

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



Alumni Spotlight

George Y. Kerr '62 has been honored by the GSC Alumni Association as the 2020 Alumnus of the Year. He recently retired after nearly 57 years in the education field and retail business.

Before he retired from his own business - Kerr's Music World, Inc. - George worked as a music teacher for both the Wetzel and Kanawha County Boards of Education and a sales representative for Gorby's Music. George notes that his career highlight is, "teaching music to students and helping school music programs, directors, and families."



A Glenville State College student receives a cleaning by a Minigh Family Dentistry employee during their on-campus dental clinic visit

GSC Alumnus Offers Teeth Cleaning Services at GSC

Minigh Family Dentistry of Glenville recently provided teeth cleaning services to the Glenville State College campus community.

The service, led by GSC alumnus Dr. Andrew Minigh '09, was available to GSC students, faculty, and staff. Appointments ran throughout the day, providing an opportunity for many to participate. "Dental care is just as important to our overall health as well-visits with your physician," said Minigh. "We are dedicated to making sure students receive the care and attention they deserve."

For those without insurance, the service was offered at no cost. "A beautiful and healthy smile shouldn't be out of reach for anyone, regardless of insurance or income," added Minigh.

While a student at GSC, George was a member of the marching band, concert band, jazz big band, concert choir, and the chamber choir. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Education from GSC in 1962.

Originally, of Clendenin, West Virginia, George and his wife Elaine (McHenry) '68 reside in Pinch, West Virginia and together they have two children, George S. Kerr and Sarah Kerr Stotler. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his two grandchildren, who are six and eight, and collecting New York Yankee baseball memorabilia and antique band instruments.

When asked about his time at GSC, he said, "Glenville State College enabled me to launch my career. I will always appreciate and respect that as more opportunities in my career arrived, I was building upon the foundation that Glenville State College provided."

We are proud to have George as our 2020 Alumnus of the Year and are proud to feature him in this week's Alumni Spotlight.

Pioneer Athletics

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Appointments took place in the Health Center, located in the Mollohan Campus Community Center on campus. The service is planned to continue monthly for students, faculty, and staff in the new year.



Connie Stout O'Dell Named Curtis Elam Professor

Glenville State College Associate Professor of Education Connie (Sandy) Stout O'Dell '90 has received the 2020 Curtis Elam Professor for Teaching Excellence Award. To be eligible for consideration, faculty members must be tenured or be making satisfactory progress toward tenure, have a record of scholarship and service regarding the improvement of teaching, a record of dedication to the preparation of teachers and innovation in pedagogy, and have a record of successful partnerships with the public schools to advance the teaching/learning process.

The award, which is effective for three years, also provides \$5,000 per year to support additional professional development for the designated professor.

"I am truly honored and thankful to have been selected for the Curtis Elam Professor for Teaching Excellence Award. I am humbled to have been chosen and to follow in the steps of those who have previously received the award. I'm also excited for the professional development opportunities and the collaboration that this award will provide over the next three years," Stout O'Dell said.

With over 20 years of service to Glenville State, Stout O'Dell has taught classes in the Department of Education in addition to serving as the College's Director of Field

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Experiences for preservice teachers. She is currently acting as the head of the Department and also advises several education-related student organizations. She holds a bachelor's degree from Glenville State College and a master's degree from West Virginia University.



GSC Honors 2020 Alumni Award Recipients

Glenville State College alumni gathered in person and virtually for the 2020 Alumni Awards Banquet that was held on Saturday, December 12 in the Mollohan Campus Community Center Ballroom. The GSC Alumni Association has previously presented these awards in April, but the ceremony was initially postponed due to COVID-19 before being rescheduled.

Seven GSC graduates spanning over seven decades were presented awards including George Y. Kerr '62 – Alumnus of the Year, Judith "Judy" (Davisson) Leggett '78 – Community Achievement Award, Dennis Carpenter '74 – Alumni Service Award, Kayla (Boggs) White '09 – Outstanding Teacher Award, Alexandria "Alex" Lay '08 – Outstanding Young Alumna Award, Kyle Warner '14 – Outstanding Young Alumnus Award, and Antonio "Tony" Franklin, Sr. '76 – Alumni Chapter Award.

As part of the program, GSC Alumni Association President Maureen (Kraus) Gildein '82, paid tribute to six graduates who recently passed away. Those recognized were Robert "Bob" Gainer '61, Coach Bill Hanlin '53, Penny (Sizemore) Mossor '78, JoAnn (McNemar) Richards '52, Dean Strickland '65, and Gary Waggoner '64.

[Click here](#) to read more about the award recipients.

Remembering Coach Scott Stephens

In November 2020, Glenville State College Assistant Women's Basketball Coach Scott Stephens passed away after a two-month battle with an aggressive brain tumor.

He was the architect of a girls basketball dynasty at Parkersburg South High School and spent 16 seasons on the sidelines for the Patriots. He led PSHS to three state championships during his tenure and finished with an overall record of 254-79. The three state titles came in 2006, 2008, and 2013.

Scott joined his daughter, Kim Stephens '11, at Glenville State in 2016. Together they claimed four straight MEC Regular Season Championships, three MEC Tournament Championships, and have had four straight NCAA Tournament appearances in which they hosted the Tournament in 2018-19. GSC's overall record with Scott is an amazing 113-16.

The Stephens Family has established the Scott Stephens Memorial Scholarship through the GSC Foundation. Those wishing to contribute to this scholarship fund may contact GSC Foundation Executive Director David Hutchison by [clicking here](#) or calling (304) 462-6381. Those wishing to contribute by mail may do so by sending checks to the GSC Foundation, 200 High Street, Glenville, WV 26351 with Scott Stephens in the memo line.





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

Have you moved recently? Married? Gotten a new email address? Received a promotion or taken 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.

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The McGee Foundation – \$100,000 for the McGee Foundation Scholarship Program

Mike Ross, Inc. – \$25,000 for the Mike Ross Scholarship

Dr. John '55 and Nancy (Hall) '54 Shock – \$25,000 for the Dr. John P Shock, Jr. and William (Bill) Talbolt Scholarship

Steven Kee '67 – \$11,000 for the Steven & Lynn Kee Diversity Scholarship and the Judith K. Potts Scholarship

Barry Blank – \$10,000 for the Eddie Stubbs Archive Collection

Michael and Amy Sir Louis – \$10,000 for the Reverend Donald D. Fox Memorial Scholarship

Jacob Freshwater – \$5,000 for the Freshwater Family Scholarship

Kevin Sheehan – \$5,000 for PAC Women's Golf

Maple Hills Farm – \$5,000 for the Freshwater Family Scholarship

Dr. John and Pat Westfall – \$4,160.64 for the GSC Bluegrass Band, Pioneer Fund, Hidden Promise Program, and the Athletic Director's Fund

Dr. Jason and Jennifer Yeager – \$3,559 for Yeager Waiver Scholarships

Iolene (Harding) Powell '60 – \$3,000 for the General Meritorious Scholarship

Michael McGarry – \$2,500 for PAC Women's Golf

James Mooney – \$2,500 for PAC Women's Golf

David and Barbara (Clark) '50 Simmons – \$2,500 for the H.Y. Clark Scholarship

United Bank – \$2,000 for the Pioneer Pantry

James "Jim" Hamrick '58 – \$1,750 for the Jim Hamrick Athletic/Academic Scholarship, PAC Baseball, PAC Football, and PAC Men's Basketball

Former President Dr. Peter and First Lady Dr. Betsy Barr – \$1,000 for the Jazz Band

Ed and Jackie Broome – \$1,000 for the Sesquicentennial Silver Coins

John Fidler – \$1,000 for the Robert Fidler Scholarship

Energy Systems Group, LLC – \$800 for the Board of Governors Reception

Diane Bach '77 – \$500 for the Alumni House Fund and Janet Hall Gainer Memorial Scholarship

Jeffrey '74 and Roberta (Martin) '73 Jackson – \$500 for the Bob Minnieweather Scholarship

Frank '61 and Helen Melrose – \$500 for the Scott Stephens Fund

Jerry and Jacqueline "Jackie" (Epling) '72 Milliken – \$500 for PAC Men's and Women's Track

Delegate David '69 and Mary Ann Pethtel – \$500 for the GSC Marching Band

Edwin and Shannon Pfursich – \$400 for the Pioneer Fund

Miki Carpenter – \$300 for PAC Wrestling

The Trust of Ida Ray Warder – \$265.72 for the John Warder Ray Scholarship

James '66 and Patricia (Walcutt) '68 Lydon– \$250 for the James and Patricia (Walcutt) Lydon Scholarship

President Dr. Mark and First Lady Gigi Manchin – \$250 for the Pioneer Pantry

Tom and Pamela Ratliff – \$250 for PAC Volleyball

Lela (Brooks) Bailey '53 – \$200 for the Lela Brooks Bailey Scholarship

William and Sandra Ellis – \$200 for PAC Wrestling

Leah "Josephine" Fidler '54 – \$200 for the Women's Leadership Circle

David and Jessica (Moss) '09 Hutchison – \$200 for PAC Wrestling and the Scott Stephens Fund

Larry '69 and Debbie West – \$200 for the Virginia West Scholarship

Bobby and Bridget '18 Carr – \$150 for the Sigma Omega Beta Fraternity, Pioneer Shooting Club, and Alpha Theta Xi Sorority

The Estate of Former President Dr. Harry '37 and First Lady Dora (Morgan) '34 & '53 Heflin – \$150 for the Harry B. and Dora Morgan Heflin Scholarship

D & D Quality Autos, Inc. – \$150 for PAC Wrestling

Houchin Construction, LLC – \$125 for PAC Wrestling

Darryl Bartley '76 – \$100 for the Bob Minnieweather Scholarship Fund

Brady Carpenter – \$100 for PAC Wrestling

Dennis '74 and Dianna Carpenter – \$100 for PAC Wrestling

Agnes "Ann" (Cain) Dobbins '72 – \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Jean (Nottingham) Eakle '48 – \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Ty Ellis – \$100 for PAC Wrestling

Antonio "Tony" Franklin, Sr. '76 – \$100 for the Bob Minnieweather Scholarship Fund

Roberta "Jane" Friedmann '92 – \$100 for the Robert F. Kidd Library Fund

Paul '55 and Patsy (Ashley) '61 Given – \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Terry '84 and Alicia Kendall – \$100 for PAC Wrestling

Michael "Mike" Lieving '76 – \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Betsy (Nottingham) Mackey '73 – \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Jesse Skiles '87 – \$100 for PAC Wrestling

Jeffrey Thomas '78 – \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Roy and Doris '72 White – \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Ron Whoolery – \$100 for PAC Wrestling

Terry '74 and Carol Williams – \$100 for PAC Wrestling

Miller and Miller, A.C. – \$100 for PAC Wrestling

Maureen (Kraus) Gildein '82 – \$76.94 for the Kraus Family Scholarship

Linda (Edwards) Carpenter '69 – \$50 for the Pioneer Fund

Ruth Cox – \$50 for the Pioneer Fund

Mane Cut – \$50 for PAC Wrestling

Adrian Marini '76 – \$50 for the Pioneer Fund

Robert "Bob Edwards" and Diane Zdanek – \$50 for PAC Wrestling

Thomas Hardman – \$35 for PAC Wrestling

Joseph '68 and Linda (Chapman) '68 Turner – \$30 for the Pioneer Fund

Gary '72 and Frankie (Hollandsworth) '71 Appel – \$25 for the Bob Minnieweather Scholarship Fund

Darren Cook '89 – \$25 for the Pioneer Fund

Joan Gunnoe – \$25 for the Bob Minnieweather Scholarship Fund

Greg Hall – \$25 for PAC Wrestling

Danny and Cindy Puckett – \$25 for PAC Wrestling

Steven and Lisa Simmons – \$25 for PAC Wrestling

John Varda – \$25 for PAC Wrestling

Pena's Barber Shop – \$25 for PAC Wrestling

Jaquetta "Jo" (Mahan) Hendricks '80 – \$20 for the Pioneer Fund

Sherry (Humphreys) Cook '00 – \$15 for the Pioneer Fund

Phillip and Karen (Fish) '71 Gibbons – \$15 for the Pioneer Fund

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