

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



Alumni Spotlight

Toni Doman '16 is currently serving as the Grants Coordinator at Birthplace of country Music, Inc. (BCM) which is located in Bristol Tennessee and Virginia.

BCM is a non-profit organization made up of three branches, including Smithsonian-affiliated Birthplace of Country Music Museum; the annual music festival Bristol Rhythm and Roots Reunion; and WBCM-LP Radio Bristol, a public radio station that broadcasts from the museum. The mission of BCM is to perpetuate, promote, and celebrate Bristol's rich musical heritage; to educate and engage audiences worldwide regarding the history, impact and legacy of



Lady Pioneers Advance to the Elite Eight

For the third time in school history, the Glensville State Lady Pioneers are headed to the Elite Eight! Coach Kim Stephens '11 and her squad punched their ticket to Birmingham, Alabama earlier this week with their convincing 89-58 victory over the University of Charleston. The Lady Pioneers go into the Elite Eight as the Atlantic Regional Champions and earned a number 3 seed in the tournament.

The quarterfinals are set for Monday, March 21 as Glensville State will kick-off the tournament action at 1:00PM EST against #6 West Texas A&M. Stay tuned to the Glensville State Athletics [webpage](#) for a link to watch Monday's game.

the 1927 Bristol Sessions; and economic benefit for local and regional communities.

While a student at Glenville State, Toni was a member of the Bluegrass Band and the choir. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Music and Associate of Science degree in Business in December 2015.

Outside of her work with BCM, Toni is a member of Virginia West, an acoustic band with her partner KT Vandyke, which they started in 2017. The duo specializes in country, western, folk, swing, and Americana music styles. Within the year, they hope to release an EP of original songs.

Originally from Cameron, West Virginia, Toni now resides in Bristol, Virginia.

When asked what her favorite memory from her time at Glenville State was she said, "My favorite memory is the overall experience at Glenville. During my time as a student I was able to get involved in the local community and really became a part of this, in so many ways I feel that Glenville is my second hometown because of the friends and people I see as family that still live there."

We are pleased to feature Toni in this week's Alumni Spotlight and proud to call



GSU Student Pens Article on Fishing Regulations

Glenville State University junior and Honors Program student Jared Bishop recently had an article published in the opinion section of the *Charleston Gazette-Mail*. The March 5

piece, titled "Protection needed for W.Va. wild trout streams," stemmed from a set of proposed fishing regulation changes discussed at a West Virginia Natural Resources Commission meeting.

Bishop explains that one of the proposals would implement catch-and-release-only restrictions on five trout streams with naturally reproducing populations. Four of the streams included in the proposal are located in West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) District 4 (headquartered in Beckley, West Virginia). "This proposed regulation change coincides directly with the research project I am working on as a requirement for the GSU Honors Program. For this project, I am studying water quality and fisheries health in three of the streams that would be protected. After hearing about this, I felt I should write an editorial to show my support for wild trout conservation in the southern portion of the state and to increase awareness for the proposal," Bishop said.

An avid fisherman, Bishop says he's passionate about the conservation of wild trout populations simply because he enjoys fishing. "Without conservation efforts and proper regulation, fisheries would decline rapidly. I want to do my part to ensure that all of the state's natural resources will be protected for the enjoyment and sustainable harvest of generations to come."

He notes that the conservation of cold-water fisheries has the potential to improve the entire ecosystem. Since trout require clean water to flourish, conservation efforts often include habitat improvement and environmental remediation. As water quality improves through these fisheries management operations, terrestrial flora and fauna

her an alumna of Glenville State University.

that rely on the affected stream as a resource will become healthier and more abundant.

Jared is a native of Princeton, West Virginia, and is currently pursuing his Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Science. After graduating from Glenville State, Bishop plans to pursue a master's degree in Fish and Wildlife at Virginia Tech and work for the WVDNR fisheries division. He also plans to continue writing. [Click here](#) to read more.

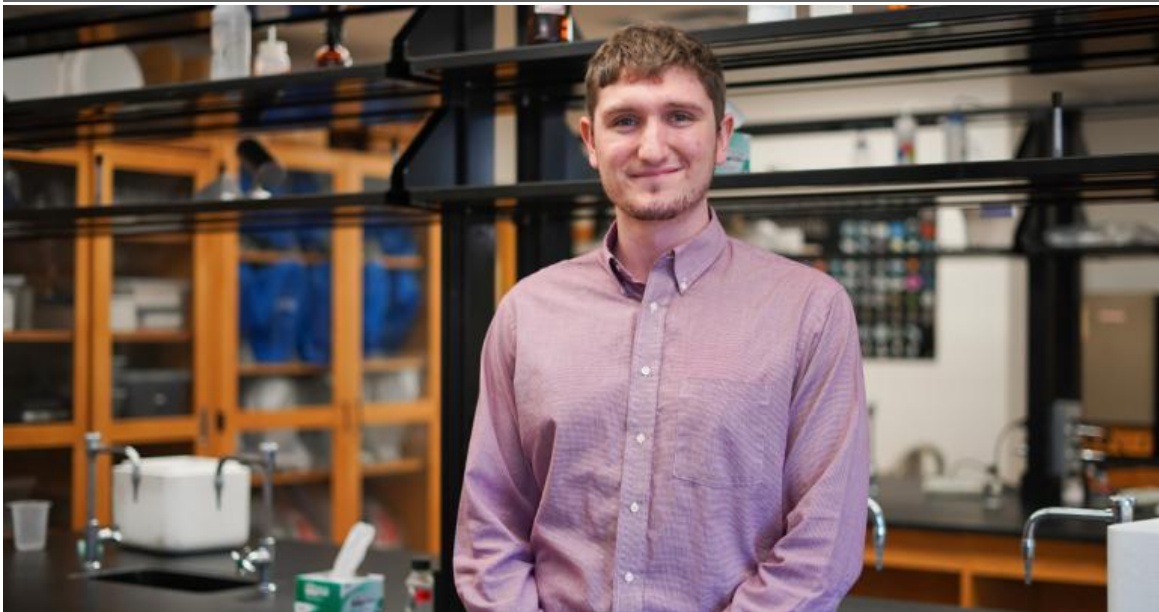


MASTERS SUNDAY TOURNAMENT
A Fundraiser Benefiting the
Glenville State Women's Golf Team

Sunday, April 8, 2022
Glenville Golf Club
\$100 per person
Shotgun Start at 10 AM

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The poster features a photograph of a golfer in a blue shirt and black shorts preparing to hit a golf ball on a green. A man in a blue shirt and grey pants stands nearby. The background is a lush green golf course with trees in the distance. The text is overlaid on a green grass background with a blue diagonal stripe.



Glennville State University student Dalton McGeeney was recently accepted into the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program at Mississippi State University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

GSU student to attend MSU College of Veterinary Medicine

Glennville State University student Dalton McGeeney will soon be heading to Mississippi State University's (MSU) College of Veterinary Medicine. The Craigsville, West Virginia native was recently accepted into the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) program at the school.

"I was very excited to get the call from the Director of Admissions at MSU. I had to call my family and girlfriend right away. I also had to run around the Science Hall and tell my professors," McGeeney said. "It is my dream to become a veterinarian, and I still can't believe I have been given the opportunity to make that happen. Even though I still have a long road ahead, getting into a veterinary school is a difficult milestone to have overcome."

Admission to veterinary school is often quite difficult, especially for residents of a state without a veterinary school. McGeeney explains that, since no in-state institutions offer a DVM program, that he was offered what is known as a contract position at MSU. As a contract student, the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission will pay the out-of-state tuition difference so Mountain State students can attend either the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine or Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine at in-state tuition costs. Each institution selects the contract students and, between both, only 13 total applicants are selected from West Virginia each year.

As he works toward completing his senior year at Glennville State University, McGeeney says that he appreciates the education he's received. "The professors in the Department of Science and Math have helped me think about and approach problems in a scientific way, which is how veterinarians solve problems. I have also received an excellent education in biology, chemistry, physics, sociology, and other disciplines which will provide a foundation in my veterinary education. And I can proudly say that I will be graduating debt-free thanks to its affordability and scholarships I have received," he added.

"There are many are people I would like to thank who helped my dream become a reality, such as mentors I have had throughout my life, family, friends, professors, teachers, the West Virginia University Davis College of Agriculture for setting up mock interviews with me, and the individuals who have written letters of recommendation for me," McGeeney said. "I would also like to give a special shout out to one of my professors, Dr. Kevin Evans '87. Dr. Evans is an individual who takes his work very seriously, is family oriented, and is a joy to be around. His laugh is definitely contagious. After I told him that I got into MSU, he told me the reason he became a professor was to see his students succeed and I truly believe him. He is a difficult professor, for good reason, and he will help anyone if they are willing to put in the work. He has been an excellent mentor and has shown me the meaning of hard work and that, at the end the day, your work isn't everything. He prioritizes his family and the time he spends with them more than anything else. This is how I would like to model my life...a life worth living is a life spent with ones you are closest to."

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Annual Land Resources Golf Tournament is April 22

Planning is underway for the 23rd annual Glenville State University Department of Land Resources Golf Tournament. The tournament will be held on Friday, April 22 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Proceeds from the event, which will take place at the Glenville Golf Club in Glenville, West Virginia, will again be used to enhance student learning within Glenville State's Natural Resource Management programs.

Funds received from the golf tournament will help provide extra tools and equipment for students studying environmental science, forestry, land surveying, energy and land management, wildlife management, and other natural resource management programs at GSU.

Multiple prizes are up for grabs, including two hole-in-one prizes of \$10,000 cash and a STIHL Homeowner's Package, which includes a chainsaw, handheld blower, and trimmer. Cash prizes for the top three teams, a STIHL chainsaw, and prizes for Closest to Pin, Longest Putt, Longest Drive, and the Log Driver Champion will also be awarded.

Participants can enter the scramble golf outing for an entry fee of \$80 per person or \$320 per team of four. The entry fee includes green fees, cart rental, and lunch. Organizations and individuals are also welcome to sponsor a hole, starting at \$100. Sponsors will be recognized with a sign displayed at the golf tournament and in a GSU Department of Land Resources newsletter. Checks can be made payable to GSU Land Resources Fundraiser and sent to

Glenville State University Department of Land Resources, 200 High Street, Glenville, WV 26351.

[Click here](#) to download an entry form. For more information, contact the Department of Land Resources by [clicking here](#) for calling (304) 462-6370.



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By now, many Glenville State Alumni & Friends have probably received the fall 2021 edition of the Pioneer Progress Magazine. If you haven't received a copy in the mail, you can view the magazine, along with earlier editions of the Pioneer Progress, on the Glenville State Alumni & Friends website by [clicking here](#).



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David '68 and Celeste (White) '69 Evans - \$250 for the Pioneer Fund

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