

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

Mark Reger '74 was recently inducted into the Glenville State College Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame as a member of the Class of 2020.

While a student at GSC, he was a student athlete where he was a First Team all WVIAC performer as a defensive tackle and was a member of the iconic 1973 GSC football team. He was a team captain for the legendary defense that made it all the way to the national championship game. In his senior year, the Pioneer defense only surrendered 93 total points



Glenville Mayor Dennis Fitzpatrick '73 and GSC President Dr. Mark A. Manchin at the wreath-laying ceremony

Veterans Day Recognition

Yesterday, Glenville State College faculty, staff, students, and community members gathered to honor Veterans Day with a wreath-laying ceremony at the College's War Memorial.

Thank you to all who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

and had a record of 10-2 (7.75 points per game).

In 1974, Mark received his Bachelor of Arts degree in education from Glenville State. After his graduation from GSC, he went on to have a long and successful career as a coach. In the early 1980s, he returned to his alma mater where he served as an assistant coach. After his stint at GSC, Mark went on to serve as both a football and wrestling coach at the high school level where he had several successful decades.

A native of Shinnston, West Virginia, Mark currently resides in St. Albans, West Virginia.

We are proud to have Mark as one of our 2020 Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame inductees, and proud to call him an alumnus of Glenville State College.



The GSC Jazz Combo, under the direction of Dr. Jason Barr (right), performing jazz inspired holiday tunes.

Annual Jazz Band Holiday Concert Scheduled

The Glenville State College Jazz Big Band and Jazz Combo will perform their annual holiday concert at the GSC Fine Arts Center Auditorium on Wednesday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m.

The ensembles, under the direction of Dr. Jason Barr, Department of Fine Arts Chair and Assistant Professor of Music, will begin with a set of traditional jazz favorites from a variety of styles including swing and rock. The second set will feature Glenville State's talented students performing jazz inspired arrangements of holiday classics.

"This performance has become a tradition in Gilmer County. We invite all families, community members, GSC faculty, staff, and students to come celebrate the spirit of the season!" said Barr.

Admission to the concert is by donation. For more information, contact Dr. Barr by [clicking here](#) or by calling (304) 462-6340.



Lady Pioneers Ranked 1st in MEC Preseason Poll

The Mountain East Conference (MEC) has released its 2021-2022 Basketball Preseason rankings and the Lady Pioneers, under the direction of head coach Kim Stephens '11, have earned the top spot. The poll is a vote conducted by the conference's 12 coaches, and Glenville State collected 117 points in the poll as well as eight first place votes.

On the men's side, the Pioneer Basketball Team has been picked fifth in the conference preseason poll. The Pioneers are led by head coach Justin Caldwell '14, and look to be tough contenders this season.

To keep up-to-date on Pioneer Athletics, visit www.gscpioneers.com



"History Alive!" with Walt Disney

Glenville State's Robert F. Kidd Library will be the site of a "History Alive!" performance featuring Walt Disney on Tuesday, November 16 at 5:00 p.m. The "History Alive!" program features scholars from around the Mountain State who portray historical figures.

Portrayed by James Froemel of Maudsville, West Virginia, this "History Alive!" performance will feature Walt Disney. Though his name has become synonymous with the monumentally successful company he created, a young Disney struggled to create an animation company in Chicago, Illinois and Kansas City, Missouri before moving to Los Angeles, California in 1923.

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

GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE'S ANNUAL
Mid-Ohio Valley Alumni Chapter Christmas Dinner



Thursday, December 2
Parkersburg Country Club in Vienna, West Virginia

Annual Mid-Ohio Valley Alumni Christmas Dinner

Glennville State College Alumni and Friends in the Parkersburg, West Virginia area are invited to the Parkersburg Country Club on Thursday, December 2 for the Annual GSC Mid-Ohio Valley Christmas Dinner.

There will be a cash bar meet/greet social time beginning at 5:00 p.m. and dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. Several representatives from GSC will be in attendance and look forward to visiting with you.

This is a wonderful opportunity to re-establish contact with GSC alumni and friends in the Parkersburg area and beyond who you may not have seen in a while. Help us spread the word – invite a friend and plan to join us at this special holiday event.

The cost of the evening with a dinner buffet of pre-sliced prime rib au jus, chicken cordon bleu, asparagus, garlic herb roasted red skin potatoes, tossed salad, Italian vegetable pasta salad, fresh fruit, assorted desserts, rolls/butter, coffee, and iced tea is \$25.00 per person.

For planning purposes, please RSVP by Friday, November 26 to Conner Ferguson '17, Director of Alumni Relations, by [clicking here](#) or calling (304) 462-6116.



Members of the Glenville State College Hidden Promise Scholars Team who took part in the recent American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's Out of Darkness Walk (l-r) Hannah Clarkson, Jobe Carter, Katthlene Rose, Terra Lloyd, Kyla Lovejoy, Olivia Dillon, Allison Smith, Josie Hill, and Jeremy Carter.

Hidden Promise Scholars Participate in American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's Out of Darkness Walk

Several members of Glenville State College's Hidden Promise Scholars program recently took part in an American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's Out of the Darkness Walk. The walk was held in Huntington, West Virginia at Harris Riverfront Park in October.

Jeremy Carter, Glenville State's Hidden Promise Scholars Coordinator, organized the trip and was joined by seven Scholars. By the conclusion of the event, they had been recognized as the Top Fundraising Team, raising \$792. Additionally, Glenville State student Hannah Clarkson was also recognized as the Top Fundraiser at the event.

"Our Hidden Promise students represented Glenville State College wonderfully," Carter said. "The walk was very productive in helping to spread the word about suicide prevention. A special thanks to the GSC Foundation for providing the students with lunch after the walk."

"As soon as my best friend, Olivia Dillon, and I saw the opportunity, we felt inclined to participate. This cause felt very personal to me as my family has been affected by suicide and the fight against depression," Clarkson said. "I didn't know there would be an awards ceremony, but I'm beyond happy to have participated in making Hidden Promise the top fundraising group. Thank you to everyone that donated to our fundraisers – your selfless acts don't go unnoticed!"

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention began hosting Out of the Darkness Walks in 2004, and now host walks on college campuses and in communities across the country. The events are designed to give courage to open up and connect with others and provide a platform to create a new culture about the importance of mental health.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the Hidden Promise Scholars Program and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

**GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE
FUNDING PIONEERS**

*"I chose Glenville State College because it was a small, four-year college that gave me the opportunity to play soccer without being overwhelmed with the difficulties of an international student in a new place."
-Oluwatobi "Tobi" Oladapo, Chemistry*

*"I chose Glenville State College because of the strong reputation in the business field and also getting to pursue my athletic career. The staff, professors, team, and coaches were all very invested in helping me grow as a person and a player, both mentally and physically."
-Abigail McDermott, Sport Management*

*"Attending Glenville State College, with the benefit of scholarships, has taught me core values such as teamwork, commitment, and persistence."
-Marcus Kelley, Behavioral Science*

Why the Pioneer Fund?
Your donation to the Pioneer Fund helps support Glenville State College's greatest areas of need, including student scholarships, professional development opportunities, and so much more!

GSC Fund of the Month - Pioneer Fund

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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.



THE GIVING CORNER

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

James D. Higginbotham - \$24,328 for the Jeannie Moran Higginbotham Scholarship

Ronald "Ron" '71 and Janie Duncan – \$5,000 for the GSC Athletic Trainer Scholarship

Ken and Jean (Crawford) Eister - \$2,000 for the Lorena Hefner Scholarship

Beverly (Clark) Haywood '59 - \$1,000 for the H.Y. Clark Scholarship

Betty (Melrose) Stephens '51 - \$500 for the Scott Stephens Memorial Scholarship

Bobby and Bridget '18 Carr - \$250 for the Caleb S. Carr Memorial Scholarship

Raymond and Elizabeth Fanta - \$250 for PAC Women's Basketball

Jesse F. Skiles '87 - \$161 for the Jesse Skiles Scholarship

Gregory "Greg" '74 and Robin Nicholson - \$100 for the GSC Athletic Trainer Scholarship

John "J.C." Callahan '63 - \$50 for the Pioneer Fund

George Hall - \$50 for the Kenneth and Irene Walker Scholarship

Nathan and Mary (Prather) '76 Smith - \$50 for the Pioneer Fund

John '59 and Karen (Kinney) '59 Harris - \$25 for the Pioneer Fund

Phillip and Karen (Fish) '71 Gibson - \$15 for the Pioneer Fund

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