

**GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE**  
*Pioneer Update*  
**YOUR WEEKLY UPDATE ON GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE**  
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## **Alumni Spotlight**

John Matthew Lamb '05, a native of neighboring Lewis County, was recognized on Saturday, April 28 with the Alumni Association's Outstanding Young Alumnus award at the Alumni Banquet. This award was in recognition of the early and remarkable success that he has had in his career and the recognition this has brought to his alma mater.

Matt, who obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resource Management with a concentration in Environmental Technology from GSC, joined Dominion Energy in 2006 as a field worker in Leesburg, Virginia and continued his education by completing a Master of Science degree from the University of Maryland University College.

Upon graduating with honors in 2015, Lamb continued to grow his career in Pennsylvania pipeline operations with



*GSC's Class of 2018 move the tassels on their mortarboards from right to left, in the tradition that signifies completion of their degree*

## **Glenville State College Celebrates 144th Commencement Ceremony**

Glenville State College's 144th Commencement Ceremony took place on Saturday, May 5 in the College's Waco Center.

The Glenville State College Class of 2018 includes graduates who completed requirements for an Associate or Bachelor's Degree in a variety of academic areas including Business, Criminal Justice, Teacher Education, and Natural Resource Management among others. The GSC Class of 2018 is made up of approximately 100 students who hail from throughout West Virginia and ten other states including

Dominion Energy holding several management roles.

Today, Matt continues his career with Dominion Energy Transmission and holds the position of Director of Eastern Operations where he oversees the operations and maintenance of Dominion's pipeline assets from central Pennsylvania to North Carolina.

Matt was accompanied to the banquet by his wife Denise and his parents John and Anna Lamb. He and his wife reside in Leesburg, Virginia and are the proud parents of two daughters, Brooklyn and Ashlyn.

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



California, Delaware, Florida, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, and Virginia.

Nine members of the GSC Class of 1968 returned to campus and were honored as fifty year graduates. The returning alumni had an opportunity to reconnect with former classmates, tour campus, and enjoy a reception and dinner in their honor on Friday. They were also acknowledged as a group during the ceremony on Saturday.

Glenville State College President Dr. Tracy L. Pellett delivered remarks to those assembled for the ceremony.



"You've added value to your name, you've earned capital beyond any dollar and cents amount," Pellett said, addressing the graduates. "This capital is a testament to your persistence, your will to overcome obstacles, and

persevere despite challenges that at times probably seemed overwhelming. After this ceremony you'll be entitled to display your success after your signature followed by a suffix; either A.S., B.S., or B.A. That suffix appends stature to your name; it is a clear sign to those around you that you have accomplished a challenging task overtime, you have a focused outlook, and that you can be a critical, collaborative, analytical, and deliberative thinker," he added.

Pellett also noted a theme of change throughout his address, advising the graduates to embrace, accept, and enact change despite how difficult it may be sometimes. "Remember that change begins with you. It is important that we love deeper, forgive more and gossip less, pay attention to those around us, call our friends, make time for those we care about, exercise more, and stop using the excuse that we're too busy and will do it later," he added.

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## **GSC Employees Recognized for Service**

Several employees were recognized at the College's Faculty and Staff Appreciation Awards Luncheon that was held on Tuesday, May 8 in the Mollohan Campus Community Center Ballroom. President Pellett presented certificates of appreciation to seventeen employees for their many years of dedicated service to the College.

GSC recognizes employees beginning with 15 years of service; subsequent employment milestones are recognized in five year increments.

Those recognized for their years of service included:

45 Years of Service

Debra Nagy

40 Years of Service

Tim Marks

35 Years of Service

John McKinney '73

Paul Peck '70

30 Years of Service

Linda Graff

Denise Sprouse

Dennis Wemm

**[Click here](#) to see photos of the honorees and others who were recognized that day.**

25 Years of Service

Kay Peters

Joyce Riddle '03

Joanne Rutherford '06

Gail Westbrook '74

20 Years of Service

Duane Chapman '93

Greta Peters

15 Years of Service

Larry Baker '88

Dr. Kevin Evans '87

Dr. Michael Gherke '78

Rick Witte '86

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