as he serves as an Adjunct Intern Supervisor for

Congratulations GSC Graduates!

December Commencement is Saturday, December 14



**GSC to Hold Third Annual IOGA
Classic**

Next week, the Waco Center at Glenville State College will be the site of a boy's and girl's six-day high school basketball tournament. The WV Independent Oil & Gas Association (IOGA) Classic tournament is being hosted at GSC and will take place Monday, December 16 through Saturday, December 21.

Schools slated to participate include Gilmer County, Bridgeport, Clay County, Calhoun County, Nicholas County, Webster County, Roane County, Braxton County, and Meadow Bridge.

the GSC Department of Education, having done so for the past 14 years. His daughter, Dr. Shelly (Sheets) Ratliff '02, is an Associate Professor of Education for GSC. Along with his daughter, Don has had several family members graduate and work at GSC.

Don and his wife of 50 years Carolyn "Susie" '97 live in Glenville, West Virginia and are the proud grandparents to Brooklyn Ratliff.

Sheets is an avid fan of Pioneer Athletics and attends as many sporting events as possible. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling with his family, serves the Glenville First Baptist Church in multiple capacities, and has been a member of the Glenville City Council and Zoning Board.

We are proud to feature Don in this week's Alumni Spotlight and proud to call him an alumnus of Glenville State College.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the IOGA Classic.

GSC Graduate Establishes "Secret Caretaker" Program

Tara Wine-Queen '11 is an eighth-grade teacher at Robert L. Bland Middle School in Weston, West Virginia and has taught at the school for nine years. She decided that she was going to begin the school year with a twist to make sure that every student in her classroom was supported and instilled with positive values.

"Over the years, it has seemed like students have been less and less equipped to interact with each other kindly, respectfully, and with empathy, and while I've always tried to do what I could to instill positive values in the classroom, it hasn't seemed to be enough," she said.

The first part of Queen's plan was accomplished by teaching her students the classroom expectations, or what she refers to as House Wine-Queen words. She ordered bracelets for all of her students that would help serve as a reminder throughout the school year. On the outside, the bracelets were imprinted with "House Wine-Queen" and what Queen refers to as their house words – kindness, respect, empathy, conscientiousness, and enthusiasm. On the inside, the bracelets were transcribed with "You are valuable. You are loved. You are worthy."

[Click here](#) to read the complete story from *The Weston Democrat*.



Did You Know?

Coach David "Dave" Walker '88 has led the Martinsburg High School Bulldogs to their fourth consecutive Class

AAA West Virginia State High School Football Championship. This championship

Recognizing our Great Pioneer Alumni

Do you know an outstanding Glenville State College alumnus who deserves to be recognized for their hard work and accomplishments? Let us know about them!

The Glenville State College Alumni Council is currently soliciting nominations for their 2020 alumni awards, which will be presented

win marks the Bulldogs eighth state title over the last 10 years.

In 2016, Dave was inducted into GSC's Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame for his outstanding career as a member of the Pioneer Football Team. The GSC Alumni Association also recognized him as a Distinguished Alumni in Athletics in 2017.

during the annual Alumni Banquet on Alumni Day this spring. Simply [click here](#) to see descriptions of the various award categories and learn how to make a nomination.

If you have any questions about the awards or the nomination process, contact GSC Alumni Director Conner Ferguson '17 by [clicking here](#) or calling (304) 462-6116.



WINTER HOMECOMING
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2020

PIONEERS
Waco Center
Glennville State vs Notre Dame
Lady Pioneers - 2:00 PM
Pioneers - 4:00 PM

Making a Lasting Impact - What's Your Legacy?



The Glennville State College Foundation is pleased to announce the formation of the *Janet Hall Gainer Memorial Scholarship*. The purpose of this scholarship is to support young women from Braxton County, West Virginia who are attending Glennville

State College. This fund was established by Robert Gainer '61 to honor Mrs. Janet (Hall) Gainer '62, his late wife.

Mrs. Gainer grew up in Braxton County, attended Glennville State College, and served as the guidance counselor at Braxton County High School before returning to her alma mater. For

about twenty-two years, Janet and Robert both spent time working for GSC until they eventually retired to South Carolina. The Gainer's were married for over 55 years, having met in the basement of the Administration Building, until Janet's passing in October 2018.

Robert hopes that Janet's legacy will live on through the scholarship and that it continues to inspire young women from Braxton County.

For more information about the GSC Foundation or to make a donation to this scholarship, contact David Hutchison via [email](#) or by calling (304) 462-6381.



Morris Family Speaks to Students

The final installment of the Glenville State College Business Leadership Series for 2019, organized by the Department of Business, was held on Thursday, December 5. The event featured special guests Ike '07 (H), Sue (Bartlett) Morris '66, and Shelly (Morris) DeMarino '85 as they spoke with students about their past, the kindness of others when they were starting out, and offered advice to be successful upon graduation.

They were joined by Sandy (Moyers) Pettit '85 and Chair of the Department of Business Cheryl McKinney.

Thank you to the Morris Family for their continued support of Glenville State College and Gilmer County!



Saturday, December 14 [December Commencement](#)

Monday, December 16 - Saturday, December 21 [IOGA Classic](#)

Saturday, February 1 Winter Homecoming

Wednesday, February 19 Founder's Day of Giving

Saturday, March 28 Teay's Valley Alumni Event



UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Keep in touch with us so we can keep in touch with you!

Have you moved recently? Married? Gotten a new e-mail address? Received a promotion or taken on a new career path? Added a new bundle of joy to your family? Celebrated a milestone anniversary? Been honored with an award or accolade?

We want to know what is happening with our GSC alumni and their families.

[Click here](#) to submit your update.



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"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give," Winston Churchill

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The Estate of Grace E. Rinehart – \$20,000 for the Byron & Grace Elaine Moss Rinehart Scholarship

Terry '69 and Nasia Butcher – \$12,500 for Jazz Band, Archives, Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, and Track

David and Barbara (Clark) '59 Simmons – \$5,000 for the H.Y. Clark Scholarship

United Bank – \$4,000 for the Business Leadership Series and PAC Advertising

Tim '77 and Diana (Smith) '83 Butcher – \$3,000 for Club 1872 and PAC Women's Golf

William "Bill" '60 and Iolene (Harding) '60 Powell – \$2,000 for the General Meritorious Scholarship

Professor Emeritus Charles "Rick" '75 and Alice Sypolt – \$2,000 for the Rick Sypolt Land Surveying Scholarship

Nick '13 and Blair Dent – \$1,700 for Club 1872

Bob '66 and Sue (Eddy) '66 Marshall – \$1,050 for the Alumni Expense Fund

Premier Bank – \$1,000 for PAC Men's and Women's Track

Harold and Nancy (Rogers) '66 Casto – \$1,000 for the Annual Fund

Minnie Hamilton Health Care Center – \$1,000 for the IOGA Classic Basketball Tournament

Todd Judy Ford – \$1,000 for PAC Volleyball

Daniel “Dan” Gooding '68 – \$1,000 for the Annual Fund

John and Cathy Arritt – \$750 for the John and Cathy Arritt Football Scholarship

Glenville Presbyterian Church – \$750 for the Glenville Presbyterian Church Choral Scholars Program

Michael and Kathleen “Kathy” Nelson – \$600 for the Foundation Support Fund and Pioneer Pantry

Michael and Diane Burke – \$500 for the Johnson Burke Pioneer Award

Hardman’s Supply Company – \$500 for the IOGA Classic Basketball Tournament

James '83 and Dena (Dunlap) '82 Cunningham – \$500 for the Annual Fund

Skip '70 and Shirley (McIntyre) '68 Hackworth – \$500 for the Annual Fund

Peggy Volin '72 – \$500 for the Annual Fund

Eric Rogers – \$305 for Sesquicentennial Silver Coins

Frank '61 and Helen Melrose – \$300 for PAC Women’s Basketball

Berk Reed – \$300 for Sesquicentennial Silver Coins

John and Mieko Peek – \$250 for the Language & Literature Department Fund

Debbie Winkler – \$250 for PAC Volleyball

Gregory and Rebecca Ament – \$225 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Victor “Vic” Fitzsimmons '74 – \$200 for the Annual Fund

Professor Emerita Yvonne (Hart) King '57 – \$200 for the Annual Fund

Seanna Stump – \$200 for PAC Volleyball

Carolyn “Jean” (Spray) White '60 – \$200 for the Annual Fund

Julia (Murin) Lee '71 – \$150 for the Nick Murin Memorial Scholarship

Susan Bennett '33 – \$140 for the Annual Fund

Deborah (Stump) Butner '78 – \$119.78 for the Annual Fund

Donna (Riley) Depue '68 – \$100 for the Annual Fund

John Gainer – \$100 for Sesquicentennial Silver Coin

Beatrice Ann (Skinner) Redcliff '59 – \$100 for the General Meritorious Scholarship

Kevin '77 and Sue '77 Stalnaker – \$100 for the Annual Fund

John and Pat Westfall – \$100 for Jazz Band

William Colson – \$50 for the Bluegrass Fund

Kimberly (Drake) Cottrill '90 – \$50 for the Annual Fund

Timothy “Tim” Cunningham '76 – \$50 for the Annual Fund

Ken '72 and Monica (Borkowski) '79 Davis – \$50 for the Annual Fund

Lyndall '64 and Judith (Woofter) '66 Jones – \$50 for the Annual Fund

Mary (Wilson) Lovelady '73 – \$50 for the Annual Fund

Jeremy McClung '06 – \$50 for the Ed Grafton Forest Technology Scholarship

Kenneth Roberts '80 – \$50 for the Annual Fund

Doug '71 and Liz Beymer – \$40 for the Pioneer Pantry



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