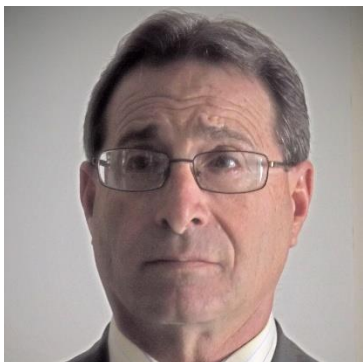


GLENVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

Pioneer Update

YOUR BIWEEKLY UPDATE ON GLENVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY
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Alumni Spotlight

Michael "Mike" DeVol '72 is enjoying retirement after a successful career as an educator and football coach.

As an educator, Mike taught all grade levels throughout his career from kindergarten, high school, and college courses at Parkersburg Community College. As a coach, he served twenty-three years at his alma mater, Caldwell High School, and had stints at Warren High School, Parkersburg South High School, and Belpre High School. At all four schools, Mike mounted a winning career and totaled more than 260 wins, conference titles, Ohio State Football Playoffs, and a West Virginia class AAA State Championship.



GSU Ranked a Top Ten Regional Institution

Glenville State University has again ranked among the top regional colleges for 2022-2023 according to newly released U.S. News and World Report Best Colleges rankings.

Glenville State University ranked #10 in Top Public Schools – Regional Colleges South, #47 (tie) in Best Regional Colleges – South, #9 in Best Colleges for Veterans, and #71 (tie) in Top Performers on Social Mobility.

According to U.S. News and World Report, the schools listed in the Best Regional Colleges assessment focus almost entirely on the undergraduate experience and offer a broad range of programs in the liberal arts and in fields such as business, nursing, and education.

"We are pleased that Glenville State University is again being recognized in the U.S. News and World Report rankings," said Glenville State University President, Dr. Mark A. Manchin. "Here at Glenville State, we are taking meaningful steps to

While a student at Glenville State, Mike was a member of the Pioneer Football Team where he was a three-year letterman and served as a co-captain his senior year. He was also a member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) social fraternity. He earned his bachelor's degree in education from Glenville State in 1972 and later obtained his masters degree from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mike has always been an active member of his community, no matter where he lived, worked, and coached. As a dedicated coach and community member, he was inducted into the Caldwell High School, Warren High School, and Parkersburg South High School Halls of Fames', The Mid-Ohio Valley Sports Hall of Fame (2013), and was presented a Mid-Ohio Valley Lifetime Achievement Award at the MOV2GO Football Awards ceremony in 2020.

Mike and his wife Connie have been married for over 50 years and together have three children and several grand and great grandchildren. The DeVols currently reside in Belpre, Ohio and spend their winters in Indian Harbor Beach, Florida.

When asked what Glenville State means in him, he said, "I loved my time at Glenville and go back multiple times a year."

improve the educational and social environment for our students, giving them as many opportunities as possible to succeed in life. Our standings are a direct testament to our outstanding students and the work done every day by our hardworking faculty and staff."



Buddy Griffin to be Inducted into WV Music Hall of Fame

Buddy Griffin '71 is among the recently announced inductees into the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame. A legendary musician and teacher, Griffin will be inducted with the four other new members at a ceremony in May 2023.

He has previously received the Distinguished West Virginian Award (2009) and the coveted Vandalia Award (2011), West Virginia's highest folklife honor. [Click here](#) to read more.

We are pleased to feature Mike in this week's Alumni Spotlight and proud to call him an Alumnus of Glenville State University.



Pioneer Football Returns to Morris Stadium Saturday, September 17 at 1PM!

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GSU Homecoming is October 15

Glenville State University will celebrate its annual Homecoming during the week of October 10, culminating on Saturday, October 15. A number of events are planned throughout the week for students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends. Everyone is encouraged to make plans to come back to Glenville.

The special Homecoming honoree group will include former Percussion Ensemble members and the Homecoming Parade Marshal is Professor Emeritus John McKinney '73. McKinney, who led the Percussion Ensemble at Glenville State for nearly 40 years, retired last year.

Returning alumni and friends are invited to visit an exhibit highlighting the 150-year history of Glenville State. The exhibit – entitled "150 Years of a Changing Landscape: Glenville Normal School to Glenville State University" – includes photographs and historic artifacts. A reception for the exhibit is planned for the evening of Friday, October 14 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center gallery. The event is free to attend; light refreshments will be served.

On Saturday, October 15 the Homecoming Parade will take place in downtown Glenville starting at 10:00 a.m. All Pioneer alumni and friends are then invited to enjoy tailgating in the Morris Stadium parking area beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Former members of the Pioneer Marching Band are again invited to participate in this year's Alumni Band. Returning members can register at the Fine Arts Center at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, will march through the parade playing the GSU fight song, will be special guests at the alumni tailgate at Morris Stadium, and will be recognized and play the fight song during the homecoming pregame show. To sign up, contact [Jason Barr](#) or [Lloyd Bone](#).

Alumni members of returning Greek organizations Lambda Chi Alpha, Theta Xi, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Sigma Sigma, and Delta Zeta will be holding tailgate reunions before the game. The groups will have special sections under the tailgate tent in close proximity to the larger alumni tent in which to visit and reminisce on Saturday.

Kickoff between the Glenville State Pioneers and the Alderson Broaddus University Battlers happens at 1:30 p.m.

For additional information about Homecoming, contact [Conner Ferguson](#) '17 at (304) 462-6116.



Alumni Percussion Ensemble Members - Homecoming 2022 Honored Guests

This year, all former members of Glenville State's Percussion Ensemble are being recognized as the honored guests as part of the annual Homecoming festivities. Percussion Ensemble, first organized in the early 1980s by Professor Emeritus John McKinney '73, evolved from humble beginnings to become a marquee event for the Department of Fine Arts each year.

We encourage all Percussion Ensemble members to join Mr. McKinney back on campus to be recognized in the Homecoming Parade, at a special pregame tailgate, and during the football game at halftime.

For planning purposes, please RSVP by [clicking here](#) to let us know that you'll be attending.



Alumni of the Land Surveying Program at GSU join faculty, staff, current students, and other guests for a group photo during the 50th anniversary celebration of the program that was held on September 10.

50th Reunion of Land Surveying Program Held

Alumni of the Land Surveying program at Glenville State University returned to campus on Friday, September 9 and Saturday, September 10 to join current students, faculty, and staff in the Department of Land Resources for the 50th anniversary celebration of the program.

The golden anniversary celebration for the Land Surveying program included a reception for alumni to reconnect and reminisce, photo slide shows and a display of surveying equipment used by students over the years, and presentations from the faculty about the program and future plans.

"The 50th anniversary celebration of the Land Surveying program was a success! There were over 50 alumni and guests who attended the reunion," said Department of Land Resources Chair, Dr. Rico Gazal. "Thanks to everyone who helped in planning this event and a special thanks to everyone who participated in the celebration."

At the event, the Department of Land Resources recognized Carlson Software, Stanley Trent, Dr. Darrell Dean, Mark McCormick, and Paul Liston '76 for their contributions to the program. Each received a custom-engraved cobalt blue Blenko Glass water bottle. David Hutchison, representing the GSU Foundation, was also on hand to recognize Tom Snyder '82, Rick Sypolt '75, Marshall Robinson '85, and Greg Smith '76 for their ongoing support of Land Surveying at Glenville State. Hutchison presented each of those individuals with a Pioneer statue.

"Many of our alumni have been extraordinarily successful, and each has made a long-lasting impact on the profession. We are proud to be a part of an institution that leaves such a positive impact on its graduates and their communities. The continued support from those who returned

for the 50th anniversary was, among many things, inspiring," Doyle Hupp Jr. '83 and Jacob Petry '22 said in a joint statement. Both are current Land Surveying instructors at Glenville State.



Members of the Glenville State University Board of Governors (l-r, descending) Mike Rust, Ann Green, Dr. Kathy Butler, Dan Durbin, Skip Hackworth, Alexandria King, Robert Marshall, Douglas Morris, Joe Parsons, Dr. Kevin Evans, Cody Moore, and Breanna Morgan.

New Members added to GSU Board of Governors

Two new Glenville State University Board of Governors members have begun their terms.

Glenville State University Board of Governors Vice Chair Ann (Starcher) Green '72 administered the oath to new member Dan Durbin '84 and Student Representative Breanna Morgan at a regular meeting of the board on August 10. Board member Dr. Kathy (Poling) Butler '76 was also re-appointed at the meeting. Durbin and Butler were appointed by West Virginia Governor Jim Justice. Morgan was elected by the student body.

Durbin serves as the Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration/Chief Financial Officer for the University of Louisville and functions as the senior financial and administrative advisor to the University President and other administrators. His specific responsibilities include leading the University's overall financial and operational planning, management, and administrative activities that span multiple entities, culminating in a \$1.5 billion budget. He also maintains significant responsibilities related to the University's affiliated \$1.8 billion health care system – University of Louisville Health – throughout its acquisition and current operations.

He holds a master's degree in Public Administration from West Virginia University and a bachelor's degree with concentrations in accounting and finance from Glenville State. In addition to serving as an instructor in the University of Louisville's College of Urban and Public

Affairs, he was selected as one of Louisville Business First's "Best in Finance 2021" for his role in successfully navigating the University of Louisville through difficult financial times.

Morgan is studying Behavioral Science and Health Promotion and hails from Helvetia, West Virginia. As Student Government Association President, she also serves on the Board of Governors as the Student Representative. She has previously served as an SGA Senator and a member of the Academic Policy Committee. She plays on the GSU Women's Golf team, is a representative on the Student Athletic Advisory Committee, and a member of the campus sorority, Chi Zeta Pi. Her term ends June 30, 2023.

The current Glenville State University Board of Governors includes, Chair Michael Rust '73, Vice Chair Ann (Starcher) Green '72, Dr. Kathy (Poling) Butler '76, Dan Durbin '84, Skip Hackworth '70, Alexandria (Lay) King '08, Robert Marshall '66, Douglas Morris '92, Joe Parsons '83, Faculty Representative Dr. Kevin Evans '87, Staff Representative Cody Moore '18, and Student Representative Breanna Morgan.



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 GSU alumni and their families.

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THE GIVING CORNER

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Barry and Karen (Bush) '79 Lay - \$3,000 for the Pioneer Vantage Club

Randy Ratliff '98 - \$3,000 for the Pioneer Athletic Club

Minnie Hamilton Health Care Center - \$2,500 for PAC Advertising

Tom and Pam Ratliff - \$2,000 for the Pioneer Vantage Club

Dr. John '68 and Pat Westfall - \$2,000 for the Pioneer Vantage Club

Kathryn "Kay" (Miller) Stoops - \$1,500 for the Ronald V. & Kathryn J. Stoops Pioneer Scholarships and the Ronald V. & Kathryn J. Stoops Wood Co. Education Scholarship

Daniel Durbin '84 - \$1,000 for the GSU Board of Governors Scholarship

David Sypolt '88 - \$1,000 for the Rick Sypolt Land Surveying Scholarship

Smith Land Surveying - \$900 for the Land Surveying Program

Gary '71 and Cynthia Ray - \$885 for the Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame and the GSU Athletic Trainer Scholarship

Minigh Family Dentistry of Shinnston - \$750 for the Minigh Family Scholarship

Jesse F. Skiles '87 - \$633 for the Jesse Skiles Scholarship and the Pioneer Athletic Club

David "Dave" Helmick '05 - \$500 for the PAC Women's Basketball

Jerry and Jacqueline "Jackie" (Epling) '72 Milliken - \$500 for the Athletic Director and the Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame

Jack Whiting - \$405 for PAC Women's Basketball

Baker's Mart - \$315 for the Pioneer Vantage Club

Bobby and Bridget '18 Carr - \$315 for the Pioneer Vantage Club

Drake's Used Cars, LLC - \$315 for the Pioneer Vantage Club

Amanda "Mandy" (Kelble) Frymier '06 - \$315 for the Pioneer Vantage Club

David "Dave" and Jessica "Jessie" (Moss) '09 Hutchison - \$315 for the Pioneer Vantage Club

President Dr. Mark A. Manchin - \$315 for the Pioneer Vantage Club

Rodney and Sandra "Sandy" (Moyers) '85 Pettit - \$315 for the Pioneer Vantage Club

Beckley AutoMall - \$300 for PAC Cheerleading

John O'Brien - \$300 for PAC Football

Minigh Family Dentistry of Glenville - \$250 for the Pioneer Fund

5J Services LLC - \$210 for PAC Cheerleading

Tim '62 and Linda (Campbell) '61 Carney - \$200 for the Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame

Randy Ratliff '98 and Dr. Gerda Kumpiene - \$200 for the Virginia "Gigi" Manchin Memorial Scholarship

Calhoun Banks - \$165 for the Pioneer Athletic Club

Frank '68 and Linda Waldeck - \$100 for the General Meritorious Scholarship

Lance and Vada (Zinn) Woodford - \$100 for the Women's Leadership Circle

Harold Erwin '65 - \$85 for the Pioneer Athletic Club

C. J. and Linda Adkins - \$55 for the Pioneer Athletic Club

Mark '80 and Barb McLaughlin - \$55 for the Pioneer Athletic Club

David '77 and Sherry (Woofter) '76 Jones - \$50 for the C. Vic Moyers P.S. Memorial Scholarship

James "Jim" and Maureen (Kraus Hite) '82 Gildein - \$30 for the Department of Education

James Davison - \$25 for PAC Cheerleading

David '96 and Christy (Hays) Rich - \$25 for the Harry Rich Scholarship and PAC Women's Basketball

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