



**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***

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## **Alumni Spotlight**

Morgan Allen '18 is currently serving as a sixth grade math and language arts teacher at Gilmer County High School where she has been the last two years.

Prior to joining the faculty in Gilmer County, she taught second grade at Arnoldsburg Elementary School in Calhoun County, West Virginia.

While a student at GSC, she was a member of the College's first Honor's Program cohort, a resident assistant in Goodwin Hall,

## **Glenville State Earns Approval for University Status and Master's Programs**

During its Friday, December 10 meeting, the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission (WVHEPC) approved several milestone items relating to Glenville State College.

Higher Education Policy Commission members approved the implementation of two graduate-level programs, a Master of Arts in Education and a Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction. The programs, with enrollment expected to begin in the fall 2022 semester, will mark the first time graduate level coursework has been offered at Glenville State. The Higher Learning Commission already approved both programs in November 2021.

The WVHEPC also granted the designation of university status for Glenville State College. Criteria for university status, as set by the Higher Education Policy Commission, includes offering at least one master's-level degree program, having an approved mission statement which provides for the

an officer with the Student Government Association, and participated in GSC's Study Abroad Program into the United Kingdom. In fall 2017, Morgan earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education and Math (5-9).

Originally from Normantown, West Virginia, Morgan now resides in Glenville, West Virginia. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling with her family and friends, golfing, and supporting the local sports teams.

Over the years, Morgan has dedicated much of her time to coaching basketball to the youth of Gilmer County from the elementary level, to serving as an Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach at Gilmer County High School. While on the Lady Titan's coaching staff, she helped lead Gilmer County to their first ever West Virginia Class A Basketball State Championship in 2016.

Outside of sports, she is an avid lover of the outdoors and nature and tries to spend as much time outside as possible whether exploring a park, planting flowers, or visiting preserves and animal habits. She reminds those close to her often that, "there's always something new to learn."

Since her graduation from Glenville State, she has been active as an alumnus

offering of graduate programs, approval of the Higher Learning Commission to offer any master's degree program, and for at least two-thirds of tenured and tenured track faculty to hold the terminal degree, typically the doctorate.

"This is a momentous occasion for Glenville State College," said President, Dr. Mark A. Manchin. "These approvals from the Higher Education Policy Commission are among the final steps in what will be a significant advancement in the future of our institution. We feel these changes not only honor our past, but also directly reflect the mission of Glenville State and will truly impact the future of West Virginia and its residents."

"There are currently no MAT programs being offered in Central West Virginia. Therefore, offering this graduate program at Glenville State will create a direct link between undergraduate and graduate-level education for current students, which is not only a natural fit for many of our preservice teachers, but is also more convenient," said Glenville State College Provost, Dr. Gary Morris. "The Curriculum and Instruction program will provide a great opportunity for career advancement for those who have already earned their bachelor's degree in education."

Following university status approval from the WVHEPC, the Glenville State College Board of Governors will now affirm the new designation and set a date for the official name change. The West Virginia Legislature will also take up legislation to change any institutional references in state code to reflect the new name. Both are expected to take place in the new year.

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and has traveled throughout West Virginia and Ohio to GSC Alumni Events. When asked what GSC means to her, she said, "Glenville State helped me not only grow into the person that I am today, but helped me find a love for teaching and how impactful we as teachers can be on a student's life. My time at Glenville allowed me to make lifelong friendships and connections that I will always cherish."

We are pleased to feature Morgan in this week's Alumni Spotlight and proud to call her an alumna of Glenville State College.

*Preston Allison '20 at GSC's 147th Commencement*

## **GSC Holds Winter Commencement**

Glenville State College's Winter Commencement Ceremony took place on Saturday, December 11 at 10:00 a.m. in the College's Waco Center.

Graduates walked across the stage and receive their degrees in a variety of programs including business, education, land resources, criminal justice, science, music, and more. The students hail from various counties throughout West Virginia, as well as Alabama, California, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, North Dakota, Ohio, Tennessee, and Virginia.

Dr. Sarah Armstrong Tucker, Chancellor of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission and the Community and Technical College System, delivered the keynote address.

The ceremony is available on the College's [YouTube channel](#) for those who couldn't attend the ceremony in person and photos of the ceremony are available on the College's [Facebook page](#).





*(l-r) Dennis Fitzpatrick '73, Dave Kennedy, Hannah Rexroad '19, Garrett Watts, Cody Dye, Nic McVaney, and Conner Ferguson '17 recently spent time hanging Christmas decorations in Downtown Glenville.*

## **Student Government Association Members Decorate Downtown Glenville**

Members of Glenville State College's Student Government Association recently helped decorate Downtown Glenville for Christmas.

The students hung garland, lights, and bows throughout City Square Park and at the lot near the intersection of Main and Lewis Streets.

"We started really adding more decorations to the Downtown area around three years ago, and we have tried to add a little more as money is available," said Glenville Mayor Dennis Fitzpatrick '73. "The decorations we see now are part of that, in addition to the tree under the gazebo and the items on the archway entry into the Park that were generously donated by Terry Ellyson."

"It was a pleasure to be able to help the City of Glenville get in the holiday spirit. I know I can speak for the whole Glenville State College Student Government Association in saying that we are grateful to have been given this wonderful opportunity by Mayor Fitzpatrick. Helping develop a stronger connection to the community not only helps the College, but it also helps our students develop a sense of engagement and belonging. We were more than happy to lend a hand to this great community, had a great time doing so, and look forward to more of these types of opportunities as we move into the new year," said Student Government Association President, Nic McVaney.

"We really appreciate the SGA members for coming down and helping; the additional manpower certainly made the work go faster," Fitzpatrick added.

"By having the Student Government Association members volunteer with this project in downtown Glenville, we see benefits to both the students and members of the Glenville community. Being a small college town, having a relationship with the community is imperative and can help bring members of the diverse student body and the members of the community together for a common goal. In Student Government, we strive to instill leadership, service, and relationship building and, through projects like these, we are doing that while also exposing our student leaders to the operations of local government. I look forward to more projects and partnerships like this in the future," said Director of Alumni Relations, Engagement, and Leadership, Conner Ferguson '17.

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The stories of our alumni and friends will be featured in our special anniversary issue of the Pioneer Progress in fall 2022.

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## Fine Arts Center Ornament

The silver-finished ornaments are \$25 each (if shipped) and \$20 each (if picked up). Proceeds will support scholarships within the Department of Fine Arts.

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*Establishing donors of the Glenville State College Athletic Trainer Scholarship with GSC's Vice President for Advancement, David Hutchison, and Director of Alumni Relations, Conner Ferguson. Seated (l-r) David Hutchison, Gary Ray '71, and Ron Duncan '71; standing Stewart "Mike" Roscoe '71, Steve Ash '71, Virgil "Pee Wee" Lacey '71, and Conner Ferguson '17.*

## **Scholarship for Future Athletic Trainers Established**

The senior members of Glenville State College's 1970 football team have established a scholarship at their alma mater.

The fund, officially named the "GSC Athletic Trainer Scholarship," is designed to support West Virginia students majoring in athletic training at Glenville State College. The establishing donors include Gary Ray '71, Ron Duncan '71, Stewart "Mike" Roscoe '71, Steve Ash '71, and Virgil "PeeWee" Lacy '71. The group says they started the scholarship to acknowledge the success they had due to their experiences attending college and playing football, as well to honor the essential role that athletic trainers play in athletics.

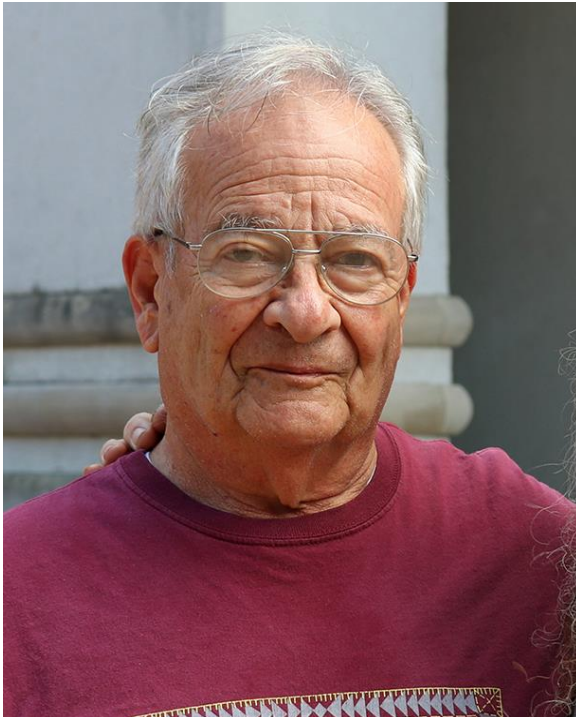
"Last year, our group of eight senior football team members celebrated 50 years from our 1970 final season at GSC. When we were sitting around sharing stories, it came up about how we could give back to our school that gave so much to us," said Ray. "One of our eight members was our Athletic Trainer and he was such an integral part of our group and team. Now with the realization of GSC's program, we are excited to establish a scholarship of \$1,000 to be given annually to a student who aspires to be an athletic trainer."

"One common denominator in sports today is the lack of well-trained athletic trainers – trainers designed for the safety and rehabilitation of our present-day high school athletes. In support of this, we have established a new scholarship to support the program at Glenville State and to help fill these voids," said Duncan.

The fund is being established as an endowed scholarship and will be awarded after it reaches \$25,000; which supports an annual \$1,000 scholarship. Scholarship recipients will be selected by the Scholarship Committee at Glenville State College from a list of juniors and seniors majoring in athletic training. The recipient is to be from West Virginia and should intend to stay in West Virginia after graduation. They should have at least a 3.0 GPA and show financial need to be considered. If, for some reason, there are no Athletic Conditioning and Coaching students who meet these criteria, the committee may award the scholarship to a West Virginia student majoring in education.

"We are grateful to the senior members of the 1970 football team for establishing this scholarship at Glenville State," said David Hutchison, Vice President for Advancement at GSC. "Athletic training is a growing field and this scholarship will undoubtedly help a future Pioneer further their education and give back to the Mountain State."

To contribute to the GSC Athletic Trainer Scholarship or to learn about establishing a scholarship at Glenville State College, contact Hutchison by [clicking here](#) or calling (304) 462-6381.



## **Harry Rich Music Scholarship Established**

The Glenville State College Department of Fine Arts has established the Harry Rich Music Scholarship to honor the legacy of GSC Professor Emeritus Harry Rich. In his nearly twenty years at Glenville State, Mr. Rich has had a massive influence on countless students and has been a tireless supporter and defender of students.

"Since Mr. Rich was constantly giving back to his students, we felt this was the best way to honor him – by helping even more students," said GSC Associate Professor of Music Dr. Lloyd Bone. "By contributing to this scholarship you will be making an immediate impact to our Pioneer Musicians and will help keep our Department at the top of the region."



[Click here](#) to make an online contribution to the fund. For more information, contact the GSC Foundation at (304) 462-6380.

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## UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

### **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.

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## THE GIVING CORNER

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J&D Waterproofing & Home Improvements Inc. - \$19,229.31 for PAC Football and the Glenville State Football Endowment-Alivia Billante

Shawn Ranieri - \$6,800 for Glenville State Football Endowment-Alivia Billante

Iolene (Harding) Powell '60 - \$3,000 for the General Meritorious Scholarship

Randy Ratliff '98 - \$2,872 for Club 1872

Rodney Skidmore '79 - \$2,000 for PAC General



Weyerhaeuser - \$1,485 for the Weyerhaeuser Grant 2021

Joseph Billante - \$1,000 for the Glenville State Football Endowment-Alivia Billante

Philip "Phil" '74 and Terry '74 Reale - \$1,000 for PAC Men's Golf

Jack Whiting - \$1,000 for PAC Women's Basketball

Denzil '62 and Nancy (Gillispie) '59 Barker - \$500 for the Pioneer Fund

David '70 and Diana Bodkin - \$500 for the Pioneer Fund

Jerry and Jacqueline "Jackie" (Epling) '72 Milliken - \$500 for the GSC Athletic Trainer Scholarship

Berk Reed - \$304.28 for the Pioneer Athletic Club

Jesse F. Skiles '87 - \$257 for the Jesse Skiles Scholarship and PAC Softball

Charles "Chuck" '79 and Tanya (Adolfson) '73 Barker - \$250 for the Coach Whitey Adolfson Scholarship

Debbie Winkler - \$250 for PAC Volleyball

Victor "Vic" Fitzsimmons '74 - \$200 for the Pioneer Fund

President Dr. Mark A. and First Lady Gigi Manchin - \$197 for the Pioneer Athletic Club

Bonnie Lightner '71 - \$150 for the Pioneer Fund

David Bailey - \$100 for the Department of Science & Mathematics

John Beckvold - \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Ralph '56 and Joann Holder - \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

John Lopez '06 - \$100 for the Harry Rich Scholarship

Charles "Bob" '75 and Marlena (Smith) '76 Maynard - \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Kevin '77 and Sue '77 Stalnaker - \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Jeffrey "Jeff" Thomas '78 - \$100 for the Alumni Association

Sharon (Phares) Brannon '70 - \$50 for the Pioneer Fund

Kenneth "Ken" '72 and Monica (Borkowski) '79 Davis - \$50 for the GSC Athletic Trainer Scholarship

Charles "Chuck" Julian '75 - \$50 for the General Meritorious Scholarship

Kimberly (Shaver) Knight '92 - \$50 for the Pioneer Fund

Jesse Skiles, Jr. - \$50 for the Jesse Skiles Scholarship

Claude Williams '00 - \$20 for the Pioneer Fund

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