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# A WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT:

#### **Greetings Pioneers!**

Let me begin by saying how excited we all are to be celebrating not only the 150th anniversary of this fine institution, but all of the wonderful things happening at Glenville State.

This year saw Glenville State College become Glenville State University, signifying our expansion into graduate level program offerings. Thanks to many of you, we achieved our most successful Day of Giving campaign ever, raising over \$1 million. We launched a nursing program in partnership with Marshall University. New students joined the Pioneer Family while others graduated and became alumni. Campus began to cautiously return to normal following the COVID-19 pandemic.

And the Lady Pioneer basketball team brought home a little hardware when they were crowned the 2022 NCAA Division II National Champions. Along the way they broke a tournament scoring record and finished their season 35-1. A hearty congratulations to the players, assistant coaches, and Coach Stephens for this impressive feat and for representing our institution and West Virginia so well.

On a personal note and as many of you have likely already heard, this July I lost my beloved wife of 50 years. Gigi was a fantastic First Lady for Glenville State University and was a vibrant presence on campus. She loved doing things for our students, faculty, staff, and the community. My family and I miss her dearly and we are deeply grateful to the Pioneer Family for their words, thoughts, prayers, and kind acts in the wake of Gigi's passing.

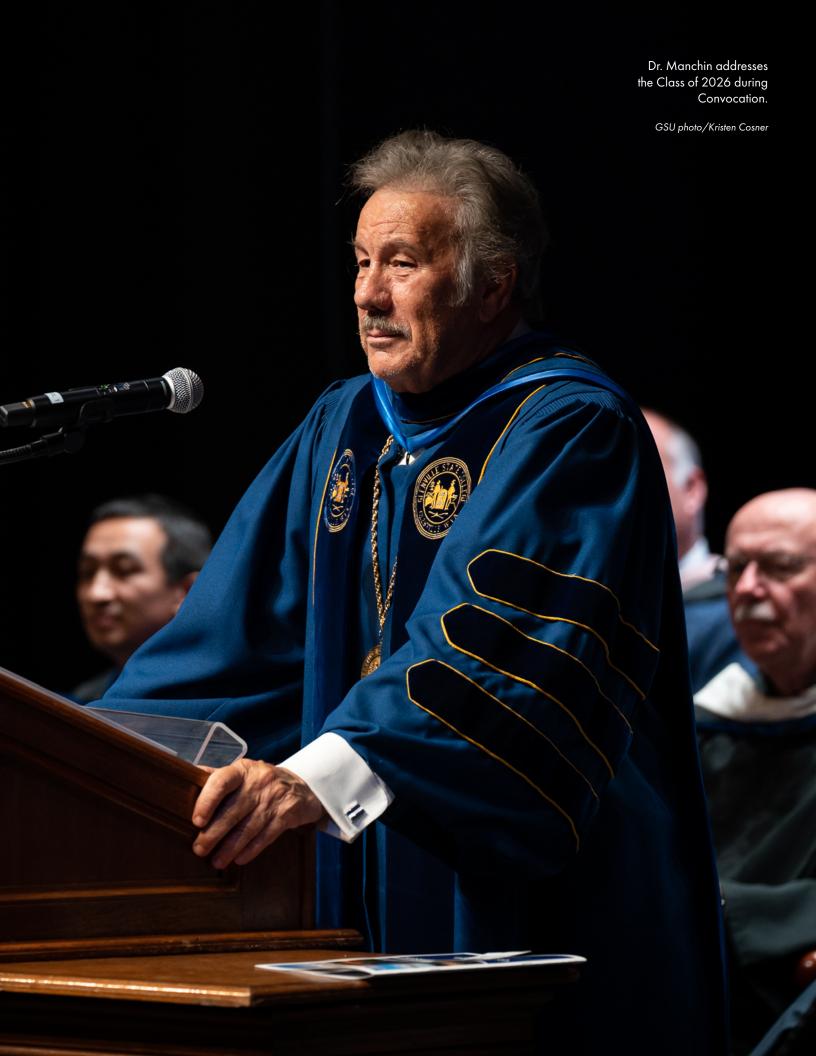
As you browse the pages of this issue of Pioneer Progress, I hope you enjoy the content and are reminded of your days at the Lighthouse on the Hill. We look forward to seeing you back on campus soon.

Let's Go Pioneers!

Dr. Mark A. Manchin

President

Glenville State University





At the beginning of the 2021-2022 season, the Glenville State University Lady Pioneers were tabbed as the number 14 team in the nation and the top pick to win the Mountain East Conference title. By the end of the season, the Lady Pioneers had earned the NCAA Division II Women's Basketball National Championship title.



### Path to the Championship

Around the new year, the Lady Pioneers were already consistently moving up the national Division II rankings, breaking into the top five by early January. Things would continue to roll from there. They closed out their undefeated regular season against Concord University on February 26. Ironically, the game marked win number 150 for Coach **Kim Stephens '11**...a feat that occurred during the same week that Glenville State observed its 150th anniversary.

From there the team moved on to the Mountain East Conference Tournament where they took on Wheeling, Notre Dame, and the University of Charleston before tallying their only loss of the season during Championship Sunday, an agonizing fall to the Golden Eagles, 80-77.

Only hours after the MEC tournament ended, Glenville State University was selected as the host site for the Atlantic Regional NCAA Division II Basketball Tournament. Planning began immediately as the first games were just five days away. The Lady Pioneers

earned the number one seed and moved through the tournament to face their sole loss of the season – Charleston – in the final game. The squad captured the regional title in an emphatic fashion, cruising to an 89-58 victory. Their ticket was punched, the ladies were moving on to the Elite Eight.

### We're Going to Birmingham

A week after their regional win, the team was in Birmingham, Alabama for the Elite Eight quarterfinal showdown.

By the end of the week, the team closed out their amazing 35-1 campaign with a win over Western Washington University to become the 2022 NCAA Division II Women's Basketball National Champions. It was the first NCAA title for Glenville State in any sport and also the first NCAA basketball title for any West Virginia school. Along the way, the team also broke the record for most points scored in a single NCAA tournament.

For most of the first half of the game,

Western Washington led and was up by as many as seven points with only two minutes left before halftime. The Lady Pioneers managed to rally in those minutes and bring the score to 46-44, down by only 2 points going into the break. By the second half, the tables had turned. Glenville led 67-62 going into the fourth quarter and held the Vikings to only ten points in the final quarter, winning the National Championship game 85-72.

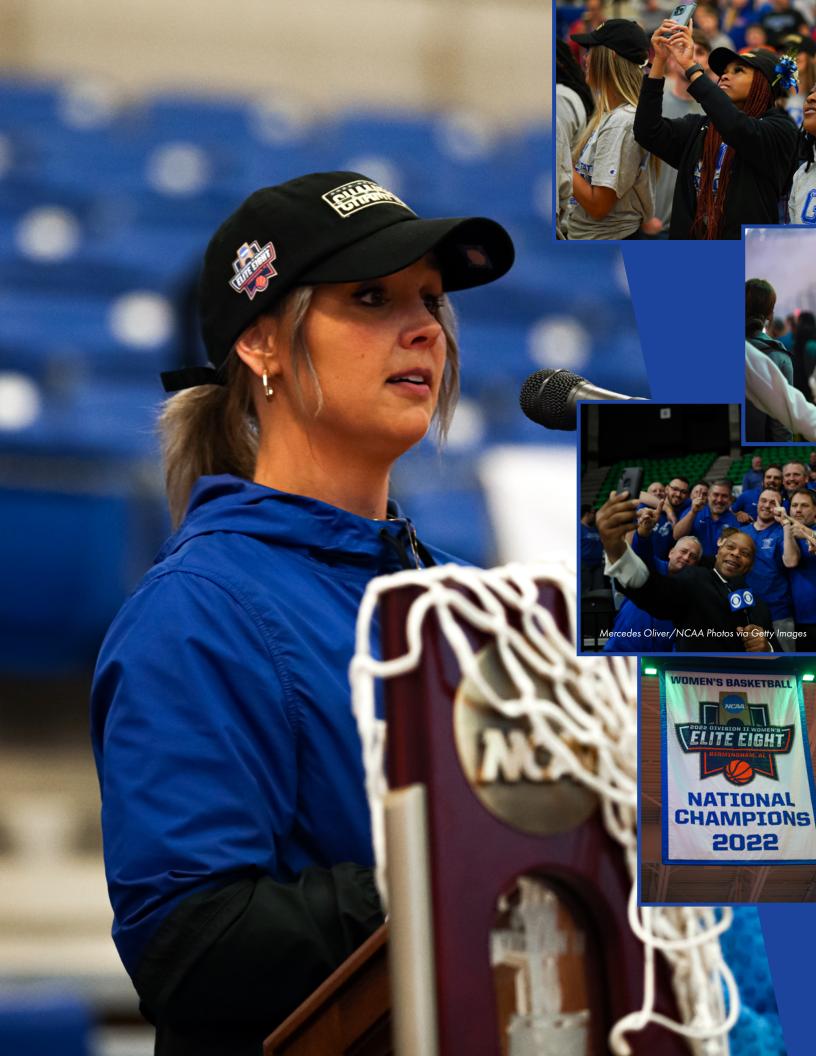
"This was a very good team, and we had to work very hard for everything," Stephens said following the team's championship win. "But our team responded to the challenge time and again this season, and they did it one last time."

### Bringing Home the Trophy

No return trip home from winning a national championship would be complete without a little fanfare. Along the way, the team picked up a State Police escort and were cheered on by fans















and first responders who were stationed along the way. That long trip back to Glenville culminated on the evening of Saturday, March 26, when the Lady Pioneers were greeted at the

Waco Center by several hundred members of the community and Glenville State faculty, staff, and students.

The recognitions didn't stop there.

On Wednesday, April 6 the team hosted a meet and greet with fans at the Waco Center before attending a parade in downtown Glenville held in their honor. The streets were packed with over 2,000 people – members of the community, Glenville State faculty, staff, and students, and elementary, middle, and high school students from Gilmer, Braxton, Calhoun, and Harrison Counties.

Following the parade, a rally was held that included presentations from several dignitaries, including West Virginia University head men's basketball coach Bob Huggins. A national championship banner was also unveiled at the event.

The following day, the team traveled to Charleston, West Virginia where they were recognized by Mayor Amy Schuler Goodwin and presented with a key to the city. They interacted with students and coaches from George Washington High School, Charleston Catholic High School, West Side Middle School, Horace Mann Middle School, and John Adams Middle School. The student athletes signed and presented a basketball to each school in attendance.

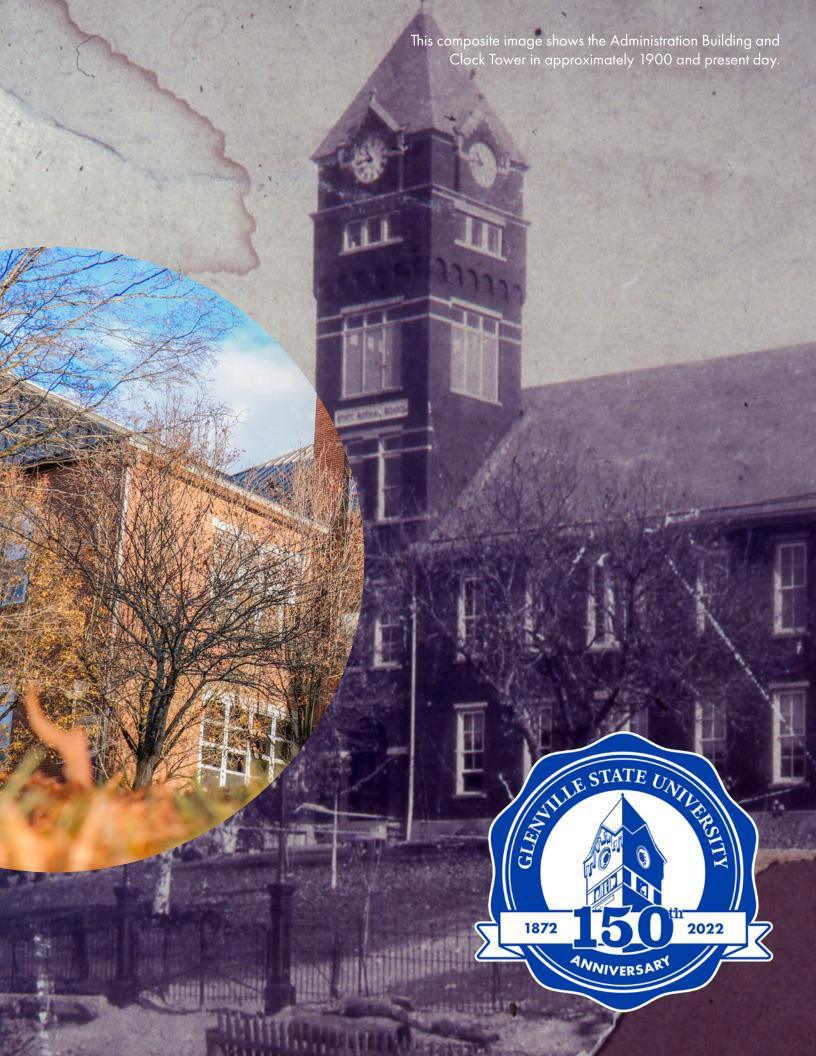
Later that day, the team met with West Virginia Governor Jim Justice where he presented Distinguished West Virginian awards to each of the Lady Pioneers, Coach Stephens, and Assistant Coaches Adrianna Bendick and Angel Rizor. The Distinguished West Virginian award is the highest civilian honor that the Governor can bestow.

"It is truly amazing what you've accomplished," Justice said. "This moment is unbelievable and that's just all there is to it. Think about how many opportunities West Virginia has had to win a national championship in basketball... and how many have we won? We've won one now. You've done something that has never been done before. It is amazing beyond belief."

# 150 years of a changing landscape.

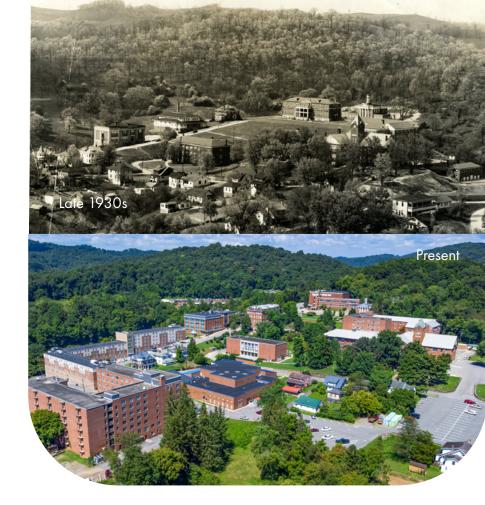
In celebration of the 150th anniversary of Glenville State, we invite you to explore the rich history that has unfolded through the decades... from Glenville Normal School to Glenville State University.





### Bird's-Eye View

The landscape around Glenville has changed dramatically over the past 150 years. These images show evidence of this change. Pay special attention to the hills in the backgrounds; while they do not change, nearly everything else does. Another landmark to look for is the Clock Tower. It can be seen in both aerial views of Glenville.





### **Getting Around**

Transportation in and out of Glenville has evolved greatly over the past 150 years. Riverboats were the primary way students arrived to campus for decades. This was the case until adequate roads were built in the late 1920s. The campus then began acquiring its own vehicles for transportation of students and athletic teams.

### **Student Life**

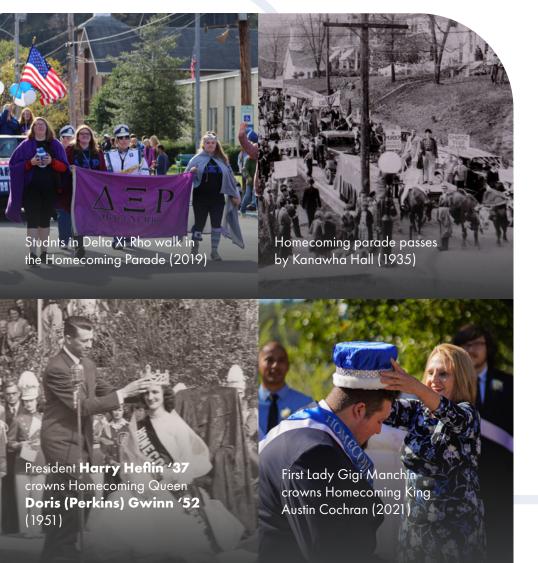
All work and no play makes for a dull Pioneer. Over the years, Glenville State students have learned how to stay entertained between classes



### **Dining**

The campus cafeteria has always been one of the most popular gathering places. Early dining experiences on campus often saw students gathering to share a family-style meal. Students now have multiple options for their campus meals, from an all-you-can-eat buffet to grab-and-go snacks. A new "We Proudly Serve" Starbucks Coffee Shop has also recently been added to the campus.





### **Homecoming**

The school's first Homecoming was held in 1931 under the direction of First Lady Lilian Rohrbough. By 1933, it had evolved to include a parade. The institution elected its first Homecoming Queen, Lois Mason Mace '39, in 1938. The first Homecoming King, Joshua Martin '04, was elected in 2001.

Homecoming remains an annual tradition celebrated by students and alumni alike.



### **Athletics**

Athletics have been an important part of the institution's existence since around 1900, when the first baseball games began being played, which were followed by football and basketball. Glenville State currently offers student-athletes the opportunity to compete in baseball, men's and women's basketball, boxing, cross-country, track and field, football, men's and women's golf, wrestling, acrobatics and tumbling, softball, volleyball, and women's soccer.

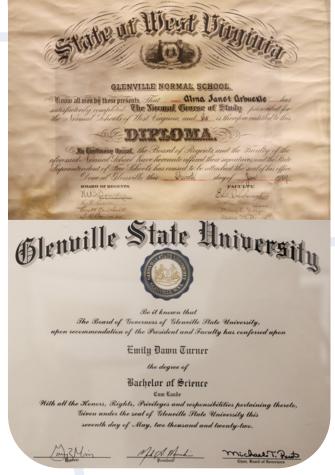
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### **Certifications and Degrees**

Certification and degree attainment have been the primary motivators for students for generations. While the early years of the Glenville Normal School from the 1870s to early 1900s mostly involved certifications after completing a Short Normal course or a Long Normal course, the institution eventually evolved to offer degrees that aligned with the requirements of the publicschool systems in the state and became Glenville State Teacher's College in 1931. By 1943, the advancement of curriculum included the ability to confer degrees beyond the education field, which enabled the school to become an official college beyond the teaching profession. In 2022, we were granted University status, in part because of our advancement toward the offering of graduate level programs.













#### Seals

The Seal of Glenville State has resembled the West Virginia State Seal since our early beginnings as a Normal School, with the exception of a briefly used Glenville State Teacher's College Seal featuring the Pioneer. When the school became a college in 1943, the Seal was converted back to a version similar to the Glenville Normal School Seal with the date changed to 1872 to mark Glenville State's founding (instead of the founding of the State of West Virginia).



### **Principals and Presidents**

Twenty-six individuals have led Glenville State over its 150 years. Each have brought their own unique perspectives to the leadership position. Some have had relatively short tenures, others remained at the helm for many years. Below is a list of each principal or president, organized chronologically and separated by the name of the institution at the time. You will notice that some leaders have gaps in their years of service with an acting or interim president filling in, while some have spanned through multiple institutional name changes.

#### Glenville Branch of the West Virginia Normal School – 1872-1909

Acting Principal Thomas Marcellus Marshall (1872-1873), Principal Louis Bennett (1873-1875), Principal Thomas Marcellus Marshall (1875-1881), Principal Samuel P. Lazear (1881-1882), Principal Robert Franklin Kidd (1882-1884), Principal Ezra I. Hall (1884-1885), Principal Samuel Boardman Brown (1885-1890), Principal Robert W. Tapp (1890-1891), Acting Principal Verona Mapel (1891-1892), Principal Rev. M. D. Helmick (1892-1895), Principal W. J. Holden (1895-1901), Principal John C. Shaw (1901-1908), and Principal Edward G. Rohrbaugh (1908-1909).

#### Glenville State Normal School - 1909-1930

Principal Edward G. Rohrbough (1909-1914), Acting Principal S. O. Bond (1914-1915), and Principal Edward G. Rohrbough (1915-1931).

#### Glenville State Teacher's College – 1931-1943

President Edward G. Rohrbough (1931-1942) and President D. L. Haught (1942-1943).

#### Glenville State College - 1943-2022

President D. L. Haught (1943-1947), Acting President Robert T. Crawford (1947), Harry B. Heflin '37 (1947-1964), President D. Banks Wilburn (1964-1977), William K. Simmons '61 (1977-1988), Acting President James Lowell Peterson (1988-1989), William K. Simmons '61 (1989-1998), Interim President Bruce Flack (1998-1999), President Thomas H. Powell (1999-2003), President Robert N. Freeman (2003-2006), President Peter B. Barr (2006-2017), President Tracy L. Pellett (2017-2019), Interim President Kathleen L. Nelson (2019-2020), and President Mark A. Manchin (2020-2022).

#### Glenville State University - 2022-present

President Mark A. Manchin (2022-present).

### **Looking Forward**

As Maya Angelou said, "If you don't know where you've come from, you don't know where you're going." At this 150th milestone anniversary, Glenville State pauses to remember where we've come from while casting an eye to the future. No one would deny that campus is different than it was in 1872...but in many of the most important ways, it remains the same.

The way our students learn may be different, but our caring faculty members still operate their classrooms with the same ethos of their predecessors. The students themselves may be different, but many are still the first in their families to pursue higher education and they still seek out the Lighthouse on the Hill to guide their journey. Our alumni are now scattered all across the globe and work in nearly every industry - but you will still find a Glenville State grad within the classrooms of West Virginia, carrying on the legacy of the Teacher's College graduates of yesteryear.

The foundations laid by the students, faculty, staff, and alumni of the past have put Glenville State on a remarkable trajectory that continues today. We Pioneers are good at blazing new trails...

Cheers to the next 150 years!



### in the news



West Virginia Governor Jim Justice and Lorrie Smith

### New W.Va. Workforce Resiliency Officer is Glenville State Graduate

West Virginia Governor Jim Justice has appointed Lorrie (Jimison) Smith '87 to the new position of State Workforce Resiliency Officer.

The State Workforce Resiliency Office will operate on behalf of the Governor to coordinate workforce development, job training, education, and related programs across numerous State agencies and entities to grow West Virginia's workforce and to provide more options for West Virginians seeking work and West Virginia businesses seeking employees. As the Workforce Resiliency Officer, Smith is tasked with leading these efforts.

She brings 24 years of workforce development, job training, and related experience on behalf of the State to the role. Most recently, she served as Manager of the Governor's Jobs & Hope West Virginia program, which offers support through a statewide collaboration of agencies providing West Virginians the opportunity to obtain career training and remove other barriers to job opportunities to ultimately secure meaningful

employment. To date, over 1,900 Jobs & Hope participants who entered the program without work now have a job, and 300 West Virginians have graduated from the program and achieved career employment.

"I would like to thank Governor Justice for his confidence in me, appointing me to serve as West Virginia's first State Workforce Resiliency Officer. It's an incredible honor," Smith said. "We have incredible programs and initiatives across the state to help West Virginians achieve career employment and I'm excited to get to work connecting the people of this state with these services, while also looking for new and exciting ideas to help our people land their dream jobs. I really believe that the work we'll be doing will make a meaningful difference in people's lives."

In addition to her Bachelor's degree in Business from Glenville State, Smith has also earned a Master's Degree in Business from Missouri State University.



Brian Hill

### Hill is First Chief **Diversity Officer** at Glenville State

Glenville State University has developed an Office of Multicultural Affairs with the aim to create a diverse community that welcomes people of different races, cultures, ages, genders, sexual orientation, religions, socioeconomic levels, political perspectives, abilities, opinions, values, and experiences.

Leading that charge is **Brian** Hill '93, Glenville's first Chief Diversity Officer.

"I am honored to be serving as Glenville State's first Chief Diversity Officer and, since coming on board, have enjoyed engaging with areas across campus to provide services and programs that meet the needs of our community," Hill said.

Hill works to help ensure different perspectives are reflected in decisions, curriculum, programs, and actions around campus. He also works to see that all members of the Pioneer Family have equal access to the education and resource opportunities available at the University.

### **Art and Design Program Receives Grant from FirstEnergy**

The Glenville State University Art and Design Program received a grant from FirstEnergy Foundation for \$7,500 to support the purchase of a Glowforge 3D Laser Printer for the program. The Glowforge cuts, engraves, and scores a variety of materials, such as paper, slate, fabric, glass, hardwood, leather, metal, and more.



### **NASA WV Space Grant Selects Glenville State University Student for Internship**

Glenville State University student Natalie Fout completed an internship with NASA at the Clay Center for the Arts and Sciences this summer. NASA WV Space Grant Consortium sponsored and financially supported Fout, who is a mathematics education major at Glenville State.

Unlike typical internships with a mentor-prescribed research plan, the Clay Center's unique experience offered the interns opportunities for personal and professional development by enhancing their skills in creating STEMbased lesson plans, learning to address multiple age youth groups, and homing in on their unique mentoring style to motivate and inspire WV students to learn.

"I feel incredibly honored to have been selected for the NASA WV Space Grant Consortium Internship Program. As a future educator, I am always searching for ways to become a more knowledgeable and well-rounded person. This program does so many great things for our state, and I was thrilled to be a part of it," Fout said.

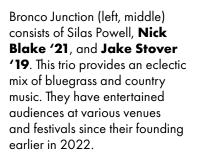
## Making Music

#### WITH PIONEER ALUMNI



Several Glenville State University alumni musicians have recently been making the rounds on stages large and small, in West Virginia and beyond.

The quartet BERTH (left, top) has had a busy few months performing, including the closing concert at Live on the Levee in Charleston. BERTH is comprised of West Virginia natives Derrick Lowe '19, Joshua Runyon' 19, Ethan Cook '20, and Bobby Davis '18.



The Parachute Brigade (left, bottom) has continued to grow in popularity, expanding their performance schedule over the years. Like BERTH, they too performed at Live on the Levee this season. The Parachute Brigade is an indie-roots band from Beckley, West Virginia and includes Brittany McGuire **115** on vocals and keyboard. Eric Robbins, Justin Puett, Jodie Cox-Puett, Jeremiah Hatfield, and Krystion Stover round out the

Keep up with all of these groups on their social media pages by searching the band names on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.









Gabrielle Dean, a junior from Etam, West Virginia, has been named the Glenville State University Pioneer Mascot for the 2022-2023 academic year.

Dean is an active member of campus, serving as secretary for the Forestry Club, a student worker in the Department of Land Resources, and a GSU Marketing Ambassador.

"It means a lot to me to be the Glenville State University Pioneer," said Dean. "It is fulfilling a dream I have had since I came to Glenville State, and it is an honor to be chosen for the position. I look forward to representing our school and having the honor of serving as the Pioneer."

An ongoing tradition for over 80 years, Dean becomes the 82nd student to portray the Pioneer Mascot. She will be the seventh woman to serve as the Pioneer.



### **Jonathan Minton** Releases **New Book** of Poetry

Glenville State University Professor of English Dr. Jonathan Minton has released a new book of poetry entitled "Letters." Minton says the book is a collaboration between himself, and the visual artists Diana Magallón and Jeff Crouch.

In addition to teaching literature at Glenville State, Minton also serves as advisor for the campus literary journal, "Trillium" and he edits the journal Word For/Word. He published "Technical Notes for Bird Government" (Telemetry Press) – a book of poems – in 2018 and his chapbooks include "Lost Languages" (Long Leaf Press) and "In Gesture" (Dyad Press). In 2015, he received Glenville State University's prestigious Faculty Award of Excellence.

"Letters" is available in print and as an e-book at www.moriapoetry.com.



### **McGeeney Accepted into DVM Program**

Dalton McGeeney '22 has been accepted to and is attending the Mississippi State University's (MSU) College of Veterinary Medicine for their Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) program.

Since no West Virginia institutions offer a DVM program, McGeeney 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.



(I-r) Standing Dr. Rico Gazal, For. Leilani Castillo and Dr. Rogelio Andrada; seated Dr. Gary Morris, Provost and Dr. Mark Manchin, President

### **University of the Philippines** Los Baños Researchers Visit **Glenville State University**

During the spring semester, Glenville State University hosted two scholars from University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) College of Forestry and Natural Resources. Dr. Rogelio Andrada and Leilani Castillo delivered a series of lectures and presentations on ecotourism and biodiversity conservation in the tropics.

The visit was supported by a West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission J1 - Support Grant through the West Virginia Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research Travel Grant and Glenville State University Professional Development Funds.

The student and faculty exchange program between the two schools is designed to strengthen the international experience of students in the field of ecology and environmental science.

This summer, Professor and Chair of the Department of Land Resources Dr. Rico Gazal and students Ciera Heine, Adem Hupp, and Corey Foster traveled to the Philippines to visit the UPLB campus and conduct research on tropical plant biodiversity and ecophysiology.



### **Local Bank Pays It Forward**

Earlier in 2022, Calhoun Banks employees at their Grantsville, Arnoldsburg, Elizabeth, and Glenville locations collected gently used business attire for Glenville State's Career Closet. The collection drive yielded an assortment of suits, slacks, skirts, blouses, dress shirts, sweaters, shoes, ties, handbags, and more. Glenville State's Career Closet provides students with access to an assortment of professional and casual clothing, all at no charge. Thank you, Calhoun Banks!



Harding



Ojanpera-Lynch

### **Women's Leadership Circle Awards Scholarships**

Current students Megan Harding and Madelynn V. Ojanpera-Lynch are the recipients of the Spring 2022 Women's Leadership Circle Scholarship.

Harding, an Elementary Education (K-6) and Social Studies Education (5-9) major from Calhoun County, West Virginia, is involved in the Early Education Student Group, the Student Reading Interest Group, and is a member of the GSU Women's Golf Team. "It is such an honor to receive the Women's Leadership Circle Scholarship because it has shown me that amazing things can happen when women come together," said Harding.

Ojanpera-Lynch is studying Music Education (Pre-K-Adult) and hails from Elizabeth, West Virginia. She is a member of Glenville State's Marching Band. "It meant everything to me when I received the Women's Leadership Circle Scholarship. It showed that my hard work has paid off and that the work doesn't stop here. It encourages me to keep going, pursue leadership roles, and encourage other women to do so as well," said Ojanpera-Lynch.

The Women's Leadership Circle was founded on the basis of fellowship, opportunity, and philanthropy and envisions a community of female givers who provide opportunities and support to female students at Glenville State University.

For more information or to join the Women's Leadership Circle, contact Vada Woodford at Vada. Woodford@glenville.edu or by phone at (304) 462-6382.

### Alumni Recital Features Jones, Lopez

Dr. John Lopez '05 and Jessica Jones '08 returned to their alma mater for an alumni concert this spring. Lopez performed several pieces on trombone and Jones showcased her percussion skills on the marimba.

John is the Director of Athletic Bands at Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Virginia. Jessica earned a master's degree in Percussion Performance from Ohio University and is currently an elementary music teacher for Norfolk Public Schools in Virginia.



#### **Department of Business Inducts Inaugural Hall** of Fame Members

Five inaugural members were inducted into the Glenville State University Business Hall of Fame this spring, an honor recognizing the roles they have played in influencing the field of business.

The 2022 inductees included I.L. "Ike" Morris, Sue (Bartlett) Morris '66, Michael Rust '73, Kimberly Stephens '11, and Walter W. Turner '69.

"These five individuals have proven themselves to be exceptional leaders in business. It is an honor for both myself and Glenville State University to recognize and commemorate their accomplishments," said Glenville State University President Dr. Mark A. Manchin.

The Business Hall of Fame is a newly developed recognition of GSU alumni and friends of the Department of Business.



### Morgan, Rush Elected SGA **President, Vice President**

The Glenville State University student body held elections for their new Student Government Association officers this spring. For the 2022-2023 term, Breanna Morgan – a Health Promotion major – is serving as President and Macy Rush – who is pursuing majors in Elementary Education and General Math-Algebra I – will be Vice President.

Pictured: Rush (left) and Morgan (right).

### **Glenville State, WV School of Osteopathic Medicine Partner** to Benefit Students



Glenville State University President Dr. Mark A. Manchin (left) and West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine President Dr. James W. Nemitz.

Glenville State University is now a partner in the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine's Pre-Osteopathic Medicine Program.

The West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine partners with affiliate undergraduate institutions for the program, which is designed for undergraduate students who have an interest in osteopathic medicine and plan to enter osteopathic medical school.

The goal of the Pre-Osteopathic Medicine Program – otherwise known as POMP - is to promote osteopathic medicine, increase the number of excellent West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine applicants, support aspiring osteopathic physicians at all levels of education, and continue the legacy of osteopathic medicine. Students who successfully complete all program requirements will receive guaranteed acceptance to School of Osteopathic Medicine.

The program ensures that undergraduates will have the opportunity to network with medical students and medical professionals and to receive shadowing opportunities, while improving their knowledge of osteopathic medicine.

"We're excited about this partnership with the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. We see this as a win not only for our students in making a more streamlined process for them as they matriculate to medical school, but also as we work together to tackle the various issues with staffing and healthcare in this country," said Glenville State University President, Dr. Mark A. Manchin.

### Recognizing **Retirees**

Celebrating recently retired faculty and staff with over 25 years of service to GSU



Mawahna Gifford '93 & '08 25+ Years of Service August 1995 - August 2021



**Amanda Frymier '06** 42+ Years of Service May 1980 - June 2022



**Roger Clemons** 32+ Years of Service August 1989 - June 2022



Jerry Burkhammer '88 33+ Years of Service August 1988 - March 2022



John McKinney '73 39+ Years of Service August 1982 - December 2021



**Patty Snyder** 41 + Years of Service February 1979 - September 2021



**Debbie Spence** 45+ Years of Service September 1975 - July 2021



### **Cybersecurity Courses Come to Glenville State**

Glenville State University is offering free cybersecurity training as a part of the Cybersecurity and Safety Workforce Development Initiative. The Initiative aims to create a more vibrant economic future for the coalimpacted North Central region of West Virginia.

Classes do not require any prior coding or cybersecurity training and will take place over the course of three to five days. Day, night, and weekend classes will be offered to accommodate a variety of schedules.

Current base level certifications ongoing are CompTIA A+ and

CompTIA Network+ with higher-level cybersecurity certification training planned in the coming months.

Visit https://workforce.glenville. edu/to register for upcoming courses.

A total of \$1,402,408 in local and federal funding is being provided for the project, 80% of which, (\$1,120,995) comes from the Appalachian Regional Commission while 20% (\$281,413) comes from the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation and Glenville State University.



#### **SAAC Members Participate in Jared Box Project for WVU** Children's Hospital

Glenville State students in the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee supported the Jared Box Project by donating boxes to WVU Children's Hospital.

The mission of the Jared Box Project is to lift the spirits and put a smile on the face of children (ages infant to 8 years) in the hospital. A Jared Box is a plastic shoe box filled with games, toys, activities, and notes. Boxes are donated to local hospitals around the United States.



### **Peyatt is** Mountaineer **Food Bank's New COO**

Eric Peyatt '19 is the new Chief Operations Officer/Vice President for the Mountaineer Food Bank. He previously served as the Director of Operations at Mountaineer Food Bank.

After graduating from Glenville State, he was a teacher at Nicholas County High School. He eventually changed careers and has since been with the Mountaineer Food Bank for several years.

In his COO role, Peyatt oversees dayto-day operational functions, leads staff, develops operational goals and budgets, works on short- and long-term goals, and more. He also serves as the main liaison for the CEO in all facility project expansion operations.

Mountaineer Food Bank is located in Gassaway, West Virginia and provides food and other household items to an emergency food network in 48 counties including programs such as food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, backpack and senior programs, and mobile pantries.

He and his wife Kaitlyn (Murphy) '18 live in Summersville, West Virginia with their son.

#### in the news



Joe Overbaugh (left) and WV Delegate Heather Tully with a Fission Cycles eBike at Tully's Capitol office.

### **Alumnus Helps Bring eBike Brand** to West Virginia

Joe Overbaugh '16 is serving as the Chief Operating Officer for Fission Cycles, a West Virginia-based eBike brand. In this role he handles day-today business and works directly with the CEO and president to guide the brand.

Before this entrepreneurial venture, Overbaugh spent four years as a teacher in West Virginia at the middle school, high school, and career and technical levels. During his last year as a teacher, Overbaugh's peers elected him to be their faculty senate president. "All of these experiences helped to prepare me for my current role," he noted.

Overbaugh says that Fission is one of the first eBike brands on the East Coast. "We are currently working on creating more opportunities for eBike use in West Virginia. Last year we introduced a bill in West Virginia to expand eBike use on trails and various locations around the state. We hope to continue the efforts in the next legislative session," he said.

"The electric industry is quickly growing and new ideas, designs, and inventions are pushing the industry forward at an accelerated pace. We are all very excited to be a part of it and look forward to continuing to provide people around the country with the best product for an amazing value," he added.

### **GSU Archives to House Frank Vincent** Memorabilia



A black and white photo of Frank Vincent during his years at Charleston High School was among the items donated on behalf of the late coach.

The Glenville State University Archive is now home to several pieces of memorabilia chronicling the career of Coach Frank Vincent '55.

The items were donated by two of Vincent's former Charleston High School players, Rick Hurt and Rex Repass. Hurt had been the holder of Vincent's historic items since his death in 2010.

The donation included newspaper clippings, game programs, photographs, trophies, plaques, signed game balls, and more.

Vincent was a star lineman at Glenville State in the early 1950s and was the All-Conference Center in 1954. He went on to become a record-setting head coach at Charleston High, leading the Mountain Lions to three consecutive Class AAA titles in 1968, 1969, and 1970. He served as head coach at Glenville from 1980-86, and his 1983 team that went 6-2-1 boasted a defense that only allowed 84 points for the entire season. He was inducted into Glenville State's Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010.

Throughout the 1960s and 1970s, Charleston High was dominant in football, basketball, and track, winning multiple state titles in each sport. They were each coached by a Glenville State Hall of Fame inductee; Vincent in football, Lou Romano '50 in basketball, and Keith Pritt '58 in track.

Vincent's three-peat championship run at Charleston High School stood for over 40 years. The record was broken by a pair with Glenville ties who both played for Vincent; Alan Fiddler at Moorefield, then David Walker '88 at Martinsburg.

### Establish a Legacy.

Your generous support makes an impact on the students of Glenville State University. Scholarships are crucial not only for attracting bright, talented, and motivated students, but also for empowering them all the way to graduation day.

Memorial scholarships that bear the name of a friend or loved one also serve as a way to honor and remember their namesake.

We aim to make it easy to establish a new scholarship or contribute to an existing fund - simply contact the GSU Foundation at (304) 462-6381 for more information.

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- Virginia "Gigi" Manchin Memorial Scholarship
- Professor Emeritus Harry Rich Music Scholarship
- Helen Brammer Hunt and Paul Hunt Scholarship
- Mason Sarver Workforce Scholarship
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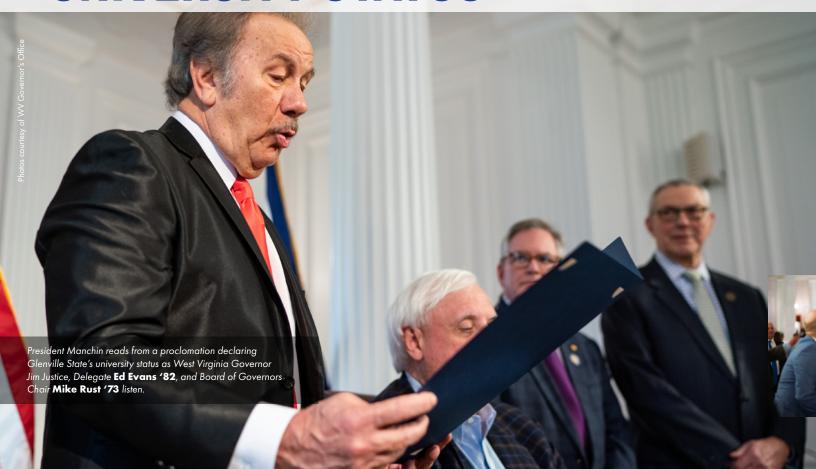
Empowering future generations of Pioneers. glenville.edu/foundation/scholarships

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Kristen Lopez '22 Cassie Johnson Memorial Scholarship Recipient



# GLENVILLE STATE RECEIVES UNIVERSITY STATUS





Glenville State students, faculty, staff, administrators, and lawmakers inside the House chamber during Glenville State Day at the Legislature on Tuesday, February 22.

n Tuesday, February 22, Glenville State College students, staff, and faculty gathered at the West Virginia State Capitol for Glenville State Day at the Legislature. By the time they departed the statehouse, the school had a new designation: Glenville State University.

Those assembled from Glenville
State visited the House of Delegates
and Senate Chambers for special
recognitions. During the day's session,
Delegates took up House Bill 4264,
which changed the designation of the
institution from Glenville State College to
Glenville State University. The bill, which
was on its third reading, passed the
House unanimously. The action was met
with uproarious applause from

the gallery. The bill was then communicated to the Senate for immediate consideration. It also passed unanimously in that chamber.

The following day, West Virginia Governor Jim Justice hosted a delegation of Glenville State representatives at the statehouse to make the name change official.

The first graduate-level programs offered at Glenville State will be the Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction and the Master of Arts in Teaching. Courses will be offered every 7.5 weeks in the fall and spring with a total of four terms between fall and spring and one full term in summer.

Additional master's programs are being developed in a variety of areas, from business to criminal justice.

"I appreciate everyone who came to the Capitol in February to celebrate the occasion with us...I saw so many of our current students, faculty, and staff alongside members of our Board of Governors, Foundation Board, Alumni Council, our generous donors, community members, and of course our elected representatives. To step back and realize that we were all bearing witness to history being made is really quite something," said GSU President, Dr. Mark A. Manchin.



# AWalk Down Memory Lane

In honor of Glenville State University's 150th Anniversary, we asked our alumni to share some of their favorite memories from their time as a student and what they love most about being a Pioneer.

As you read through the stories, we hope you take a moment to reminisce on your time as a Pioneer.

Once a Pioneer, always a Pioneer. Where do I begin?! The education department at Glenville was amazing! Sharing live experiences and being given advice by consummate professionals - Terry Reale '74, Dr. John Taylor, Dr. Kathy Butler '76, Dr. Debra Simon, Ms. Connie Stout-O'Dell '90, Dr. Jim Hilgenberg, Ms. Carolyn Groves '64, Ms. Kay Chico, Dr. Deanna Foxworthy, and many more whom I'm surely forgetting. These professors went above and beyond to make sure we were prepared to enter the classroom. The life-long friends I made are all treasures as well.

- Kim Bonnett '01

My time at Glenville State University was some of the best times of my life. From being part of the Pioneer Marching

band to jamming out on trumpet with the GSU Jazz Combo and ending it with some of the best people to be around in the December commencement. I was also able to find my best friend/ husband on campus. Glenville has always been a second home to me and especially again since I will be going into the education master's program as well. Once a Pioneer, Always a Pioneer!



- Morgan (Dolly) Hacker '18

Mom and dad said, "You go one year to GSC (now U) and then you can go anywhere." After my freshman year, I wasn't going anywhere. I graduated in 1974 and stayed in Glenville until 1989 and became very involved in the community, the Alumni Association, and the Pioneer Club. My wife graduated in 1973 and taught there. My brother and daughter graduated there and I go back every time I get the opportunity. You won't be sorry to get a GSU experience!

- Greg Nicholson '74

Watching some students see snow for the first time, running track, working for the basketball program, trying to witness Sis Linn, the football team playing on TV, being a part of a sorority, and all the awesome professors that helped me along the way.

- Stephanie (Fitch) Caldwell '07

In addition to being a graduate myself, I got to witness Glenville's first NCAA qualifiers in wrestling - my son Hunter DeLong and Cole Houser (pictured here with their coach Dylan Cottrell).

> - Paula (Maxwell) DeLong '93

I could write a book from my memories at Glenville State. I think one of my most life-changing memories was the flood of 1985. It was my freshman year. I remember the college and community coming together. Folks were evacuated and put in our dorm with us. Our food was rationed. It was so frightening to stand at the bottom of the hill and hear the alarm go off indicating water was being let out from the dams upstream. It was amazing to see how our little community came together and helped one another! Another fun memory was "borrowing" cafeteria trays and using them for sleds down the street from Pickens Hall.

- Kim (Hull) Yold '91

On snow days we would go to the auto store and buy a giant inner tube then sleigh ride on the golf course all day. I loved Glenville!

- Abbie Burge '03

I got to be a part of representing Glenville State at Nationals, then I was part of the team that won Glenville's FIRST ever Track Championship in school's history. I also remember the two record-setting floods when I was circulation director for The Mercury. Because of that, I knew a lot of the town merchants and tried to help them.

### - Shawn Shockey '89



I am proud of being a member of the college. My life at Glenville left all good memories and led me to meet a lifetime friend. But miracles haven't ended yet. After 15+ years, I met three Japanese men who graduated at Glenville State back in the 1980s and we held a small, unofficial alumni gathering in Japan.

- Rie Tsushima '07

When I think of Glenville State I always think of meeting my best friend Raeann Sickles '21!

- Morgan Golden '22

My favorite memories are being a member of the marching band and football halftime shows. The size of the college band and doing halftime shows were eye-opening. I didn't experience that when I was in high school. I learned a great deal from those experiences. I had to learn to be more responsible with time management and studying. Dean Jean Wright was an amazing and compassionate role model for the students. She personally reached out and helped me in a time of need. I will be forever grateful for her help and encouragement. I may not have made it through Glenville State without her.

- Stan Taylor '76

I have so many wonderful memories of my Glenville State years - wonderful and caring instructors, working on The Mercury, playing cards at lunch in the "Union," watching the band march off the hill to a packed football stadium in Brooklyn, the Lilly Gymnasium full of students and fans cheering like crazy when we played Fairmont, and after game parties. So glad to have attended the college in the '70's - great times!

- John G. Wolfe '76

When I entered Glenville in the fall of 1982, my goal was to pursue a degree in business and play football. I had no idea that my passion for bluegrass music and the banjo would become more developed during my years here in college. Several of my buddies and fellow pickers would gather in the lounge or our dorm rooms at Louis Bennett Hall and play for hours at a time, probably much to the chagrin of the other residents. Fond memories remain, and to this day, I'm still picking the banjo and strumming my guitar - sometimes in my business suit.



- Brett Stover '86

The Percussion Ensembles!

- Deanna (Fair) Gill '94

A lot of my memories surround Pickens Hall and the Science Hall...I graduated from Glenville State in 2008 with my BSN. My fondest memories were made in Pickens Hall with all of my friends...we did things we shouldn't have been doing, but it makes me smile every time I think about it! The Science Hall was definitely where I spent most of my time due to all of the science and nursing classes I had to take. Allison Witte and Theresa Cowan were the two individuals I admired and who were there when we needed them. I enjoyed all my instructors/professors during at my time at Glenville. When we had to transfer to WVU Tech, we all dreaded Montgomery, because it was NLG (Not Like Glenville)!

### - Lindsey Dee Hudkins '08

So many good memories! I loved student activities, especially bingo nights and paint nights.

- Danielle Bartlett '20

Being able to meet and interact with people from all over and learning about everyone and creating deep connections with people!

- Madelin Toy '22

Percussion Ensemble will always have my heart! I also thoroughly enjoyed my time as field commander for the marching band!

- Kristina Lowe '21

So many things come to mind! Glenville State was HOME! I met so many wonderful people from around the world. Who could ever forget the lifelong bonds I will share with my Foxy Lady sisters! Rappelling off Pickens Hall, volleyball, cookouts, all night studying and finding ourselves, late night road trips and always having somewhere to belong. I loved my time in the 'ville!

- Kharity (Harper) Sampson '10

I attended Glenville State from 1968-1972. My fondest memories are hanging out in the Journalism Department and writing and editing for The Mercury. Yvonne (Hart) King '57 was the best!

- Linda (Morrell) Mayfield '72

I am an educator and I proudly graduated from Glenville in 1988. In an in-state interview following graduation, I remember being told Glenville State teachers were preferred\_ over other teacher prep program's graduates. I have carried pride in this knowledge my entire 34 years of experience! I have taught in several West Virginia counties, as well as four other states. Looking back, I have never been denied any teaching position for which I applied. My Glenville instructors, in the elementary/learning disability/mental impairment fields, strongly prepared my content area knowledge, and my attitude on work ethic. Most importantly, they created in me a desire to improve the lives of every student with whom I share a classroom. I have loved my teaching career and I carry pride in having graduated from Glenville State. While at Glenville, between the fall of 1984 and spring of 1988, I cheered. I found such pleasure representing and encouraging our Pioneer athletes. I loved it!

. - Deidra Kelley '88

- Pat Bills 183

I got my second degree after working for 12 years. I loved my experience in the Education Department. I made friends that have lasted a lifetime. Now you are able to achieve a master level degree, along with undergraduate. Yeah GSU!

I had a great time at a great place. GSU changed my life and took me to places that a kid from Weston would never have dreamed of in 1984! I still stay in touch with many of my Glenville friends even 30 years later. I remember watching Saturday Night Wrestling in the dorms and then practicing arm-bars, figure-fours, and headlocks afterwards. We had very forgiving RAs!

- Dan Durlin '84

In 1971, Glenville won the WVIAC Basketball tournament in Charleston. Then we had to play the regular season champions (Fairmont) best two out of three to determine who would go to the NAIA tournament in Kansas City. Every game was so close because we were such fierce rivals. We prevailed. The cheerleaders, Mercury staff, and other fans traveled by bus to support the team. I was a cheerleader and was surprised to see Coach Retton, the Fairmont coach, in the stands.

- Sherri (Catalano) Hubbard '74

I love knowing I have three generations of Glenville State graduates...my mom Dorma (Marvis) Sutton '49, myself, and my daughter Cassidy Taylor '19.

- Marilyn (Sutton) Taylor '88

I remember my 8 AM First Aid class with Coach Whitey Adolfson...favorite quote "Welcome to night class!" The 1973 football team going to the NAIA finals in Huntington...what a great team! Sadie Hawkins Day, homecoming dances, sorority rush week parties, Closed Balls, trips to Cedar Creek Park, sledding down the dormitory hill on cafeteria trays, Thursday nights out at Joe's and the House of the Rising Sun, marching from the hill to the old football field, any basketball game, how about those fries at Leon's!?! Way too many more to write about!

- Beverly (Yeman) Knotts '76

Where to begin! Any of my days spent with the Bluegrass Band or Percussion Ensemble were great memories. Lifelong friendships with people I've met...too many to list.

- Eileen (Marsh) Metheney '08

I was honored to be a member of the 100th graduating class in 1974 at age 41. Happy to say my son, daughter, granddaughter, daughter in law, son in law are all Glenville Pioneers. What a fantastic school. I have a great-great niece at GSU now.

- Opal Marsh '74

I loved growing up in Glenville! I had the best friends and family and community anyone could ask for. I loved being a cheerleader for the Pioneers and loved that my dad [Tim '62] and mom [Linda (Campbell) '61] represented Glenville State so well.

- Sandy (Carney) Frame '92

Cheering for the Pioneers during football and basketball games, all the awesome friends I made along the way, traveling to Minnesota to cheer on the basketball team, all of the awesome professors who not only taught us everything we needed to know but also showed you were more than a number to them! Glenville will always be "home!" Once a Pioneer, always a Pioneer!

> - Melissa (Shahan) Shillingburg '06



I am so glad I transferred to Glenville State! But my favorite memory was on graduation day...as I walking across the stage to get my diploma, my three-year-old son yelled, "Go Momma!"

- Chelsea Rule '18



When going to college I often had to take my son Jennings to class with me if he couldn't go to school. One day, he had no school and I had no sitter, so he had to come with me to class. We went to science with Dr. Jeff Hunter and it was quiz day. As he was passing out the quiz sheets, Dr. Hunter gave one to Jennings as well. Jennings looked at me and said, "Mom I can't do this, I didn't study." I said well son, try your best - to which he responded, "I will just look off yours." Not sure who laughed more.

- Brittany (White) Conley '19

My greatest memory was hanging out in the Science Hall in the professor's offices with my friends just hanging out, studying, or stressing about our next exam causing our professors to stress.

- arikka Smith '21

My favorite memory of the 'ville was meeting my wife Jennifer (Legg) '02 in the student services office. Twenty-one years later, she's still my wife and we have four wonderful children. If it wasn't for Glenville State, we would have never met or have this wonderful life we have. Beyond blessed to be part of the Pioneer family!

- Brian Randolph '00

My favorite memory is participating in the color run this past semester! Seeing the huge smiles on everyone's faces as streets filled with bright colors will forever be my favorite memory.



- Heather Sears '22

Too many memories...You just had to be there...Alpha Xi, till I die!

- Bobby Davis '18

I have so many wonderful memories from my time at Glenville State. I made lifelong friends through Delta Xi Rho and also my now husband Steven '12.

- Celinda Rogers '10

"Tuesday Sucks: Volleyball" was the best! Our friend group (and anyone who cared to join that day) would get together to play volleyball every Tuesday. Some of us couldn't always make it. But it was a blast playing until well after dark.

Pickens

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Wagner

Wing

- Brandy Bachman '18

Where to start! So many amazing memories. Met my husband at Pickens Hall, formed life long friendships, got the best education for my field. Building relationships and having a sense of home is what I remember most about my time at GVille!

- Brittney Vaughan '12

Meeting my future wife Brittney (Berkhouse) '12 at Pickens Hall.

- Dustin Vaughan '11

I attended Glenville State from 1958-1962. I will always appreciate that they provided me with the education to teach mathematics for 30 years. I especially appreciate John White '49 and Nelson Wells '34.

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- Carol (Hawkins) Hamilton '62

In the 1970-71 school year the Inter-Residence Council was formed with representatives from three dorms. Our big project was a Christmas Party/Dance for all dorm residents with a variety of food and drinks on hand. It was a weeknight and, in those days, women had to be in the dorm by 10 PM. While the party was happening, Glenville was hit with a snow storm. After the girls were walked back to the dorm, the men of Louis Bennett Hall joined together for a massive snow ball fight. It was a memorable night. Lifelong memories, lifelong friends, an outstanding education, and a place I will always think of Glenville State as HOME.

- Ken Davis '72



My favorite memory would have to be meeting up with all my friends at the Rusty Musket to enjoy lunch.

> - Samantha Conrad 122



Working alongside of Jan Bailey '79 as a student athletic trainer after arriving from Japan and didn't know nothing about anything. I spent the best time at Glenville State.

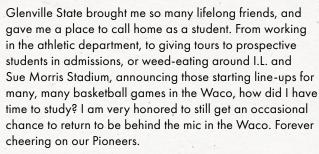
- Eri Toda '07

In the fall of 1971, when walking across campus (as a newly-arrived, first generation freshman), I saw Glenville State President D. Banks Wilburn. I nodded and said, "Hello President Wilburn." He stopped me, asked my name, my hometown, and my major. After that brief encounter, in subsequent meetings, President Wilburn always asked, "Hello Chuck, how are you doing?" The fact that he knew my name and asked about my well-being was very impressive to me but was indicative of the caring Glenville State environment.

- Charles "Chuck" Julian '75

It is because of Glenville State that I really branched out into more leadership positions, whether they be with the US Air Force or veteran service organizations. It's because of my time with Alpha Xi Omega, Greek Council, and others that I am what I am today.





- Shelden Mullens '22

Bluegrass Band was the best, especially when we played the Midnite Jamboree in Tennessee and had the big bluegrass fest in the gym with Jesse McReynolds and the Dillards!

- Rachel (Day) Smarr '14

I was the 3rd or 4th Glenville student to portray Dracula on the stage in the President's Auditorium. It was the peak of my college experience. I graduated that semester (spring 2019). There isn't a college memory, good or bad, that I regret. I love Glenville.

#### - Sam Edsall '19



I met great friends at Glenville State - we would gather everyday at the amphitheater above the library. The area between the Administration Building and the Science Hall was always packed with students. Great professors - Coach Jesse Lilly '48, Sandra Piercy Matthews, Coach Tim Carney '62, Ms. Kay Chico who taught us a lot about life.

- Maureen (Kraus) Gildein '82

My most memorable moment was playing "Fear Factor" where I got to rappel off of Pickens Hall after winning tug of war and eating a pig's liver.

- Samantha Gsell '06

Playing football at Glenville State is my favorite memory. I started my career in 1989 and played with great guys, but our team was bad. In the spring of my freshman year, the college hired Coach Rich Rodriguez. He told us that we would put Glenville on the map. He and coach Dean Hood brought us together as a team. We improved as time passed. By 1993 we were on the map. Strap it on.

- Wes Swaim '93

Playing football at Glenville and being a part of the 2001 WVIAC Championship team. I met a lot of people at Glenville that I stay in touch with.

- William Shahan '06

Our TKE group rolled a keg from Glenville to Charleston to the WVIAC Basketball tournament to raise money for one of our own that was hurt in an accident.

- Don Mercer '91

# Looking back: Pioneer Mascots



The relationships built while being in the music department and being Mascot pretty much sums it up!

- Marti (Steiner) Unger '95



Being the Pioneer in the mid-60s.

- Robert "Butch" Hays '71



My time at Glenville State was AWESOME! So honored to be the first female Pioneer!
GO PIONEERS!

- Myla (Mynes) Davis '92



It was an honor to be the "Centennial Pioneer" but I found out that didn't make you any more identifiable off campus. We were playing Salem College on a "neutral" field at Sistersville High School. I rode there with two fraternity brothers and we were cutting it close on time. I changed into my buckskins in the backseat of the Mustang as we neared the field. As soon as the car stopped just outside the field end zone, I

grabbed my rifle, powder horn, and shot bag and sprinted for the field gate, but they wouldn't let me in with my rifle. It took the combined efforts of three cheerleaders and Doc Dollgener to get me past the gate and onto the field! So much for being a high-profile college mascot.

- Wade Coffindaffer '72



I really enjoyed being the Pioneer two different times (2015-2016 and 2017-2018). It was a big responsibility, but I had fun cheering along with the student section, traveling with the basketball teams to tournaments in Charleston, and benefiting from the generous donation made by fellow Pioneer

D. Maynard Shoemaker '67 and his wife

**D. Maynard Shoemaker '67** and his wife Helen to help the mascots.

- Matt Roush '19

A great place to go to college. When I started here in 1954, there were 750 students. We ate family style. You were assigned a seat at a table and they brought the food to the table and you passed it around. The cafeteria was in bottom floor of Kanawha Hall. It was to your advantage to get a table with lots of girls because they ate less food. The student union was in the basement of the high school gym. A tiny little room. But it had a great juke box. We had some good times there.

- Frank Melrose '61

I love Glenville State College. I graduated as a teacher of English and business and taught in Lewis County, WV, in both elementary and secondary classrooms. After graduate school at West Virginia University I joined the faculty of Glenville State in 1972. I retired from the education department in 2004. I have many wonderful memories of students, faculty, and staff from those 32 years. Two of my children, Laura "Beth" Kraus Haley and **Lee Kraus** '92, also attended Glenville State. A great choice for rural West Virginia.

- Sharon (King) Kraus '67

I was a first-generation college student. I picked Glenville for the forestry program but later switched to education. One thing that stands out the most is the saying, "Once a Pioneer, Always a Pioneer."
I met a lot of awesome people, and many are still my friends. The professors actually made you feel like they were there for you. Once I overslept for an exam, the professor had the right to say no and not let me take it, but he didn't. Another professor let me take an exam early to beat a snowstorm. Glenville State gave me the foundation to become the teacher I am. Glenville State truly is the Lighthouse on the Hill. Just like a lighthouse guides ships to safety, the college guides students to a family that stretches all across the globe.

- Bridget Nelson '07

Probably the only college that I know of where running a 5K in your boxers is allowed. Had many fun times at the Boxer Dash! Also gained a huge family during my time at Glenville, especially being from Virginia Beach!

- Zachary White '17

In the Fall of 2013, I remember confiding in my mom that I was terrified I wouldn't make any friends in college. At orientation that first weekend on campus I remember my



parents helping me to unpack and crying because I was so very nervous. However, at my first activity for the Glenville State Honors Program, I met someone who would end up being my suitemate [Sarah (Gillepsie) Nolte '16] for the next 3 years, who I would attend several education classes with, and was a bridesmaid in my wedding in August of this year. Glenville State not only helped nurture me academically, but this college also helped me to branch out socially. I accredit my success in my career and several of my lasting friendships to my experiences on campus.

- Katie (Stover) akers '16

Being part of the Acrobatics and Tumbling team! Competing in the first A&T MEC conference championship! So many wonderful memories!

- Aimee Asbury '20



I attended Glenville
State from 1967
to 1971. I played
football and ran
track...loved
Coaches Bill
Hanlin '53 and
Whitey Adolfson.
I met the love of
my life Linda
(Felton) '71

and we've been married 51 years. The education I received there helped me in all the jobs I have had over the years. One of my best memories was catching the fake extra point to win 22 to 21 over Fairmont State for Homecoming 1970. Coach Hanlin's 100th win. Also, the Theta Xi basketball dribble from Glenville to Charleston for the basketball tournament. The captains of 1970 football team get together every homecoming and we have started a scholarship for a student in Athletic Training.

- Stewart "Mike" Roscoe '71

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# Athletics Recap

#### Soccer

Coach J.R. Dodson's squad finished strong, winning three of their final five games. Merle Smets (1) was named to the Mountain East Conference (MEC) All-Freshman team. They have a strong class of 18 newcomers to the 2022 roster.

#### **Boxing**

Coach **Duane Chapman's '93** squad returns some strong veteran fighters. Sophomore Aaron O'Conner (2) from Ireland went 4-0 as a freshman with some impressive wins over strong regional opponents.

#### **Men's Track & Cross Country**

Coach Dan Meyers' Men's Track squad produced a strong 3rd place finish at the MEC Championships, scoring over 100 points. They produced two conference champions that were each All-Region as well; thrower Brody Strawderman '22 (3) and Pole Vaulter Nathaniel Wheeler '22.













#### Softball

Coach Sara Scoone's squad improved in her second year, winning 17 games. They were led by pitcher Holly Brehm (4) who set the school record with 212 strikeouts.

#### Baseball

Coach Jimmy Mullins' Pioneer Baseball squad (5) broke the school record for wins with a 35-17 mark last spring. They made it all the way to the title game at the MEC Tournament, coming within one game of advancing to the NCAA Tournament.

#### Men's Basketball

John Williams, Jr. '22 won the MEC scoring title in 2022, and the team captured some strong early season wins. Coach Justin Caldwell '14 enters his fourth season at the helm with a very talented and promising recruiting classes.

#### Women's Basketball

Coach Kim Stephens '11 and her Lady Pioneers (6) made school and state history by capturing the Division-II National Championship. Re'Shawna Stone '22 was named the league Player of the Year and made All-American. They ended the historic season 35-1. Stephens now has a six-year mark of 158-21 as the GSU Head Coach.

# 2021-2022

#### Wrestling

Wrestling (7) vaulted all the way to the number two finish at the MEC Championships in only the second year of the program's resurrection. The team also performed well at the Regionals, moving two wrestlers on to the NCAA Nationals; Hunter DeLong and Cole Houser. With a talented group of newcomers, Coach Dylan Cottrell is looking for even bigger performances in 2023.

#### Cheer

Coach Bridget Carr '18 took over mid-year and pushed the cheer squad (8) through an exciting spring. She has recruited a strong class, raising her roster to 13 members entering this fall.

#### Volleyball

Coach Keven John has recruited the tallest team in program history, with seven incoming freshmen over six-foot. Coach John will be fielding a young squad in 2022 with several promising recruits adding to the team.

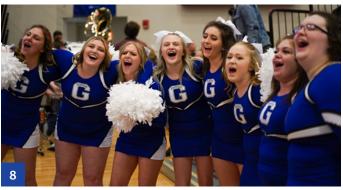
#### **Football**

Coach Mike Kellar enters his fourth season at the helm of the program. The Pioneers (9) return four First-Team All-Conference performers. The staff has recruited a deep and talented recruiting class for the 2022 season.









#### Men's Golf

Coach John Lilly's '76 squad missed the NCAA Tournament by only one spot, after posting several strong tournament finishes throughout the season. The team (10) is hoping to make a jump from their sixth-place league finish last season.

#### Women's Golf

Coach Mike McGarry's team rolled to an impressive runner-up finish at the MEC Championships. Glenville placed three players in the top 15 at the Championships.

#### Women's Track & Cross Country

Women's Track placed seventh at the MEC Outdoor Championships. Coach Dan Meyers' squad has recruited a class of ten newcomers, pushing the roster to 20-plus for the first time in several years.

#### **Acrobatics & Tumbling**

Former Glenville Acro star Taylor Broadwater '19 was hired as the new head coach this summer, and welcomes a class of six new recruits, and returns 18 veterans to the squad. Coach Broadwater hopes to return the program to playoff form.



Glenville State University donors smashed previous records for the annual Founders Day of Giving fundraising campaign, raising over \$1.1 million. The amount raised came from over 700 donors during the 2022 Day of Giving celebration on Founders Day, Saturday, February 19. The event marked the largest giving day in the history of the University.

Donations supported nearly 50 projects across campus, including departmental and athletic projects, scholarships, alumni and student projects, the Pioneer Fund, and the President's Circle. Funds raised support specific projects and needs, including keeping the campus food pantry stocked, new drumline equipment, a guest speaker series within the Department of Social Science, Praxis grants for the Department of Education, travel and equipment support for athletic teams, funding for an education abroad trip for Department of Land Resources students, and much more.

The Founders Day of Giving campaign included several challenges, including a magnanimous \$500,000 matching gift challenge from the Morris Family Foundation. Any donation throughout the day counted toward the match and, once unlocked, the \$500,000 from the Morris Family Foundation went toward the General Scholarship Fund to benefit the most students.

The 2022 Founders Day of Giving took place on the 150th anniversary of Glenville State's founding. The institution was created by an act of the West Virginia Legislature in February 1872.

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**Honoring Legacies in the Arts:** 

# Fine Arts Center Art & Music Wings Dedicated

The music and art programs at Glenville State University have been housed in the institutions's Fine Arts Center for over thirty years. Now, two sections of the building have been named in recognition of **Dr. H. Gary Gillespie** '59 (left) and **Mr. John McKinney '73** (right).

Plaques now adorn the Gillespie Division of Art and the McKinney Division of Music. The two areas are named in honor of Professor Emeritus Dr. H. Gary Gillespie and Professor Emeritus John McKinney. The naming took place at a surprise ceremony on October 12, before the annual Music Fest concert.

Gillespie graduated from Glenville State in 1959. He also holds a master's degree in English, a master's degree in art history, and a Ph.D. in Comparative Arts. He returned to GSU in 1967 where he taught English and fine arts until 2000. He chaired GSU's Division of Fine Arts from 1978-1996. A prolific recruiter, Gillespie helped guide the fine arts program through a period of growth and lobbied state decisionmakers for a new fine arts facility at Glenville State. He was also the chairperson who initially hired McKinney.

"The success wasn't all on me. I could never have done any of this without John McKinney," Gillespie said. "John would take care of everything while I was out recruiting. I was more of the action guy, while he was more of a planner and the behind-the-scenes guy."

"You're in good hands in this building with Jason Barr and Lloyd Bone. I'm very pleased that everything's continued on without my help – I never thought that would be possible," Gillespie joked.

McKinney graduated from Glenville State in 1973 before continuing his education at West Virginia University. He spent several years as band director at Calhoun County High School and was the drum line instructor and coordinator at West Virginia University. He returned to his alma mater in 1982. Over the years at GSU, he has led the marching band, percussion ensemble, and performed other

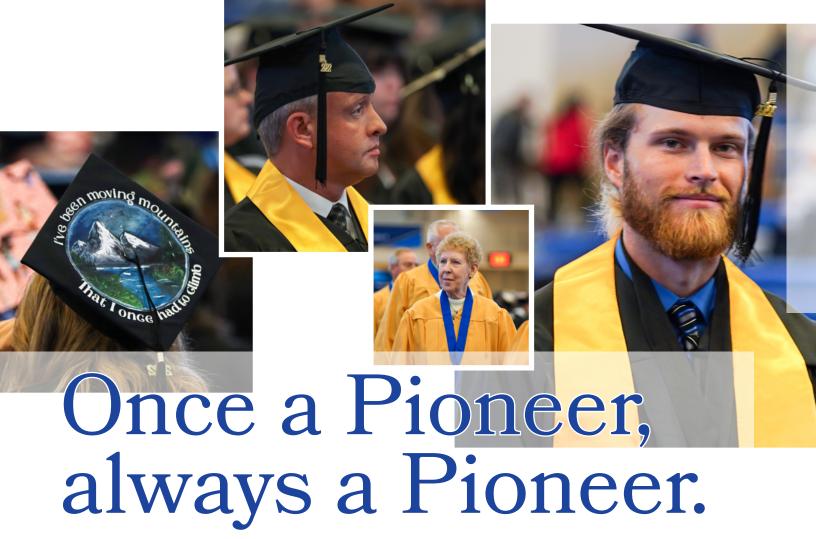
administrative duties, in addition to teaching.

"Throughout my time here I've known or worked with ten presidents, numerous faculty and staff, thousands of students – it's been an incredible journey," McKinney said. "People wonder how I've been able to be here all these years...I started here and the people who I taught sent their children here to learn from me, and then their grandchildren come here... and it is just the best time of my life."

McKinney retired in December 2021.

"These two men have had a tremendous impact on the fine arts at Glenville State University and we are pleased to recognize their contributions," said GSU President, Dr. Mark A. Manchin. "In addition to instilling their love for the arts in countless Pioneers over the years, Dr. Gillespie and Mr. McKinney have also elevated Glenville State University with their talents, hard work, and dedication."





Glenville State University Celebrates the Class of 2022

lenville State University's 148th Commencement **J**Ceremony took place on Saturday, May 7.

The Glenville State University Class of 2022 included graduates who completed requirements for an Associate or Bachelor's Degree in a variety of academic areas including business, criminal justice, teacher education, and natural resource management, among others. The Class of 2022 was made up of students from throughout West Virginia and Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Michigan, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington DC, Sweden, and Japan.

Twenty members of the Glenville State Class of 1972 returned to campus and were honored as fifty-year graduates. The returning alumni had an opportunity to reconnect with former classmates, enjoy a dinner, and tour campus on Friday before being officially recognized during the ceremony on Saturday. Recognizing alumni celebrating their fiftieth reunion has become a tradition during the spring Commencement Ceremony at Glenville State.

Additionally, retired Professor of Music John McKinney received emeritus professor status, Marcus Kelley '22 and Sabrina Gonzalez '22 were recognized as Student Pioneers of the Year, and Dr. Wenwen Du was honored with the Outstanding Faculty Award.

Andy Kniceley, Publisher of WV News, provided the keynote address. Kniceley shared several keys to success with the graduates during his remarks. He and WV News Executive Editor John Miller both received honorary doctor of journalism degrees at the ceremony.







"Glenville will always be my home."

Carley Midkiff '22

The Glenville State University Class of 2022 joins a network of over 16,000 alumni around the world who are making a difference in their communities.

To learn more and get involved in Glenville State's alumni network, visit glenville.edu/alumni.

# class notes

#### Class of 1960



Fred Taylor was inducted into the Roane County Sports Hall of Fame on October 15, 2021.

#### Class of 1969

Patricia Hardin is currently serving as the state president of WV Alpha Delta Kappa, honorary organization for outstanding women educators. Currently, over 800 women in West Virginia enjoy this membership opportunity.

#### Class of 1971

Gary Ray attended the 52nd annual National Athletic Directors Conference Luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Denver at the Colorado Convention Center. He received citations from The National Federation of State High School Associations which



are awarded to outstanding athletic administrators in recognition of their contribution to interscholastic athletics at the local, state, and national levels.

Carolyn Wilcox was one of the first students to graduate from Glenville State with a degree in early childhood education. She has established a Hidden Promise Scholarship at Glenville State.

#### Class of 1972

Carl Ripley retired in June 2022, after seven years as a teacher-coach in the Stafford County (VA) Public School System, 41 years of active ministry in the United Methodist Church, mainly in Arlington, Virginia, and 20 years as a Licensed Professional Counselor with Pastoral Counseling of Northern Virginia.

#### Class of 1973

David Grapes II was inducted into the Kennedy Center's American Theatre College of Fellows for lifetime achievement in the theatrical arts in 2022. David has also published his ninth musical theatre revue titled A Swinging Christmas: The Holiday Music of Tony Bennett.

#### Class of 1976

Arthur "Danny" Williams has been working with the Bioptic Driving Program at West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services since April 2012, after teaching Driver Education at the Charleston Job Corps Center for 24 years.

#### Class of 1977

Norma (Harper) Cutright has retired after teaching for 40 years.

#### Class of 1979

Jeff Hudkins recently retired from teaching after 42 years in public education in West Virginia. He taught for 30 years in Webster County, where he served as band and choir director, while teaching piano, guitar, dance, and theatre classes. He then moved to Hedgesville and taught theatre for his last 12 years. While at GSC, Jeff was active in the marching, concert and pep bands, as student director, and drum major. He got his start in theatre performing for the children's theatre program at GSC.

#### Class of 1982



Paul "PK" Coon has been involved with several industries since leaving Glenville State, including Marriott Corp., banking, and the State of WV Tax Department. Most of his

experience has been in sales, working with Appalachian Power in their Marketing/ Sales Department, two pharmaceutical companies, and steel. He started his own trucking business, Mountain State Fleet Services, which was subsequently bought by a larger company. PK is now a Regional Fleet Management Sales Manager with Western Branch Diesel.

Steve "Reno" Gandee has been recognized by the Glenville State University Board of Governors for his years of service to the Board as a member from 2012 to 2022. He was also chair of the Board's Enrollment Management Committee.

Francine "Fran" (Davis) Kirk has retired from her teaching position and as director of the Frank and Jane Gabor West Virginia Folklife Center at Fairmont State University. Fran now plans to teach three communications classes a few days a week as an adjunct professor for FSU.

#### Class of 1985



Rick Haught has been a history teacher at Ritchie County (WV) High School since 1988. He is the head coach of the Ritchie County Rebels football, basketball, and track teams. In 2021, Rick led the football to

their first state championship and was awarded LKC Coach of the Year. Also in 2021, he led the basketball team to their first appearance in the state basketball tournament. His track team has never experienced a losing season, have five state champion titles, and four state runner-up titles.

Kenny Osborn is the head Women's Basketball Coach at Concord University. On January 31, 2022 Kenny earned win number 300 at Concord University by defeating Salem University. He is the only Women's Basketball Coach at Concord University to earn 300 wins.

#### Class of 1987

Jeffery Campbell is the President of the Gilmer County Economic Development Association.

Brian Ruth recently retired from the United States Government after serving as a Real Estate Investor.



Llovd Willis qualified in long jump, triple jump, and basketball for the May

2022 National Senior Games Association held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He has been the Shenandoah County Men's Park and Recreation Coach for 27 years with 10 championships. Lloyd has volunteered for 12 years as the Strasburg High School Track and Field Coach. He was the Men's All Star Game Coach for two years and the Little League Youth Basketball Coach.

#### Class of 1989

Charles Vest retired in 2018 after nearly 30 years as an educator and administrator in Nicholas County, West Virginia. He is enjoying retirement with plenty of time to read, work on remodeling a home in Charleston, and vacationing when he can.

#### Class of 1993

Kristi (Wheeler) Morey joined West Virginia Public Broadcasting in May 2022 as the Marketing and Communications Manager.

#### Class of 1995

Barb (Strums) Laugh was named the Teacher of the Week by the West Virginia Department of Education for the week of March 14-18, 2022. She is a Preschool Teacher at Harrisville Elementary in Ritchie County. She also achieved Maintenance of Certification of her National Board Certification in December 2021.

Marti Steiner wed Senator John Unger II at Mt. Zion Episcopal Church in Hedgesville, West Virginia on October 4, 2021.

#### Class of 1997

**Christopher Brown** is the new Artistic Director of the Appalachian Children's Chorus and the new Director of Choral Activities at the University of Charleston. He has taught music in public schools for 22 years with 20 of them being in North Carolina. In the fall, he will begin his second year at Horace Mann Middle School.

#### Class of 2001



Teresa Sterns was named the Glenville State University Staff Employee of the Year for 2021-2022.

#### Class of 2003



**Ieff Ienkins** is serving as the Chief Financial Officer for Community Care of West Virginia. The West Virginiabased healthcare provider includes 16 community health

centers, 54 school-based health sites, five pharmacies, and a dental office.

David Rupe is now serving as the Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer for the New Lexington School District in New Lexington, Ohio.

#### Class of 2004

**Kevin Davisson** is serving as the Director of Taxation for Boyett Petroleum in Modesto, California.

#### Class of 2006

Amanda "Mandy" Frymier retried from Glenville State in July 2022 after over 40 years of service to the institution.

#### Class of 2009

Jonathan Griffin is the new Director of Membership Services and Operations with the Mountain East Conference. The Mountain East Conference consists of 12 institutions, including Glenville State. It was formed in 2013 and replaced the WVIAC.

Dr. Ashley (Murphy) Kooken has returned to her alma mater and will be an Assistant Professor of Science Education at Glenville State beginning in the fall 2022 semester.

Molly (Kraus) Snoberger earned her black belt in April 2022. She and her husband Woody have both also completed several Spartan races and marathons. Molly continues to teach middle school students in Mineral County (WV).

#### Class of 2010

Brittany Gillespie earned her MBA with a concentration in Human Resource Management from Fairmont State University in August 2020. She was hired in January of 2022 by accounting and business management firm, Cava & Banko, PLLC in Bridgeport, West Virginia and is working as a Human Capital Consultant for the firm.

Nikki Harper was named the Braxton County (WV) Teacher of the Year for 2022. She is currently a fourth-grade teacher at Little Birch Elementary and just completed her sixth year at the school.

Alecia (Alcaraz-May) Martin is serving as the Communities in Schools Liaison for Gilmer County (WV) Schools.

#### Class of 2012

Trae Sprague was named a State Journal Generation Next 40 Under 40 winner and is serving as Glenville State's Dean of Student Success and Retention.



Sara Wise is the new Administrative Secretary for the WVU Gilmer County Extension Service.

#### Class of 2014

Megan (Rollins) Parker is married to Stephen Parker and is currently working for Community Care of West Virginia as a Licensed Certified Social Worker -Behavioral Health Therapist.

Casey (Toler) Posey is the new Manager of the Jane Lew Branch of the Citizens Bank of Weston. Casey has several years of experience in banking and public accounting. She and her family reside in Burnsville, West Virginia. The bank has been serving the people of Lewis County (WV) and the surrounding area since receiving its charter in 1891.

#### Class of 2015

Garrett Rinehart earned a master's degree in special education from Fairmont State University in November 2021 and has completed his first year of teaching. He and his wife Courtney are expecting their first child in November 2022.

#### Class of 2016

Courtney (Cole) and Seth Elmore '18 welcomed their first child - Presley - in May 2022.

#### Class of 2017

Samuel Canfield is an Urban Best Management Practices Specialist with the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, operating out of their Romney Division of Water and Waste Management Regional Office. He

#### class notes

serves as the point of contact for groups and individuals on matters relating to reducing the impacts of rain and nutrients on the landscape and rivers.

Jerrica (Hilbert) Stingo has left Buckeye Trail High School (OH) after five years. She will now be serving as the Assistant Director at Franklinton Prep High School in Columbus, Ohio.

#### Class of 2018

Avis Lake is the Assistant Librarian and also oversees Juvenile Programming at the Burnsville (WV) Public Library. She is welcoming her third child this September.

#### Class of 2019

Taylor Broadwater has been hired as the new Acrobatics and Tumbling coach at Glenville State University. In 2016 she was the first athlete signed to the inaugural Acrobatics and Tumbling team at Glenville. She returns to her alma mater after serving as an assistant coach for the last three years at West Virginia Wesleyan College.

Jake Stover won 1st place in Bluegrass Banjo (all ages) and 5th place in Old-Time Banjo (59 and under) at the 2022 Vandalia Gathering that was held in Charleston, West Virginia.

Kayla (Palmer) Kelly married Mitchell Kelly on September 6, 2019. They welcomed their first child, Maverick James McLain Kelly on April 6, 2021.



Gracen (Samples) McKinsey married TJ McKinsey on July 17, 2021. They met at Glenville State in 2017.

Kaci Mullins is working as a Receiving Clerk at the Mountaineer Food Bank. The Mountaineer Food Bank is located in Gassaway, West Virginia and works to provide food and other household items to their emergency food network in 48 counties.

#### Class of 2020

Taylor Brumfield is working as an apprentice glassblower at Blenko Glass in Milton, West Virginia.



Kendra Pullen is now serving as a Mental Health Counselor at Glenville State University alongside Tim Underwood in the campus Counseling Center.

#### Class of 2021

**Preston Allison**, a student at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, received the Eva Teter Hammer Award in April 2022. The award is given to a student who demonstrates an interest in osteopathic medicine and in eliminating the inequities of individuals.

Brian Chaney moved to Columbus, Ohio and accepted a position to begin a career with NetJets, the worldwide leading company in private aviation. In addition to beginning his career with NetJets, he is set to begin working toward his MBA in Business Analytics/Marketing in the near future.

B. Tyler Moore, a student at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, received the Legacy Scholarship Endowment in April 2022. The award was created by the WVSOM Foundation in an effort to help offset the cost of medical school for WVSOM students.

#### Class of 2022

**Brittany Koutsunis** was recently hired as the Music Teacher and Band Director at Gilmer County High School in Glenville, West Virginia.



Shelden Mullens, who is working as an Admissions Counselor with the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, received their Rising Star Award in 2022. The award honors a newly-hired employee who has already demonstrated a strong commitment to the school, an understanding of how their position supports the school's mission, and a commitment to working with others to engage the school's future.



## Have News?

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## ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME 2021 Inductees Honored

Four individuals were inducted into the Glenville State University Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame during the annual Hall of Fame banquet and induction ceremony on July 29, 2022. The banquet celebrated the 2021 class of inductees; the formal induction ceremony had been delayed due to COVID-19.

#### Janet (James) Bailey '79

As a student-athlete in the late-1970s, Bailey was a member of the basketball and cheer squads for the Pioneers. She was on the first Lady Pioneer basketball team (within the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women at the time), and provided the school with the first great moment in the program history. She was the key player in the first comeback for the Lady Pioneers, helping bring the team to a 43-41 victory against West Virginia State. Bailey graduated from Glenville State in 1979 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in library science (K-12) and health, physical education, and safety (K-Adult). She also earned a Master's Degree from West Virginia University.

Bailey served as a teacher, librarian, and coach at Gilmer County High School for nine years. In 1983, she led the Lady Titan girls track program to the Class AA State Championship.

She eventually returned to Glenville State where she would spend 27 years. During those years, she served in multiple capacities from coach and athletic trainer to professor and athletic director. In these positions, she cherished working with her students and student athletes. In addition to her classroom obligations, she served as the advisor for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, was a Faculty Marshal, and a member of Faculty Senate.

After volunteering at the 1996 Atlanta Summer Games and at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs as an Athletic Trainer, she began drug testing with the U.S. Olympic Committee Doping Control. She's been working with the U.S. Anti-doping Agency since 2000, which has allowed her to travel nationally and internationally to conduct testing at various games and events such as Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Boston Marathon, and more. She also worked for the U.S. Olympic Committee from 1996-1999.

Bailey has received many accolades throughout her career, including receiving the Pathfinder Award through the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (now the Society of Health and Physical Educators, known as SHAPE America), the Glenville State Faculty Award of Excellence, and a Legacy of Women Award in Sports through the West Virginia Women's Commission. She is also a Glenville State faculty emeritus.

Originally of Normantown, West Virginia, she and her husband Tom now reside in Charleston, West Virginia. She is currently serving as an Administrative Assistant in the West Virginia State Senate. She is an avid volunteer in the community, working with the Women's Club of Charleston, the Annual Style Show benefiting YWCA Charleston Sojourner's Shelter for Homeless Women and Families, and the Greenbrier Dream Tree for Piedmont Elementary.

#### James "Jim" Hamrick '58

Hamrick has worked in education throughout West Virginia for 60 years and still serves as a member of the Board of Review for the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission (WVSSAC).

While a student at Glenville State, he was a member of Phi Delta Kappa, Kappa Sigma Kappa, G Club, Varsity Club, was Treasurer of the Student Council, Junior Class Vice President, and the campus newspaper staff. He was a member of the Pioneer football, basketball, and baseball teams. In 1957, he graduated from Glenville State with a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics, physical education, health, and driver's education. After graduating from Glenville State, he earned his Masters of Arts degree from West Virginia University in 1966.

Hamrick served as a math teacher and coach at four West Virginia high schools (Meadow Bridge, Rainelle, Člendenin, and Herbert Hoover) for 16 years, was principal at Clendenin Junior High School for 18 years, served at the Executive Secretary of the WVSSAC for four years, and has been a substitute teacher for 22 years.

Throughout his career, Hamrick has been heavily involved in sports championships, education, and service to his alma mater. He served as the Lead Teacher for Marshall University's Student Teachers, served as Chairman of the Glenville State College Board of Advisors and received a Presidential Citation for his leadership in 2000 from former President Thomas Powell, served on the National Federation of State High School Association Track Committee for two terms (he is the only West Virginian to have served on this committee), served as the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics National Track Meet Director for three years, has served as the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Track Meet Director for six years, served the WVSSAC as both the State Track Meet Director and State Boys Basketball Tournament Director, and served as WVS-SAC official for football, basketball, baseball, and track and field.

Outside of his life as an educator, Hamrick has continued to be a competitive runner and golfer throughout his years. The 88-year-old has competed in over 20 marathons, and still holds the record for runners over 60 with a time of 1:54 in the 15-mile Charleston Distance Run.

Originally of Spring Dale, West Virginia and a graduate of Meadow Bridge High School, he currently resides on his family's farm in Glenville, West Virginia.

#### William "Willie" Marshall '77

Marshall, who was inducted posthumously, was a native of Oak Hill, West Virginia. He attended Collins High School through his junior year, and then was awarded a scholarship to Greenbrier Military School for his senior year before coming to Glenville State.

While a student at Glenville State, he was a member of the Pioneer Football Team. In 1973, he was named first-team all WVIAC for defensive ends, a member of the 1973 National Runner-Up Team, and a three-year starter during Pioneer Football's "Golden Age." In 1977, he graduated with his Bachelor of Arts degree in social studies education.

After his graduation from Glenville State, he served as a teacher at Fayetteville High School from 1978-2012 until his retirement. During his time, he served as an assistant coach for football, basketball, and track and field.



(I-r) Glenville State University President Dr. Mark A. Manchin, Cheryl McHugh, Jim Hamrick, Janet Bailey, Jennifer Harper (daughter of inductee Willie Marshall), and Glenville State University Athletic Director Jesse Skiles.

Marshall was a member of Calvary Baptist Church where he was involved in jail ministries, filled in for his pastor, was head of the Awana program, traveled to nursing homes, and delivered meals on holidays. He was very strong in his faith and believed that he needed to help anyone he could.

He and his wife Karen have one daughter, Jennifer Harper, and two grandchildren, Mark and Stephanie. In addition to his family, several of Marshall's church friends were on hand at the induction ceremony as well.

#### Cheryl (Stout) McHugh '99

McHugh is a Wood County native, and enjoyed a stellar career as a twosport star at Parkersburg Catholic High School. She was recruited to Glenville by former Glenville State head volleyball coach Kenny Osborne '85, and was the star player during Glenville State's most successful run in the sport of volleyball. She also played one year of basketball for the Lady Pioneers.

During her time with the volleyball pro-

gram, McHugh was named First-Team All-Conference in 1996 and 1998, and Second Team in 1997. She was a star on the 1998 team that won a school-record 23 matches - the first team in program history to eclipse the 20-win plateau. That season, she finished sixth in the nation with 706 kills (4.87 kpg), and was 25th in kill percentage (.354). She closed her career as the school's all-time leader in several categories; 2,337 kills, 573 blocks, and 278 service aces. McHugh remains one of only two Glenville volleyball players to twice be named First-Team All-Conference. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in sport management from Glenville State in 1999.

After her graduation from Glenville, she earned a personal training certification and attended massage therapy school. She has spent her career in fitness, personal health, and yoga. For the last eight years, she has dedicated her time to growing her small business, Full Circle Yoga – which is located in Vienna, West Virginia. There she has developed a Yoga Teacher Training program. Additionally, she operates a non-profit, Project Yoga MOV, which brings the benefits of

yoga to the underserved. Through the non-profit, she has taught yoga in rehab facilities, at correctional centers, and to veterans programs.

She and her husband Patrick '99 currently reside in her hometown of Parkersburg, West Virginia and have two daughters. McHugh gives back to her community by providing a free outdoor yoga class at Point Park each week during the summer months. She also serves as an Assistant Volleyball Coach at Parkersburg South High School.

McHugh's father, Roger Stout '89, was one of her biggest supporters and was the main factor in her deciding to attend Glenville State and play volleyball. A Glenville alumnus himself, he retired early so that he could travel to watch her play. He passed away on June 28, 2022.

The Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 2001 through the generosity of the late Curtis Elam '49.

Hall of Fame member plaques are displayed in the Waco Center.

## N MEMORIAM

Carol S. Adkins '98 Parkersburg, WV July 7, 2021

Darrell G. Atkins '74 Saint Albans, WV November 26, 2021

Wilma D. Ball'58 Parkersburg, WV March 30, 2022

Deana L. (Wyatt) Barton '98 Glenville, WV August 6, 2021

Judy A. (Morris) Beane '86 Gassaway, WV July 7, 2021

F. Stephen Beane '76 Gassaway, WV April 3, 2022

Jennifer L. (Beckett) Belcastro '79 Naples, FL February 13, 2022

Wanda L. (Henline) Bender '90 Orlando, WV June 7, 2022

Mark A. Bennett '95 Jane Lew, WV January 3, 2022

Christine G. (Ware) Bickel '66 The Villages, FL August 17, 2021

John R. Bickel '64 Lady Lake, FL August 17, 2021

Jeremiah D. Borsman '06 Fayetteville, WV Nóvember 5, 2021

William D. Bostic'74 White Sulphur Springs, WV April 25, 2022

Jimmy G. Brabham '82 Parkersburg, WV August 11, 2021

Donald G. Brannon '58 Charlton Heights, WV December 22, 2021

Mary M. (Battin) Bredon '74 Vienna, WV June 13, 2022

Roberta S. (Criss) Bull '59 Painesville, OH February 11, 2022

Evelyn R. (Roe) Butcher'54 Shepherdstown, WV April 18, 2022

Paul W. Coffey '97 Richwood, WV November 22, 2021

Carl L. Conrad'48 Grafton, OH November 19, 2021

Robert A. Cox'87 Richmond, KY June 30, 2022

Marvin K. Crane '71 Williamstown, WV October 15, 2021

Edward L. Cumpston '71 New Milton, WV July 7, 2021

Raymond Cunningham '56 Dublin, VA May 24, 2022

Jack A. Deem '60 Eaton, OH January 13, 2022

Lucas D. DeMarino '18 Glenville, WV January 14, 2022

Joyce J. (Bennett) Dyer '74 Cowen, WV January 4, 2022

Jean N. (Nottingham) Eakle '48 Chambersburg, PA March 4, 2022

Ruth E. (White) Ellyson '51 Worthington, WV July 1, 2021

Phyllis K. Evans '78 Mount Zion, WV May 20, 2022

Lawrence L. Fallon '60 Goodyear, AZ July 6, 2021

Nila E. (Dorsey) Forren '59 Summersville, WV April 19, 2022

George R. Frame '68 Martinsburg, WV August 9, 2021

Emily A. (Stump) Gainer'67 Grantsville, WV July 26, 2021

Barbara L. (Brannon) Gass '55 Greenville, SC April 10, 2022

Terry L. George '65 Riceville, TN June 16, 2022

Nedra G. (Griffith) Grigg '48 Richmond, VA August 26, 2021

Glenda S. (Straw) Griggs '63 Fayetteville, NC January 7, 2022

Helen M. Grove '68 Weston, WV January 26, 2022

David S. Hall '83 Elkview, WV January 6, 2022

Robert O. "Hooks" Hardman '51 Bridgeport, WV June 9, 2022

Norman L. Hart '72 Strange Creek, WV March 4, 2022

Roy A. Henderson '73 Glénville, WV March 4, 2022

Twyla L. (McCue) Hinzman '61 Smyma, DE January 21, 2022

Douglas A. Hoselton '72 Tucson, AZ March 30, 2022

Helen M. (Brammer) Hunt '53 Atlanta, GA August 18, 2021

James W. Jay '61 Richmond, VA June 3, 2022

John A. Jeffries '72 Kearneysville, WV July 30, 2021

Mildred S. (Brown) Kearns '65 Clarksburg, WV February 24, 2022

David L. Keefer '69 Ripley, WV February 4, 2022

Ralph L. Keenan '49 Dixie, WV February 17, 2022

Linda F. (Gorrell) Kendo '75 Berkeley Springs, WV July 20, 2021

Judith A. (Miller) Kerns '67 Shock, WV June 24, 2022

Marilyn R. King '82 Glenville, WV November 6, 2021

Paul E. Knapp '71 Fort Mill, SC October 10, 2021

Elizabeth M. Lathey '85 Williamstown, WV March 10, 2022

Dale F. Levering '65 Wilmington, MA October 25, 2021

Robert L. Lively '52 Heaters, WV March 28, 2022

Richard A. McNulty '84 Little Hocking, OH November 2, 2021

June M. (Schartiger) Miller '76 Spencer, WV November 7, 2021

Doris A. (Hall) Nocida '65 Sistersville, WV March 30, 2022

Jane L. (Leverage Wills) O'Hara '64 Dover, DE January 23, 2022

Marilyn (Wall) Phillips '79 Glenville, WV March 25, 2022

Charles H. Pritt '49 North Ridgeville, OH November 9, 2021

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

Anita H. (Exline) Proctor '56 Bickmore, WV January 13, 2022

Mary E. Radabaugh '55 Parkersburg, WV June 1, 2022

Frederick L. Reed '59 Disputanta, VA May 21, 2022

Robert B. Reed '51 Glenville, WV December 20, 2021

Edith K. (Hinterer) Riley '44 New Milton, WV January 6, 2022

Robert B. Sams '06 Alum Bridge, WV November 25, 2021

Carolyn M. (Berry) Scott '62 Chatham, VA May 3, 2022

Sharon I. (Giffin) Sheppard '87 Marietta, OH March 23, 2022

Eleanor L. Skidmore '51 Chloe, WV December 1, 2021

Kay M. Slaughter '77 Charlotte, NC February 10, 2022

Genevieve N. (Newell) Smith '59 Arnoldsburg, WV April 27, 2022 Ford D. Smith '47 North Ridgeville, OH October 26, 2021

Timothy J. Snead '81 South Charleston, WV August 28, 2021

Leatrice J. (Bennett) Stout '46 Clarksburg, WV August 12, 2021

Sheldon R. Sturm '85 Cape Coral, FL July 27, 2021

Gary D. Sumpter'59 Madison, WV April 20, 2022

Riley W. Thompson '66 Moorefield, WV July 28, 2021

Robert D. Ward '98 Craigsville, WV May 23, 2022

Herman L. Wass '52 Williamstown, WV July 1, 2021

Wilma G. (Brady Bell) Waybright '47 Ravenswood, WV August 10, 2021

Paul E. Westbrook '75 Burnsville, WV January 14, 2022

Debbie L. (Newton) Westfall '78 Belpre, OH September 27, 2021 Roy Elwood White '67 Vienna, WV January 26, 2022

Frances H. (Groves) Woodyard '53 Gastonia, NC August 24, 2021

Sally M. (Morrison White) Wyatt'66 Sebastian, FL January 29, 2022

Derwin J. Yoak '82 Parkersburg, WV February 2, 2022

#### Friends of Glenville State

Dr. Leland E. Byrd Athletic Director, Professor, and Coach Morgantown, WV January 19, 2022

Kay Chico Professor Emeritus and Coach Glenville, WV January 28, 2022

Cathy Gibson Bookstore Staff Member Harrisville, WV October 5, 2021

Shawna D. Moore Aramark Staff Member Glenville, WV April 10, 2022

Betty E. Rohr Staff Member Indian Land, SC May 11, 2022 Charles C. Scott Professor Emeritus Asheboro, NC September 9, 2021

Emma V. Snider Staff Member Orlando, WV November 16, 2021

Owen R. Stanley Professor Emeritus Keyser, WV December 25, 2021

Maggie Stump Staff Member Glenville, WV April 26, 2022

Roseann Turner Staff Member Glenville, WV August 17, 2021

This list includes updates reported by family members, newspapers, and other sources within GSU's Office of Alumni Affairs from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

If you know of an alumnus or a friend of GSU who has recently passed away, please send the notice and a copy of the obituary (if available) to:
Glenville State University
200 High Street
Glenville, WV 26351
ATTN: Alumni Affairs

## Remembering Mrs. Manchin

Virginia "Gigi" Manchin First Lady, Glenville State University



Glenville State University First Lady Virginia "Gigi" Manchin passed away on July 13, 2022.

Mrs. Manchin was originally from Coalton, West Virginia. She attended Potomac State College where she met her husband, Dr. Mark A. Manchin. The pair celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 3, 2022. Dr. and Mrs. Manchin have five

children and three grandchildren. While campus was ready to welcome the Manchins upon their arrival in July 2020, it soon became obvious that Gigi's plans were to welcome all of us into her family.

Her authentic, optimistic spirit and caring attitude were contagious, and she immediately set out to improve the institution. Her initiatives included a remodel of the President's Home to make it more visitor friendly, the beautification of the campus grounds, the development of a student-created book mural behind the Robert F. Kidd Library, and the acknowledgment and display of the vast history centered around Glenville State. She greatly enjoyed hosting campus events and meeting students.

New "We Proudly Serve"
Starbucks coffee shop now open at Glenville State
University.

Glenville State University is home to a new "We Proudly Serve" Starbucks coffee shop that opened earlier this semester. The shop, which is operated by Glenville State's dining partner
Aramark Collegiate Hospitality, is located inside Louis Bennett Hall in

Although now used as space for campus offices, Louis Bennett Hall was originally a men's dormitory. The coffee shop is located in the space formerly occupied by the main office and mail room. A corner column of the coffee shop is wrapped in mailbox fronts, preserved during demolition and added as a decorative finish as a nod to the past.

the center of main campus.

The coffee shop at Glenville State
University is open MondayThursday from 7:30 a.m. to
3:00 p.m. and Fridays from 7:30
a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Visitor parking
spaces are available in the parking
lots adjacent to Clark Hall and the
Heflin Administration Building
for community members.







# HOMECOMING Saturday, October 15

**2022 Honor Group: Former Percussion Ensemble Members** 

Thanks for spending Homecoming with us, Pioneers!

View a photo gallery from the week here.

Watch our Homecoming Recap video **here**.

We'll see you next year!









200 High Street Glenville, West Virginia 26351

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