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Alumni Spotlight

James H. "Jim" Meads, II '68 and Judy (Musgrave) Meads '66 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, August 5, 2017 at the Gilmer County Senior Center in Glenville.

Jim holds the distinction of Professor Emeritus at Glenville State College, having retired in 2002, while many of you will remember Judy as GSC's Alumni Director in the 70's and later as a public school teacher in Gilmer County Schools, now retired. The Meads continue to live in Glenville when they aren't traveling.

Jim, who earned a Bachelor of Science from GSC and a



Percussion Ensemble Drums Up Another Memorable Year

Tonight is the final performance for the 2018 Percussion Ensemble concerts! This year marks the thirty-eighth annual Percussion Ensemble show, currently under the direction of Associate Professor of Music John McKinney '73. For those of you who have not previously attended a show, they are truly spectacular. Each year McKinney assembles a group of talented current students and returning alumni performers who practice for weeks leading up to the two-night packed house performances.

This year's participating alumni includes Courtney (Cole) Elmore '16, Seth Elmore '17, James Messenger '11, Stephanie (Jarrell) Messenger '11, Charles Powell '12, Sara Rollins '17, and Kimberly Smith '17. Current students taking the stage are: Austin Broussard, Christian Bryant, Jordan Coalson, Bobby Davis, Ethan Gillespie, Garrett Hacker, Jacob Lutsy, Jacob Shingler, and Trevor Wright. As always, John's wife Cheryl also participates as a member of the Ensemble. Cheryl is an Associate Professor of Business and Chairperson for the Department of Business, in addition to being a talented vocalist and musician. This year's shows also feature Assistant Professor of Music Jason Barr as a guest performer on a set in the second half.

Master of Science from Marshall University, became an Instructor of Science in the Division of Foundation Studies at GSC in 1972, was promoted to Assistant Professor in 1976, was granted tenure in 1977, and was promoted to Associate Professor of Biology in 1987. Among his many awards for service and teaching, Mr. Meads received the GSC Alumni Association's Outstanding Faculty Award in 1983 and a citation as outstanding professor from the West Virginia House of Delegates.

Judy taught English and theater at Gilmer County High School for a number of years, coordinated activities for the West Virginia State Folk Festival Belles up until just a few years ago, and remains active in Gilmer County's Marthas and Marys, a Gilmer County women's ecumenical organization, who counts among their many civic projects the Christmas cheer and cookies that they provide to GSC students in our student center before their finals each December.

We are proud to feature both Jim and Judy in this week's Alumni Spotlight and proud that they are outstanding alumni of Glenville State College.

The group also performed daytime shows earlier in the week for children from schools in Gilmer and surrounding counties.

From classic tunes that showcase the different sounds of the marimbas, drums, xylophones, chimes, and pianos used, to the Ensembles' interpretation of pop and rock tunes - the show features a variety of styles and has something that everyone can enjoy.

Tonight's show begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium.



Education Students Hold Dr. Seuss Event

Earlier this week, members of GSC's Early Education Student Group (EESG) student organization held an event to celebrate Read Across America, which is celebrated annually around Dr. Seuss's birthday.

Dr. Seuss is famed for his use of rhyme to make books an effective tool for teaching young children the basic skills they need to be successful and develop a life-long love of reading. Events held in coordination with the program generate enthusiasm for reading nationwide and focus attention on how important it is to motivate children to read.

The education students included read-aloud, games, snacks, and more in their event for local children to enjoy. Kudos to these future educators for connecting youngsters to fun, educational activities that correspond with books they love, which instills a love of learning into their minds.



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Sandra Kantz - \$150 for PAC Volleyball

Mary Lee McPherson - \$100 for PAC Volleyball

Alex Withers - \$100 for PAC Golf

Stuart C. Deem '76 - \$100 for PAC Golf

Stephen Mizwa - \$100 for PAC Soccer

First Day of Spring Brings Snow



Although the calendar said it was officially spring on Tuesday, the weather on campus didn't quite agree. We saw some cold weather and snow accumulation earlier this week, but we are already looking forward to warmer temperatures even though Old Man Winter is still holding on for now. Photo by Conner Ferguson '17



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