

GLENVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

Pioneer Update

The monthly newsletter for alumni and friends of Glenville State University.

Alumni SPOTLIGHT



Tommy Mutter '11 currently owns and operates two successful wine and spirit stores in his hometown of Lewisburg, West Virginia. The Loft Liquor and Lewisburg Spirits & Wine have been under his ownership since July 2020.

During his time at Glenville, Tommy was a four-year letter winner on the Pioneer Football Team and was a member of



Buddy Griffin Inducted into WV Music Hall of Fame

Buddy Griffin '71 was recently inducted into the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame as a member of the 2023 induction class. A renowned musician, Buddy is an accomplished player of the banjo, fiddle, guitar, mandolin, and several other instruments. He is a talented teacher of his craft and has appeared on the Grand Ole Opry over 200 times. Read more about his life and accomplishments in this [article](#) by *Bluegrass Today's* Richard Thompson.

The induction ceremony took place at the West Virginia State Culture Center Theater in Charleston, West Virginia. Buddy was introduced by longtime friend and fellow musician, Mack Samples

the 2008 conference championship team and a 2010 Team Captain. He received the prestigious Frank Montrose Award in 2011 and was the 2011 WVIAC College Foundation of WV Senior Scholar Athlete Award recipient.

After graduating from Glenville State, Tommy also graduated from the West Virginia School of Banking in Charleston, West Virginia (2014) and he worked as a banker in the finance industry. He spent five years with City National Bank of West Virginia in Lewisburg and then later in Winchester, Virginia. He also spent five years with United Bank in Winchester. Tommy says that his time with those two companies has been instrumental in his success as a business owner.

He and his wife Elizabeth, who just celebrated their ninth wedding anniversary together, have a son named Patrick and a golden retriever named June. Tommy shares that Elizabeth holds a master's degree in Speech Language Pathology from the University of Tennessee and that she is currently practicing in the private schools of Greenbrier County.

Throughout his career, Tommy has worked with various non-profit organizations such as United Way, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Habitat for Humanity, local school programs, and fraternal police and first responder organizations. In his spare time, he enjoys golfing, hiking, fly fishing, and baseball (particularly, the Baltimore Orioles).

When asked what Glenville State means to him, Tommy said, "Glenville provided me with a solid foundation to be successful in life. Attending a small school afforded me the best opportunity to learn and take advantage of my professors and their respective areas of expertise. I formed

'64. Several friends and family members were on hand at the induction to show their support and share congratulations.



You can watch the Hall of Fame induction ceremony in its entirety [here](#) (or advance to 1:46 for Buddy's introduction, induction, and performances).



MBA Program Now Accepting Students

Following recent approvals from the Higher Learning Commission and the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, Glenville State University is now able to offer a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree.

Glenville State University's MBA program is designed to provide an educational opportunity focused on the practical application of a theoretical approach to business in accordance with Glenville State's mission. The program consists of 36 credit hours – 21 credit hours in the MBA core and 15 elective hours – using an accelerated eight-week format.

Learn more about the MBA [here](#) or visit the [GSU graduate admissions](#) page to enroll today. Fall semester classes begin Monday, August 14.

Evans Named Health Sciences Dean

lifelong relationships during my time in Glenville that have aided me throughout my life and career. Some of the best times of my young adult life were had at Glenville - Go Pioneers!"

We are pleased to feature Tommy in this month's Alumni Spotlight and are proud to call him an alumnus.



Dr. Kevin L. Evans '87 has been selected as the inaugural Dean for Glenville State University's new College of Health Sciences.

A faculty member at Glenville State since 2001, Evans has served as Chair of the Department of Science and Mathematics, has been the Faculty Representative on GSU's

Board of Governors, and has been a member of Faculty Senate and the Curriculum Committee.

He also recently received the prestigious Faculty Award of Excellence.



GSU Financial Aid Employees Earn Special Certifications

Two Glenville State University Financial Aid employees have earned the FAAC® designation from the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators' (NASFAA)

accredited Certified Financial Aid Administrator® Program.

Financial Aid Director Stephany (Harper) Amos '13 and Financial Aid Counselor Sheri (Connell) Goff '04 both completed the process. There are only around 340 individuals throughout the United States who hold the financial aid administrator certification (FAAC®) and Amos and Goff are only the third and fourth to be certified in West Virginia.

The program certifies individuals with proficiency in the body of knowledge pertaining to administering federal Title IV financial aid and its interaction with state and private financial aid. The designation also recognizes the integral role financial aid administrators play in an educational institution's overall success and provides an added layer of credibility.

To earn the FAAC® designation, individuals must demonstrate sufficient industry-related experience, successfully pass a comprehensive knowledge exam, and affirm commitment to the standards for ethical behavior that are a hallmark of the financial aid profession. There is also a process to maintain their designation that ensures employees stay updated on issues affecting the financial aid community.

Well done, Stephany and Sheri!



WLC Paint Night Draws Many Attendees

The Glenville State's Women's Leadership Circle held a Paint and Sip on June 23 at the Waco Center. Attendees enjoyed an evening of fun and creativity.

The 26 individuals who gathered at the event were able to craft their own firefly and night sky themed painting. Blair Fisher '04 was on hand to help guide the artists.

Click [here](#) to become a member or learn more about the Women's Leadership Circle.



GSU Night at GoMart Park Held

Thanks to everyone who attended Glenville State University Night at GoMart Park. We had a wonderful time visiting with friends, enjoying the weather, cheering on the Charleston Dirty Birds, and watching the fireworks after the game.

In case you missed it, you can see photos from GSU Night [here](#).



Glenville State University Student Government Association members (l-r) Dylan Day, Marcell Guy, Samantha Tanner, Jahzeiah Wade, and Michael Miller.

Student Government Association Members Attend Leadership Conference

Several Glenville State University Student Government Association members recently joined their peers from 12 other two- and four-year colleges and universities from around West Virginia at the 18th annual West Virginia Student Leadership Conference (WVSLC). The WVSLC serves as a training event for student government representatives, many of whom are newly elected to their roles. During the conference, students learned leadership skills, networked with other student body leaders, and shared ideas for engaging their campus communities.

The event provided workshops on a variety of leadership topics and an opportunity for student leaders to exchange ideas and work together to find solutions to issues that are important to them and the students on their campuses. Much of this year's discussions focused on effective communication skills and community and stakeholder engagement.

During the conference, sessions were led by college faculty members, advisors, and students. Sessions gave participants the chance to interact one-on-one with other student government leaders and share ideas that they can bring back to their respective campus communities to utilize.

The WVSLC is co-sponsored by the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission and the West Virginia Community and Technical College System. This year's conference was held at Canaan Valley Resort and Conference Center in Davis, West Virginia.



Next Pioneer Progress in the Works

Our editorial team is hard at work on the next issue of the Pioneer Progress magazine for Glenville State alumni and friends and this year's issue will feature an exciting new opportunity - sponsorships and advertising.

Interested in supporting the Pioneer Progress with a monetary donation or advertising in the next issue? Contact Vada.Woodford@glenville.edu for more information.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, August 9 - GSU Alumni & Friends Gathering
5:00-9:00 PM - Lambert's Winery (Weston, WV)

Saturday, October 14 - Homecoming
10:00 AM - Parade in Downtown Glenville
11:00 AM - Tailgating
1:30 PM - Kickoff vs Wheeling University

Renew your 2023-2024
Women's Leadership Circle
membership now!

Not a member? Join today and
recieve special invitations and
pricing for WLC-sponsored events.



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Scholarship Corner

A monthly spotlight on one of the scholarship funds managed by the GSU Foundation



VFW Post 5469 & American Legion Post 42 Scholarship

As we celebrate our independence this month, we would like to spotlight the men and women who help secure our freedom - our Veterans. This month's featured scholarship is the VFW Post 5469/American Legion Post 42 Scholarship.

The VFW Post 5469 and American Legion Post 42 Scholarship was established to support scholarships for a son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, or other descendant of a veteran honorably discharged from the armed services of the United States. This is a renewable scholarship that the student will continue to receive annually until their graduation, grades permitting.

Donate to this fund by using the button below.

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HOMECOMING 2023

Saturday, October 14



Nominate a Glenville State Grad for One of Our Alumni Awards

Alumni Council is accepting nominations for alumni awards to be presented in April 2024. Nominations received by December 31, 2023 will be considered for the upcoming year's awards. Those received after that date will be saved for the following year's consideration.

Award categories include Alumnus/Alumna of the Year Award, Alumnus/Alumna Achievement Award, Community Achievement Award, Outstanding Teacher Award (Public Schools), Alumni Chapter Award, Posthumous Award, and Outstanding Young Alumnus/Alumna Award.

Read more about the award categories, consideration criteria for each, and download a nomination form by clicking [here](#).

The Alumni Council will review all nominees and decide, by majority vote, who the award recipients will be. Awardees will be announced next spring.



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