

GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE
Pioneer Update
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Alumni Spotlight

Matthew Lamb '09 recently completed his second tour with the Army National Guard. He is currently serving as a Staff Sergeant with the C. Co. 2/104th West Virginia National Guard Aviation Unit and works as a Correctional Officer at Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) – Gilmer.

While a student at GSC, Matt was a brother in the Alpha Xi Omega fraternity. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Psychology in 2009.

A native of Camden, West Virginia, Matt currently resides in Glenville, West



Jesse Kargol with some of his welding designs

GSC Student to Compete in National Skills USA Competition

GSC sophomore Jesse Kargol has taken a passion that started in high school to the national level. Kargol, an education major at GSC, will participate in the 2021 SkillsUSA Competition in June in the Welding Sculpture category.

Kargol competed for and won the state competition in April of this year, and he will represent West Virginia against 49 other state winners this month. The competition consists of a knowledge test, an interview, and judging of the sculpture piece. Kargol's piece, titled "SkillsUSA Emblem," was inspired by the emblem on the SkillsUSA skillset uniform.

Kargol's interest in welding began during his freshman year of high school when he enrolled at the Calhoun-Gilmer Career and Technical Center.

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Virginia with his wife Amanda (Roberts) '10 and their two children Ava and Owen. Amanda works in GSC's Financial Aid Office as a Financial Aid Assistant.

In his spare time, Matt enjoys spending time with his family, attending church, hunting, fishing, golfing, and has recently taken an interest in woodworking.

When asked what GSC meant to him, he said, "Glenville State College means family to me. It is the place where I met my wife and established great friendships that I know are going to last a lifetime."

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



GSC Night at Power Park

Make plans to join your fellow Pioneers at Appalachian Power Park for an evening of baseball and fun. Thursday, July 29 at 7PM will be GSC Night at Power Park – wear your royal blue and cheer on the West Virginia Power while reconnecting with old friends!

General admission and Party Deck (which includes food and drinks) tickets for the game can be purchased at the West Virginia Power Box Office, [online](#), or by calling (304) 344-2287. For more information or questions about the event, contact GSC Director of Alumni Relations by [clicking here](#) or calling (304) 462-6116.



2021 GSC Faculty Award of Excellence Recipient Dr. David O'Dell

Faculty Award of Excellence Recipient Named

The 2021 GSC Faculty Award of Excellence recipient is Professor of Chemistry Dr. David O'Dell. He was recognized at the Spring 2021 Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 8.

"Being selected as recipient of the Faculty Award of Excellence is really a humbling experience in that I feel inspired to work even harder to live up to the award. I was especially pleased when I heard President Manchin reading the comments from the student nomination letters, knowing that my nomination was likely spearheaded by students," said O'Dell. "It was great to hear comments from students about how they appreciated being held to a high academic standard."

O'Dell has taught in higher education for 25 years and been a faculty member at Glenville State College since 2007. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Berea College, and both his Master of Science degree and Ph.D. from The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He was a post-doctoral researcher at Oak Ridge National Laboratory prior to starting his career in higher education. At GSC, O'Dell teaches classes in astronomy, modern physics, and inorganic, analytical, and physical chemistry.

Outside of his obligations, O'Dell has served two terms as Faculty Senate President and several years as vice-chair to the Assessment Committee. He currently serves on GSC's Higher Learning Commission Leadership Team, chairing the section for Criterion 3, Teaching and Learning: Quality, Resources, and Support. He is married to Connie (Sandy) Stout O'Dell '90, who serves as Associate Professor of Education and Chair of the Education Department at Glenville State. His stepson Nathan Stout is entering a master's program at Ashland University this fall.

"One of the things I love about teaching at GSC is that we're large enough to get a great mix of students and we're small enough to know that we have a great mix of students. We have opportunities to get to know our students well, and the campus atmosphere allows faculty and students to get to know each other outside the classroom setting," said O'Dell.

Each spring, the campus community is invited to nominate an outstanding faculty member for this award. Faculty Award of Excellence recipients must be full-time and have taught at GSC for at least two years to be eligible. Names of the honorees are displayed on a permanent plaque in the Heflin Administration Building.

GSC Homecoming 2021

Saturday, October 23



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.

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

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The Estate of Mary J. Griffith - \$1,617,691.08 for the Mary J. Griffith Scholarship

Wallace "Jack" Hardman - \$1,000,000 for the Gilmer County Education Scholarship

The Estate of Mary Brake - \$1,000 for the Philip I. Brake Scholarship

Tilden "Skip" '70 and Shirley (McIntyre) '68 Hackworth - \$1,000 for the GSC Board of Governors Scholarship

Robert "Bob" '66 and Sue" (Eddy) '66 Marshall - \$1,000 for the GSC Board of Governors Scholarship

Nancy (Lemon) Rust - \$1,000 for the GSC Board of Governors Scholarship

Minigh Family Dentistry of Shinnston - \$750 for the Minigh Family Scholarship

Robert Born '71 - \$500 for Forestry Student Scholarships

Barry and Karen (Bush) '79 Lay - \$250 for the Foundation Board Meeting

Mack '64 and Thelma (Wilson) '64 Samples - \$200 for the Alumni Center Restoration

Jesse Skiles '87 - \$101 for the Jesse Skiles Scholarship

Dion Davis - \$100 for PAC Women's Basketball

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

William "Bill" Webb '73 - \$50 for the Pioneer Fund

Betty Haught - \$30 for the Robert F. Kidd Library

David Rich '96 - \$25 for Friends of Fine Arts and PAC Women's Basketball

Katie Nutter '12 - \$20 for the Pioneer Fund

Charles Crookshanks '75 - \$10 for the Pioneer Fund

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