

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



**Alumni
Spotlight**

Thomas Nicholson '04 & '06 is currently serving as an Operations Project Manager with the United States Army Corps of Engineers at the W. Kerr Scott Reservoir in Wilkesboro, North Carolina.

The W. Kerr Scott Reservoir is a progressive facility that is nationally and internationally known for mountain biking, kayaking, fishing, and camping in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. Thomas has worked for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for over fifteen years, starting as a seasonal worker in 2002.

While a student at GSC, he served as the President,



(l-r) Dr. Wenwen Du, Jacob Petry, and MacKenzie Petry after the Ruck 22 WV event

**Glenville State College Students,
Faculty Participate in Ruck 22 WV**

Over the past few weekends, several Glenville State College staff and students, many of them veterans themselves, have taken part in marches designed to raise awareness about a serious issue – veteran suicide.

Organized by U.S. Army veteran Brad McDaniel, the RUCK 22 WV event was a 22-mile road march that traversed the mountains of southern West Virginia. The number of miles in the trek was symbolic – 22 being the average number of veterans who take their own lives each day. Participants also carried 22 pounds on their backs during the march.

From Glenville State, student veterans Jacob and MacKenzie Petry and GSC Associate Professor of Mathematics Dr.

Vice President, and Secretary of the Forestry Club and a member of the Track and Cross County Teams. Thomas received his Associate of Science Degree in Forest Technology from GSC in 2004, and then earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resource Management in December 2005.

While working for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Thomas has earned the Lakes and Rivers Division Natural Resource Stewardship Employee of the Year Award, Huntington District Recreation Employee of the Year Award, Star of Life Award, and was a Project of the Year team member.

Originally, from Exchange, West Virginia, he currently resides in Moravian Falls, North Carolina. In his spare time, he enjoys participating in outdoor sports and recreation and home remodeling.

When asked about his time at GSC, Thomas said, "It was such wonderful place to go to school. The smallness was a benefit, but the quality of the program helped me succeed in my career and grow to where I am today."

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

Wenwen Du decided to take part in the march scheduled for Saturday, September 5 near Glen Jean, West Virginia.

The following weekend, another Glensville State student and West Virginia National Guard soldier, Jacob Price, took part in a separate event alongside his unit, the 201st Alpha Battery.

[Click here](#) to learn more about their 22-mile ruck.



GSC Art Society Students Give Local Benches a Refresh

Students in the Glensville State College Art Society have directed their talents to refreshing the benches within the City of Glensville for the new semester.

The benches project, which began many years ago, successfully provided color and spirit to Glensville through colorful and creative designs. In 2019, current art students and members of the GSC Art Society noted the wear that the benches had accumulated over the years and set out to give them a refresh with touch-ups and protective clear coats. The students worked closely with the city and Mayor Dennis Fitzpatrick '73 to secure the funding and supplies needed for additional benches.

"In total, there were over a dozen benches that needed to be designed and painted," said Associate Professor of Art, Chris Cosner. "Each bench had to be stripped, sanded, primed, hand-painted, and then clear-coated for protection. The students worked tireless evenings, weekends, and sometimes in freezing temperatures to complete the project."

[Click here](#) to read more about the community bench project.



(l-r) top row: Sam Williams '46, Jim Hamrick '58, Greg Reed '87, Gerald Trembush '68; bottom row: Gary Ray '71, Gordon Eison '34, Bill Hanlin '53

Did you know? GSC Graduates have Long History as WVSSAC Leaders

For over a century, the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission (WVSSAC) has been the governing body of high school athletics in West Virginia. For the last 61 years, there has been a common denominator in the upper administration of the organization; Glenville State College.

[Click here](#) to learn about GSC's ties to the WVSSAC.



Pioneer Progress is Returning

GSC's magazine for alumni and friends - the Pioneer Progress - is returning this fall after a three year hiatus! Have you married recently? Been honored with an award or accolade? Received a promotion or taken on a new career path? Added a new bundle of joy to your family? Celebrated a milestone anniversary?

We want to know what is happening with our GSC alumni and their families. [Click here](#) to send us your updates for our upcoming edition of the Pioneer Progress.

Student Callers will begin calling Monday-Thursday starting Oct 3! This year, the Fall Call Star goal is \$25,000. Click this photo to support the campaign and a student will call you to say thanks!



THE GIVING CORNER

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Alex and Sharie Withers – \$100 for PAC Men's Golf

Woodford Enterprises, LLC – \$100 for PAC Football

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Kristen Tunno – \$25 for the Women's Leadership Circle

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