

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

Timothy "Tim" Cunningham '76 has spent his entire career teaching and coaching students in Logan County, West Virginia.

Throughout his teaching career at Logan High School, Cunningham served as the Faculty Senate President for ten years. He also was the head girl's basketball coach for Logan High School for twenty-seven years, the head boys and girl's track and field coach, and the head volleyball coach. Along with his other positions, Tim was the assistant boy's basketball and football coach at local middle schools.

Cunningham graduated from Glenville State with a Bachelor of Arts degree in



GSC Presents Honorary Degrees to Bluegrass Pioneers

On Friday, February 1 at a ceremony held at the Ford Theater inside the [Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum](#) in Nashville, Tennessee, Glenville State College presented six bluegrass legends with an Honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts. Those awarded include: Mac Wiseman, Bobby and Sonny Osborne, Buddy Griffin, Jesse McReynolds, and Jim McReynolds, who was recognized posthumously.

"The first generation of bluegrass masters have left such a legacy for us to study, and I'm grateful that our students still have the opportunity to meet and learn from this amazing group of musicians," said GSC Assistant Professor of Music and Bluegrass Music Program Director Dr. Megan Darby.

[Click here](#) to read the complete article by John Lawless in *Bluegrass Today* and [here](#) to watch the ceremony.

From The President *Dr. Tracy L. Pellett, President*

education in 1976 and then received his master's degree from Marshall University. While at GSC, Tim was a member of the men's basketball team, the marching band, Louis Bennett Hall student governing board, and Blacks United Together.

Outside of his career, Tim ran a non-profit basketball camp for children in Logan County at no cost for over twelve years. He is also a member of the West Virginia Education Association (WVEA) and is a deacon at Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

Tim resides in Logan, West Virginia with his wife Sandra, has three daughters, and is a proud grandfather.

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



Did You Know?

GSC graduate Amy (Post) Perkins '05 competed on Wheel of Fortune earlier this



Greetings Pioneers,

This week I am pleased to share some exciting news with you. As many of you know, over the past few weeks we have been discussing our new "Home Grown" initiative that addresses teacher shortages in West Virginia, particularly in the areas of special education, math, and science. Through coordinated college and public school partnerships, GSC plans to increase the number of teacher candidates through joint teacher candidate identification, scholarship support for attendance, and practical experiences and mentoring during teacher preparation and into the start of full-time teaching.

On Thursday, superintendents from Gilmer, Braxton, Calhoun, Doddridge, Fayette, Kanawha, Lewis, Nicholas, Pleasants, Roane, Webster, Wirt, Wood, and Upshur counties gathered at the West Virginia State Capitol to sign a Memorandum of Understanding for this partnership. After the signing ceremony, GSC and the superintendents in attendance were recognized in both the West Virginia House of Delegates (above) and the State Senate for this innovative partnership.

The Home Grown initiative is vital to the Glenville State College Teacher Education Program, our local county school systems, and all of West Virginia. We are requesting your assistance in contacting your local legislators to encourage them to fund this initiative and support GSC as we take the lead in helping to fix this teacher shortage.

Please feel free to use the following [letter](#) as a beginning template in either calling, emailing, or writing to your

year? Congratulations on this accomplishment Amy!

representatives. You can find the contact information for your specific representatives [here](#).

All my best,

Tracy



Valentine's Day Dinner Theater

Are you an amateur sleuth with an appetite for mystery? Then you won't want to miss our upcoming murder mystery event on Friday, February 15 in the Mollohan Campus Community Center Ballroom. A social hour with beverages and appetizers begins at 6:00 p.m. The show will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. Dinner is included as part of the show.

Participants are encouraged to dress to match the theme: Valentine's Day in the 1920's.

Prizes will be awarded for best costume, best couple's costume, attendee who traveled the farthest, first person to register, and "Chief Detective" (the person who solves the murder first).

Tickets are \$30 for one, \$60 for couples, and \$200 for a reserved table which seats seven. Purchase tickets by calling (304) 462-6380.



Save the Date February 16 – GSC Black Alumni History Celebration. Join us for a reception, photo exhibit, and other activities at the Waco Center as the Pioneers take on Urbana University beginning at 1:00PM.

Participate in Our Day of Giving Photo Challenge

As a part of our Day of Giving, we invite you to participate in a week-long photo challenge.

[Click here](#) to find out more about each daily challenge and play along by tagging us in your photos on your favorite social media site using #IAMGSC

Monday, Feb. 11 - Pioneer Pals
Tuesday, Feb. 12 - Pioneer Pride
Wednesday, Feb. 13 - Prepared Pioneers
Thursday, Feb. 14 - GSC Crushes
Friday, Feb. 15 - Philanthropic Pioneers

ONE DAY. ONE PIONEER NATION. OUTSTANDING IMPACT. #GIVETOGSC



2nd Annual
FOUNDERS DAY OF GIVING
Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Join the Pioneer Nation as we raise over \$85,000 for areas of need on campus.

Thank you for...
Empowering Pioneers!

The banner features a blue background with white text and faint images of a clock tower and the year 1872.

[Click here](#) for more information about the Founders Day of Giving or to donate now [click here](#).



Samples Presents in Lecture Series

Mack Samples '64 recently kicked-off the first of four lectures by Vandalia Award winners in the 2019 Blennerhassett Museum



Spring 2019 Milestone Ceremony

On Tuesday, February 5, a group of Glenville State College students received their Career Readiness



Annual GSC Alumni Basketball Game

Glenville State College's Winter Homecoming will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at the Waco Center. The day will begin with the annual GSC Alumni

Winter Lecture Series in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Mack is the 2003 recipient of the Vandalia Award, and program organizer Scott Cain says that, "the individuals who receive this award embody the spirit of our state's folk heritage and are recognized for their lifetime contributions to West Virginia and its traditional culture."

During his presentation, Samples spoke to an over capacity crowd about the differences between traditional and western square dancing and a fiddle and violin.

Samples served as the longtime registrar at GSC.

Certificates and Associate Degrees.

The Career Readiness program signifies that students are in good academic standing and have completed at least thirty credit hours including college level English and mathematics courses. The Milestone initiative recognizes students who reach the significant two-year Associate Degree milestone while encouraging them to complete their baccalaureate degrees.

Glenville State implemented this program in the fall of 2017, and you can [click here](#) to view photos from the ceremony.

Basketball Game which will tip-off at 10:00 a.m. All former Pioneer and Lady Pioneer basketball players, former coaches, and their fans are invited to return to campus for this event and then to spend the day with us. Check-in for the alumni game will begin at 9:00 a.m. with warm-ups for the game being at 9:30 a.m.

For planning purposes, returning players are encouraged to [click here](#) or call GSC's Alumni Office at (304) 462-6116 to RSVP. If you don't decide to participate until the last minute, come anyway!



UPCOMING EVENTS



THE GIVING CORNER

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

Friday, February 15 6:00 PM [Valentine's Day 1920's Murder Mystery Dinner Theater](#)

Saturday, February 16 1:00 PM GSC Black Alumni History Celebration

Tuesday, February 19 8:00 AM [GSC Founders Day of Giving](#)

Saturday, March 2 10:00 AM [Alumni Basketball Game & Winter Homecoming](#)

Thursday, April 4 & Friday, April 5 GSC Percussion Ensemble Concerts

Allegheny Surveys Inc. – \$2,000 for the Samuel Elliot Robinson Scholarship Fund

The Estate of Dr. Mable Nichols '41 – \$1,200 for the Student Hardship Fund Sponsored by the Alumni Association

J. L. Smith Construction – \$280 for PAC Softball

Dr. Donal A. Hardin – \$243 for PAC Boxing

Thank you to those who traveled to Nashville, Tennessee to participate in the Bluegrass Honorary Doctorate Ceremony.

Saturday, April 27 Alumni Day

Friday, May 17 & Saturday, May 18 50 Year
Graduate Celebration



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