

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



Alumni Spotlight

Dr. Jack H. Albert Jr. '70 is the 16th president of St. John's Northwestern Military Academy in Delafield, Wisconsin. He has more than 30 years' experience leading secondary military schools and has been president of St. John's Northwestern since 2004.

Dr. Albert began his professional life as a public school teacher and discovered his vocation for military school education in 1983, when he began teaching Bible studies part-time at Randolph-Macon Academy in Front Royal, Virginia. During his military school career, Dr. Albert has served as Director of Guidance and Academic Dean at Randolph-Macon

Bond Refinance Creates Campus Efficiency

Although it was finalized with little fanfare, we wrapped up a \$39 million bond issuance this week that will help GSC manage expenses, cut costs, and create more opportunities to help students.



The College refinanced several bonds with variable interest rates into one with a lower rate of interest. That allows for financial savings that can be passed along to current students. The move is similar to refinancing a home mortgage, just on a larger scale.

Savings gained from the bond issuance will go to improve several academic, student life, and faculty and staff areas across campus including the campus fitness center, classroom technology, faculty and staff computers, campus and student housing, and various other safety and environmental systems.

Pictured above, President Pellett (left) and Board of Governors Chair Greg Smith '76 (right) display signed bonds with Vice President for Business and Finance John Beckvold.

Current Greeks Invite New Members, Greek Alumni Making Reunion Plans

Our campus Greek organizations wrapped up rush activities last week before issuing bids to their potential new

Academy, then Vice President and President of Massanutten Military Academy in Woodstock, Virginia. Immediately prior to his appointment at SJNMA, Dr. Albert led St. John's Military School in Salina, Kansas as President.

Dr. Albert, a United States Army veteran, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and social studies from Glenville State College and a Master of Education in counseling degree from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. He also holds a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies from Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia and a Doctorate of Ministry for Educational Leadership Programs at the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria. He has received many prestigious awards, is a published author, and serves on various boards including the Board of Directors of AMCSUS (The Association of Military Colleges and Schools of the United States), having served as that organization's president for two years.

For all of his outstanding contributions in his chosen career, Dr. Albert was back on campus in April of this year with his wife Betty to accept our 2017 Alumnus of the Year award at the Alumni Association's annual spring banquet. We are proud to have Dr. Albert as our 2017 Alumnus of Year and proud to

members. If thinking about Greek life makes you feel nostalgic, know that GSC fraternity brothers from [Theta Xi](#), [Tau Kappa Epsilon](#), and [Lambda Chi](#) and sisters from [Delta Zeta](#) and [Tri Sigma](#) will hold reunions during Homecoming. Click the links to visit the Facebook event pages and learn more. All of our former Greeks are invited to take part in the festivities.



Pioneer Pick-Me-Up Partnership

This morning, on National Coffee Day, campus coffee drinkers got a special treat as students, faculty, and staff came together to sample four unique blends of coffee that were specially crafted by Aroma of the Andes Specialty Coffee (located in Linn, WV). The company is operated by the Brown Family and one of the owners, Justin Brown '12, partnered with us to create a unique coffee blend to be the signature coffee of Glenville State College. Justin and his family own a coffee plantation in Columbia where the beans are harvested and later transported to their facility in Linn where the roasting and packaging occurs.

Look for the winning blend to be available for purchase on campus or online soon. Plans are also underway for a percentage of the proceeds from sales of the Pioneer Blend to fund an endowed scholarship for student travel and study abroad.

feature him in this week's Alumni Spotlight.



Annual Fund Update

Thanks to everyone who has pledged a donation to the Annual Fund so far. [Make your donation today.](#)



Upcoming Events

Click the links below to learn more.

Saturday, September 30 1:30 PM [Pioneer Football at WV](#)

[State](#)

Saturday, September 30 8:00 PM [GSC Bluegrass Band at the Wide Open Bluegrass Festival](#)

Tuesday, October 3 4:00 PM [Women's Soccer at Salem International](#)

Tuesday, October 3 7:00 PM [Women's Volleyball at WV Wesleyan](#)

Thursday, October 5 7:00 PM [Women's Volleyball vs Charleston](#)

Saturday, October 7 12:00 PM [Pioneer Football vs Concord \(Family Day\)](#)

Saturday, October 7 1:00 PM [Women's Volleyball at WV State](#)

Tuesday, October 10 3:00 PM [Women's Soccer at Lincoln Memorial](#)

Tuesday, October 10 7:00 PM [Women's Volleyball at West Liberty](#)



The Giving Corner

The following gifts were received during the week:

\$25,000 Ike Morris & Mike Ross for I-79 Barrel Classic

\$3,000 The Custard Stand for Athletic Sponsorship

\$1,000 Skip Hackworth '70 for Hidden Promise Scholarship Fund

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

Save the Date

Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Banquet

Friday, October 20

Homecoming Weekend

Friday, October 20 - Sunday, October 22

Fall Bluegrass Concert

Saturday, October 21

Inauguration Ceremony for President Pellett

Friday, November 10



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