

**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***

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## **Alumni Spotlight**

Carla (Overfield) Cosner '90 is currently serving as a Preschool Special Needs Teacher with Lewis County Schools.

In this role, she works with 3-5 year olds that have been diagnosed with developmental delays and autism to help transition them into PreK, Head Start, and the Kindergarten classrooms. She also provides guidance to parents and classroom teachers for meeting the students' needs.

Prior to joining the staff in Lewis County, Carla taught in Upshur and Randolph



*2021 GSC Staff Employee of the Year Award  
Recipient Stephany Harper '13*

## **Stephany Harper Named Staff Employee of the Year at GSC**

Stephany Harper '13, Financial Aid Director at Glenville State College, has been named the 2021 Staff Employee of the Year.

Nominations for the award noted that Harper, "always goes above and beyond what is asked of her" and said that she is always available to assist students in any way possible, day or night. Another nomination said that she, "dedicates all of her time and effort to her job performance and making sure our students are successful not only with their financial aid, but in their college careers as well."

"It was a huge surprise," Harper said of receiving the award. "I am so grateful and so proud to have earned this recognition. It means so much to me to know that not only my work, but the work of my staff, is seen and heard across campus."

Counties along with teaching in Maryland and Texas.

While a student at GSC, Carla was a member of the Delta Zeta Sorority and served as a student assistant in the Alumni Center. In December 1989, she earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education.

From 2006-2015, Carla published the award-winning *West Virginia Family Magazine*. WV Family was a bi-monthly publication providing families with articles on parenting, education, health, safety, and special features such as family calendar, kids' pages, summer camp guide, baby guide, back-to-school guide, and a holiday gift guide.

In 2011, she was the recipient of the GSC Alumni Association's Community Service Award for her service to the community by publishing *WV Family Magazine*, which was free to families, businesses, and organizations that served families. The printing and distribution of the magazine was paid for by sponsors and family-friendly advertisers.

Originally from Buckhannon, West Virginia, Carla currently resides in Glenville, West Virginia with her husband Chris who serves as an Associate Professor of Art at GSC. Together they have two daughters, Kristen

Harper, originally from Little Birch, West Virginia, came to GSC as a student in the fall of 2007 after graduating from Braxton County High School. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree in Accounting and Management from Glenville State in December 2012. After graduation, she took a Financial Aid Assistant position on campus. Harper became Financial Aid Director in December 2019.

She says that her favorite parts about working at Glenville State are the people she works with and being able to help students. "GSC is like family! Plus, anytime I'm able to assist students, make a difference, and watch them succeed is always satisfying and makes my hard work and dedication worth it."

In her free time, she enjoys getting outside, traveling, dancing, cooking, and spending time with her family.

Harper becomes the 32nd recipient of the staff recognition award that has been presented at GSC since 1986. Names of the honorees are displayed on a permanent plaque in the Heflin Administration Building.



## GSC Night at Power Park

Make plans to join your fellow Pioneers at Appalachian Power Park for an evening of baseball and fun. Thursday, July 29 at 7PM will be GSC Night at Power Park – wear your royal blue and cheer on the West Virginia Power while reconnecting with old friends!

General admission and Party Deck (which includes food and drinks) tickets for the game can be purchased at the West Virginia Power Box Office, [online](#), or by calling (304) 344-

'17, who works in GSC's Marketing and Public Relations office, and Kylie who is a student at GSC majoring in Art.

In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family and pets, reading, and various types of crafts such as making wreaths, making jewelry - especially using items from nature such as stones or shells, and sewing.

We are proud to feature Carla in this week's Alumni Spotlight and proud to call her an alumna of Glenville State College.

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[Click here](#) to stay up-to-date about all of GSC's Alumni and Friends events.



## Glenville State is Hiring

In the market for a new job? Glenville State College has a number of faculty and staff positions available for qualified applicants.

[Click here](#) to view the current available positions. For more information, contact the Human Resources Office by [clicking here](#) or calling (304) 462-4101.



*GSC Head Women's Basketball Coach Kim Stephens '11 is a 2021 Generation Next: 40 Under 40 honoree.*

## **Coach Stephens is Among Generation Next Honorees**

Glennville State College Head Women's Basketball Coach Kim Stephens '11 has been named to the 2021 class of Generation Next: 40 Under 40 honorees.

Stephens and the other honorees were recognized at a ceremony on June 17.

"Being named to the Generation Next top 40 under 40 is a big honor. There was a point during the ceremony where I looked around the room and wondered if I belonged – there were so many amazing people, doing so much for West Virginia being recognized, and to be in the same class as them was a privilege," Stephens said.

"We are extremely proud of Coach Kim, not only for being named to the Generation Next list, but for all of her accomplishments on and off the court here at Glennville State College. She is an inspiration to her players and truly defines what it means to be a Pioneer," said Glennville State College President, Dr. Mark A. Manchin.

In her interview with the Generation Next publication, Stephens talked about giving back.

"So many people have helped me and our program along the way. It is so important to give it back. To take the time to talk to elementary school students, to go visit them and invite them to games. It's important to have camps and clinics and have your players be positive examples for young people," she said.

Stephens says she also counts influential people, such as her father Scott, among her own role models.

"My dad, he was my inspiration to coach and to be a leader of young people. He did a great job by just setting an example of hard work and how to treat other people. He would always take time to talk to everyone in the gym, even opponents," she explained.

"We are very proud of Coach Stephens and the amazing career she has produced here," said Glennville State Athletic Director, Jesse Skiles '87. "Her success goes well beyond basketball; her teams are also strong academically. And that record... 123-20, it speaks volumes. It was an honor to see her receive this award alongside so many other talented young people in our state."

"The people in West Virginia and beyond are caring and thoughtful. Not many places in the country have people that say hello to one another when they walk past. The people in Glennville and West Virginia are downright special," Stephens added.

The 40 Under 40 recognition was created 16 years ago to celebrate the state's outstanding professionals who make a difference on the job and in their communities. The recognition is presented by *The State Journal*.

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# GSC Homecoming 2021

Saturday, October 23



*The late Mary J. Griffith*

## ***Making a Lasting Impact - Mary J. Griffith Scholarship Established***

In 2019, the late Mary J. Griffith '42 created a scholarship at Glenville State College. Recently, with an additional gift received from her estate, the fund has grown to nearly \$2 million.

The Mary J. Griffith Scholarship was established to aid young men and women in financing their college education. Griffith viewed this as a way of expressing her appreciation for the opportunities her time at Glenville State College gave her. She felt passionately about her philosophy, "An education is essential for success in life," and wanted to make getting an education more attainable for everyone.

Recipients of the Mary J. Griffith Scholarship will be selected by GSC's Scholarship Committee from a list of students who meet the standard academic requirements. The award can be renewed for four years so long as the student maintains a 3.0 GPA and is making continuous academic progress toward their degree.

Griffith grew up in Glenville, West Virginia, and was the second of five children. After she graduated from Glenville High School, she continued her education at Glenville State, graduating in 1942 with a degree in English and social studies. During her time at Glenville State, she worked as a reporter and advertising staffer for the campus newspaper and participated in theater. After graduation, she moved to Ohio and taught secondary school for a year before switching to other jobs in different states. Two of those jobs included working at the Social Security Office in Warren, Ohio and doing visual inspection for the U.S. Navy at Colson Corporation. She spent years working at the Social Security Administration Office in Baltimore, Maryland until she retired. Griffith was devoted to her siblings and the careers she chose to pursue. She spent her last years in Catonsville, Maryland where she read books, wrote stories, and attended classes at the Catonsville Senior Center. She enjoyed writing stories for the Grapevine, the newspaper publication at the Center.

"We are privileged to help honor Ms. Griffiths memory through this scholarship," said David Hutchison, Vice President of Advancement at GSC. "Mary's philosophy was 'an education is essential for success in life,' and through this fund, future Glenville State students will be able to pursue their education with a lighter financial burden."

To contribute to the Mary J. Griffith Scholarship or to learn about establishing a scholarship at Glenville State College, contact Hutchison by [clicking here](#) or call (304) 462-6381.



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

Have you moved recently? Married? Gotten a new email address? Received a promotion or taken 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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## THE GIVING CORNER

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

Warden and Jo Anne Rice - \$129,501.22 for the Warden and Joanne Rice Webster County High School Educational Scholarship/Loan Fund

John '76 and Susan Lilly - \$2,500 for PAC Men's Golf

David '71 and Linda Smith - \$1,500 for the Jean Adams-Smith Memorial Scholarship

Little Kanawha Chapter, WVSPS - \$1,000 for the Rick Sypolt Land Surveying Scholarship

Jesse F. Skiles '87 - \$352 for the Jesse Skiles Scholarship

Minigh Family Dentistry of Glenville - \$250 for the Pioneer Fund

The Estate of former President Dr. Harry '37 and First Lady Dora (Morgan) '34 & '53 Heflin - \$150 for the Harry B. and Dora Morgan Heflin Scholarship

John '63 and Margaret (Bragg) '62 Armentrout - \$100 for the Bluegrass Music Program

Janet Sprouse '67 - \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

John '86 and Tammi (Sumner) '86 Woodrum - \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Julia (Stalnaker) Bragg '52 - \$50 for the Pioneer Fund

Rebecca "Becky" (Manzo) Halstead '65 - \$50 for the Pioneer Fund

Brynda (Dunlap) Fleming '74 - \$25 for the Pioneer Fund

Donald '73 and Morna (Hilleary) '74 Greene - \$25 for the Pioneer Fund

John '76 and Carol (Reed) '78 Wolfe - \$25 for the Robert F. Kidd Library

Phillip and Karen (Fish) '71 Gibson - \$15 for the Pioneer Fund

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### OUR MISSION

*Glenville State College prepares and inspires students to be thoughtful, productive, engaged, and responsible citizens who contribute to the well-being of their community, state, nation, and world.*



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