

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

Andrew "Andy" Bell '87 recently retired after teaching 32 years in public education.

Bell continues to serve as an Adjunct Professor for Percussion Studies at Georgia Southwestern University and Abraham Baldwin College. He also is an Educational Representative for Portman's Music.

Andy graduated from Glenville State in 1987 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music Education (PreK-12) and then went on to earn a Master's Degree in Music Education from VanderCook



GSC Celebrates Winter Homecoming

On Saturday, February 1, students, alumni, and fans gathered at GSC's Waco Center to celebrate the Hawaiian Luau themed Winter Homecoming and Open House. [Click here](#) to view photos from the day.

As part of the Open House, the Office of Admissions hosted around 300 guests that included prospective students and their families. Additionally, the Lady Pioneers claimed victory over the Notre Dame College Falcons 95-72 to earn the top seed in the Mountain East Conference. The Pioneers also prevailed against Notre Dame, 83-75.

College of Music in Chicago, Illinois.

In 2016, he was awarded the prestigious Georgia Music Educator of the Year Award. Andy has also been named Teacher of the Year numerous times, has received 19 Golden Apple Awards, and the Star Teacher Award eight times. He also served as the chairperson for the research and advocacy presented compilation in 1995 for the State of Georgia.

Andy states that his career highlight was being a member of the first class of Certified Adjudicator's for the State of Georgia.

Andy and his wife Angie have three children Andee, Alayna, and Danyal and currently reside in Cordele, Georgia. In his spare time, he enjoys reading science fiction military books, watching movies, is a member of the Reading Service of Cordele, Georgia, and Chairman of the Poets Society of Macon, Georgia.

We are proud to feature Andrew in this week's Alumni Spotlight and proud to call him an alumnus of Glenville State College.

Morris Named Provost at GSC

Dr. Gary Morris has been named Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Glenville State College.



As Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Morris will serve as the Chief Academic Officer at GSC and will provide leadership to all academic areas in order for them to reflect the mission of the institution. The Provost is an advocate for all curricular and co-curricular programs, providing leadership and support to faculty and academic staff to ensure consistent quality standards in curriculum and programs that meet the needs of students.

[Click here](#) to read the complete article.

Maier Foundation Establishes Scholarship Fund at GSC

The Board of Directors of the Maier Foundation, Inc. has unanimously approved a total grant of \$100,000 for scholarships at Glenville State College. The funds will provide direct scholarship support for West Virginia students who demonstrate financial need.

“The Maier Foundation’s primary mission is to support higher education for West Virginia students. Our board was excited to fund need-based scholarships to support talented students at Glenville State. In a time of increasing college costs, private scholarship support is critical to increasing college access,” said Brad Rowe, Maier Foundation President.

“We are very grateful to the Maier Foundation for this incredible investment in both Glenville State College and our students,” said David Hutchison, Vice President of Advancement at Glenville State College. “Their commitment to higher education in West Virginia is well documented and greatly appreciated. We are very happy they have chosen Glenville State College for this scholarship program.”

GSC THEATRE PRESENTS



Valentine's Day Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre

What if your wedding was not the day of your dreams, but of your nightmares? What if you leave the ceremony expecting a glorious reception, only to find out it's at a dive bar and has been arranged by your tasteless aunt? What if your mother has gotten cheap with the greatest day of your life? What if your ex and your new husband's ex got engaged at your reception? What if your Man of Honor was more popular than you are? And that's all before the bodies start piling up.

Glennville State College will host "Till Death Do Us Part," an interactive murder mystery dinner theatre performance event, on Friday, February 14 in the Mollohan Campus Community Center Ballroom.

A social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m., which includes beverages and appetizers, followed by the show and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Join Detective Hutch in solving the dastardly deed and try to guess the real murderer from a group of amusing and unpleasant characters.

Attendees are encouraged to dress as if they were attending a wedding. A prize will be awarded for the best couple dance.

Tickets are \$30 for one, \$55 for couples, and \$200 for a reserved table, which seats seven. You may purchase tickets by [clicking here](#) or calling (304) 462-6380.



DON'T MAKE A GIFT: Don't make a gift to Glenville State College! (you probably never thought you'd hear that, did you...?). At least, don't do so over the next several days. If you just wait until February 19, your gift can have even more of a collective impact than usual! Here's how:

- The Founders Day of Giving will start at 7:30 a.m. EST on Wednesday, Feb. 19 (Our College's Founders Day) and end at 11:59 p.m. EST on Wednesday, Feb. 19.
- Over the course of that day, gifts of any size will be tracked and celebrated, and all will benefit each and every student's experience.
- Together, we can achieve 200 online gifts and \$102,020.
- In addition, we'll have a lift-a-thon competition between all GSC Athletic Teams.
- A leaderboard will list projects that have the most participation during the Day of Giving.
- Keep an eye on your email and social media for additional details, as well as the [Challenge website](#).
- Help us reach our goals as a Day of Giving Ambassador or by SHARING the Day of Giving posts on your social media by using our [ambassador toolkit](#). You can send an email to your fellow alumni, too! We've created an email template to make it easy for you! Be sure to follow our new [Twitter Account](#).
- Bottom line? Working together, we have the opportunity to make a significant difference for the College and our students by meeting the #GSCGIVEDAY2020 Challenge!

* Checks sent in designated for Day of Giving will be counted toward the Feb. 19 total.



Wednesday, February 12 [Little Kanawha Reading Series](#)



UPDATE YOUR
CONTACT
INFORMATION

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

Friday, February 14 [Murder Mystery Dinner Theater](#)

Wednesday, February 19 [Founders Day of Giving](#)

Wednesday, March 4 - Sunday, March 8 MEC Basketball Tournament

Wednesday, April 1 - Friday, April 3
Percussion Ensemble

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.



THE GIVING CORNER

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

Michael '73 and Nancy (Lemon) Rust – \$20,000 for the President's Circle, Michael T. Rust Business Scholarship, and PAC Women's Basketball

David Crow '66 – \$1,000 for the Department of Business

Wallace "Jack" Hardman – \$1,000 for the Annual Fund

James "Jim" Hamrick '58 – \$800 for PAC Baseball, Men's Golf, Men's and Women's Track, and Softball

Glenville Auto – \$500 for the Annual Fund

Dan McGarry – \$420 for Gift-in-kind for Women's Golf

Bonel (Poling) Zakarian '55 – \$250 for the Pioneer Athletic Club

Betty (Smith) Cutlip '61 – \$200 for the Annual Fund

Keith Pritt '58 – \$200 for PAC Men's and Women's Track

Lorene (Lewis) Wolfe '53 – \$200 for the Annual Fund

James Bailey '86 – \$150 for PAC Men's and Women's Track

Dr. Gary and Athena '17 Morris – \$150 for Faculty Row

Dennis Cunningham '69 – \$100 for PAC Women's Basketball

Dr. Arthur "Art" and Elizabeth "Betty" DeMatteo – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Denver Drake '76 – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Dr. Donal Hardin – \$100 for Faculty Row

Steve and Debra Mohwish – \$100 for PAC Women's Basketball

Linda (Wiggins) Ross '68 – \$50 for the Annual Fund

Larry '69 and Debbie West – \$50 for the Annual Fund

Goldie (Bragg) Mullens '82 – \$19.82 for the Annual Fund

The Estate of Isadore Nachman – \$19.50 for the Isadore and Nataleah S. Nachman Scholarship

Rev. Phillip and Karen (Fish) Gibson '71 – \$15 for the Annual Fund



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