

GLENVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY
Pioneer Update
YOUR BIWEEKLY UPDATE ON GLENVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY
A COMMUNICATION TO ALUMNI AND FRIENDS ABOUT EVENTS AND PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Lady Pioneers celebrate their National Championship | Photo courtesy of Jamie Mullins '10

LADY PIONEERS ARE NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!

The Glenville State University Lady Pioneer Basketball Team were crowned the 2022 NCAA Division II National Champions last week in Birmingham, Alabama as they defeated Western Washington University 85-72!

Led by head coach Kim Stephens '11, the Lady Pioneers dominated the NCAA Tournament. In the six games played in the NCAA Tournament, the Lady Pioneers broke a tournament scoring record with 524 toppling the previous record of 504 points which was set in 2004. Glenville State's margin of victory in the tournament was 25.8 points.

The Lady Pioneers finished their season 35-1 and secured the first NCAA Basketball Championship for any institution in West Virginia.

[Click here](#) to watch a recap of the Championship Game.



Alumni Spotlight

Glennville State Head Coach Kim Stephens '11 has been named the D-II Women's Basketball National Coach of the Year! Stephens' accomplishment was announced last week in a release from the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.

Coach Stephens and her squad's magical run in 2022, led to a record of 35-1 and a NCAA National Championship Title. Her six-year tenure at GSU has been a myriad of record-breaking accomplishments. Stephens has an overall record of 158-21, and has placed her squad in the NCAA Tournament for all six years. The Lady Pioneers have also led the nation in scoring in each of those six seasons, and did so this year averaging 96.3 points per game. They have topped 100 points 82 times during this stretch, including a 103-56 win over West Texas A&M in the Elite Eight Quarterfinal.



Lady Pioneers Welcomed Home

The Lady Pioneer Basketball Team was welcomed back home to the Waco Center on Saturday night as hundreds of students, alumni, faculty, staff, community members, and fans gathered to welcome home the newly crowned National Champions.

Those in attendance heard remarks from Director of Athletics Jesse Skiles '87 and Coach Kim Stephens '11, took photos with the student athletes and the National Championship Trophy, and congratulated the team and coaching staff an outstanding season!

[Click here](#) to view coverage of the welcome back from WDTV.

It's Time to Celebrate – You're Invited!

Glennville State University will celebrate the members of the Lady Pioneer Basketball Team and their recent 2022 NCAA Division II National Championship on Wednesday, April 6 with a parade and recognition ceremony.

A meet and greet with the Lady Pioneers will take place from 10:30 a.m. until noon at the Waco Center. The parade, which will run down Main Street in Downtown Glennville, will begin at 12:30 p.m. Immediately following the parade, a recognition ceremony for the team members and coaches will take place

Stephens, a native of Parkersburg, West Virginia, was a standout player at both Parkersburg South and Glenville State. She returned to her alma mater to take over the head coaching duties for the 2017-18 season, and began her historic run immediately, as the Lady Pioneers captured the MEC title in her first season. She has been named the MEC Coach of the Year three times. Her record in conference play is a sterling 109-11.

Congratulations Coach Stephens!

at the GSU Waco Center. The parade and recognition ceremony are free and open to the public.

Alumni, students, faculty, staff, community members, and fans attending the celebration are encouraged to wear their Pioneer blue to help celebrate the occasion.

The [Lady Pioneer National Championship Team Shop](#) is now open! [Click here](#) to purchase your National Championship memorabilia!



Can't attend the parade in person? No worries, we've got you covered! You can watch the parade live on the [Glenville State University Facebook Page](#).



Glenville State University students (l-r) Avalon Green, Megan Harding, and Madelynn V. Ojanpera-Lynch were recently awarded scholarships from the Women's Leadership Circle.

Women's Leadership Circle Awards Scholarships

Glenville State University students Avalon Green, Madelynn V. Ojanpera-Lynch, and Megan Harding are the recipients of the Spring 2022 Women's Leadership Circle Scholarship. The scholarship, awarded annually, is open to all female students at Glenville State University.

Green, a sophomore integrated marketing major from Salt Lake City, Utah, is a member of the GSU Women's Golf Team and a finalist in the 2022 West Virginia Business Plan Competition.

Ojanpera-Lynch, a sophomore studying Music Education (Pre-K-Adult) from Elizabeth, West Virginia, is currently the Secretary for GSU's Student Government Association and is a member of Glenville State's Marching Band.

Harding, a junior studying Elementary Education (K-6) and Social Studies Education (5-9) from Calhoun County, West Virginia, is involved in the Early Education Student Group, the Student Reading Interest Group, and is a member of the GSU Women's Golf Team.

The Women's Leadership Circle was founded on the basis of fellowship, opportunity, and philanthropy and envisions a community of female givers who provide opportunities and support to female students at Glenville State University. In addition to aiding projects on campus, members will help create a culture of female empowerment on the GSU campus and surrounding community, helping women to prepare for and grow in their careers and leadership positions.

For more information on the WLC or starting a scholarship, contact Mandi (James) Lucas '09 by [clicking here](#) or calling (304) 462-6385. To become a member of the Women's Leadership Circle, visit the [WLC membership form](#).



GSU Students presenting donation

Students Donate \$500 to Local Cancer Fund

Members of Glenville State University's Pioneer Shooting Club organization recently presented a \$500 check to Glenville's First



GSU Students at a previous Career Expo

Annual Glenville State Career Expo

The annual Glenville State University Career and Graduate School Expo is scheduled for

Baptist Church Cancer Fund. Students in the organization raised the money from an auction held last semester and were looking for ways to help not only their group, but the community at large.

"We wanted to keep our donation local, and we found out about the Cancer Fund from a professor on campus. When we learned about all the good things the fund does to help people in need, we knew that was where we wanted our donation to go and it all worked out really well," said Pioneer Shooting Club President, Emily Henline.

The Cancer Fund, which was established in 2010, is used to help Gilmer County residents with travel expenses related to cancer treatments or appointments, medication, hospital bills, and more.

For more information about the Pioneer Shooting Club at Glenville State University, contact group advisor Dr. Donal Hardin by [clicking here](#).

Thursday, April 14 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the GSU Waco Center.

The Career and Graduate School Expo provides area employers with opportunities to meet many talented students who will be graduating in May and recent graduates who are ready to begin their careers. All prospective employers who provide students with opportunities upon graduation, summer employment, or internship positions are invited to participate. Many Glenville State students will attend the fair, and they look forward to learning about possible employment opportunities.

Employers interested in having a booth at the expo may [download a registration form here](#). Registration and participation are free for all businesses and organizations.

For more information about the Career and Graduate School Expo or to reserve space for a business, government agency, university, non-profit entity, or other organization, contact (304) 462-4118.



Calhoun Banks Marketing Director Ammanda Frame (left) presents some of the items collected by Calhoun Banks employees to Glenville State University Marketing Director Dustin Crutchfield '09 for the campus Career Closet.

Calhoun Banks Employees Donate to GSU Career Closet

Glenville State University's Career Closet now has more items for students to choose from thanks to a recent donation from Calhoun Banks employees.

Glenville State's Career Closet provides students with access to an assortment of professional and casual clothing, all at no charge.

Throughout the month of February, Calhoun Banks employees at their Grantsville, Arnoldsburg, Elizabeth, and Glenville locations collected gently used business attire. The collection drive yielded an assortment of suits, slacks, skirts, blouses, dress shirts, sweaters, shoes, ties, handbags, and more for the GSU Career Closet.

"Access to items in the Career Closet help Glenville State University students to be professionally dressed as they interview for jobs, complete student teaching, begin internships, and start their careers," said Dustin Crutchfield '09, Director of Marketing and Public Relations at Glenville State. "This is a great example of the community supporting students who are just starting out and I extend a huge thanks to our friends at Calhoun Banks for this recent donation!"



View Pioneer Progress Magazine Online

By now, many Glenville State Alumni & Friends have probably received the fall 2021 edition of the 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 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 GSU 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.

Lois A. Deem - \$28,000 for the Eberle Forestry Scholarship

Larry and Ann (Starcher) '72 Green - \$25,025 for the GSU Alumni Student Hardship Fund and the Edwin & Opal Vincent Starcher Memorial Scholarship

Stephen "Steve" '60 and Carolyn (Dotson) '61 Taylor - \$10,000 for the President's Circle

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

Daniel and Rosa Cerisano-Hunt - \$5,000 for the Helen Brammer Hunt & Paul Hunt Scholarship

Austin Pounds - \$5,000 for PAC Women's Golf

Matheny Motor Truck Co. - \$2,500 for the President's Circle

Mack and Arlene Worl - \$2,000 for PAC Women's Golf

C. Greg '87 and Tina (Burkhamer) '87 Cunningham - \$1,000 for PAC Men's Golf

Pardee & Curtin Realty, LLC - \$1,000 for the Department of Land Resources

Greta (Ellyson) (Thompson) Wilderson - \$1,000 for the Education Curriculum Resource Center

Dr. Jason and Jennifer Yeager - \$782.21 for Student Support

Jesse F. Skiles '87 - \$769 for the Jesse Skiles Scholarship and the Pioneer Athletic Club

McKinley Architecture & Engineering - \$500 for the President's Circle

Mid-State Chevrolet - \$400 for PAC Women's Golf

Matt and Betty Quiocho - \$337 for PAC Wrestling

Keith and Connie Emrick - \$250 for the Scott Stephens Memorial Scholarship

JPW Graphics LLC - \$250 for PAC Women's Golf

David and Cherlyn (Cole) '74 Kern - \$250 for the Pioneer Fund

Robert "Bob" Koch - \$250 for the Pioneer Fund

Harry Austin - \$200 for the Pioneer Fund

Neal '84 and Renita (Emerson) '85 Benson - \$200 for PAC Women's Basketball

Hunter Jones - \$187 for PAC Wrestling

Bibbee Insurance LLC - \$150 for PAC Women's Golf

Milton "Mick" '69 and Beverly Hartley - \$130 for the Pioneer Fund

Mary (Davis) Boso '66 - \$100 for the Friends of Fine Arts

Terry '69 and Nasia Butcher - \$100 for the Pioneer Athletic Club

Central WV Real Estate LLC - \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

Gloria DeLong - \$100 for PAC Wrestling

Ellyson Mortuary, Inc. - \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

Flying "W" Plastics - \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

Gil-Co Faith Pharmacy, Inc. - \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

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

H&M Moters - \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

La Fogata LLC - \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

Leisure World, LLC - \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

Richard and Linda Maxwell - \$100 for PAC Wrestling

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

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

Tayana L. Stewart - \$100 for PAC Women's Basketball

United Bank - \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

Weston Family Chiropractic PLLC - \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

Amanda "Mandy" McGrady '98 - \$75 for the 150th Silver Coin Project

Judith "Judy" Airhart '81 - \$50 for the Pioneer Fund

Andre Brown '72 - \$50 for the GSU Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Kenneth "Ken" '72 and Monica (Borkowski) '79 Davis - \$50 for the GSU Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Christopher and Paula (Maxwell) '93 DeLong - \$50 for PAC Wrestling

Rebecca Jenkins - \$50 for PAC Wrestling

Sand Fork Baptist Church - \$50 for the Bob Reed Football Scholarship

Betty (Melrose) Stephens '51 - \$50 for PAC Women's Basketball

Larry and Carol Dodson - \$25 for PAC Women's Soccer Scholarship

Jeremy and Kelly Sandy - \$15 for PAC Wrestling

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Glenville State University prepares and inspires students to be thoughtful, productive, engaged, and responsible citizens who contribute to the well-being of their community, state, nation, and world.



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