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Alumni SPOTLIGHT



Hannah Moore '20 is a
Licensed Nursing Home
Administrator in West Virginia



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prosperity in 2025!*

and is currently working as the Chief Executive Officer at Elizabeth Care Center (ECC), a 36-bed skilled nursing facility in Elizabeth, West Virginia. She obtained her administrators license in March 2023 and began working at ECC that same month.

During her time at Glenville State, she was a member of the Lady Pioneer Softball Team from 2016-2018 and spent time as a Student Assistant in the Office of Technology. She graduated in December 2019 with a bachelor's degree in Health and Human Performance with a major in Health Promotion and minors in Business and Integrated Marketing. Hannah also holds a master's degree in Health Care Administration with a concentration in leadership and entrepreneurship from Oklahoma State University.

Hannah has several family ties to Glenville State; her grandmother Kathy Minigh '89, father Edmund "Arch" Moore, Jr. '00, mother Tamera (Minigh) Moore '97, and siblings Cody Moore '18 and Hunter Moore '20 are all also graduates.

Before accepting her current position with ECC, Hannah served as Associate Administrator and the System Practice Administrator at Minnie Hamilton Health System in Grantsville, West Virginia.

In September 2024 she received the "Futures Award" by the West Virginia Health Care Association and was recognized with the Rookie of the Year Award by Providence Health in December 2023.

Outside of work, Hannah has spent time coaching youth sports in Gilmer County. She has been the Head Middle School Volleyball Coach, the Head Middle School Softball Coach, and the Glenville



Shaun Sterling Jr. holds up his diploma cover following GSU's Winter Commencement ceremony that was held on Saturday, December 14.

Winter Commencement Held

Glenville State University's Winter Commencement Ceremony took place on Saturday, December 14 in GSU's Waco Center.

The prospective graduates walked across the commencement stage and were recognized for their academic achievements. The group earned degrees in a variety of programs including business, education, land resources, criminal justice, science, music, and more. The students come to Glenville State from various counties throughout West Virginia, several other states including California, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and abroad from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Poland, and the United Kingdom.

Maj. Gen. William "Bill" Crane '91, The Adjutant General, West Virginia Joint Forces Headquarters – West Virginia, delivered the keynote address. Maj. Gen. Crane 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.

"I want you to remember to take the time, invest in yourselves and continue to learn. And remember the people who have invested time in you, and pay that forward. The most valuable thing you can give anyone is your time and attention," Crane said.

Approximately 120 students were on track to complete their degrees at the conclusion of the fall 2024 semester. The group earned associate, baccalaureate, and master's degrees from Glenville State.

Elementary School Basketball Coach. She is also a member of Camden Flats Baptist Church.

When asked what Glenville State means to her, Hannah said, "Glenville will always be home to me. Glenville State allowed me to continue my athletic career but also allowed me to obtain a four-year degree in 3 1/2 years debt free. The greatest thing about Glenville is that it's a small campus and everyone knows everyone. It is a friendly environment and great opportunity to be a part of the fun traditions GSC has to offer. Some of my closest friends today are those who were once strangers that I met as a freshman at GSC."

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



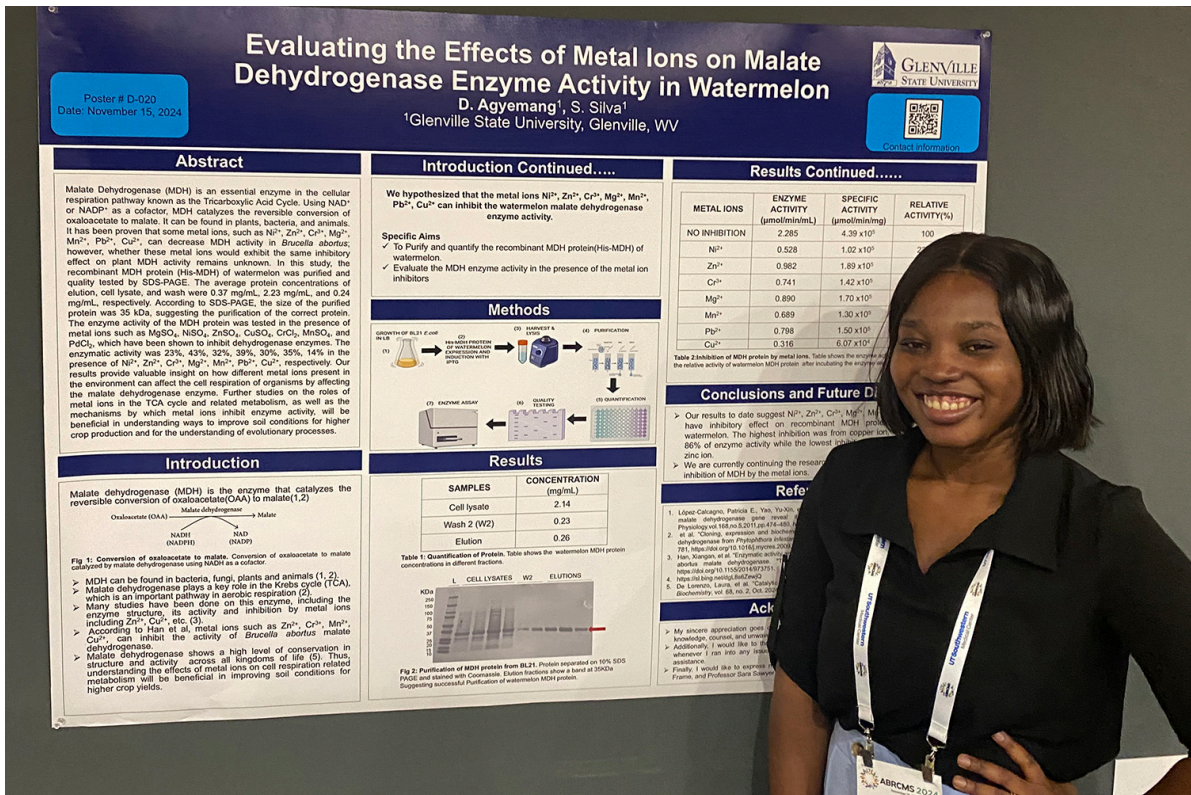
Campus Security Officers Jack Moore and Jerry Helmick during their time on campus as pictured in the 1999 yearbook.

Retired Campus Security Officers Remembered

Glenville State University's campus community has recently mourned the loss of two former campus security officers, [Jackie "Jack" Moore](#) and [Jerry Helmick](#).

Jack served GSC as a Campus Security Officer for 25 years until his retirement. He was also the former owner and operator of the Blue Ribbon Restaurant in Glenville and he worked as an officer for the City of Glenville. He is the father of Alumni Council President Tim Moore '85. Jack passed away on October 16, 2024.

Jerry was the first security officer hired by Glenville State College. He was also a veteran of the United States Air Force and had 20+ years in the WV National Guard. Jerry worked in law enforcement for most of his working life, serving the city of Glenville for several years. He retired as a Captain in 1999 with 34 years of service to his community. Jerry passed away on December 11, 2024.



Current Glenville State University student Doris Agyemang with her research poster at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students.

Glenville State University Student Presents Research at ABRCMS 2024

Glenville State University Assistant Professor of Biology Dr. Shalika Silva has established a microbiology and biochemistry research program within the Department of Science and Mathematics. Her research interests revolve around microbial infections, drug discovery, and enzymology and several students are working under her guidance. Silva says that the students in her lab ask fundamental questions and address them using different interdisciplinary approaches involving microbiology, biochemistry, and molecular biology. The students are trained to perform many techniques and, most importantly, are guided to gather important transferable skills, critical thinking, report writing, and science communication.

"I also make sure the students know that they will be encouraged and supported to present at conferences showcasing their work," Silva added.

Recently, one of Silva's students – Doris Agyemang – presented a poster at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students 2024 (ABRCMS 2024). The conference was held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Agyemang's poster presentation was titled, "Evaluating the effects of Metal Ions on Malate Dehydrogenase Enzyme Activity in Watermelon."

Malate Dehydrogenase is an essential enzyme that is involved in the cellular respiration pathway across all domains of life. In this project, Agyemang and Silva evaluated the effect of metal ions on the activity of the watermelon malate dehydrogenase enzyme.

"Our results showed that metal ions, Ni²⁺, Zn²⁺, Cr³⁺, Mg²⁺, Mn²⁺, Pb²⁺, and Cu²⁺ inhibit the malate dehydrogenase enzyme activity in vitro, suggesting the importance of metal ions present in the environment on soil microbial growth and on improving the soil conditions for higher crop production," Silva explained.

Agyemang added, "Further studies on the roles of metal ions in the tricarboxylic acid cycle and related metabolism, as well as the mechanisms by which metal ions inhibit enzyme activity, will be beneficial in understanding ways to improve soil conditions for higher crop production and for the understanding of evolutionary processes."



Current and former Glenville State Student Life staffers recently teamed up for a professional development opportunity. (L-R, standing) Conner Ferguson '17, Brian Williams '19, Kathy Gilbert, Debi Jenkins, Cheryl McKinney, Larry Baker '88, Patrick Montgomery, and Eli Anderson Lake '23; (L-R, seated) Adrian Duelley '08, Jerry Burkhammer '88, Abby Salisbury '21, and Ceara Scott '23

Familiar Faces Join Student Life Staff for Professional Development

While planning for the end-of-year Student Life staff retreat, GSU's Executive Director of Student Life Conner Ferguson '17 had the idea to bring in several experts to speak with the current employees.

"I figured, why not invite the folks who know Student Life at Glenville State best?" Ferguson said. He extended invitations to Jerry Burkhammer '88, Larry Baker '88, Debi Jenkins, and Professor Emerita Cheryl F. McKinney, all of whom have many years of service to the students at Glenville State in some capacity related to Student Life or through the classroom. All four graciously agreed to participate.

Throughout the day, the Student Life staff had an opportunity to take part in roundtable discussions, share new ideas, learn more about co-curricular assessment, and more.

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Career Resources Available to Glennville State Alumni

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West Virginia University head coach Rich Rodriguez (left) and Marshall University head coach Tony Gibson. Rodriguez photo by Christopher Hall | West Virginia on SI; Gibson photo by Ryan Fischer | The Herald Dispatch

Rodriguez, Gibson to Lead WVU and MU Football Teams

Two well-known names in the world of football with ties to Glenville State have been selected to lead the football programs at West Virginia's two Division I schools.

Former Glenville State Head Football Coach Rich Rodriguez has been named Head Coach of the West Virginia University Mountaineers and former Glenville State football defensive back and defensive back coach Tony Gibson '97 has been named Head Coach of the Marshall University Thundering Herd.

Rodriguez coached at Glenville State from 1990-1996 after short stints as a student assistant and linebackers coach at WVU as well as one season as head coach at Salem. During his tenure in Glenville, Rodriguez won 43 games, four WVIAC championships, NAIA National Coach of the Year (1993), West Virginia State College Coach of the Year (1993), and led the Pioneers to the NAIA National Championship game in 1993.

He made stops as a coordinator at Tulane and Clemson before returning to the Mountain State in 2001 to take over the Mountaineers. After a successful stay in Morgantown, he had head coaching stints at Michigan and Arizona before getting back on his feet as a coordinator at Ole Miss and Louisiana-Monroe. Previously, Rodriguez led Jacksonville State to three nine-win seasons, a bowl victory, and a Conference USA title. Rodriguez now returns to West Virginia, where he grew up and coached, to lead the Mountaineers a second time.

Gibson played all four years of his college ball at Glenville State, from 1991-94, where he won two WVIAC Championships.

Gibson has many ties to West Virginia, with his first coaching stint starting at Gilmer County High School in 1995. In 1996, he became the Defensive Backs coach at Glenville State where he spent one season. From 1999-2000, Gibson was the Defensive Coordinator at West Virginia Tech. He would get introduced to the Division I coaching scene at West Virginia University as the Defensive Backs Coach from 2001-2007. After leaving the Mountaineers for a few years, Gibson found his way back home as the Safeties coach in 2013 at WVU and from 2014-2018, was promoted to the Defensive

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Coordinator and Linebackers coach. Gibson heads to Marshall after serving as the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at N.C. State, where he has spent the last six seasons.



Several Glenville State University students attended the 2024 FBI Collegiate Academy, which was held in Clarksburg, West Virginia in November 2024.

Glenville State University Criminal Justice Students Attend 2024 FBI Collegiate Academy

Last semester, students in Glenville State University's Criminal Justice program attended the 2024 FBI Collegiate Academy in Clarksburg, West Virginia. The event included training, networking seminars, and a tour of the FBI's facility, highlighting the agency's role in national security and law enforcement.

Students participated in Q&A sessions with various FBI departments, including GSU graduates currently employed at the Clarksburg location.

"GSU students were exemplary ambassadors for the mission and values of our institution. We anticipate the number of Pioneers filling the ranks of the FBI to increase after this educational and exciting collaboration," said Dr. Donal Hardin, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice at Glenville State.

The event also gave students valuable insight into the FBI's operations and the diverse career opportunities available within the agency.

Glenville State Alumnus is GWV Fellowship Graduate

Generation West Virginia (GWV) has announced the graduation of the GWV Fellowship Class of 2024 that took place on December 7 in a ceremony held in Charleston, West Virginia. The elite group



included a Glenville State graduate.

Dustin Crutchfield '09 currently serves as the Director of Alumni Relations at Glenville State University and says he was excited to be selected for the Class of 2024.

“The last nine months of being in the Generation West Virginia Fellowship program have been both interesting and rewarding,” Crutchfield said. “I’ve learned a lot about leadership, community-building, and the ways that West Virginians are helping one another. Seeing different parts of the state during our cohort sessions has been a ton of fun and, I think, has really helped solidify why so many of us choose to stay in the Mountain State. I’m grateful to have been selected for the GWV Fellowship and am even more thankful for my new friends - the other members of

the Class of 2024.”

The GWV Fellowship not only creates a network of young leaders in the state, but also contributes to the retention of young talent, enriching the state’s workforce and community.

[Applications](#) for the 2025 Fellowship Class are now open.



Bob Marshall speaks with Tim Moore before the Mid-Ohio Valley Alumni Chapter Christmas Dinner that was held at the Parkersburg Country Club in December 2024.

Mid-Ohio Valley Area Alumni Meet

Glenville State alumni and friends in the Mid-Ohio Valley area gathered at the Parkersburg Country Club in early December for the annual chapter Christmas Dinner.

In addition to several Glenville State University representatives, including GSU President Dr. Mark Manchin, attendees included: Rachel Aanonson, Frank Bargelogh '67, Kathy Bargeloh, Greg Boso '70, Joyce Boso, Mark Broadwater '87, Terri (Hayhurst) Broadwater '85, Ken Davis '72, Monica (Borkowski)

Davis '79, Martha (Douglas) Deel '59, Carol Dooley, Don Dooley '66, Vic Fitzsimmons '74, John Gainer, Leesa Holder '85, Ralph Holder '56, Julia Murin Lee '71, John Lough '70, Professor Emerita Cheryl McKinney, Professor Emeritus John McKinney '73, Sandy McKinney '68, Bob Marshall '66, Lainey Moore, Sandi (Hall) Moore '73, Terry Moore '73, Tim Moore '85, John Pratt, Judith (Cottrill) Smith '66, Norman Smith, Dayne Thomas, Jeff Thomas '78, Barbara Wainwright, and Charlie Wilcoxon '73.

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Boxing

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, February 15 - Winter Homecoming
Waco Center

Tuesday, February 18 - GSU Day at the WV Legislature
WV State Capitol - Charleston, WV

Wednesday, February 19 - Founders Day of Giving
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Thursday, March 6 - Alumni Reception at the WVMEA Conference
Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center - Charleston, WV



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