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Alumni Spotlight

Trae Sprague '12 is currently serving as the Director of Residence Life at Glenville State College.

Trae graduated from GSC in 2012 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Physical Education. While a student at GSC, he was a member of the Men's Golf Team, the Inaugural GSC Club Baseball Team, and served on the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

In 2012, Trae was awarded the Frank Montrose Award and was a WVIAC Senior Scholar Athlete. After graduation from GSC, he went on to earn a Master of



GSC students in the Home Grown Program

Home Grown Initiative Expanding to all 55 Counties

Last year, Glenville State launched a scholarship program to address the growing teacher shortage in West Virginia. That program, the Home Grown Initiative, focused on prospective teacher identification in the county schools partnered with scholarship support for candidate attendance at GSC, practical experiences, and mentoring during teacher preparation into the start of full-time teaching. The goal is for those students to return to their home counties to student teach and, if available, be able to apply for open positions in their home district.

With discussion and input from county superintendents, the program is now being expanded to all 55 counties in West Virginia. Superintendents identify what is a "high need" teaching position for their district and notifies GSC. Qualified

Science Degree in Education from Fort Hays State University in 2019.

In his spare time, he enjoys skiing, hiking, adventures, and coaching. When asked what GSC means to him, he says, "GSC to me is a large family of support that is there to help you realize your goals and then guide and push you out of your comfort zone and toward your future."

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

students are then nominated by the superintendent or their designee for a scholarship in that teaching area.

To be eligible for the Home Grown Initiative scholarship program, students must be a newly enrolled, first year student at GSC and be from any county in the state. They must enroll in the Bachelor of Arts in Education degree major that their superintendent has identified as "high need," have a minimum 3.0 GPA and minimum average ACT composite score of 20 or SAT composite score of 1020, obtain recommendation from the school superintendent or designee, and be willing to complete their student teaching back in their home county if possible. The annual \$3,000 scholarship is renewable based on certain criteria.

"Students who have already been accepted into the Homegrown Initiative as part of last year's class are receiving strong academic support with regular meetings to discuss their academic success. The students are also performing community service hours back in their home district each semester," said Dr. Jeff Hunter, Dean of Education at Glenville State. "To successfully address the shortage of teachers in our state, we need to identify the people who want to make a difference at home and support them through their program to return home!" he added.



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