

GLENVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY.

Pioneer Update

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

Alumni SPOTLIGHT



Bobbie (Parsons) Johnson '76 is retired from Loudoun County (VA) Public Schools as a classroom teacher and Department Chair. She has also spent time with the Peace Corps in Zaire and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.



Celebrate Homecoming With Us!

Join us for this year's Homecoming at Glenville State University - Friday, October 13 and Saturday, October 14.

This year, our Homecoming honorees are the members and coaches of Glenville State's 1973 and 1993 national runner up football teams. They will be recognized during the parade and at halftime of the football game. If you are a member of one of these teams who hasn't been contacted by the Alumni Office yet, please email alumni@glenville.edu or call (304) 462-6116.

The 6th annual Tim Carney '62 Golf Outing will take place on Friday, October 13 at 9:00 AM at the Glenville Golf Club; [click here for more information](#). The Alumni Center Open House will

Originally from Ripley, West Virginia, Bobbie studied Social Studies and Language Arts Education at Glenville State before graduating in December 1975. She was a member of Kappa Delta Pi and Pi Gamma Mu.

After graduating from Glenville State, she went on to earn a Master's in Education in Curriculum and Development from George Mason University.

She spent 33 years at Park View High School where she taught social studies and served as Student Government co-advisor with her husband Bruce, was a senior class sponsor, Muslim Student Association advisor, Superior Learner advisor, and served on various committees at both the county and state level.

Over the years she has been recognized as the Virginia Historical Society Brenton Halsey Teacher of the Year, was an Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher finalist, was the Sterling Park Jaycees Teacher of the Year, earned the Park View High School PTA Teacher of the Year award, and the Phi Delta Kappa Significant Contribution to Education Award. She was also named to the Who's Who Among American Teachers multiple years.

Her hobbies include quilting, crochet, reading, and traveling. Bobbie also paints and has sold several of her pieces of art.

She spends time as an officer for the Loudoun Retired Educators Association and is a member of Vestry St. David's Episcopal Church and Lay Delegate to the Diocese of Virginia Convention. She also takes part in a prayer quilt ministry, is a leader with the Becoming Beloved Community program, a co-facilitator for

take place Friday evening from 4:00-8:00 PM. Stop by and see the Arbuckle House and visit with friends; refreshments will be available.

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.

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 AM 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 or 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 [Cedar Creek State Park](#). View a list of other local accommodations [here](#).

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



2023 Business Hall of Fame inductees Denzil Skinner, Ann (Starcher) Green, Sandy (Moyers) Pettit, and Kenneth Kuhl.

GSU Business Hall of Fame to Induct Four

The induction ceremony for the 2023 Department of Business Hall of Fame is set for Saturday, October 21 in the Mollohan Campus Community Center Ballroom. The inductees include Denzil Skinner '54 (posthumous), Ann (Starcher) Green '72, Kenneth Kuhl '82, and Sandy (Moyers) Pettit '85.

Sacred Ground, is a Lay Reader and Lay Eucharist Minister for St. David's Episcopal, and a member of the Broad Run Democrats.

Bobbie and her husband Bruce made their home in Ashburn, Virginia. He retired in 2003 following a diagnosis with multiple sclerosis; Bobbie cared for him until his passing in January 2022.

When asked what Glenville State means to her, Bobbie said, "Glenville State was the place where I got a great education, met life-long friends, and continue to take pride in its accomplishments."

We are pleased to feature Bobbie in this month's Alumni Spotlight and are proud to call her an alumna.

Tickets for the dinner and ceremony are \$50 per person or \$300 for a table of six. [Click here for more information](#) and to purchase tickets.



Montrose and Williams Award Recipients Announced

Glenville State University graduates Ryan Rodriguez '23 and Katie Richardson '23 have been honored with this year's Frank Montrose and Clarissa Williams Awards.

Rodriguez is the Montrose Award recipient. He hails from Land O'Lakes, FL and was a Management major and a member of the Baseball team during his time at GSU. Richardson received the Williams Award. She is a Princeton, WV native who earned a degree in Criminal Justice and was a Catcher on the Softball team.

Congratulations, Ryan and Katie!

Tim James to Leave Cabell Midland Band

Tim James '79 has stepped down as the Band Director at Cabell Midland High School and has accepted a Director of the Arts position with the West Virginia Department of Education.

James has won 171 grand championships — 82 during his time at Cabell Midland in the last 14 years. James also worked at the old Huntington High School from 1984 until the school closed in 1996.

He has won the last two Governor's Cup Band Series and the Cabell Midland marching band brought home its 11th win at the Annual West Virginia Marching Band Invitational Championship in October 2022. James also received the Best Dressed Band Director title at that competition.

He was recognized by Glenville State's Alumni Association in 2019 with the Outstanding Teacher Award. James has also been inducted into the West Virginia Marching Band Directors Hall of Fame (2015), received the Governor's Arts Award for Arts Education (2016), earned the prestigious Distinguished West Virginian award three times, and was named the December 2022 recipient of West Virginia Public Broadcasting's 'Above and Beyond' educator award.





Julie Posey (center) of the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation joins Glenville State University employees Leslie Mason and Vada Woodford to present a check from the Foundation.

GSU Foundation Receives Grant from Parkersburg Area Community Foundation

The Glenville State University Foundation recently received a \$5,065 grant from the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation to support technology for distance learning and a telehealth conference room. The award was made possible by the Mary M. Welch Advised Fund of the Foundation.

The Parkersburg Area Community Foundation and Regional Affiliates (PACF) works with individuals, families, businesses, and civic or nonprofit organizations to make a positive and permanent commitment for the future. The PACF is a single 501(c)(3) public charity that manages more than 500 charitable funds with nearly \$80 million in assets. The PACF works in partnership with its local affiliates to provide leadership and develop philanthropic resources to meet the needs of an 11-county service area. Since 1963, the PACF has helped local citizens support charitable needs and touch every aspect of life in the community in a variety of lasting ways.

Alumnus Shares Advice, Inspiration with COPD Patients

Over the past several months, Caroline (Goff) Gainer '68 has been writing a column for *COPD News Today*. The column - entitled "Life Tethered to a Concentrator" - focuses on various topics of interest to those with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

Caroline says she was selected to write the column because she herself was diagnosed with COPD in 2013 and for having been very active with the COPD Foundation and the American Lung Association. She says she also sees herself as an ambassador for West Virginia and therefore for Glenville State and Marshall University, since those are the institutions from which she received her degrees.

The venture has been exciting for Caroline who says that her previous writings have been mostly focused in science and research. She hopes that her column will inspire others to live their best life with COPD.

See all of Caroline's articles [here](#).



Student Completes Internship with NASA WV Space Grant Consortium

Glenville State University student Natalie Fout recently completed a summer internship with the NASA West Virginia Space Grant Consortium. She worked as the Outreach Coordinator and Launch Director for the West



Cheer on GSU Athletics from Anywhere

Did you know that you can follow along with all the Pioneer action from home or when you're on the go?

Watch live or archived Glenville State games on Mountain East Conference TV. MEC TV is available for free [online](#) or via live streaming app on your smart TV or connected devices by searching "Mountain East Conference TV" in the app store.



Samples Named Generation WV Director of Operations

Tracy Samples '92 has been named the Director of Operations for Generation West Virginia. Generation WV is a statewide organization for and by young people who work to provide tools, resources, and connections needed to make a home for their dreams in the Mountain State.

Virginia Nationwide Eclipse Ballooning Project, which brought together 70 atmospheric science and engineering teams from across the nation.

Fout has been a member of GSU's Honors Program, Glenville's chapter Chi Beta Phi, and the Lady Pioneer Softball team.

[Click here](#) to read more.

Home football and basketball games feature live play-by-play action from longtime Voice of the Pioneers, Bob Edwards.

You can also see live stats, game summaries, photos, team rosters, and more on the GSU Athletics website at www.gstatepioneers.com.

Her work life passion has been to recruit young people to the state and grow the talent within its borders. Through the many workforce and leadership programs she has developed through the years, Tracy has been successful in contributing to WV's workforce by attracting talent and keeping those skilled workers in the state.

Congratulations, Tracy!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, October 3 - Americana Dual Piano Recital

Featuring Anita White and Marjorie Foster
7:00 PM - Fine Arts Center Auditorium

Tuesday, October 10 - Juried Pioneer Art Show Opening Reception

4:00-6:00 PM - Fine Arts Center Gallery

Tuesday, October 10 - Music Fest Concert

7:00 PM - Fine Arts Center Auditorium

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

Saturday, October 12 - Department of Business Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

5:30 PM Social Hour; 6:30 PM Dinner and Ceremony
[Click here for more information](#)

Thursday, October 26 - Little Kanawha Reading Series: John Hoppenthaler

4:00 PM - Robert F. Kidd Library

Thursday, October 26 - Women's Leadership Circle Event: Self Defense Class

5:30 PM - Lilly Gymnasium
[Click here for more information](#)

Friday, October 27 - Garrett Hacker '19 Faculty Recital

7:00 PM - Fine Arts Center

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 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



GSU Athletic Trainer Scholarship

Established in 2021 by the senior members of Glenville State College's 1970 football team, this scholarship is designed to support West Virginia students majoring in athletic training at Glenville State.

The establishing donors for the GSU Athletic Trainer Scholarship included Gary Ray '71, Ron Duncan '71, Stewart "Mike" Roscoe '71, Steve Ash '71, and Virgil "PeeWee" Lacy '71. The group started the scholarship to acknowledge the success they had due to their experiences attending college and playing football, as well as to honor the essential role that athletic trainers play in athletics.

The scholarship will be awarded to a West Virginia student who intends to stay in West Virginia after graduation. First priority is given to Athletic Conditioning and Coaching students who meet the scholarship criteria with second priority given to a student majoring in education.

Donate to this fund by clicking the button below and choosing "GSU Athletic Trainer Scholarship" from the Designation drop-down menu.

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