

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

Dennis Carpenter '74 has been honored by the Glenville State College Alumni Association as the 2020 Alumni Service Award recipient.

Dennis recently completed his two-year tenure as President of the Glenville State College Alumni Association.

During his time as President, the Association expanded their reach and activities, formed several new alumni chapters, created ways to bring graduates and future Pioneers together, and much more.



GSC Board of Governors Chair Mike Rust '73 and WVHEPC Chancellor Dr. Sarah Tucker officially install Dr. Mark A. Manchin (center) as Glenville State College's 26th President.

Inauguration Ceremony Held for Dr. Mark A. Manchin

Glenville State College officially installed its newest leader on Friday, April 9 as Dr. Mark A. Manchin's inauguration ceremony was held at the College's Waco Center.

Manchin began his tenure as Glenville State's 26th president on July 1, 2020.

During his inaugural address, Manchin spoke about the importance of education, his love of family, and his visions for Glenville State College, including expanding health sciences programs and reinvesting in teacher education.

"There have been so many people in my life who are the reasons I stand before you here today. My wife Gigi, my children, my sisters, my cousins, our family members who

Dennis has spent his career in education, having served as a teacher, coach, and administrator in Roane County Schools. He also served as the Director of the Roane-Jackson Technical Center until his retirement.

While a student at GSC, Dennis was very active in the Theta Xi fraternity. He graduated from GSC in December 1973, with his bachelor's degree in social studies education (7-12). He later went on to earn his master's degree in educational leadership from the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies.

Originally from Walton, West Virginia, Dennis and his wife Dianna currently reside in Spencer, West Virginia. Together they have two sons, Michael and Brady, and one granddaughter, Reese. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his family, golfing, and riding his side-by-side.

When asked about his time at GSC he said, "I left Walton High School in the spring of 1969 believing that I wanted to be a teacher and the most logical and only school I considered was Glenville State College. GSC provided me the opportunity to develop the personal skills necessary to have a career in public education. My instructors were willing to not only teach courses, they taught real life skills. I have cherished the many

have come before us...all of those people and more are why I'm here today," he said.

Multiple delegates and honored guests traveled to Glenville to provide greetings and help celebrate the occasion. They included U.S. Senator Joe Manchin, West Virginia Secretary of State Mac Warner, West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History Curator Randall Reid-Smith, Glenville Mayor Dennis Fitzpatrick '73, several area county commissioners, West Virginia Superintendent of Schools Clayton Burch, Mountain East Conference Commissioner Reid Amos, and several Glenville State College officials. West Virginia State Senator Michael Romano (D-12) shared a video greeting and Delegate Brent Boggs '76 (D-34) was represented by his wife, Jean. Romano and Boggs were unable to attend due the West Virginia legislature still being in session.

[Click here](#) to watch the Inaugural Ceremony.



Hinger Selected as GSC Pioneer Mascot

Daniel Hinger, a junior from Nettie, West Virginia, has been named the Glenville State College Pioneer Mascot for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Hinger is an active member of campus as president of Sigma Omega Beta fraternity, parliamentarian for GSC's chapter of the National Association for Music Education, Student Government Association senator, and a member of GSC's eSports program. He also participates in several musical ensembles on campus, including Concert Band, Pep Band,

friendships formed while attending GSC that have lasted a lifetime."

We are proud to have Dennis as our 2020 Alumni Service Award recipient and proud to feature him in this week's Alumni Spotlight.

Marching Band, Brass Ensemble, Trumpet Ensemble, and the GSC Jazz Big Band.

"I'm looking forward to being able to spread school spirit and really engage everyone as the GSC Pioneer," Hinger said. "I hope to see people out at games and at different activities keeping the excitement up."

As the GSC Pioneer, Hinger will attend GSC football and basketball games, tournaments, and other school events. The Pioneer is charged with working with GSC students, faculty, and staff to positively promote and support the college. The official uniform of the GSC Pioneer mascot is a set of buckskins, a coonskin hat, and a musket. An ongoing tradition for over 80 years, Hinger becomes the 81st student to portray the Pioneer Mascot.

Stay up-to-date with Glenville State Athletics through live video feeds, stats, schedules, and more all available at gscpioneers.com

Glenville State Women's Basketball Presents:



Seventh Annual Pioneer Derby Scheduled

The seventh annual Glenville State College Women's Basketball Pioneer Derby will be held on Friday, April 30 at 7PM at the Waco Center.

The Kentucky Derby inspired fundraiser takes place the evening before the actual Kentucky Derby and is guaranteed fun for all those in attendance.

Tickets for the event are \$25 dollars which includes dinner, drinks, and Pioneer bucks (which are used to bet on the horse races). Fans can also buy a horse and name it for just \$20 dollars. Along with the races, there will be plenty of other prizes such as auctions and 50/50 ticket drawings.

Those in attendance are encouraged to wear their best derby outfit and participate in the best derby hat and bow tie contest.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Glenville State College Women's Basketball team. For more information or to purchase tickets and horses, contact Sandy Pettit '85 at (304) 871-3648.



Land Resources Department Annual Golf Tournament Teeing-Off April 23

Planning is underway for the 22nd Annual Glenville State College Department of Land Resources Golf Tournament to be held on Friday, April 23 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Proceeds from the event, which will take place at the Glenville Golf Club in Glenville, West Virginia, will again be used to enhance student learning within GSC's Natural Resource Management programs.

Funds received from the golf tournament will help provide extra tools and equipment for students studying environmental science, forestry, land surveying, energy and land management, wildlife management, and other natural resource management programs at GSC.

Multiple prizes are available, including two hole-in-one prizes of \$10,000 cash and a STIHL Homeowner's Package (package includes a chainsaw, handheld blower, and trimmer) and a closest second shot prize of a STIHL MS251 Chainsaw (or equivalent). The top three teams will receive cash awards including \$400 for first place, \$300 for second place, and \$200 for third place. Prizes also will be awarded for Closest to Pin, Log Driver Champion, Longest Putt, and Longest Drive.

Participants can enter the scramble golf outing for an entry fee of \$80 per person or \$320 per team of four. The entry fee includes green fees, cart rental, and lunch. Organizations and individuals are also welcome to sponsor a hole, starting at \$100. Sponsors will be recognized in a GSC Department of Land Resources newsletter. Checks can be made payable to GSC Land Resources Fundraiser and sent to Glenville State College Department of Land Resources, 200 High Street, Glenville, WV 26351.

Team entry forms can be downloaded by [clicking here](#). For more information about the tournament or the programs within the Department of Land Resources at Glenville State College, contact the Department of Land Resources by [email](#) or calling (304) 462-6370.



View Pioneer Progress Magazines Online

By now, many Glenville State College Alumni & Friends have probably received the fall 2020 edition of the GSC Pioneer Progress Magazine. If you haven't received a copy in the mail, you can view the magazine, along with earlier editions of the Pioneer Progress, on the Glenville State College Alumni & Friends website by [clicking here](#).



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 email address? Received a promotion or taken 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.

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



THE GIVING CORNER

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

Marvin and Arlene (Walker) Hall – \$5,000 for the Kenneth and Irene Walker Scholarship

Dan Sayers and Mary Ann Thomas – \$2,500 in memory of Lyndsee (Gay) Lambert '18

Nancy (Lemon) Rust – \$2,080 for PAC Women's Golf, the Presidential Inauguration, and Women's Leadership Circle

Dr. Paul '56 and Virginia Caltrider – \$2,000 for the Dr. Paul G. Caltrider Science and Math Scholarship

Austin Pounds – \$1,100 for PAC Women's Golf

E & A Leasing, LLC – \$1,000 for the Presidential Inauguration

Energy Systems Group, LLC – \$1,000 for the President's Circle

Minigh Family Dentistry Shinnston Office – \$750 for the Minigh Family Scholarship

Douglas "Doug" '71 and Liz Beymer – \$612.56 for the Pioneer Fund

Cedar Creek State Park Foundation Inc. – \$560 for the Conservation Research Center Fund

Dr. Robert '65 and Diana Smith – \$500 for the Pioneer Fund

Painters & Allied Trades District Council 53 – \$500 for the Cassie Johnson Memorial Scholarship

Ratliff Insurance, LLC – \$500 for PAC Women's Golf

Daniel Smith Insurance – \$400 for PAC Women's Golf

Gary '71 and Cynthia Ray – \$300 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Jesse Skiles '87 – \$283 for the Jesse Skiles Scholarship, PAC Women's Basketball, and PAC Women's Golf

Daniel "Dan" McPherson '71 – \$250 for the GSC Alumni Hardship Fund

Bibbee Insurance, LLC – \$200 for PAC Women's Golf

The Estate of Former President Harry B. and First Lady Dora (Morgan) Heflin '34 & '53 – \$150 for the Harry B. and Dora Morgan Heflin Scholarship

Jonathan "Jon" and Virginia "Gini" (Moore) '89 McCormick – \$150 for PAC Women's Golf

Max and Jo Ann (Westfall) Powell '75 – \$150 for the Pioneer Fund

Dr. Dwight Heaster – \$120 for PAC Women's Golf

Anton Termite and Pest Control – \$110 for the Pioneer Fund

John William "Bill" and Marsha Bonnett – \$100 for the Presidential Inauguration

Fred Charles – \$100 for PAC Men's and Women's Golf

John and Ann (Rodney) Lorentz '61 Cushing – \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Ronald "Ron" Duncan '71 – \$100 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Dr. Donal and Lisa Hardin – \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

Dr. Jeremy Keene – \$100 for the Conservation Research Center Fund

Karisa Lambert – \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

President Dr. Mark A. and First Lady Gigi Manchin – \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

Robert "Bob" '66 and Sue (Eddy) '66 Marshall – \$100 for the Presidential Inauguration

James Mooney – \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

Timothy "Tim" Moore '85 – \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

Dr. Gary and Athena '17 Morris – \$100 for the Presidential Inauguration

Eric Richards – \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

Donald "Don" '71 and Carolyn "Susie" '98 Sheets – \$100 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Dr. John and Pat Westfall – \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

Lance and Vada Woodford – \$100 for the Presidential Inauguration

Charles "Scotty" Yeager – \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

Black Forest Bar & Grill – \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

Drake's Used Cars, LLC – \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

Go-Mart Inc. – \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

Hometown Outfitters, LLC – \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

J.W. Ebert Corporation D.B.A. McDonald's – \$100 PAC Women's Golf

JPW Graphics, LLC – \$100 for the Presidential Inauguration

Naro Tax Services – \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

Peas in a Pod Day Care Center – \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

Quality Carpet at Home Showroom – \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

Robbins Nest – \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

Roberts Builders Inc. – \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

Tomblin's Service Station – \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

Valpak of Cleveland – \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

Stephen "Steve" '70 and Shirley Barnett – \$50 for the GSC Alumni Hardship Fund

Mark '74 and Professor Emeritus Cinda (Ramsey) '75 Echard – \$50 for the Presidential Inauguration

Kenneth Roberts '80 – \$50 for the Pioneer Fund

Dr. Jack '70 and Betty Albert – \$25 for the GSC Alumni Hardship Fund

Barbara Johnson – \$25 for the Bob Minnieweather Scholarship Fund

Lois (Gill Robinson) Kincaid '71 – \$25 for the GSC Alumni Hardship Fund

Daniel and Anna Jane (Bucklew) '70 Nunn – \$25 for the GSC Alumni Hardship Fund

Lloyd '71 and Anna Wells – \$25 for the GSC Alumni Hardship Fund

Jeremy and Leisa (Carpenter) '02 Dean – \$20 for the Conservation Research Center Fund

Joseph and Nalani (Vaughn) '78 Dolpies – \$20 for the Presidential Inauguration

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