

GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE
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YOUR BIWEEKLY UPDATE ON GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE
A COMMUNICATION TO ALUMNI AND FRIENDS ABOUT EVENTS AND PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Alumni Spotlight

Kenneth Kuhl '82 has been honored by the GSC Alumni Association as the 2019 Alumnus of the Year. He is the Senior Vice President of Arena Programming at the American Airlines Center in Dallas, Texas and has been employed there since 2001. Before the opening of the American Airlines Center, Ken was the Director of Events and Booking for Reunion Arena in Dallas, Texas and spent six years at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans as the Senior Event Manager.

Kuhl has been instrumental in the management of many high profile events at the American Airlines Center



GSC to host Spring Jazz Concert

Students in the Glenville State College Department of Fine Arts will hold their Spring Jazz Band Concert on Tuesday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium.

“Our concert this semester will focus on our talented student soloists. The Jazz Combo will be featuring student arrangements of jazz classics and the big band will be performing a swing, rock, Latin, and funk repertoire designed to feature several of our incredibly talented upperclassmen,” said GSC Assistant Professor of Music and Jazz Band Director Dr. Jason Barr.

The concert is open to the public. Admission is by donation and all proceeds from the concert will support the jazz ensembles at GSC.

For more information, contact the Department of Fine Arts at (304) 462-6340.

including three Big 12 Basketball Championships, 2002, 2006, and 2018 NCAA Men's Basketball, 2017 NCAA Women's Final Four, 2007 NHL All-Star Game, 2003 USFSA National Figure Skating Championships, and the 2006 and 2011 NBA Finals, in addition to the 2011 NBA Championship Celebration and Parade. In his 30 plus years in Facility Management, Kuhl has been involved with such other large events such as the 1986 Superbowl, 1987 Men's Final Four, and the 1988 Republican National Convention.

In 2007, he developed and managed Big D NYE, a major New Years Eve celebration for the City of Dallas that drew more than 35,000 attendees and was watched by more than 250,000 households delivering a 9.1 Nielson rating. American Airlines Center was ranked the number four arena in the U.S. for tickets sold to major live entertainment events for 2017. Since the opening of the American Airlines Center in 2001, Ken has coordinated and booked over 3,500 events that have attracted over 25 million people.

Originally from Glenville, WV, Ken graduated from Glenville State in 1982 with a degree in physical education and safety. While at GSC, he was a member of the track and field team.



View Photos from Alumni Weekend 2019

On Saturday, April 27, Glenville State College's Alumni Association recognized several outstanding alumni at their annual Alumni Banquet. [Click here](#) to view the photo gallery on the [GSC Alumni & Friends Facebook Group](#).



Remembering Legendary Coach Bill Hanlin

Kuhl went on to receive his Master of Science degree from West Virginia University in 1983.

We are proud to have Ken as our 2019 Alumnus of the Year and proud to feature him in this week's Alumni Spotlight.

As many of you know, former coach Bill Hanlin '53 passed away on April 19. As we remember Coach Hanlin, we wanted to share this photo from Rod Smith '74 who was in attendance, along with several of Hanlin's other former players, at a Celebration of Life Service that was held on Saturday, April 27. The turnout was a true tribute to a great coach and a tremendous person.

The service was held at St. Marys High School in the new stadium that was named after Coach Hanlin.

Did You Know?

Glenville State College Professor of Psychology Dr. Fredrick Walborn sat down with Eric Douglas on *West Virginia Morning* last week to discuss how he turned his experiences working at an asylum into a novel.

[Click here](#) to listen to his sit-down on West Virginia Public Broadcasting.



Fitzwater Joins Community Trust Bank

Early this week, Jimmy Fitzwater '85 was named Vice President and Commercial Loan Officer of Community Trust Bank.



GSC Partners with Universiti Tun Hussein

Glenville State College has signed an agreement with Universiti Tun Hussein in Malaysia. Representatives were on campus last week to



GSC Students Present at WVIBMC

GSC students Evan Meral, Sabrina Gonzalez, Nicole Hall, and Bailey Hanson all recently attended the final round of the West Virginia

In this position, his duties will include, providing commercial leading options to new and existing client relationships by offering financial solutions to individuals and businesses in Huntington, West Virginia and adjacent counties in West Virginia and Kentucky.

Jimmy has over 35 years of business and commercial banking experience. He graduated from GSC in 1985 with a degree in business administration and then from the University of South Carolina Bankers School.

[Click here](#) to read the complete article in *The Daily Independent*.

officially sign the partnership agreement with GSC.

The partnership will allow student/teacher exchange programs, as well as research and teaching collaborations.

"International educational opportunities like these help students understand that the world is connected. There's these interconnected problems that we're going to solve which require global solutions," said Megan Gibbons, Associate Professor of Spanish and Director of International Programs.

[Click here](#) to view the video from WBOY.

Innovation and Business Model Competition.

The students represented two teams and both received \$500 to use in further development of their business models just for advancing to the final round. Additionally, Evan and Assistant Professor Tim Henline '09 were also invited by Intuit on an all-expenses paid trip to Silicon Valley May 12-15. Intuit is a sponsor of the event.

Although the teams from Glenville State did not win the final round of competition, they did get the opportunity to develop their business models, hone presentation skills, and network along the way.



**UPDATE YOUR
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INFORMATION**

Tuesday, May 7 7:00 PM [Jazz Band Concert](#)

Friday, May 10 9:00 AM [21st Annual Department of Land Resources Golf Tournament](#)

Friday, May 17 & Saturday, May 18 50 Year Graduate Celebration

Friday, May 17 8:00 AM [Whitey Adolfson Memorial Golf Tournament](#)

Saturday, May 18 10:00 AM [145th Commencement Ceremony](#)

Keep in touch with us so we can keep in touch with you!

Have you moved recently? Married? Gotten a new e-mail address? Received a promotion or taken on a new career path? Added a new bundle of joy to your family? Celebrated a milestone anniversary? Been honored with an award or accolade?

We want to know what is happening with our GSC alumni and their families.

[Click here](#) to submit your update.



THE GIVING CORNER

Click the gift icon to make a donation of your own and join the Giving Corner.

Warden and Joanne Rice – \$40,000 for the Rice Webster County Scholarship Fund

Robert “Bob” K. Gainer ’61 – \$20,000 for the Janet Hall Gainer Memorial Scholarship

Greg Smith ’76 – \$4,000 for the Department of Fine Arts

Robert “Bob” K. Gainer ’61 – \$1,000 for the Alumni House

Jerry & Jacqueline (Epling) ’72 Milliken – \$1,000 for Athletic Director’s Fund

Jack ’60 & Lois Deem – \$500 for the Annual Fund

Ronald ’60 & Janice (Woofter) ’61 Fling – \$500 for the Annual Fund

T. Rowe Price Program for Charitable Giving – \$500 for the Eula Bush Scholarship Fund

Victor C. Fitzsimmons ’74 – \$300 for Marching Band Uniforms

William “Bill” Casto ’67 – \$200 for the Coach Bill Hanlin Scholarship Fund

Larry D. Jones ’00 – \$200 for the Annual Fund

Dr. William “Bill” Webb ’73 – \$200 for the Annual Fund



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