

**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**

Virgil Davis '82 recently retired as a Correctional Lieutenant from the California Department of Corrections after thirty years in law enforcement and corrections.

While a student at Glenville State, he was a member of the Pioneer Football and Track and Field teams. In 1980, Virgil received the WVIAC (West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) Track Man of the Year Award after winning the 100 meter, 200 meter, and 4x100 meter relay as a Pioneer. He graduated from GSC in 1982 with a



## **GSC Welcomes Newest Alumni**

On Saturday, May 8 Glenville State College held its 147th Commencement Ceremony in the college's Waco Center. Approximately 100 enthusiastic Pioneers received their degrees in a variety of programs including business, education, land resources, criminal justice, science, music, and more. The new alumni hail from throughout West Virginia and California, Delaware, Florida, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Washington.

Glenville State College Professor Emerita Dr. Kathy (Poling) Butler '76 delivered the keynote address to the graduates and guests. Dr. Butler joined the faculty at GSC in 1989 and served as the Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs from 2004-2010. She left GSC in 2010 to serve as the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission (WVHEPC) until her retirement in 2014. However, her retirement was short lived and she served as a Special Assistant to the WVHEPC Chancellor, Interim President of New River Community and Technical College, and is currently a Senior Administrative Advisor at Ohio Valley University.

Bachelor's Degree in Social Work.

Originally from Los Angeles, California, Virgil currently resides in Vacaville, California. In his spare time he enjoys writing, traveling, walking, running, weightlifting, fishing, and hunting.

When asked what GSC means to him he said, "Everything! Glenville State prepared me for my thirty year career in law enforcement and corrections. I love everything about my time at GSC. I met my former wife and lifelong friend there; we now have three beautiful grandchildren."

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

[Click here](#) to watch a recap of the GSC Commencement Ceremony.



*Dr. Kathy (Poling) Butler '76 delivering the GSC Commencement Keynote Address*

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## ***In Memoriam – Remembering Those Pioneers We've Lost***

[Click here](#) to view the Glenville State Alumni that we've lost since December 2020.

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## **Classes of 1970 & 1971 Return to Campus**

In recognition of an ongoing tradition at Glenville State College, alumni who graduated fifty years ago were invited back to campus and recognized as "50 Year Graduates." Due to the 2020 Commencement Ceremony being held virtually, the Class of 1970 joined the Class of 1971 for this celebration.

Members of the Classes of 1970 and 1971 enjoyed a two-day reunion where they toured campus, shared memories from their time at GSC, gave updates about what has happened over the last 50 years, attended a reception and dinner in their honor, and participated in commencement where they received commemorative medallions.



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## **Glenville State is Hiring**

In the market for a new job? Glenville State College has a number of faculty and staff positions available for qualified applicants.

Click here to view the currently available positions. For more information, contact the Human Resources Office by [clicking here](#) for calling (304) 462-4101.

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*(left) Dr. John P. Shock, Jr. and Nancy (Hall) Shock;*

*(right) William "Bill" Talbott and Dr. John P. Shock, Jr.*

## ***Creating a Lasting Impact - Dr. John P. Shock Jr.***

Dr. John P. Shock, Jr. has established two scholarships at Glenville State College.

The Dr. John P. Shock Jr. and William "Bill" Talbott Scholarship was established to support students from Webster County or Gilmer County High School who are attending Glenville State College. Shock created this scholarship to honor his lifelong friendship with Talbott, recognizing the importance of higher education and the opportunities it has provided them both.

The Dr. John P. Shock Jr. and Nancy (Hall) Shock Scholarship is designed to support students from Logan County or Gilmer County High School who are attending Glenville State College. Dr. Shock created the scholarship to honor his wife Nancy, and to recognize their combined love for Glenville State College and the opportunities it helped provide them.

Scholarship recipients will be selected by GSC's Scholarship Committee. Recipients will be students with financial need, with first priority going to students majoring in a medical-related field. The student must meet academic standards set forth by the scholarship committee. The award can be renewed for four years providing the student maintains a 3.0 GPA and continues to make satisfactory academic progress toward their degree.

Dr. Shock, after graduating from Glenville High School, attended two years at Glenville State, from 1953 to 1955, at which time he was accepted to U. S. Military Academy, West Point where he obtained his BS degree. While at Glenville State, Shock was "Sergeant at Arms" of the student council and lettered in football. He is a distinguished professor in the Department of Ophthalmology in the College of Medicine at the University of Arkansas for Medical

Sciences. He is a board-certified ophthalmologist who specializes in comprehensive ophthalmology and retinal disease. Shock received his undergraduate degree from the United States Military Academy at West Point and attended Duke University School of Medicine. He completed an ophthalmology residency at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and a fellowship in retinal disease and surgery at Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Miami, Florida. A talented physician and surgeon, Shock holds three patents for surgical instruments he designed. He has served as chief of staff of University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Medical Center. He chaired the national Residency Review Committee for Ophthalmology from 1993 to 1996. He served as president of the Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology in 2002-2003, a past board member from 1998 to 2001. He is the first holder of the John P. Shock, M.D., Endowed Chair in Ophthalmology, an honor with which he was vested in 1995.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the scholarships.

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## 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.

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## THE GIVING CORNER

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

Philip '65 and Rita (Patterson) '64 Ramsey - \$2,500.00 for GSC Alumni Association

Dr. Jason and Jennifer Yeager - \$2,104.94 for Pioneer Support

Doug Cottrill - \$1,025.00 for PAC Women's Golf and PAC Women's Basketball

John Gainer - \$500.00 for Pioneer Fund

Dr. John '68 and Pat Westfall - \$500.00 for PAC Women's Basketball

Mountain V. Oil & Gas, Inc - \$500.00 for PAC Women's Basketball

Michael '61 and Judith (Kennedy) '58 Webb - \$300.00 for Pioneer Fund

Julia (Murin) Lee '71 - \$250.00 for Nick Murin Memorial Scholarship

Bonel (Poling) Zakarian '55 - \$250.00 for the Pioneer Athletic Club

Minigh Family Dentistry of Glenville - \$250.00 for Pioneer Fund

Mountain State Insurance Agency, Inc - \$250.00 for PAC Women's Basketball

E. Scott '76 and Mary (Ashby) '79 Bickel - \$200.00 for Pioneer Fund

Virgil '56 and Nancy (Grose) '56 Greenleaf - \$200.00 for Pioneer Fund

Alexander '53 and Sharon Jokay - \$200.00 for Pioneer Fund

Jesse F. Skiles '87 - \$198.00 for Jesse Skiles Scholarship and PAC Women's Basketball

Steven Ash '71 - \$100.00 for GSC Alumni Student Hardship

Robert '87 and Donna (Pittman) '68 Cox - \$100.00 for Pioneer Fund

Dennis Cunningham '69 - \$100.00 for PAC Women's Basketball

Everett Ellison Jr '67 - \$100.00 for Pioneer Fund

Billy and Sandra Gumm - \$100.00 for Pioneer Fund

Barbara L. (Muzick) Hildebrand '75 - \$100.00 for Pioneer Fund

Gregory "Greg" '88 and Dovetta Miller - \$100.00 for Pioneer Fund

William "Bill" '74 and Karen Nicholson - \$100.00 for Pioneer Fund

Adam Shiflett '03 - \$100.00 for Pioneer Fund

Friends of Mike Romano - \$100.00 for PAC Women's Basketball

J. P. and Glenda Ballard - \$50.00 for Pioneer Fund

R. Terry '69 and Nasia Butcher - \$50.00 for PAC Women's Basketball

Gail (Jackson) Fitzgerald '71 - \$50.00 for GSC Alumni Student Hardship

David '72 and Sue (Linger) '70 Foreback - \$50.00 for Pioneer Fund

Betul Kudurogianis '16 - \$50.00 for Pioneer Fund

Marvin Stemple '59 - \$50.00 for Pioneer Fund

Charles and Margaret Kollar - \$40.00 for Pioneer Fund

Stephen "Steve" '74 and Donna Ellyson - \$25.00 for Pioneer Fund

Gary '72 and Sharon Hall - \$25.00 for Pioneer Fund

Sarah Hollen - \$25.00 for PAC Women's Basketball

Catherine "Cathy" (Salamon-Gates) Kennedy '72 - \$25.00 for Pioneer Fund

Tana Kevak - \$25.00 for PAC Women's Basketball

Roy '61 and Jane (Shires) '60 Radabaugh - \$25.00 for Pioneer Fund

Wayne and Donna (Ingels) '87 Halstead - \$20.00 for Pioneer Fund

Phillip and Karen (Fish) '71 Gibson - \$15.00 for Pioneer Fund

Enzo Cardelli - \$5.00 for Pioneer Fund

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