

**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*

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## **Alumni Spotlight**

Michael (Mike) Rust '73 has served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Kentucky Hospital Association (KHA) for 24 years, and recently announced that he will be retiring in December 2019. The KHA, established in 1929, represents hospitals, related health care organizations, and integrated health care systems dedicated to sustaining and improving the health status of the citizens of Kentucky.

While a student at GSC, Mike was a member of the Theta Xi fraternity and occasionally wrote for the student newspaper *The*



## **Six Join Athletic Hall of Fame**

On Saturday, September 21, six new members were inducted into the GSC Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame at a ceremony held in their honor at GSC's Waco Center. The newest members include: (l-r) Ron Jones '73, John Pratt, Dr. Beth Pellegrino (accepting on behalf of Jack Woodyard who was inducted posthumously), Coach Jerry Milliken, Terry Kendall '84, and Rudy Watts '87.

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*Glennville Mercury*. He graduated from GSC in 1973 with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration degree with a concentration in marketing and retail.

In 2013, Mike was the recipient of the Glennville State College Alumni Association's most prestigious award, *Alumnus of the Year*. This award is presented to a graduate for their outstanding contributions in their chosen field or endeavor and for outstanding personal accomplishments. Rust was also tapped to deliver the Commencement Address in May 2014 where he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Public Service from GSC.

Mike and his wife Nancy reside in Louisville, Kentucky and have two children, Joshua and Kelli. In his free time, he enjoys flying his plane, riding racehorses, and dabbling in his multiple businesses. Mike has served as a member of the Glennville State College Board of Governors since May 2016, which brings him back to campus regularly.

On Wednesday, October 9 at 2:00 p.m., Mike will return to campus to speak with students about his career and offer them advice as part of the Business Leadership Series



*(l-r) Dominion Energy West Virginia State Policy Director Jason Harshbarger, Executive Director of the GSC Foundation David Hutchison, Dominion Energy External Affairs Manager Christine Mitchell, and Dominion Energy Gas Transmission President Paul Ruppert*

## **GSC Foundation Receives Grant from Dominion Energy**

Dominion Energy has recently provided a \$20,000 grant to the Glennville State College Foundation to assist GSC students majoring in STEM-related fields.

Jason Harshbarger, Dominion Energy's State Policy and Local Affairs Director said, "Dominion Energy is pleased to once again support the Glennville State College Foundation in its commitment to higher education and we commend the work they are doing to prepare our future workforce in STEM and engineering fields."

"We greatly appreciate Dominion Energy – they have been a longtime supporter of Glennville State College and their overall commitment to assist in the education of students is something that has been beneficial to many of our Pioneers," said David Hutchison, Executive Director of the GSC Foundation.

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## **Music Fest 2019**

Glennville State College's annual Music Fest concert is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium. This concert, with a history going

sponsored by the GSC Department of Business.

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

back decades, is one of the most popular of the year. It features nearly all of GSC's ensembles in a potpourri of musical genres and styles.

Featured performances include: concert choir, chamber singers, flute trio, clarinet ensemble, saxophone ensemble, brass ensemble, trumpet ensemble, trombone ensemble, tuba and euphonium ensemble, percussion ensemble, jazz band, jazz combo, bluegrass band, drum line, and the "Wall of Sound" Pioneer Marching Band.

For more information about Music Fest, [click here](#).



## **GSC Western Ohio Alumni Tailgate**

You are invited to join fellow Pioneers at Urbana University in Urbana, Ohio on Saturday, October 12 for a Glenville State College Alumni & Friends pre-game tailgate. The event begins at 10:00 a.m. in the Grimes Parking Lot at Urbana University and will include finger foods and light refreshments. Kick-off between the Pioneers and Blue Knights is scheduled for 1:00 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to meet fellow Pioneers living in the Western Ohio area while cheering on the Pioneer Football Team.

For more information about the event, contact Western Ohio GSC Alumni Chapter Leaders Justin '12 and Jamie (Schindel) '13 Fletcher at (304) 667-3744 or GSC Alumni Director Conner Ferguson by [clicking here](#) or calling (304) 462-6116.

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## **GSC Homecoming 2019**

Alumni and friends are invited back to campus for GSC's annual Homecoming celebration during the weekend of October 18-20.

This year's special honor group that will be returning to campus is our teacher education alumni. As a thank you for all that our teacher education graduates do for their alma mater and the students of West Virginia and beyond, all teacher education graduates are invited back to campus to be recognized in the Homecoming Parade, at a special pregame tailgate, and during the football game.

Former members of the Pioneer Marching Band are invited to participate in this year's Alumni Band. registration for Alumni Band will be at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 19 at the Fine Arts Center. Participants will march through the parade playing the GSC fight song and will be recognized and play the GSC fight song during the homecoming pregame show. [Click here](#) to sign up.

All alumni and friends are encouraged to make plans to come back to Glenville for this annual celebration. Returning teachers can RSVP by [clicking here](#). For questions or more information about Homecoming, contact GSC's Alumni Office by [clicking here](#) or calling (304) 462-6116.

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## **Making a Lasting Impact - What's Your Legacy?**



The Glenville State College Foundation is pleased to announce the formation of the *James & Patricia Walcutt Lydon Scholarship*.

The scholarship is designed to support students attending Glenville State College from Wirt County majoring in Mathematics or Social Studies Education. The fund was established by Jim '66 and Patricia (Walcutt) '68 Lydon to honor their time spent at Glenville State College and to assist future West Virginia educators.

Jim, who came from Lewis County, and Pat, a native of Wood County, met at Glenville State College. One year they attended homecoming together even though Jim had already graduated; he says "something magical happened" and the rest was

history. The pair would go on to wed and then teach in the Wirt County school system for many years before their retirement. Pat was recognized by the GSC Alumni Association as the Outstanding Chapter Leader in 2019.

Through their scholarship, the Lydon's hope to inspire students from Wirt County to pursue a degree in education and to remain in the state of West Virginia. Jim and Pat believe all future educators are important and, because of their experiences, believe it is important to help those students who may not have the means to help themselves.

For more information about the GSC Foundation, contact David Hutchison via [email](#) or by calling (304) 462-6381.



**Saturday, October 12** [Western Ohio Alumni Chapter Tailgate at Urbana University](#)

**Friday, October 18** [Lady Pioneer Softball Golf Tournament](#)

**Saturday, October 19** [Homecoming](#)

**Tuesday, October 22** [Music Fest](#)



**UPDATE YOUR  
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**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?

**Saturday, October 26** Alumni Pre-game Tailgate at University of Charleston

We want to know what is happening with our GSC alumni and their families.

**Friday, December 6** Jazz Band Holiday Concert

[Click here](#) to submit your update.

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## THE GIVING CORNER

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

Dominion Energy Services Inc. – \$20,000 for the Dominion Energy Scholarship Fund

First Energy Foundation – \$5,000 for the First Energy Foundation Grant

Paul Davis – \$1,872 for the Pioneer Vantage Club 1872

James E. Hamrick '58 – \$600 for the Jeannie Moran Higginbotham Scholarship and the Jim Hamrick Athletic/Academic Scholarship

Claude W. Campbell '78 – \$500 for the Annual Fund

Harold O. Erwin '65 – \$500 for PAC Football

David '68 and Celeste (White) '69 Evans – \$500 for the Annual Fund

Sue (Johnson) Kotalik '59 – \$500 for the Annual Fund

Jerry and Jacqueline (Epling) '72 Milliken – \$500 for PAC Men's and Women's Track

Dorothy (Beck) Pigott '74 – \$300 for the Annual Fund

Dr. David M. Gillespie '64 – \$250 for the Annual Fund

Karen (Bush) Lay '79 – \$250 for the Women's Leadership Circle

Larry and Ann (Starcher) '72 Green – \$250 for the Annual Fund

John '63 and Margaret (Bragg) '62 Armentrout – \$200 for the Annual Fund

Phillip '61 and N. Sue (Shaver) '65 Cottrill – \$200 for the Annual Fund

Smoker Friendly – \$200 for PAC Boxing

Bryan Groves – \$200 for the Pioneer Stage

Carol (Hawkins) Hamilton '62 – \$200 for the Annual Fund

Racine '69 and Doris Thompson – \$200 for the Annual Fund

Michael '76 and Phoebe (Sunderland) '75 Truex – \$200 for the Annual Fund

Donald E. McNeel – \$175 for PAC Acrobatics and Tumbling Scholarship

The Estate of Former President Harry B. Heflin – \$150 for the Harry B. and Dora Morgan Heflin Scholarship

P. Charles Snyder '68 – \$150 for the Annual Fund

Michael H. Webb '61 – \$150 for the Annual Fund

David '73 and Sharon (Strum) '73 Wilt – \$150 for the Annual Fund

Benjamin C. Greene '56 – \$101 for the Annual Fund

Paul V. Ayers '75 – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Jack '62 and Patricia (Burch) '64 Barnes – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Harold Barker '57 – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Michael W. Beckett '88 – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Jeffrey '83 and Diane Borah – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Sharon Casto '89 – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Robert '87 and Donna (Pittman) '68 Cox – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Nancy Craig '58 – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Sue (Morton) Cunningham '76 – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Betty (Smith) Cutlip '61 – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Shelby (Benson) Davis '95 – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Kenneth '71 and Nancy Fisher – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Paul and Deborah (Davis) '74 Frederick – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Jimmie and Sharon (Foglesong) '67 Grimes – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Barbara L. Hildebrand '75 – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Daryl and Carolyn (Stemple) '64 Kelly – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Betty (Yoak) McVaney '61 – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Ken and Lucille (Hardman) '45 Meadows – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Kenneth '85 and Vicki Osborne – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Arlene (Hinterer) Pope '59 – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Robert '76 and Sharon (Montgomery) '80 Radabaugh – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Thomas '06 and Sharon (Reed) '87 Ratliff – \$100 for PAC Football

Steven and Stephanie Seese '80 – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Homer B. Smith '55 – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Martha (Hornor) Smith '66 – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Carroll '59 and Virginia (Hardman) '59 Staats – \$100 for the Annual Fund

John L. Wayne '77 – \$100 for the Annual Fund



Marshall '68 and Elaine (Cangeloso) '67 Badgley – \$75 for the Annual Fund

Andrew C. Bell – \$75 for the Annual Fund

Rosemary (Hammond) Gillespie '58 – \$58 for the Annual Fund

Christine (Metheney) Ayers '93 – \$50 for the Annual Fund

Julia (Stalnaker) Bragg '52 – \$50 for the Annual Fund

Matthew S. Dettman '08 – \$50 for the Annual Fund

David C. Fletcher '68 – \$50 for the Annual Fund

Burnard F. Gibson '77 – \$50 for the Annual Fund

Larry K. Gillespie '73 – \$50 for the Annual Fund

Joyce A. Griffith '01 – for \$50 the Annual Fund

Jon H. Hatfield '02 – \$50 for the Annual Fund

Leo E. Ours '67 – \$50 for the Annual Fund

James L. Owen '81 – \$50 for the Annual Fund

Joseph and Nancy (Harris) '54 Palmer – \$50 for the Annual Fund

Duane A. Riggs '71 – \$50 for the Annual Fund

Joyce (Nichols) Ross '68 – \$50 for the Annual Fund

Bonnie (Godfrey) Westfall '74 – \$50 for the Annual Fund

Peter and Linda (Seckman) '69 White – \$50 for the Annual Fund

Mary (Hamilton) Wiblin '64 – \$50 for the Annual Fund

Jeanetta M. Mick '84 – \$30 for the Annual Fund

Marvin D. Stemple '59 – \$30 for the Annual Fund

Chauncy C. Cunningham '79 – \$25 for the Annual Fund

Bradley and Doris (Brannon) '51 Davis – \$25 for the Annual Fund

Beckey (Keller) Hall '86 – \$25 for the Annual Fund

Mildred (Brown) Kearns '65 – \$25 for the Annual Fund

Catherine (Salamon Gates) Kennedy '72 – \$25 for the Annual Fund

Gary '77 and Mary Kruger '77 – \$25 for the Annual Fund

Betul Kundurogianis '16 – \$25 for the Annual Fund

Judith (Davission) Leggett '78 – \$25 for the Annual Fund

Larry and Nancy (Coen) '71 Smith – \$25 for the Annual Fund

Grace (Hanson) Tallhamer '77 – \$25 for the Annual Fund

Ronald '81 and Betty Watson – \$25 for the Annual Fund

Kristina G. Beron '11 – \$20.11 for the Annual Fund

John and Carol (Davis) '64 Chisler – \$20 for the Annual Fund

Sarah “Beth” Jordan '84 – \$20 for the Annual Fund

Glenn D. McEndree '76 – \$20 for the Annual Fund

Frank '98 and Martha (Hall) '67 Montgomery – \$20 for the Annual Fund

Harvey “Steve” Nicholson '73 – \$20 for the Annual Fund



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