



## **Alumni Spotlight**

N. Doug Patterson, Jr. '83 was recently elected to serve as the Glenville State College Alumni Council President.

During his time on Alumni Council, he has written and secured grant funding from the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office and Natural Park Service to help with the revitalization of the GSC Alumni Center. Doug has also hosted several GSC Alumni Receptions at the Mountain East Conference Basketball Tournament in Wheeling, West Virginia.

He is currently serving as a business consultant and substitute teacher in Ohio.

## **GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE HOMECOMING**



### **OCTOBER 23, 2021**

### **Save the Date!**

Glenville State College Alumni and Friends – Mark your calendars, reach out to former classmates, teammates, and Greek brothers and sisters and make plans to come back to campus this fall to enjoy a weekend full of events and fun! The Pioneer Football Team will take on the Notre Dame College Falcons for this year's Homecoming Game.

Interested in hosting a class reunion or special group? Contact the Alumni Affairs office by [clicking here](#) or calling (304) 462-6116.

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Prior to his consulting work, he owned and operated a small business and worked in the funeral industry.

While a student at GSC, he was a member of the student council, Pioneer Baseball Team, and brother in the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. In 1983, he received his Bachelor of Science degree in biology from GSC. After graduation, he attended the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science.

Doug and his wife Teri currently reside in Wheeling, West Virginia. In his spare time he enjoys hunting, fishing, and traveling. He is a certified college and high school volleyball and basketball official, having officiated several West Virginia State High School Basketball Tournaments.

Doug is heavily involved in his community and volunteers for several organizations including Relay for Life, Donors Choose, House of the Carpenter, Wheeling Soup Kitchen, GSC Athletic Hall of Fame Committee, and more.

We are excited to have Doug as the new Alumni Association President and proud to call him and alumnus of Glenville State College.



## GSC Night at Power Park

Make plans to join your fellow Pioneers at Appalachian Power Park for an evening of baseball and fun. Thursday, July 29 at 7PM will be GSC Night at Power Park – wear your royal blue and cheer on the West Virginia Power while reconnecting with old friends!

General admission and Party Deck (which includes food and drinks) tickets for the game can be purchased at the West Virginia Power Box Office, [online](#), or by calling (304) 344-2287. For more information or questions about the event, contact GSC Director of Alumni Relations by [clicking here](#) or calling (304) 462-6116.

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## Youth Bluegrass Camp Scheduled

A youth bluegrass camp is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, June 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the GSC Pioneer Stage Bluegrass Music Education Center, located at 10 East Main Street in downtown Glenville. Coinciding with the West Virginia State Folk Festival, the camp is designed for students interested in learning the deep-rooted tradition of bluegrass music. The camp will be hosted by Dr. Megan (Murphy) Darby '11 and members of the Glenville State College Bluegrass Band.

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m., one hour before the start of instruction. In addition to quality instruction, the camp will provide lunch, a snack, a craft, and a certificate. Admission to the camp is \$40.00 per student.

Youth and community jam sessions will be held at the Pioneer Stage on Thursday, June 17, Friday, June 18, and

Saturday, June 19 from 6:00-10:00 p.m. during the Folk Festival. This will be an opportunity for camp participants to have fun, learn, and practice their new skills.

For more information or to sign up for the camp, call (304) 462-6355.

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## 50 Year Family Legacy



Gary Ray '71 and his grandson Derek Bloomfield '21 now share a unique connection. They were both recognized at Glenville State College's 147th Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 8 – Gary as a 50 Year Graduate and Derek as member of the Class of 2021. To make the occasion even more special, both earned their Bachelor of Arts degree in Physical Education from Glenville State!

Congratulations to Gary on celebrating 50 years with his classmates (and his grandson) and congratulations to Derek on becoming one of our newest Pioneer alumni!

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**71st West Virginia State Folk Festival**

**Downtown Glenville | June 17-20**

**[www.wvstatefolkfestival.com](http://www.wvstatefolkfestival.com)**

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*GSC Land Resources student Cora Hedrick completes another lap as part of the Pack Test*

## **WV Division of Forestry Holds Pack Test at GSC**

The West Virginia Division of Forestry (WVDOF) recently held a pack test at Glenville State College as part of the Wildland Fire Fighting Red Card Certification process.

The test is a work capacity test that, along with other Wildland Fire Fighting instruction, allows participants to become federally certified to work on western fires. The physical fitness test ensures that wildland firefighters can handle the rigors of western fires by confirming their ability to carry a 45-pound pack for three miles, and to do so in less than 45 minutes. After passing this year's Pack Test, the wildland fire fighters will be able to turn in a Red Card that allows them to be deployed for duty and fight fires in the western United States.

"Each year the WVDOF puts on various classes to individuals across the state, including volunteer fire departments and other state or federal agencies, to help learn how to suppress wildfires in our state. Working with Glenville State College Professor of Forest Technology Dr. Brian Perkins '98, the Division of Forestry and I set up various certification programs for Glenville State students to become Wildland Fire Fighters," said Jesse King '14, WVDOF Service Forester. "This includes training in S-130 Wildland Fire Fighting, and S-190 Wildland Fire Behavior. These are federally recognized trainings given through the WVDOF covering everything from the movement of wildfires across a landscape and fuel load removal to lessening the spread of fire, how to use engine pumpers and hose lays, and firing operation tools."

Several individuals took part in the test, including members of the Roane County and Gilmer County Volunteer Fire Departments, West Virginia Division of Natural Resources and West Virginia Division of Forestry employees, and Glenville State College Department of Land Resources students.

Jon T. Wilson '03, a current WVDOF Service Forester for Tyler and Doddridge Counties, took part in the test.

"I've been doing this for almost 15 years, so I train for the test all year because it isn't something you want to just jump into – walking that distance, weighted, in a set amount of time," he said. Wilson successfully completed the test well within the allotted 45 minutes.

Becoming certified is important, and not just for local wildland fire incidents. "Our local crews try to assist the western foresters in the summer because, typically, in the summer our fire season here in West Virginia has come to an end but their fire season is in full swing. We try to send a crew at least once a year, sometimes twice," he said. Wilson has assisted with western fires eight times. Last year he was deployed as part of a 20-person hand crew to Utah and he has also been to Montana, California, Oregon, Arizona, and other states.

Several Glenville State College students also took the pack test, the culmination of their work to earn Western Wildland Fire Fighting Certification (S-130/S-190). One of those students was senior Land Resources student Cora Hedrick.

[Click here](#) to read more and for more information about the Wildland Fire Fighting Red Card Certification process.



## **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.

[Click here](#) to submit your update.

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## THE GIVING CORNER

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Holmes Ventures Corp - \$360.00 for the Bluegrass Music Program

Five Forks Community Church - \$160.00 for the Bluegrass Music Program

Carolyn Hoover - \$100.00 for the Pioneer Fund

Joseph "Joe" '70 and Myra (McKee) '70 Painter - \$100.00 for the Pioneer Fund

Robert "Bob" '76 and Sharon (Montgomery) '80 Radabaugh - \$100.00 for the Pioneer Fund

Bill and Mary Ann (Maxwell) '78 Radabaugh - \$100.00 for the Pioneer Fund

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Roger and Betty Jo (Lewis) '58 Alexander - \$75.00 for the Pioneer Fund

William "Bill" Bissett - \$50.00 for the Pioneer Fund

Phillip and Karen (Fish) '71 Gibson - \$15.00 for the Pioneer Fund

Claude Williams '00 - \$15.00 for the Pioneer Fund

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