

GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE
Pioneer Update
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Alumni Spotlight

Nicholas Dent '13 is currently serving in multiple capacities at Flying W. Plastics, Inc., a manufacturer of polyethylene pipe products based out of Glenville, West Virginia. Within the organization he serves as Safety Director, Human Resources Director, and head of Payroll.

Dent graduated from Glenville State College in 2013 with a Regents Bachelor of Arts Degree and was a standout player on the men's basketball team. He currently holds the following Pioneer Basketball records: all-time career three point leader (267), sixth all-time in



GSC Partners with James Monroe High School

Glenville State College has partnered with James Monroe High School to provide a pathway for students to complete their Associate of Arts degree at the same time as completing their high school graduation requirements. This agreement takes advantage of the partnerships already in place with WV EDGE, and other higher education institutions with James Monroe High. The Monroe County Board of Education has given students a truly unique opportunity by implementing a funding policy to ensure free tuition for those that want to pursue this option with GSC. As a result, students and parents will see more than \$18,000 in cost savings when calculating tuition for the AA degree program at the current tuition rate. The agreement was signed by Monroe County Superintendent Joetta Basile and Glenville State Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Victor Vega at a special ceremony on Thursday, November 29.

three point goals made in a season (89), and twentieth all-time in scoring (1,302). He served as a team captain and President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee during his junior and senior years at GSC.

Outside of work, Dent coordinates the annual Kenneth Greenlief '69 Memorial Golf Tournament, of which all of the proceeds are donated to the Glenville First Baptist Church Cancer Fund and the Glenville Golf Club. He continues to support Glenville State College and his college roommate, Head Men's Basketball Coach Justin Caldwell '14, by attending almost every Pioneer Basketball game.

Nicholas and his family are members of the Pioneer Athletic Club and McPherson Court at the Waco Center was named after his grandparents Thomas '58 and Mary Lee McPherson (H) '17. He currently resides in Glenville, West Virginia with his wife Blair and their daughters Rylee (6) and Harper (3).

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



Winter Commencement is December 8

Join faculty, staff, the student body, and alumni as we celebrate Glenville State College's newest graduates at Winter Commencement. The ceremony will be held on Saturday, December 8 at 10:00 a.m. at the Waco Center with West Virginia Speaker of the House of Delegates Roger Hanshaw delivering the commencement address. [Click here](#) for more information.



Clay County Students Visit GSC

This week, members of the Clay County Middle School Student Council visited Glenville State for a tour of campus and to attend the GSC Jazz Band daytime concert. Katie Stover '17 is a middle school English teacher at CCMS and is one of the school's student council advisors and helped organize the trip.

If you're interested in bringing a group to campus [click here](#) to find out how.



Recognizing our Great Pioneer Alumni

Do you know an outstanding Glenville State College alumnus who deserves to be recognized for their hard work and accomplishments? Let us know about them!

The Glenville State College Alumni Council is currently soliciting nominations for their 2019 alumni awards, which will be presented during the annual Alumni Banquet on Alumni Day this spring. Simply [click here](#) to see descriptions of the various award categories and learn how to make a nomination.

If you have any questions about the awards or the nomination process, contact GSC Alumni Director Conner Ferguson by [clicking here](#) or calling (304) 462-6116.



Chang Named Chief Deputy Sheriff

Jason Chang '18 has recently been appointed the Chief Deputy of the [Calhoun County Sheriff's Department](#) in Calhoun County, West Virginia. Deputy Chang graduated from Glenville State College in 2018 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice.

“Jason has displayed unquestionable moral character, outstanding work ethic, and a solid competence. He is respectful and personable when dealing with the public and has taken great pride in making Calhoun County his home. He has demonstrated sincere concern for the safety and well-being of our county's citizens...” said Calhoun County Sheriff Jeffery Starcher.

Congratulations on this accomplishment Jason!



Mid-Ohio Valley Christmas Dinner

Glenville State College alumni and friends are invited to the Annual Mid-Ohio Valley Alumni Chapter Christmas Dinner at the Parkersburg Country Club in Vienna, West Virginia on Tuesday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m.

There will be a cash bar meet/greet social time at 6:00 p.m. and the evening's dinner program will begin at 6:30 p.m. Ralph Holder '56, Mid-Ohio Valley Alumni Chapter Leader and several representatives from GSC will be in attendance and look forward to visiting with you.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Conner Ferguson, Director of Alumni Affairs by [clicking here](#) or calling (304) 462-6116.



THE GIVING CORNER

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Michael '73 and Nancy (Lemon) Rust – \$15,000 for the Annual Fund

Dr. David '71 and Linda Smith – \$1,250 for the Jean Adams-Smith Memorial Scholarship

Dr. John Peek – \$500 for Pioneer Go Places

Jane Rosiek – \$200 for Men's Track

Amanda Frymier '06 – \$315 for the PAC gift in kind

Hubert P. Witte '51 – \$300 for the Annual Fund

David '78 and Judith (Umstead) '78 Fuller – \$200 for the Annual Fund

Thank you all that competed and contributed to the Pioneer Athletic Club Lift-A-Thon.

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



Greetings Pioneers!

Today wraps up a cold and snowy week here at Glenville State College. It is hard to believe that today is also the last day of classes for the fall 2018 semester. Students will take final exams next week before we honor our graduating seniors at Winter Commencement on Saturday, December 8 at 10:00 a.m. in the Waco Center – we certainly welcome you to join that celebration.

In higher education, no one institution is an island. Glenville State College has been working hard to implement and expand K-12 partnerships at Gilmer County High School, Braxton County High School, James Monroe High School, Nicholas County High School, and others. These initiatives provide a framework for high school students enrolled at partner high schools to potentially graduate concurrently with their high school diploma and an Associate of Arts degree in General Studies from Glenville State.

Our Off Campus Programs office has done a tremendous job of working with area school systems to facilitate these agreements. When we join forces like this, it helps propel high school students into college graduates without them ever needing to set foot on a college campus. This presents a tremendous opportunity for students who can now maximize their time to yield two credentials, a high school diploma and a two-year degree, all while still in high school.

In closing I wish you a restful weekend and want to extend a special note of congratulations to our fall student teacher interns who finished up their work today – I am particularly proud of those who have already found employment, some beginning as soon as Monday morning.

All my best,

Tracy



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