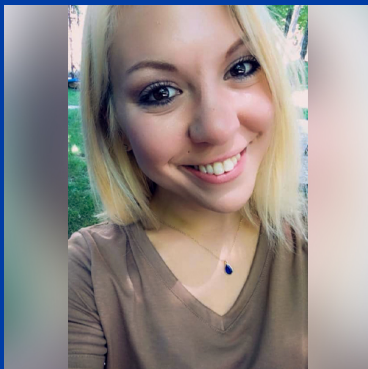


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Pioneer Update

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Alumni SPOTLIGHT



Christine (DeLay) Barnett is currently working as a licensed independent clinical social

Homecoming 2024 is Just Around the Corner!

Alumni and friends are reminded that Glenville State University's annual homecoming festivities are coming up on Saturday, October 12!

Homecoming kicks off on the morning of October 12 with the parade in Downtown Glenville at 10:00 AM; this year's Parade Marshals will be recent GSU retirees Professor Emerita Cheryl McKinney and Tom Snyder '82. Tailgating begins at 11:00 AM and the football game, where the Pioneers will face off against Frostburg State, kicks off at 1:30 PM at Morris Stadium. Other events for current students will take place throughout the week leading up to Homecoming.

This year's Homecoming honorees are female student athletes as we celebrate 50 years since the passage of Title IX legislation that paved the way for women's sports as we know them. The returning alumni athletes will be recognized during the parade and at halftime

worker (LICSW) and a behavioral health therapist at Rainelle Medical Center/Lewisburg Pediatrics and Family Health in Lewisburg, West Virginia. Her focus is on supporting children, adolescents, young adults, and their families who have faced abuse, neglect, or other adverse childhood experiences. Christine has been part of Rainelle Medical Center for the past five years.

The Mt. Nebo, West Virginia native graduated from Glenville State in 2013 with a bachelor's degree in Psychology/Sociology. She was also a member of Alpha Pi Sigma and was a sister in the Chi Zeta Pi social sorority. After leaving GSC, she earned a Master of Social Work from Concord University and is currently a doctoral candidate at Liberty University, pursuing a Doctorate of Education in Community Care and Counseling with a focus on Traumatology. Christine's dissertation, which is titled "Parent and Guardian Experiences of Children and Adolescents with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome and Disruptive Behavior Disorder in West Virginia," is nearly completed and she hopes to graduate in May 2025.

Christine has earned certification in Parent-Child Interaction Therapy and as a Certified Autism Specialist. She is also currently pursuing certification in psychosocial oncology through the virtual training academy of the American Psychosocial Oncology Society. She has also worked part-time as a substance abuse counselor at a medication-assisted treatment program in Lewisburg.

In her spare time, Christine loves spending time with her six-year-old daughter, Adley. Both she and her daughter are

of the football game. Former Lady Pioneers who wish to RSVP should [click here](#).

Our Greek groups will again be holding reunion tailgates before and during the football game. All TKE, Theta Xi, Lambda Chi, Tri Sigma, Alpha Sigma Alpha, 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.

[Click here](#) to view a list of area lodging and accommodations.

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



New Space for Nursing Students Opens at GSU

On Wednesday, September 18, Glenville State University students, administrators, and faculty joined representatives from Marshall University and other special dignitaries to officially cut the ribbon on the College of Health Sciences Nursing Division space inside the Waco Center on the Mineral Road campus.

The space was previously unfinished and cost about \$1.7 million to build out over the past six months. The facility includes two clinical rooms, classroom space, offices, and more. Finishing touches, including nursing equipment and classroom furniture, will be added soon. Officials expect classes to be held in the space beginning in the spring semester.

Learn more from local news outlets [MetroNews](#), [WDTV](#), and [WBOY](#) who all provided additional coverage of the ribbon-cutting.

passionate animal lovers, so they often volunteer on weekends at the Greenbrier County Humane Society. Christine frequently attends events to offer support and education on local mental health and substance abuse resources and she enjoys traveling, hiking, swimming, and reading.

When asked what Glenville State means to her, Christine said, "To me, Glenville State represents family. Over my four years there, I met incredible, amazing people who became lifelong friends and, in many ways, my family."

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



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Graduate is WV Finalist for National STEM Award



The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) awards are the highest honors bestowed by the United States government specifically for K-12 science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science teaching. Teachers are selected based on their distinction in the classroom and dedication to improving science, technology, engineering, and math education.

This year, Nikki Harper '10, is one of West Virginia's finalists in the Grades K-6 Science Educators category. Harper, who has been teaching for 13 years, is currently serving as a fourth grade teacher at Little Birch Elementary School in Braxton County, WV. She graduated from Glenville State in December 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts in Education degree in Biological Science (9-12) and General Science (5-Adult) and a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology; she also holds a Master of Arts degree in Science Education from Western Governor's University. She is currently pursuing National Board Certification in Middle Childhood.

At Little Birch, she serves on the school's leadership team and as faculty senate president. Nikki was the 2022 Braxton County Teacher of the Year, has worked as her county's fourth grade PLC Coordinator, and has served as her school's LSIC president and PTO Treasurer. She is a member of the West Virginia Science Teachers Association where she collaborated with other WV elementary teachers to present at the 2023 state conference as part of the state's first team of WV Elementary Science Ambassadors. Other memberships include the National Science Teaching Association and American Federation of Teachers.

WV National Guard Adjutant General to Speak at Glenville State

Major General William E. "Bill" Crane '91, Adjutant General of the West Virginia National Guard, will speak at Glenville State University on Wednesday, October 23 at 11:00 AM in the Heflin Administration Building President's Auditorium. He will discuss leadership, sharing insights from his extensive military career and experience leading the West Virginia National Guard. The event is free and open to the public.

Maj. Gen. Crane assumed the duties as The Adjutant General, West Virginia Joint Forces Headquarters – West Virginia on January 4, 2021. As the Adjutant General for the State of West Virginia, he provides command guidance and vision to the West Virginia Army and Air National Guard's more than 6,500 Citizen Soldiers, Airmen, and civilians employed through the West Virginia Military Authority. He provides the overall supervision of the day-to-day operations and management of the readiness, fiscal, personnel, equipment, and real property resources of the agency.



Crane was commissioned in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in May 1989 through the Reserve Officer Training Course at West Virginia University. Prior to this assignment, he served as the Director of the Joint Staff and previously as the United States Property and Fiscal Officer for the West Virginia National Guard. He has also held roles as the Chief of Staff for the West Virginia Army National Guard and commander of the 111th Engineer Brigade.

He completed the United States Army War College through a Fellowship at Old Dominion University where the emphasis was modeling, analysis, and simulation. He completed a deployment in Baghdad, Iraq where he was the J-3, director of operations, of the Joint Interagency Task Force for High Value Individuals. Prior to his full time employment with the West Virginia Army National Guard, he was a chemist where he developed chemical processes that allowed him to be awarded three United States Patents.

Crane's previous assignments include: Deputy Brigade Commander, 111th Engineer Brigade, Commander, 1092nd Engineer Battalion, J3, Joint Interagency Task Force – High Value Individuals. Chief of the Officer Personnel Branch, Commander of the Recruiting and Retention Battalion, the Personnel Management Officer, the S3, Operations Officer of the 1092nd Engineer Battalion, the S2, Intelligence Officer of the 1092nd Engineer Battalion, the S4, Logistics Officer of the 1092nd Engineer Battalion, Commander of Company A, 1092nd Engineer Battalion, Commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1092nd Engineer Battalion, Executive Officer of Company D, 1092nd Engineer Battalion, and Platoon Leader of Company B, 1092nd Engineer Battalion.

In addition to his bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Glenville State, Crane also holds a master's degree in Organizational Communication from West Virginia University. He is also a graduate of the United States Army War College Fellowship Program, Army Command and General Staff Officer College, the Functional Area 43A Human Resources Course, the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced courses at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

His military awards and decorations include: Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with three Oak Leaf Clusters), the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Armed Forces Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Multi-National Forces-Iraq Shoulder Sleeve Insignia-Former Wartime Service, the Army Achievement Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the National Defense Service Medal (with Service Star), the Army Service Ribbon, the NCO Professional Development, the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster & M Device), the West Virginia Meritorious Service Medal, the West Virginia Commendation Medal, the West Virginia Minuteman Ribbon and the West Virginia Service Ribbon.

DZs Sponsoring Homecoming Food Drive

The sisters of Delta Zeta are sponsoring a food drive during Homecoming on Saturday, October 12.

Donations of non-perishable foods will be accepted during the Homecoming Tailgate at Morris Stadium; look for the Delta Zeta sign under the alumni tailgating tent. Items collected will be donated to the on-campus Pioneer Pantry, which is accessible to current students.

Recommended donations include food items such as: macaroni and cheese, cans/cups of soup, Ramen noodles, dry pasta and pasta sauce, canned pasta like Chef Boyardee or SpaghettiOs, fruit cups, pudding cups, oatmeal pouches, instant mashed potatoes, tuna pouches/cans, noodle/rice pouches, canned chicken, granola bars, crackers, bottled water/juice, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, etc. General cleaning supplies and toiletries may also be donated.

Keep in mind that most residential students have limited access to a kitchen, so the donations should be microwaveable or ready-to-eat.

Contact alumni@glenville.edu with any questions.



Current Glenville State University students from the SCNC 204 course with WV Division of Forestry employees after completing the Project Learning Tree workshop.

Education Students Gain Training on Various STEM Curricula

Several current education students recently learned about Starlab and Project Learning Tree as part of their SCNC 204, Life Sciences for Elementary Education Majors course.

Dr. Ashley (Murphy) Kooken '09, who serves as an Assistant Professor of Science Education at Glenville State University and is the professor for SCNC 204, facilitated the trainings.

Starlab is the famously fun, interactive way to teach students about astronomy, geology, and meteorology. Following the Starlab workshop, the students worked to design and facilitate their own science learning experiences, such as building constellations, creating their own Big Dipper finders, and modeling the phases of the moon. Last month they put their plans to use during visits to various elementary schools where the GSU students led Starlab learning experiences for several hundred PreK-5 students.

Project Learning Tree is an environmental education program designed for teachers working with PreK-12 grade students. Kooken says she is proud of the GSU pre-service teachers for participating in the six-hour professional development opportunity and that she is equally grateful to West Virginia Division of Forestry employees Linda Carnell, Jesse King '14, and Miakayla Paisley '24 for presenting the workshop.

Kooken has plans to next host training sessions for Project WET and Project WILD, which focus on water and wildlife respectively.

Nominate a Glenville State Grad for an Alumni Award



Student Completes Internship with WVDOF

Glenville State University student David Booher has recently completed a summer internship with the West Virginia Division of Forestry. Booher is a junior studying Forest Technology and Wildlife Management.

Working with local WVDOF Service Forester Jesse King '14, Booher says he was able to check logging operations and help ensure that the loggers were following Best Management Practices laws, assist landowners through the DOF's Landowner Assistance program, cruise timber, and fight wildfires.

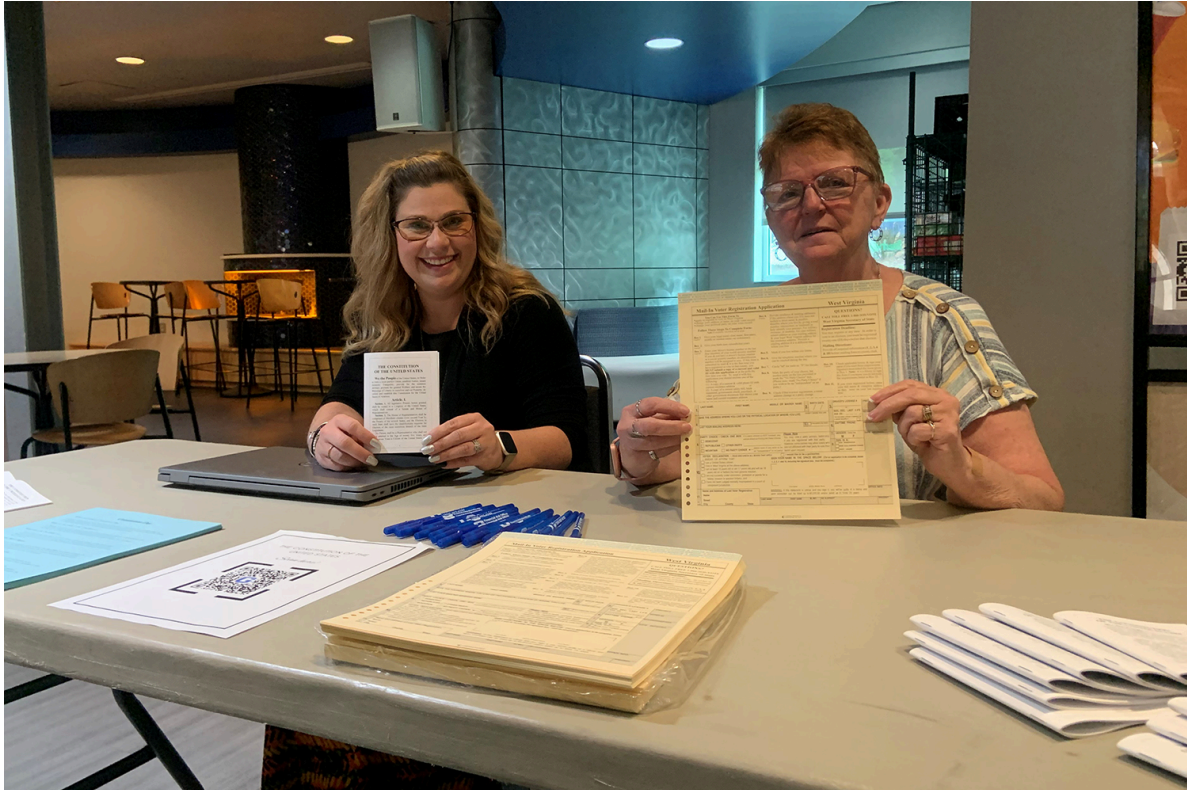
"What I took away from this internship was that I learned how the Division of Forestry operates to protect the forests of West Virginia and to help private landowners to do the same," Booher said.

The Jacksonburg, West Virginia native says he is still deciding on which career path he will take after graduation; he has considered working for the WV Division of Forestry, with the

Alumni Council is [accepting nominations](#) for alumni awards to be presented in April 2025. Nominations received by December 31, 2024 will be considered for the upcoming year's awards. Those received after that date will be saved for the following year's consideration.

Award recipients will be announced in the spring.

WV Division of Natural Resources as a Natural Resource Police Officer, or even fighting wildfires in the western United States with the U.S. Forest Service.



Amanda (Roberts) Lamb '10 and Mary Jones '09, staff members in Glensville State's Financial Aid Office, were on hand last month to help students with voter registration and to provide individual copies of the U.S. Constitution.

Constitution Day Activities Held at GSU

Glensville State University observed Constitution Day and National Voter Registration Day on September 17. Staff members from the Financial Aid Office were on hand to assist students with voter registration in addition to handing out pocket Constitutions and answering general questions.

Faculty from the Department of Social Science also held a presentation relating to Constitution Day and presidential elections.

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Career Resources Available to Glenville State Alumni

Are you a recent graduate who is seeking first-time employment? Have you been working a while but are now looking to change careers? Simply searching for resources?

Click [here](#) to explore Alumni Career Services available to you.

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?

As a member, you directly support Pioneer student-athletes through scholarship. Annual Pioneer Athletic Club membership gives you exclusive access to premium areas at Morris Stadium and the Waco Center, where you will have a bird's eye view of the football field and McPherson Court.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, October 10 - History Alive: Minnie Reed
4:00 PM - Robert F. Kidd Library

Friday, October 11 - Tim Carney Golf Tournament
9:00 AM - Glenville Golf Course

Saturday, October 12 - [Homecoming](#)
10:00 AM Parade - Downtown Glenville
11:00 AM Tailgating - Morris Stadium
1:30 PM Football Game vs Frostburg - Morris Stadium

Wednesday, October 16 & Thursday, October 17 - GSU High School Honor Choir
Fine Arts Center
For high school students; Clinicians Christopher Brown '97 & Sarah Nale

Monday, October 21 - WLC Paint & Sip
5:30 PM - Waco Center Atrium
[Click here](#) for more information and to sign up

Wednesday, October 23 - Presentation by Maj. Gen. William "Bill" Crane '91
WV National Guard Adjutant General
11:00 AM - Heflin Administration Building President's Auditorium

Saturday, October 28 - Department of Business Hall of Fame Ceremony
5:30 PM - Mollohan Campus Community Center Ballroom

Tickets \$50; [click here](#) to RSVP

Thursday, October 31 - Little Kanawha Reading Series: Dr. Jonathan Minton
4:00 PM - Robert F. Kidd Library



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