

GLENVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY.

# Pioneer Update

*The monthly newsletter for alumni and friends of Glenville State University.*

## Alumni SPOTLIGHT



Dr. Aaron Frymier '13 is serving as a Family Medicine Physician with Minnie Hamilton Health System at their Glenville Clinic.

Before returning to his hometown to practice, he attended the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine where he graduated



## Homecoming is Just Around the Corner!

Homecoming 2023 is coming up soon and we hope you're making plans to join us back on campus. The parade in downtown Glenville will take place at 10:00 AM on Saturday, October 14. Following the parade, the alumni and Greek group tents will open for tailgating at Morris Stadium. The Glenville State Pioneers will take on the Wheeling University Cardinals at 1:30 PM.

This year, our Homecoming honorees are the members and coaches of Glenville State's 1973 and 1993 national runner up

in 2017. He completed his residency through Cornerstone Care Teaching Health Center/Mon General Hospital.

During his time at Glenville State, the biology major was a member of the Alpha Iota chapter of Chi Beta Phi, a scientific honorary for undergraduate students. Aaron also spent time as a student worker for both the Physical Plant and the Athletic Department.

He and his wife Alicia (Rose) Frymier '11 both have careers in healthcare with Alicia working as a pharmacist. Aaron is the son of Joyce (Hamrick) Stump '95 and Robert Frymier.

His hobbies include his Christian faith, farming, hiking, travel, and fitness. In fact, Dr. Frymier completed the 2023 Ironman 70.3 Virginia's Blue Ridge Triathlon.

When asked what Glenville State means to him, Aaron said, "Glenville State is an exceptional university in my home town. Earning my undergraduate degree at Glenville State prepared me to enter medical school and was the beginning of my time in higher education. I am thankful that I started my college experience at Glenville State and for the opportunities that it has provided me."

We are pleased to feature Dr. Frymier in this month's Alumni Spotlight and are proud to call him an alumnus.

football teams. They will be recognized during the parade and at halftime of the football game.

Our Greek groups will again be holding reunion tailgates before and during the football game. All TKE, Theta Xi, Lambda Chi, Tri Sigma, and Delta Zeta members are welcome to participate. Look for your Greek letters on the tailgate tent at Morris Stadium!

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

For those looking to stay in or around Glenville during Homecoming Weekend, there are some accommodations still available at the Gilmer County Recreation Center and RV sites available at the Sue Morris Sports Complex and the Gilmer County Recreation Center (unfortunately there are no vacancies at the local Glenville Inn). View a list of local accommodations [here](#).

For more information about Homecoming, email [alumni@glenville.edu](mailto:alumni@glenville.edu) or call (304) 462-6116.



## New Pioneer Mascot Named

Glenville State University has announced Kyla Lovejoy as the new Pioneer Mascot.

A native of Chloe, West Virginia, Lovejoy will serve in the role for the 2023-24 academic year.

"I am incredibly honored and excited to be selected as the new Pioneer Mascot," she

said. "Being able to represent Glenville State University is a dream come true. I look forward to engaging with the students, faculty, staff, and alumni, and to bringing an unforgettable spirit to our campus."

As the GSU Pioneer, Lovejoy will attend football and basketball games, tournaments, and other school events. The Pioneer is charged with working with students, faculty, and staff to positively promote and support the university. The official uniform of the Glenville State Pioneer is a set of buckskins, a coonskin hat, and a musket. An ongoing tradition for over 80 years, Lovejoy

becomes the 84th student to portray the Pioneer Mascot. She will be the eighth woman to serve as the Pioneer.



*A HSTA camper analyzes evidence in one of the Science Hall labs.*

## **Glenville State University Hosts Summer HSTA Camp for High School Students**

This summer, Glenville State welcomed 70 rising tenth-graders from throughout West Virginia for its tenth annual Health Science and Technology Academy (HSTA) “Forensic Science” Summer Institute. The students gained skill in a range of forensic science topics, including fingerprinting, blood typing, sketching, photography, evidence collection, and interviewing.

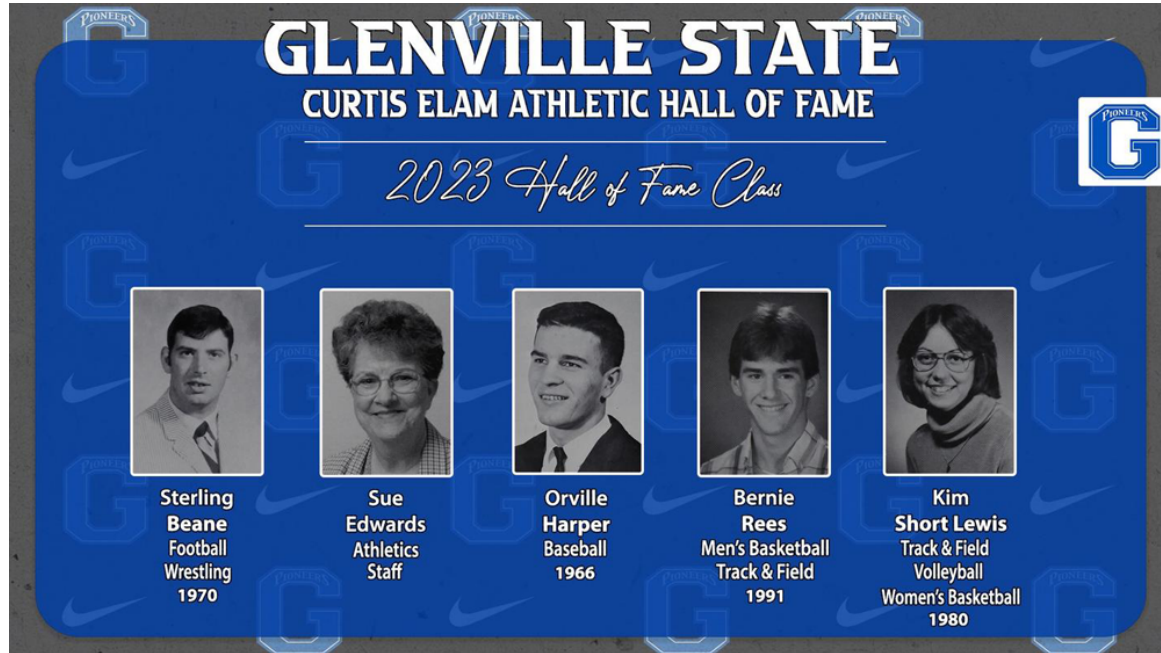
Students applied their new skills to solve a mock crime scene that was set up inside the campus Crime Scene House. Students were first introduced to the crime during the welcome session on Sunday evening as they viewed a video trailer, which was produced by the teachers of the camp and starred three of GSU’s ten undergraduate mentors who provided leadership to the student groups throughout the week-long institute.

After collecting and analyzing evidence and interviewing “suspects,” the campers presented their case to Gilmer County Magistrate Carol (Reed) Wolfe ‘78 at the Gilmer County Courthouse at the end of the week. Ultimately, Magistrate Wolfe decided to grant each group’s request for the arrest of their chosen suspect.

“All week long, students engaged in authentic forensic science learning experiences, while also learning what it’s like to live on a college campus and interact with University faculty and current undergraduate students who are majoring in a health science and technology related field, like exercise science, biology, and science education,” said Ashley (Murphy) Kooken ‘09, director of the forensic science summer institute and Assistant Professor of Science Education at GSU. “Many of the students who participate in the institute face some type of challenge to obtaining their high school diploma and moving on to college, so we really try to create an experience that allows the rising sophomores to see themselves in a STEM-related career pathway and if they choose to attend

Glenville someday, then that's just an added bonus!" Glenville currently has three HSTA graduates enrolled in their degree programs.

The HSTA program strives to increase college attendance in West Virginia by working to improve STEM education in public schools and empowering youth to become leaders within their local communities. Kooken noted that 99% of HSTA graduates attend college, 87% go on to graduate, and 85% choose to stay in West Virginia to work.



**Sterling Beane**  
Football  
Wrestling  
1970



**Sue Edwards**  
Athletics  
Staff



**Orville Harper**  
Baseball  
1966



**Bernie Rees**  
Men's Basketball  
Track & Field  
1991



**Kim Short Lewis**  
Track & Field  
Volleyball  
Women's Basketball  
1980

## Join us as we Celebrate the 2023 Athletic Hall of Fame Class

The induction ceremony for the 2023 Class of the Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame is set for Saturday, September 30. Inductees include Orville Harper '66, Sterling Beane Sr. '70, Kim Short Lewis '80, Bernie Rees '91, and Sue Edwards.

[Click here to purchase tickets](#) to attend the ceremony and help celebrate this most recent group of inductees.

# GLENVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

# HOMECOMING 2023

Saturday, October 14



## GSU Night Held at Lambert's Winery

Glenville State Night at Lambert's Winery was held on Wednesday, August 9. Around 80 alumni, friends, and employees attended to enjoy a night of food, drinks, music, and fun.

This marked the seventh such event at Lambert's Winery and coincided with the final "pizza night" of the summer at the local winery.

Missed the fun? [Click here to see a gallery of photos from the event.](#)



## WVDOF HQ Renamed in Honor of Glenville State Grad

Last month, West Virginia Governor Jim Justice announced that the WV Division of Forestry Region 4 Headquarters in Beckley would be renamed 'Cody J. Mullens Region 4 Headquarters' in memory of WVDOF Service Forester Cody Mullens '19.

Mullens died in April while fighting a forest fire in Fayette County. In making the announcement, Justice noted that it was the first such line of duty death for the WVDOF.



## New Academic Year Begins

Glenville State University students marked the first day of fall 2023 semester classes on Monday, August 14.

New students took part in New Pioneer Orientation the week leading up to the first day of classes. They also had the opportunity to finalize course schedules, meet new friends, and take part in several activities.

"With the beginning of a new academic year, we are all excited to welcome everyone to Glenville State University as these students work to complete their degrees," said Glenville State University

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Thursday, September 7 - Sarah Nale & Joshua Stubbs Faculty Recital**

7:00 PM - Fine Arts Center Auditorium  
Free and open to the public

---

### **Sunday, September 17 - Cody Mullens Memorial Golf Scramble**

9:00 AM - Glenville Golf Club  
\$75 per person; sign up at the Glenville Golf Club

---

### **Friday, September 22 - Garrett Hacker '19 Faculty Recital**

7:00 PM - Fine Arts Center Auditorium  
Free and open to the public

---

### **Thursday, September 28 - Little Kanawha Reading Series: Matthew Wimberley**

4:00 PM - Robert F. Kidd Library  
Free and open to the public

---

### **Friday, September 29 - Pioneer Derby**

6:00 PM - Waco Center  
[Click here for ticket information and details](#)

---

### **Saturday, September 30 - Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame Induction**

5:00 PM - GSU Mollohan Campus Community Center  
*Celebrating the 2023 Class of Inductees*  
[Click here to purchase tickets](#)

---

### **Saturday, October 7 - War in the Waco VII Boxing Event**

5:00 PM Gates Open; 6:00 PM Event Start - Waco Center  
[Click here for more information](#)

---

### **Friday, October 13 - Annual Tim Carney '62 Golf Outing**

9:00 AM - Glenville Golf Club  
[Click here for more information](#)

Saturday, October 14 - Homecoming

10:00 AM Parade; 11:00 AM Tailgating; 1:30 PM Kickoff

## PIONEER ATHLETICS

Check out these fall game schedules and come out to support the Pioneers!



Football



Volleyball



Women's Soccer



Men's Golf



Women's Golf



Cross Country

### *Interested in joining the Pioneer Athletic Club?*

Pioneer Athletic Club members directly support Pioneer student-athletes through scholarship. As an added bonus, annual Vantage Club Membership gives you a bird's eye view to all the action at Morris Stadium and inside the Waco Center.

Click [here](#) or call (304) 462-6382 to learn more about membership benefits and how to enroll.



Pieces of Ludwik glass on display inside the GSU Alumni Center.

## Ludwik Glass Exhibit Held on Campus

Throughout the summer, Glenville State University showcased a collection of items produced at the Ludwik Glass Company as part of a glass history exhibit. The assorted glass

## Pioneer Business Feature

*Highlighting Alumni-Owned Businesses*

### Aroma of the Andes



pieces were on loan from the Museum of American Glass in West Virginia that is located in Weston, WV.

The Ludwik factory operated in Glenville from 1940 to 1952 and was located on the hill near the intersection of US 33/119 and Route 5 on what is now known as Factory Road, though many local residents still refer to the location as "Glass Factory Hill." Items made at the factory included pitchers, glasses, vases, plates, and bowls. The glassware is most recognizable by its hand-painted flowers and wheel cut decorations.

Glass master Louie Wohinc opened Ludwik in 1940 as part of a multiple factory empire that he was developing which included Louie Glass Company in nearby Weston. The name of the factory was a play on his first name and the nationality of the Austrian born Wohinc. At its height of activity, the factory employed over 200 central West Virginians with census records showing 64 Glenville citizens working there at around the time it closed.

The exhibit was made possible in part by Museum of American Glass in West Virginia members Willard Wright Jr. '82, Jason Gum '05, and Cody Moore '18.

The GSU Alumni Center also has a few pieces of Ludwik glass as part of its permanent collection. The pieces include a set of dessert plates, sherbet glasses, and water glasses that were donated in October 1992 by Marianne (Rhoades) Stevens '51.

The pieces were etched by Thelma McFerrin; her daughters – Mariana (McFerrin) Griffith '66 and Maureen (McFerrin) Canary '61 – are both Glenville State graduates. The Alumni Center collection was displayed during a closing reception that was held on August 24.

Aroma of the Andes, a micro-coffee roasting business in Linn, West Virginia, was started in February 2012 after the Brown family traveled to South America and purchased a small coffee farm. "Finca La Despensa," which translates to "farm pantry," is located 6,000 feet above sea level in the Andes Mountains in Supatá, Colombia, and became the site of Aroma of the Andes.

"I didn't know much about coffee before purchasing the farm, however since then, I've devoted a substantial amount of time learning everything I can about the growing, processing, and roasting of coffee," said Justin Brown '12. Justin and his parents Duane and Rachel, his brother Josh, and their entire family are all involved in the growing, harvesting, drying, processing, and selling of the coffee.

Aroma of the Andes provides businesses around West Virginia with tasty blends of coffee, including coffee shops, grocery stores, restaurants, and specialty stores. Options for ground or whole bean, caffeinated or decaffeinated, and light, medium, dark, and espresso roasts are available to buyers.

Justin worked in public accounting before transitioning into his current accounting position for the United States Department of Treasury - Bureau of the Fiscal Service in Parkersburg, West Virginia. He also continues to work for Aroma of the Andes on the side in accounting and customer relations.

For more information on Aroma of The Andes, visit [aromaoftheandes.com](http://aromaoftheandes.com).

---

Glenville State alumni are an important part of the campus community and we know that your career journey and experiences help to inspire others. We also enjoy keeping up with our alumni and want to help support alumni-owned businesses. If you would like your business considered for our 'Pioneer Business Feature' series, please complete the alumni business profile form [here](#).

---

## Interested in pursuing a graduate degree?

Glenville State University currently offers a Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction, a Master of Arts in Teaching, and a Master of Business Administration.

Learn more about the admission process, cost, coursework, and more by [clicking here](#).

---





## Nominate a Glenville State Grad for One of Our Alumni Awards

Alumni Council is accepting nominations for alumni awards to be presented in April 2024. Nominations received by December 31, 2023 will be considered for the upcoming year's awards. Those received after that date will be saved for the following year's consideration.

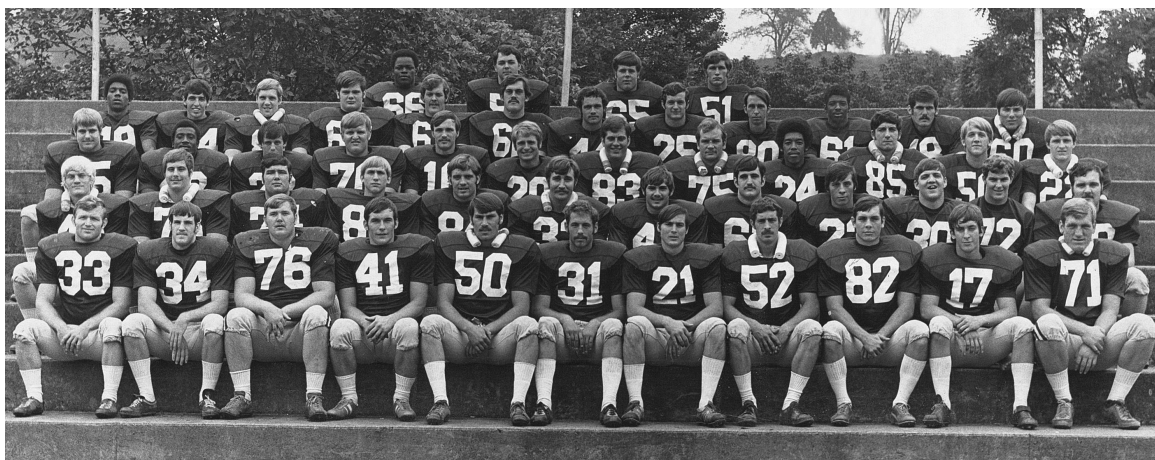
Award categories include Alumnus/Alumna of the Year Award, Alumnus/Alumna Achievement Award, Community Achievement Award, Outstanding Teacher Award (Public Schools), Alumni Chapter Award, Posthumous Award, and Outstanding Young Alumnus/Alumna Award.

Read more about the award categories, consideration criteria for each, and download a nomination form by clicking [here](#).

The Alumni Council will review all nominees and decide, by majority vote, who the award recipients will be. Awardees will be announced next spring.

## Scholarship Corner

*A monthly spotlight on one of the scholarship funds managed by the GSU Foundation*



### 1973 Football Team Scholarship

Established in 2017, this scholarship was funded by the members of the 1973 Football Team to keep the memories of their NAIA national runner-up season alive.

The scholarship is awarded to a current player on the Pioneer football team. The awardee must be a position player who receives little recognition in the press, but who fulfills a strong result for team success. First priority for the scholarship is given to a West Virginia student athlete.

As they celebrate 50 years, the players and coaches from the 1973 team are one of two groups being honored during Homecoming this fall.

Donate to this fund by clicking the button below and choosing "1973 Football Team Scholarship" from the Designation drop-down menu.

[Donate Now](#)



**2022 GSU National Champions Book**

Relive this exciting chapter of Glenville history game by game with stats, player information, photos, and more!

**PURCHASE YOURS TODAY ▶**



WRITTEN BY  
**Jesse Skiles**  
Glenville State graduate and Athletic Director



[Transcript Request](#) | [Update Your Information](#) | [Give](#) | [Admissions](#)

[Privacy Policy](#) | [Unsubscribe](#)

Glenville State University  
200 High St., Glenville, WV 26351