

**GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE**  
*Pioneer Update*  
**YOUR WEEKLY UPDATE ON GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE**  
**A COMMUNICATION TO ALUMNI AND FRIENDS ABOUT EVENTS AND PEOPLE IN THE NEWS**

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### **Alumni Spotlight**

Ralone Cool '03, a Webster County native, is in her thirteenth year of teaching in Kanawha County. This is her fifth year teaching Civics at Capital High School.

Ralone, who resides in Charleston, West Virginia, taught English at Riverside High School for five years then taught Social Studies there one year. She then transferred to Ben Franklin Career Center and did the contract program for two years.

Since leaving Glenville, Ralone has obtained certifications in English 5-adult and ESL pre-kindergarten - 12. She also has earned her Master's Degree in Education



*(l-r) Robert Knicely, Professor Ed Wood, Cody Moore '18, Donnie Lambert '18, Jacob Coots, and Bradley Jenkins at the Berlin Wall*

### ***Pioneers Go Places – GSC Students, Faculty Traveling the Globe this Summer***

Immersive international experiences are both memorable and educational for students who take part in them. [GSC's Office of International Programs](#) has helped facilitate several trips abroad for students and faculty this summer. Berlin, Panama, Peru, and China have all been on the travel itinerary! The above photo shows students in Berlin last month with History Professor Dr. Ed Wood. Their trip was the fourth consecutive faculty-led short term program GSC has offered and the first to Germany.

International Programs Director Dr. Megan Gibbons also just recently traveled to China with a small delegation from West Virginia courtesy of the WVU Confucius Institute. The trip was

Leadership from Wheeling Jesuit University and is hoping to get a job as a vice principal sometime soon.

Ralone has completed the Kanawha County Schools Leadership Academy and is the Community Service Coordinator at Capital. While at Riverside, she served as 9th Grade Department Head, Faculty Senate President, and as a PLC leader.

Glenville State College has long been known for our Teacher Education program and we try to keep up with where our teachers are throughout the State and elsewhere.

Congratulations Ralone on receiving your master's degree and good luck in your job search for a vice principal's position. We are proud of you and proud that you are an alumna of Glenville State College.



coordinated to explore possible collaborations between educational institutions in the Mountain State and China and to allow the attendees to learn firsthand about Chinese culture in its broadest sense (language, art, history, food, and geography).

A highlight of Gibbons' trip was the performance of Country Roads by musicians in the National Band of Tianjin University of Finance and Economics. You can view a snippet of the performance, which was performed on traditional Chinese instruments, by [clicking here](#). A special thanks to Dr. Gibbons for sharing the video.

Additionally, Dr. Jeremy Keene accompanied students Colton Ring and Chere Davis on a trip to Panama to search for plants that are members of the Gesneriad family. They later conducted pollinator studies on the plants for further lab DNA analysis. Daniel Reid has also been studying out of the country. He is currently studying Spanish in Peru and will return home at the end of this month.



There is still time to sign up for this golf outing! Click the photo above to learn more.

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## Several Summer Camps Taking Place at GSC

Glenville State College is planning several camps that will be taking place this summer. These include athletic camps at GSC and on- and off-campus bluegrass music camps. See links below for additional information and help us to spread the word to students and their parents who may be interested in one or more of these camps.



[Youth Bluegrass Summer Camps](#)

[Lady Pioneer Basketball Camp](#)

[Pioneer Football Camps](#)

[Track and Field Camp](#)

[Volleyball Camp](#)

## From the President: Dr. Pellett talks Downtown Revitalization

It is widely known that Glenville State College is critically important to the higher education opportunity and cultural, social, and athletic enrichment of Central West Virginia. However, GSC is even more critically important to the economic vitality of Glenville and Gilmer County. In terms of economic impact, the West Virginia University Bureau of Business and Economic Research reported in 2016 that GSC's annual economic impact in the local economy was almost \$28 million. Also, almost 300 Glenville State employees and 1,700 students further contribute about \$1 million back in state and local taxes. When considering that this is all accomplished with only about \$5.6 million in state appropriation, GSC could easily be considered a phenomenal return on investment for the State of West Virginia at large.

In the interest of positively impacting the local economy further, Glenville State College is embarking on an ambitious one-million-dollar economic stimulus investment in downtown Glenville. This investment will center around two substantive and significant initiatives that will further bridge downtown Glenville with the college campus. The first initiative will be the refurbishing and remodeling of the Conrad Motel into a modern and attractive residence hall. Besides providing employment for several workers in Glenville this summer, the renovation will create a new residence hall that will house up to 90 new students this fall, creating the potential for economic opportunity and an unprecedented demand for food and other services downtown. We hope that current restaurants and stores will see increased sales and traffic as could new ones. There will be no better time to start a business or restaurant in Glenville than this fall.



Estate of Elizabeth Beeghley - \$4,500 for the Elizabeth Beeghley Hidden Promise Scholarship

Alleghany Surveys Inc. - \$2,000 for the Samuel Elliott Robinson Scholarship

John Arritt - \$750 for the John and Cathy Arritt Football Scholarship

Skip '70 & Shirley (McIntyre) Hackworth '68 - \$700 for the Skip and Shirley Hackworth Scholarship and Sesquicentennial Silver Coin (Academic Success Center)

Calhoun Banks - \$500 for PAC Football

John Burdette '82 & Associates - \$500 for PAC Football

Leslie Equipment Company - \$500 for PAC Football

To further encourage traffic and economic interest downtown, the GSC Bluegrass Music Education Program will be moving from its current facilities in the GSC Fine Arts Center to the building at 10 East Main Street. The purpose of this move is to activate this vacant downtown space for college promotion and allow visitors and local residents a centralized place to regularly enjoy live performances and learn more about Appalachian culture through bluegrass music. Lessons as well as live performances will be regularly scheduled each week in this space and at the adjoining City Square Park across the street. We are expecting this to generate greater interest and foot traffic downtown, thereby creating potentially greater economic impact for businesses and restaurants. We will be making this move throughout the summer and will work in the fall to improve signage, activity, and overall building appearance.

Glenville State College is fortunate to exist in a community that is an active participant in the cultural, educational, athletic, and civic events that we host. I hope that our community will take heart in knowing that all of us at Glenville State are committed to enhancing and supporting the City of Glenville, Gilmer County and local businesses, organizations, clubs, and groups.

We are backing up this commitment with significant financial investment and tangible human effort to better the community and economic vitality of the area. We all know that a more attractive and prosperous City of Glenville will enhance the college's chances of attracting and retaining students. We look forward to working with the City and other local government entities and community agencies in improving downtown and in creating a better and more prosperous Gilmer County and West Virginia.

With Pioneer Pride,

Tracy L. Pellett Ed.D.

Rick Trickett '74 - \$500 for PAC Football

United Banks - \$500 for PAC Football



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## **Athletic Hall of Fame Nominations Being Accepted**

Nominations are currently being accepted for the 2019 induction class for the Glenville State College Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame. [Click here](#) to download the form and nominate those that you would like to see honored for their extraordinary athletic career at Glenville State College.



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