



**YOUR WEEKLY UPDATE ON GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE**  
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## **Alumni Spotlight**

Richard R. Messenger '69 was inducted into the USATF National Officials Committee's Hall of Fame on December 1, 2017, in Columbus Ohio. He was one of four officials presented in the class of 2017.

Richard is a retired educator from Lewis County, WV where he served as a teacher, coach, athletic director and principal for 36 years. He has also served as a collegiate and high school football official as well as a high school basketball official.

Messenger completed a four year term as a member of the National Federation High

## **GSC Ranked in Top 10 of WV Colleges**

Glenville State College was recently named one of the Best Colleges in West Virginia for 2017-2018 by College Consensus. Glenville State was ranked eighth overall and fourth in public institutions. Only Marshall University, West Virginia University, and West Liberty University outranked GSC in the listing.



According to College Consensus, the schools listed in the ranking are driving West Virginia's 21st century reinvention as a center of alternative energy, technology, and tourism by creating a prepared workforce of researchers, professionals, and technicians. These results were generated by using thousands of student review scores and the latest results from many respected college ranking systems.

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School Track and Field Rules Committee in June 2017 and has served as the Rules Interpreter for Track and Field for the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission since 2002. He served his 49th year as an official for the West Virginia State High School Track and Field Championships in May 2017 where he also serves as the Meet Director.

Richard has served as the Chief Implement Inspector for the last three Olympic Trials as well as the last eight USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships. He has also been selected to be the Chief Implement Inspector for the 2018 USA Outdoor Championships. Messenger has served as an official at 29 USATF National Youth Championships in a variety of positions which includes Implement Inspector, Throws Official, Pole Vault, and Referee. He has worked 16 USATF Masters Championships as either an Implement Inspector or a Throws Official.

Messenger has also worked 28 NCAA or NAIA Championships serving as a Referee, Umpire, Implement Inspector, or Throws Official. He has presented clinics to the Arkansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Ohio, Ozark, South Carolina, Three Rivers, Virginia and West Virginia Associations as well



## Winter Open House is February 3

Do you know someone who is looking to make a college decision soon? Be sure to tell them about our upcoming Winter Open House on Saturday, February 3 at the College's Waco Center.

Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by a welcome at 10:00 a.m. Tours of campus and specific academic departments will allow visitors to familiarize themselves with GSC and meet their future professors. A financial aid session and lunch in the afternoon will conclude the formal portion of the open house. Afterward, attendees are invited to cheer on the Pioneer basketball teams as they take on the University of Charleston. Lady Pioneers play at 2:00 p.m. and Pioneers play at 4:00 p.m., both on McPherson Court in the Waco Center. Free admission for Open House attendees is also included for both games.

The last day to RSVP for the Open House is Wednesday, January 31.

If you'd like more information about the event or how someone can apply to Glenville State College, contact the Admissions Office at (800) 924-2010.

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## Save the Date - Winter Homecoming at GSC

As we mentioned last week, Glenville State College will celebrate Black History Month on Saturday, February 3rd during Winter Homecoming when a proclamation will be

as at five annual USATF meetings.

Richard is married to the former Donna Zirgibel who is also a USATF track and field official. They work as track and field officials at meets around the country from early January through August each year.

We are pleased to feature Richard in this week's Alumni Spotlight. Congratulations Richard, on your recent USATF National Officials Hall of Fame Induction. You make us proud that you're an alumnus of Glenville State College.

unveiled and read between the afternoon's Ladies' and Men's Basketball games. Special honorees at this unveiling will be GSC's black students from the 1960s and 70s who have come back to campus as individuals who paved the way for future black students at Glenville State. GSC's Inaugural Hall of Famer Bob Minnieweather '67, a phenomenal black student athlete, will be memorialized at this event.

The day's activities will begin with the annual GSC Alumni Basketball Game which will tip-off at 10:30 a.m. All former Pioneer and Lady Pioneer basketball players and their fans are invited to return to campus for this event and then to spend the day with us where these individuals will be recognized during half time of the Lady Pioneer game.

Both GSC Pioneer basketball teams will host the University of Charleston Golden Eagles at GSC's Waco Center that afternoon; Ladies game at 2:00 p.m., Men's game at 4:00 p.m.

Call, e-mail, or Facebook a friend and invite them to join you on February 3. For planning purposes, returning basketball players and our black students from the 1960s and 70s eras are encouraged to RSVP to GSC's Alumni Office at (866) 239-0285. If you don't decide to participate until the last minute, come anyway. For more information about the day's events, please call the above number or GSC's Athletic Department at (304) 462-4102.

[Click here to see the full news release about Winter Homecoming.](#)



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