

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

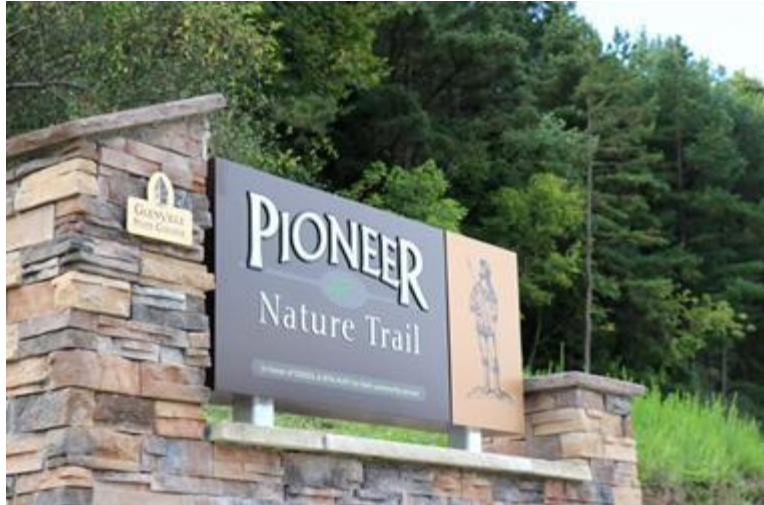


Alumni Spotlight

Dr. James "Jeep" Sabo '80 is currently teaching science and sports medicine for the Rowan-Salisbury School District in North Carolina where he has taught for the past 20 years.

Prior to his current profession, Dr. Sabo was the Director of Sports Medicine at Catawba College and the Head Athletic Trainer and Director of Sports Medicine at Salem-Teikyo University.

While a student at GSC, James served as a student athletic trainer for multiple sports and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in physical education, health, and safety. He went on to



Pioneer Nature Trail Now Open

Several months ago, the Gilmer County Farm Bureau received a \$10,000 grant to help establish a nature trail behind Morris Stadium at Glenville State College. Thanks to countless donors and volunteers, phase one of that trail project has now been completed.

The initial opening includes around 1,200 feet of walkable trail, a picnic table, several birdhouses donated by the Gilmer County Girl Scouts, an informational kiosk, and a sign marking the trailhead donated by Don and Glendora Hedley. The trail honors the community service of Rita (Frymier) '63 and the late Denzil Huff '57.

The trail will eventually connect to another existing trail with plans for it to be used not only for those seeking a scenic stroll or for wellness activities, but also for the cross country teams at Gilmer County High School and Glenville State. Future phases for the trail call for the addition of a small walking bridge, a rock water fountain, and a gazebo to enjoy the view at the trail terminus.

earn his Master's Degree in athletic training and exercise physiology and his Doctoral Degree in physical education, higher education, and facility design - both from West Virginia University.

James and his wife Rebecca "Becky" (Carr) Sabo '81 reside in Rockwell, North Carolina. In his spare time, he enjoys woodworking, blacksmithing, and is a member of the Knights of Columbus fraternal organization.

Throughout his career, James has had several of his articles on casting injuries and athletic training room design published. He has had the opportunity to speak at multiple district and national athletic training conferences, been a site visitor and reader for the Joint Review Committee for Athletic Training, and participated in a two-week tour of Japan with the Salem-Teikyo Men's Basketball Team.

We are proud to feature James in this week's alumni spotlight and proud to call him an alumnus of Glenville State College.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the Pioneer Nature Trail



(l-r) FirstEnergy Regional External Affairs Manager John Norman and Executive Director of the GSC Foundation David Hutchison

FirstEnergy Foundation Supports OSIX Program at GSC

The FirstEnergy Foundation recently presented a \$5,000 donation to the GSC Foundation in order to assist criminal justice and business majors who are interested in participating in the Open Source Information Exchange (OSIX) program at Glenville State College.

The OSIX program utilizes student analysts who review "open source" information online to assist law enforcement officials. The students are able to hone their cybercrime investigation skills through the program in GSC's specialized OSIX lab.

[Click here](#) to read more.

GSC to Hold Third Annual IOGA Classic

Recognizing our Great Pioneer Alumni

The Waco Center at Glenville State College will be the site of a boy's and girl's six-day high school basketball tournament this December. The WV Independent Oil & Gas Association (IOGA) Classic tournament is being hosted at GSC and will take place Monday, December 16 through Saturday, December 21.

Schools slated to participate include Gilmer County, Bridgeport, Clay County, Calhoun County, Nicholas County, Webster County, Roane County, Braxton County, and Meadow Bridge.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the IOGA Classic.

Do you know an outstanding Glenville State College alumnus who deserves to be recognized for their hard work and accomplishments? Let us know about them!

The Glenville State College Alumni Council is currently soliciting nominations for their 2020 alumni awards, which will be presented during the annual Alumni Banquet on Alumni Day this spring. Simply [click here](#) to see descriptions of the various award categories and learn how to make a nomination.

If you have any questions about the awards or the nomination process, contact GSC Alumni Director Conner Ferguson '17 by [clicking here](#) or calling (304) 462-6116.

A promotional poster for the Glenville State College Mid-Ohio Valley Christmas Dinner. The background is a solid blue color. At the top, the text "GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE" is written in a white, serif, all-caps font. Below it, "Mid-Ohio Valley Christmas Dinner" is written in a white, italicized, serif font. In the center, there is a festive holiday decoration featuring a large red bow with white stars, two golden bells, and green pine branches with silver ornaments. A horizontal red ribbon with white stars runs across the middle of the poster, behind the decoration. At the bottom, the text "Parkersburg Country Club in Vienna, WV on Tuesday, December 3 at 6:00 PM" is written in a white, serif font.

GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE
Mid-Ohio Valley Christmas Dinner

Parkersburg Country Club in Vienna, WV on Tuesday, December 3 at 6:00 PM

Annual Mid-Ohio Valley Christmas Dinner

Glennville State College Alumni and Friends in the Parkersburg, West Virginia area are invited to the Parkersburg Country Club on Tuesday, December 3 for the Annual Christmas Dinner.

There will be a cash bar meet/greet social time at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. Several representatives from GSC will be in attendance and look forward to visiting with you.

This is a wonderful opportunity to re-establish contact with GSC alumni and friends in the Parkersburg area and beyond that you haven't seen in a while. Help us spread the word – invite a friend and plan to join us at this special holiday event.

The cost of the evening with a dinner buffet of pre-sliced prime rib au jus, chicken cordon bleu, asparagus, garlic herb roasted red skin potatoes, tossed salad, Italian vegetable pasta salad, fresh fruit, assorted desserts, rolls/butter, coffee, and iced tea is \$25.00 per person.

For planning purposes, please RSVP by Friday, November 29 to Conner Ferguson '17, Director of Alumni Affairs, by [clicking here](#) or by calling (304) 462-6116.

Making a Lasting Impact - What's Your Legacy?



The Glennville State College Department of Land Resources has announced new scholarships honoring two professors who pioneered the forest technology and land surveying technology majors within the natural resource management program at GSC.

The first scholarship, named after Professor Emeritus Ed Grafton, will be available to students majoring in forest technology. The second honors

Professor Emeritus Rick Sypolt '75 and is available to students majoring in land surveying technology. The scholarships will be awarded to highly qualified students in both programs who demonstrate leadership and excellence as exemplified through academic achievement and commitment to community service.

“It is most humbling to have a scholarship honoring my years as an educator and Chair of the Department of Land Resources at Glennville State College,” said Grafton. “To the students that receive this scholarship: I trust you will be able to utilize the funds for the betterment of your education and wish you much success in your endeavors.”

“I am deeply honored that Glennville State College is offering a scholarship in my name,” said Sypolt. “I had the privilege of teaching the best students that any faculty member would ever

want. Hopefully this scholarship will encourage similar great students to attend GSC and have happy and productive careers.”

For more information about the GSC Foundation or to make a donation this scholarship, contact David Hutchison via [email](#) or by calling (304) 462-6381.



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INFORMATION**

Saturday, November 16 [Pioneer Football vs. Frostburg \(Senior Day\)](#)

Saturday, November 16 [Pioneer Volleyball vs. Wheeling University \(Senior Day\)](#)

Tuesday, December 3 Mid-Ohio Valley Christmas Dinner

Friday, December 6 Jazz Band Holiday Concert

Saturday, December 14 [December Commencement](#)

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.



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United Hospital Center, Inc. – \$5,000 for PAC Advertising

John D. Rohrbough '56 – \$2,000 for the Alvon and Phyllis Rohrbough Scholarship

United Bank – \$1,000 for the Department of Business

Former GSC President Dr. Peter and First Lady Betsy Barr – \$500 for Marching Band

Susan L. Brainard – \$500 for the Annual Fund

Francis “Frank” K. Bargeloh ’67 – \$300 for PAC Women’s Basketball

Michael McGarry – \$231 for PAC Women’s Golf

Elk Energy Services, LLC – \$200 for the Annual Fund

Philip and Donna (Mills) ’68 Scibilia – \$200 for the Annual Fund

Nikki L. Cale ’94 – \$100 for the Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame

Betty (Smith) Cutlip ’61 – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Karen E. Fike ’83 – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Paul ’55 and Patsy (Ashley) ’61 Given – \$100 for the Pioneer Athletic Club

Merrild ’75 and Elizabeth ’75 Hoover – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Jean (Loyd) Johnson ’57 – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Julia (Murin) Lee ’71 – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Keith G. Pritt ’58 – \$100 for the Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame

Nathan and Mary (Prather) ’76 Smith – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Buckhannon Toyota – \$100 for PAC Volleyball

Thomas N. Coates ’78 – \$50 for the Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame

Jack and Carolyn (Lightner) ’69 Chapman – \$50 for the Annual Fund

Mark C. McLaughlin ’80 – \$50 for the Annual Fund

Patricia (Royster) Richards ’97 – \$50 for the Annual Fund

Rodnal “Rod” ’63 and Joan (Davis) ’62 Skaggs – \$40 for the Annual Fund

Harold ’54 and Barbara (Shimer) ’54 Butcher – \$25 for the Annual Fund

Danny and Leslie (Rumbach) ’93 Sprouse – \$25 for the Annual Fund

Brandon C. Collins '15 – \$20.15 for the Annual Fund

Claude M. Williams '00 – \$15 for the Annual Fund



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