



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

Congratulations GSC Class of 2019!

May Commencement is Saturday, May 18



Alumni Spotlight

Patricia "Pat" (Walcutt) Lydon '68 has been selected by the GSC Alumni Association as the 2019 Alumni Chapter Award recipient.

She began her teaching career at John Marshall High School in Marshall County, West Virginia before taking a job at Wirt County High School where she taught until she retired in 2009 after

GSC Alumna and Employee Set to Hike Appalachian Trail

On June 1, 2019 Sara Rollins '17 will be leaving her friends and family for months as she embarks on a journey of a lifetime. She will be traveling over 2,100 miles, on foot, across the East Coast on the Appalachian Trail. The trail spans from Springer Mountain, Georgia to Mount Katahdin, Maine.

Hikers who embark on this journey are called "thru-hikers." Traditionally, they begin at the southernmost point of the trail in mid-march, and take roughly 5-7 months to hike north to Maine. Sara will be taking a more nontraditional approach to her hike.

She will begin at roughly the halfway point, near the Mason-Dixon Line, and hike north to Maine, which will put her in the most ideal weather for the New England states and summiting Mount Katahdin in August or September. From there, she will fly back to the halfway point, and then continue hiking south to Georgia, concluding her hike at



more than 30 years of service.

Throughout her career, Pat has received many awards including the Ashland Golden Apple Award for outstanding teaching practices, Who's Who in Education, and Who's Who in Professional Women.

While at Glensville State, Pat majored in education and was a member of the Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority. After her graduation from GSC, she went on to earn a Master's Degree from West Virginia University.

She currently resides in Wirt County, West Virginia with her husband Jim '66. In her free time, she enjoys traveling the world, spending time with her family, reading, and crafting.

Pat spends much of her time volunteering. She currently serves as the GSC Wirt County Alumni Chapter Leader, a member of the local Women's Club, St. Francis Xavier Church, the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation, and works with several Catholic Charities.

We are proud to have Pat as our 2019 Alumni Chapter Award recipient and proud to feature her in this week's Alumni Spotlight.

Springer Mountain hopefully not too far into December. This method of tackling the trail is known as "flip-flopping."

Throughout her journey, Sara will be blogging about her experiences, which you can view by [clicking here](#).

Sara serves as the Administrative Secretary in the Department of Business and will return to her position at GSC following the completion of her hike.

Student and Faculty Prepare for International Trips

Several Glensville State College students and faculty are preparing for a variety of summer education abroad programs sponsored by GSC's Office of International Programs.

One group will travel to Italy, led by GSC's Leslie Ward. Glensville State students Brigitte Ellison, Brittany Louk, Hayley Summers, and Brady Tritapoe will take part in the ten-day trip.

They will spend two days in Venice, learning about glass blowing and visiting the Doge's Palace, St. Mark's Square, and the Grand Canal before visiting Florence where the group will visit the Piazza della Signoria, Ponte Vecchio, and the Basilica of Santa Croce. Their program will end in Rome where they will visit the Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, Spanish Steps, Sistine Chapel, and the Colosseum.

Another group of students will travel to Panama with Dr. Jeremy Keene for an embedded Tropical Ecology research experience. The eight students – Kayla Hall, Logan Hays, AJ Howard, Janeeva Jenkins, Autumn Jones, Daniel Reid, Colton Ring, and Justin Woods – will be conducting independent research projects looking at predation on the coral reef, epiphyte (air plant) diversity in the trees on the island, and habitat requirements of poison dart frogs.

Each year, GSC's Office of International Programs organizes a variety of education abroad programs for students and faculty from all disciplines. In the last five years, students have traveled to Berlin, London, Paris, and Oviedo, Spain.

[Click here](#) for more information about these trips.



Still time to be part of GSC's Day of Giving

During the 2019 Founders Day of Giving, we witnessed astronomical levels of support from our Pioneer community as we raised over \$110,000 for 32 projects on campus in just 24 hours. If you donated during the Day of Giving - we wanted to take a moment to again say THANK YOU! We recognize the impact of our Day of Giving, yet we know that some of our projects didn't quite get completely funded. We have decided to re-open our campaign for one week to help these projects cross the finish line.

If you missed our Day of Giving, [click here](#) for more information on how to contribute.



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

Saturday, May 18 10:00 AM [145th
Commencement Ceremony](#)

Thursday, June 20 - Sunday, June 23
West Virginia State Folk Festival

Monday, July 1 GSC Night at Appalachian
Power Park



**UPDATE YOUR
CONTACT
INFORMATION**

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

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.

Wednesday, August 14 5:00PM GSC Night [Click here](#) to submit your update.
at Lambert's Winery



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jLee Foundation for the Arts & Sciences – \$2,100 for the jLee Foundation Chemistry Scholarship

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

Glenville Presbyterian Church – \$1,600 for the Glenville Presbyterian Church Choral Scholars Program

Latitude Land & Regulatory Services, LLC – \$700 for the Department of Land Resources

Andrew Minigh DDS of Glenville, Inc. – \$500 for Women's Basketball

Drake's Used Cars, LLC – \$500 for Women's Basketball

Mountain V. Oil & Gas, Inc. – \$500 for Women's Basketball

R. Scott '97 & Christian McKinney – \$500 for the Annual Fund

Skip '70 & Shirley (McIntyre) '68 Hackworth – \$450 for Women's Basketball and Sesquicentennial Silver Coins

Agile Network Builders, LLC – \$420 for the Department of Land Resources

Dennis & Cindy Pounds - \$250 for Women's Basketball

GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE INVITES
YOU TO JOIN US FOR A:

*Women's Leadership Circle Wine
and Cheese Open House*

Tuesday, May 21, 2019
Glenville Golf Course Patio | 4:00 PM- 6:00 PM

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