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Alumni Spotlight

Anita Harold Ashley '78 took the oath of office as Circuit Judge at the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia in December 2016 and serves as Circuit Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, Division 3.

Ashley, who graduated summa cum laude with her B.A. in English from Glenville State College in 1978, graduated from West Virginia University College of Law with a juris doctorate degree in 1981.

In addition to being in private practice, she served as a Family Law Master for Roane, Calhoun, and Jackson Counties from 1986



Track Teams Invited Back for Milestone Anniversaries

Glenville State College will be honoring four different anniversary conference title teams on the evening of April 6, 2018 at the Brandi Bowen Invitational. This track meet which will take place on the D. Banks Wilburn Track at the I.L. & Sue Morris Stadium, Glenville, WV.

Festivities will take place at the GSC Brandi Bowen Invitational Meet on that Friday night.

1983 Men's Cross Country – 35-year Anniversary The famed “Blue Flex” captured their third consecutive title, and did so in dramatic fashion. The squad defeated a favored Fairmont State squad that had beaten them three times during the regular season, 40-42. Senior Larry Taylor '84 captured his third Runner of the Year honor, winning the individual title. Senior Steve Keenan '84 was also All-Conference with a fourth place finish, while freshman David Antonik was a top ten performer in seventh. Seniors Chris Keister and Steve Meckfessel both came in to seal the title with finishes of 13th and 15th.

- 1999, presiding over divorce, custody, child support, and other family matters. She also is a former member of the Judicial Investigations Commission and has served on several select committees of the State Supreme Court through the years.

Ashley has been recognized in the U.S. News and World Report's Best Lawyers in America, as one of West Virginia's Best Attorneys in the State Journal, and has received a national Top 10 Attorney ranking by the National Academy of Family Law Attorneys. She is a member of the American Bar Association, the West Virginia State Bar, and the Roane-Calhoun Bar Association.

Anita resides in Spencer, West Virginia with her husband Bob Ashley, who is an insurance agent and serves as West Virginia Governor Jim Justice's Legislative Director.

Congratulations, Your Honor, on your outstanding law career. We are proud that you are an alumna of Glenville State College and proud to recognize you in this week's Alumni Spotlight.

1988 Men's Cross Country – 30-year Anniversary The GSC "Crush Crew" rolled to their third consecutive league title, and the program's sixth in eight years. This "second wave" of the 80's Dynasty may have produced the most dominant win of all; placing all six runners in the top eight at the Championships. Junior Charles 'Bubby' Dent '89 won Runner of the Year honors, with senior Andy Jarrell '89 racing to the runner-up spot. The rest of the finishers in the thorough victory included sophomore Mickey Grass '92 in fourth, freshman Ed Lamp in fifth, junior Johnny Fitzpatrick in sixth, and freshman Tony Taylor in eighth. The Pioneers followed their league title with a sterling 19th place finish at the National Meet in Kenosha, Wisconsin. They became the first WVIAC team to place in the National Top 20.

1988 Women's Cross Country – 30-year Anniversary In Glenville's first season with a full women's team, the Lady Pioneers produced a league title with four freshmen of the six-runner team. Like the men, they put all six runners in the top eight. Freshman Katrina (Riggelman) Westfall '93 won Runner of the Year honors, while junior Lori (Barker) Gardner Woodson (the team captain) raced to a third place finish. Also in the leaders were freshman Mindi (Pickens) Schill '92 in fourth, freshman Tracy (White) Hunt '92 in fifth, sophomore Dawn (Farley) Petty '90 in sixth, and freshman Stacy (McKown) O'Dell in eighth. Barker would go on to be Runner of the Year in 1989. To this day, this is only title in the history of GSC women's cross country.

1993 Men's Track – 25-year Anniversary In both 1993 and 1995, Glenville's track squad's produced upset victories over a favored Wesleyan team. In 1993, the small but star-studded roster had several athletes produce big points. This unit included future GSC Hall of Famers in sprinter Chup Robinson '01, and All-American hurdler Kent Pilant '97. Other major scorers included sprinters Jesse Giles '04 and Richard Clark '93, jumper Aaron Mann '10, thrower Randall Olds '94, and hurdler Chris Cress '98, who would become an All-American later in his career. Several of these athletes were the most dominant athletes in their event areas during that era.

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Gibbons Represents GSC, Presents About COIL

GSC's own Dr. Megan Gibbons, who is also a Fulbright Scholar, recently visited Shepherd University to illustrate how Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) creates multicultural learning environments that link classes in different countries. In the COIL model, students from different cultures enroll in shared courses with faculty members from each country co-teaching and managing coursework.



[You can view her presentation here.](#)

Gibbons, who also serves as Chair of GSC's Department of Language and Literature, has helped to facilitate faculty visits to Mexico, Spain, Thailand, and more over the past few years. Additionally, her work as GSC's Director of International Programs has connected dozens of students with study abroad opportunities.



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