



Alumni Spotlight

Lloyd Willis '87 was recently inducted into the Glenville State College Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame as a member of the Class of 2020. He serves as a National Sales Manager for WINC FM Radio where he has worked for the last 30 years.

While a student at GSC, he was a member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, theater program, the football team, cross country team, track and field team, the Wesley Foundation, and the intramural program. In 1987, Lloyd earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree. After his graduation from Glenville



GSC Homecoming 2021

Annual Homecoming festivities at Glenville State College are scheduled for the week of October 18. A number of events are planned for students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends as part of the celebration.

Coronation of the Homecoming royalty will be held on Monday, October 18 at noon in the amphitheater.

An outdoor performance featuring the Glenville State College Bluegrass Band will take place on Friday, October 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Square Park located in downtown Glenville. Admission is by donation.

The week culminates on Saturday, October 23 with the Homecoming Parade in downtown Glenville starting at 10:00 a.m. All GSC alumni and friends are then invited to enjoy tailgating in the Morris Stadium parking area beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Former members of the Pioneer Marching Band are again invited to participate in this year's Alumni Band. Returning members can register at the Fine Arts Center at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, will march through the parade playing the GSC fight song, will be special guests at the alumni tailgate

State, he earned his Dale Carnegie Leadership Certification, Certified Radio Sales Manager (CRSM) certification, and his USTFCCA Track and Field/Cross Country Coaching Certification.

Willis was a stand-out student athlete for the Pioneers, where he was a member of several championship cross country and track and field teams (1983, 1984, and 1986). Along with the championship teams, he won both the long and triple jump three times at the WVIAC Championships during his career. He also made multiple trips to Nationals, twice finishing in the top ten, and once, missing All-American status by just two inches.

An avid athlete, Lloyd still competes in jumping events and basketball, and he has won numerous national medals in his age group. He recently qualified for the May 2022 National Senior Games Association that will be held in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida in the long jump, triple jump, and basketball.

Outside of competing, he has served as a basketball and track and field coach for over two decades and is a board member of the Chain of Checks Foundation which has raised over \$1.5 million for local charities. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling, coaching,

at Morris Stadium, and will be recognized and play the GSC fight song during the homecoming pregame show. To sign up, contact [Jason Barr](#) or [Lloyd Bone](#).

Alumni members of returning Greek organizations Lambda Chi Alpha, Theta Xi, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Sigma Sigma, and Delta Zeta will be holding tailgate reunions before the game. The groups will have special sections under the tailgate tent in close proximity to the larger alumni tent in which to visit and reminisce on Saturday.

Kickoff between the Glenville State Pioneers and the Notre Dame College Falcons happens at 1:30 p.m.

For more information about GSC's Homecoming Celebration contact GSC's Alumni Office by [clicking here](#) or by calling (304) 462-6116.



Welcome Back Pioneer Cheerleaders

All former GSC Cheerleaders are invited back to campus as this year's special homecoming honor group. The history of cheerleading at GSC dates back to the 1930s when the College's first cheerleader was elected to the Student Government by the student body. Since that time, our Pioneer Cheerleaders have evolved into a large and diverse group of students who are committed to showing their Pioneer Spirit. After a brief hiatus, cheerleading has returned to Glenville State, and we hope that you can join us in celebrating this occasion.

As a thank you for all of the school spirit that our cheerleaders have provided to Glenville State over the years, all former Pioneer Cheerleaders are invited back to

mentoring, photography, landscaping, comic books, movies, and spending time with his family. A native of Strasburg, Virginia, he and his wife still reside there with their family.

We are proud to have Lloyd as one of our 2020 Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame inductees, and proud to feature him in this week's Alumni Spotlight.

campus to be recognized in the Homecoming Parade, at a special pregame tailgate, and during the football game.

For planning purposes, returning cheerleaders are asked to please [click here](#) to let us know that they'll be attending. For any questions, please contact the GSC Alumni Office by [clicking here](#) or by calling (304) 462-6116.

Pioneer Athletics

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Mack Samples Speaks to Appalachian Studies Class

Mack Samples '64 visited Glenville State on Thursday, September 23. He was the guest speaker in the Appalachian Music Traditions course, which is part of GSC's new Appalachian Studies program.

Mack spoke about many topics with those in attendance, including his time at GSC, rural Appalachian culture, square dancing, and more. He and his wife Thelma (Wilson) '64 still visit Glenville often, especially during the West Virginia State Folk Festival each year in June.



GSC Class of 2020 Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees (l-r) Mark Reger '74, Lloyd Willis '87, Monique Johnson '90, and Andy Jarrell '89. Not pictured: Larry Gandee '62 and Jim Carter '74

Six Inducted to GSC Athletic Hall of Fame

On Saturday, September 25 following months of delay due to COVID-19, the six members of the 2020 Glenville State College Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame class were officially inducted.

The inductees – who included Larry Gandee '62, Jim Carter '75, Mark Reger '74, Lloyd Willis '87, Andy Jarrell '89, and Monique Johnson '90 – were originally announced last year.

The banquet and induction ceremony took place in the Mollohan Campus Community Center Ballroom and the group was also recognized during the Pioneer Football game earlier that day.

Larry Gandee and Jim Carter were unable to attend the induction ceremony, but had others share remarks on their behalf.

Glenville State College's Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 2001 through the generosity of the late Curtis Elam '49.



Sisters Reunite

Recently, several alumni from the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority reunited at Stonewall Resort in Lewis County, West Virginia to reconnect and reminisce about their times at Glenville State College.

Those in attendance were (l-r) Debra (Legg) Law '76, Deborah (Davis) Frederick '74, Susie (Cottrill) Landsettle '75, Pam (Sumpter) Cain '74, Kathie (Fox) Tharp '74, Robin (White) Chaney '74, Phoebe (Sunderland) Truex '75, and Becky (Von Buseck) Veith '74

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"I chose Glenville State College because it was a small, four-year college that gave me the opportunity to play soccer without being overwhelmed with the difficulties of an international student in a new place."
-Oluwatobi "Tobi" Oladapo, Chemistry



"I chose Glenville State College because of the strong reputation in the business field and also getting to pursue my athletic career. The staff, professors, team, and coaches were all very invested in helping me grow as a person and a player, both mentally and physically."
-Abigail McDermott, Sport Management



"Attending Glenville State College, with the benefit of scholarships, has taught me core values such as teamwork, commitment, and persistence."
-Marcus Kelley, Behavioral Science



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GSC to host War in the Waco VI

After a one-year absence due to COVID-19, Head Boxing Coach Duane Chapman '93 and his Glenville State Boxing program are set to host a thrilling evening of fights on Saturday, October 2 in the College's Waco Center. Coach Chapman and his student athletes will be center stage for the event, as they are expecting 15 total bouts for the evening, some of which will be for title belts.

The doors will open at 5:30 PM with first fight of the evening set for 6:30 PM where general admission tickets can be purchased for \$10. Admission for Glenville State College students, faculty, and staff will be free with a valid ID.

For more information, contact Coach Chapman by [clicking here](#).



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