

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



Alumni Spotlight

Jason Hartman '84 is a Certified Public Accountant and is serving as the CEO and Partner at Brown, Edwards & Company, CPA's in Roanoke, Virginia. He joined the company in 1986, made partner in 1998, and rose to CEO in 2017. Prior to his current firm, he worked at Ernst & Whinney.

While a student at Glenville State, he served as a DJ for the campus radio station. In fall 1983, Jason earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree in Accounting. After his graduation from Glenville State, he obtained his Master of Science degree in



GSU President Dr. Mark Manchin at the 2021 GSU Night at Power Park

GSU Night at Power Park

There is still time to join your fellow Pioneers at Appalachian Power Park in Charleston, West Virginia for an evening of baseball and fun. Saturday, June 11 will be Glenville State Night at Power Park – wear your royal blue and cheer on the Charleston Dirty Birds while reconnecting with old friends! Glenville State University is also the game day sponsor and will be providing a fireworks show at the conclusion of the game.

Party Patio tickets (which include admission, food, and drinks) are available for \$25 through the Glenville State University Office of Alumni Affairs by [clicking here](#). General admission tickets for the game can be purchased through the Charleston Dirty Birds Box Office, [online](#), by phone at (304) 344-2287, or the day of the game.

Gates open at 5:30PM and game time is set for 6:35PM.

Accounting from James Madison University.

During Jason's tenure as CEO, Brown Edwards has doubled in size, has over \$72 million in revenue, 450 employees, and 12 offices, including two in West Virginia (Bluefield and Charleston). The firm also moved into the Top 100 Accounting Firms in the country as number 78.

Jason made *Virginia Business Magazine's* "Virginia Power List" as he was selected as one of the Top 500 Most Influential Leaders in Virginia for 2020-2021. He has also provided various interviews with accounting industry publications and business journals, as well as serving as a board member and audit committee chair for Feeding Southwest Virginia for the last 12 years.

Originally from Franklin, West Virginia, Jason currently resides in Roanoke, Virginia with his wife Christie and their son Elmer. In his spare time he enjoys classic cars and motorcycle riding.

When asked what GSU meant to him, he said, "I didn't know what I wanted to do when I started college. [GSU] gave me a very practical accounting and business education that served as a foundation for

For more information or questions about the event, contact GSU Director of Alumni Relations Conner Ferguson '17 by [clicking here](#) or calling (304) 462-6116.



Land Surveying Program to Celebrates 50 Year Reunion

The Land Surveying program at Glenville State University is celebrating 50 years in 2022 and all alumni of the program are invited back to campus for a celebration and reunion.

The golden anniversary celebration for the program will take place on Saturday, September 10 at the Glenville State University Waco Center. The Waco Center – which is located at 921 Mineral Road in Glenville – is the current home of the Department of Land Resources and the Land Surveying program. Registration for the event begins at 9:00 a.m., the celebration begins at 10:00 a.m., and lunch is at noon. Tickets are \$10 each at the door. Alumni may bring one guest.

A pre-event reception will take place on Friday, September 9 at 6:00 p.m., also at the Waco Center.

Those who are planning to attend are asked to RSVP by Friday, August 19 via email to Land.Resources@glenville.edu or by calling (304) 462-6370.

2022 Pioneer Football Schedule Announced

everything I've done in my career."

We are pleased to feature Jason in this week's Alumni Spotlight and proud to call him an Alumnus of Glenville State University.

Glenville State University Head Football Coach Mike Kellar has released the 2022 Pioneer Football Schedule. The season will feature 11 games including 5 home games. Homecoming is scheduled for Saturday, October 15 vs Alderson Broaddus University.

[Click here](#) to view the 2022 schedule.



The band BERTH comprised of GSU graduates (l-r) Derrick Lowe '19, Joshua Runyon '19, Ethan Cook '20, and Bobby Davis '18

Bands with Glenville State Ties to Headline Live on the Levee

The 2022 Live on the Levee lineup has been released and it features several Glenville State University musicians.

The Parachute Brigade will headline the July 22 concert. The indie-roots band from Beckley, West Virginia includes Glenville State alumnus Brittany McGuire '15 on vocals and keyboard.

Eric Robbins, Justin Puett, Jodie Cox-Puett, Jeremiah Hatfield, and Krystion Stover round out the group.

The quartet BERTH will close out the concert series for the summer on September 2; the final concert of the season also includes a fireworks show. BERTH is comprised of West Virginia natives Joshua Runyon '19, Derrick Lowe '19, Bobby Davis 18, and Ethan Cook '20 – all four are Glenville State graduates.

"I remember the first time I went to Live on The Levee when I was fifteen. I had been playing guitar for a few years and I was looking to see some good live bands. I ended up going that night with family and friends. The music and atmosphere blew me away. I ended up returning every night I could from then on. I made a promise to myself on that first night that I was going to find a way to perform on The Levee. Ten years later, that day has finally come. I cannot express how proud I am of these guys, and how grateful we all are to those who have helped us get here. No mountain is too high. You just have to start climbing, don't stop till you reach the top. Nothing is impossible," Runyon said.

Live on the Levee showcases various musical styles, including regional and national groups, in a family-friendly atmosphere.

Going strong for nearly 20 seasons, Live on the Levee performances take place on Friday evenings throughout the summer season from the Schoenbaum Stage at Haddad Riverfront Park in Charleston, West Virginia. Admission is free and music begins at 6:30 p.m.



Students in grades 9-12 (and new high school graduates) are invited to take part in a week-long storytelling camp at Glenville State University in partnership with the WV Storytelling Guild. | Photo Courtesy WV Storytelling Guild

Youth Storytelling Summer Camp Coming to GSU

Glenville State University is partnering with the West Virginia Storytelling Guild to present a week-long workshop entitled "Come Spin a Tale!" The workshop is open to incoming 9th-12th grade students as well as new high school graduates. It will take place Monday, July 18 – Friday, July 22 on the Glenville State University campus.

Students will attend performances by Adam Booth and Bil Lepp, and attend workshops from Booth and Lepp along with fellow legendary storytellers Karen Vuranch, Bill Hairston, Judi Tarowsky, Jamie Froemel, Mike Perry, and Kevin Cordi. Campers will be given instruction in establishing stories and developing characters, getting and keeping an audience's attention, drawing from personal narratives, developing improvisational skills, using body language and inflection, telling tall tales, and more. Tuition for the camp is \$100 and includes meals and lodging on the Glenville State campus.

"One of the goals of the West Virginia Storytelling Guild has always been to keep storytelling in the mountains a part of our folk culture. When I was offered the chance for Glenville and the Guild to offer a week of youth storytelling, it was a dream come true," said Jo Ann Dadisman of the West Virginia Storytelling Guild. She serves as co-director of the workshop.

"I was exposed to storytelling at an early age because it goes hand-in-hand with the traditional music I've played for most of my life. Storytelling is a significant part of our culture and our oral tradition, but there's so much more to it. The techniques that storytellers use to connect with an audience can be applied to any situation in which a speaker needs to connect with a group," said Dr. David O'Dell, Glenville State University Professor of Chemistry and workshop co-director.

[Click here](#) for more information and to view the camp application.



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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.

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THE GIVING CORNER

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First Energy Foundation - \$7,500 for the Department of Fine Arts Art Program

Alexander '53 and Sharon Jokay - \$1,000 for the Pioneer Fund

Hall Financial Advisors, LLC - \$600 for PAC Women's Basketball

James "Jim" Hamrick '58 - \$550 for the Jim Hamrick Athletic/Academic Scholarship and the Steven and Lynn Kee Diversity Scholarship

Campus Pub - \$500 for PAC Football

Conserv Contractor Services, Inc. - \$500 for PAC Football

McKinley & Associates, Inc. - \$500 for PAC Football

Minigh Family Dentistry of Glenville - \$500 for PAC Football

Suttle & Stalnaker, PLLC - \$500 for PAC Women's Basketball

United Bank - \$500 for PAC Football

Jesse F. Skiles '87 - \$423.91 for PAC Football and the Jesse Skiles Scholarship

Drake's Used Cars, LLC - \$300 for PAC Football

Michael '61 and Judith (Kennedy) '58 Webb - \$300 for the Pioneer Fund

Marilyn (Hawkins) Bechtol '63 - \$250 for the Pioneer Fund

James '75 and Brenda (Johnston) '77 Bleigh - \$250 for the Pioneer Fund

Brenton Drake '07 - \$250 for the Pioneer Fund

Dean '64 and Janice (Underwood) '64 Hinzman - \$250 for the Pioneer Fund

Donald R. Phillips - \$250 for the Pioneer Fund

E. Scott '76 and Mary (Ashby) '79 Bickel - \$200 for the Pioneer Fund

David '59 and Mary (Cleavenger) '59 Hall - \$200 for the Pioneer Fund

Daryl and Carolyn (Stemple) '64 Kelly - \$200 for the Pioneer Fund

Timothy "Tim" Moore '85 - \$200 for PAC Football

Carroll '59 and Virginia "Jenny" (Hardman) '59 Staats - \$200 for the Pioneer Fund

David "Mike" '73 and Sharon (Sturm) '73 Wilt - \$200 for the Pioneer Fund

Charles "Bernie" Buttrey '76 - \$125 for PAC Football

Benjamin Greene '56 - \$101 for the Pioneer Fund

Paul Ayers '75 - \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Michael Beckett '88 - \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Ronald and Judith "Judy" (Law) '70 Bowyer - \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Robert and Mandie Butterworth - \$100 for the Steven and Lynn Kee Diversity Scholarship

Donna (Riley) Depue '68 - \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Nellie Estep - \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Amanda "Mandy" (Kelble) Frymier '06 - \$100 for PAC Football

Fuller's Wholesale Electronics, Inc. - \$100 for PAC Football

Larry Gillespie '73 - \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Sharon (Foglesong) Grimes '67 - \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

William "Bill" '68 and Celia "Loretta" (Rose) '70 Hutchison - \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Richard Intihar - \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

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Jon "Pat" and Kimberly "Kim" (Drake) '90 Roberts - \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Homer Smith '55 - \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Smoker Friendly - \$100 for PAC Football

Professor Emerita Dr. Barbara Tedford - \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

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John Wayne '77 - \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Barbara (West) Wilson '82 - \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Jesse Skiles, Jr. - \$60 for the Jesse Skiles Scholarship

Paul Chapman - \$50 for the Pioneer Fund

Virginia (Patterson) Genlot '59 - \$50 for the Pioneer Fund

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Mary "Cathy" Rice - \$50 for the Steven and Lynn Kee Diversity Scholarship

Dan Snyder '71 - \$50 for the Pioneer Fund

Marvin Stemple '59 - \$50 for the Pioneer Fund

William "Buddy" Thomas '74 - \$50 for the Pioneer Fund

Donald and Martha (Johnson) '77 McNemar - \$25 for the GSU Athletic Trainer Scholarship

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

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