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2020

New Pioneer Orientation

Academic Success Center

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Attendance and participation during New Pioneer Orientation Weekend is expected.

Guests of new students are not allowed to attend the Pioneer Welcome Weekend activities.

Please check your Blackboard GSC 100 section for New Pioneer Orientation updates.

For questions, please contact the Academic Success Center:
(304) 462-4118
Academic.Success@glenville.edu

All transfer students and re-admitted students are welcome to attend the scheduled GSC 100 section meetings. Please see ASC Staff or Mentors if you wish to attend.

*All new first-time freshmen will meet with the instructor of their respective GSC 100 sections for convocation on Friday at 2:00 pm. You can find your GSC 100 section number on your schedule found on EdNet. If you need assistance, please ask a GSC staff member or ASC Mentor for help.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH

- 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
REMAINING NEW STUDENT ARRIVAL & MOVE-IN
@ RESIDENCE HALLS
- 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM
OPEN ADVISING SESSIONS
@ ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER
- 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
OPEN ACTIVITIES
@ VARIOUS LOCATIONS
- 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
OPEN CAMPUS DINING HOURS
@ MCCC, DINING HALL
- 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM
VIRTUAL CONVOCATION*
@ GSC 100 LOCATIONS
(See locations listed on Saturday's schedule below)
- 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM
OPEN ACTIVITIES
@ VARIOUS LOCATIONS
- 4:30 PM – 8:00 PM
OPEN CAMPUS DINING HOURS
@ MCCC, DINING HALL
- 4:30 PM – 9:00 PM
OPEN ADVISING SESSIONS
@ ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH

- 7:00 AM – 10:30 AM
OPEN CAMPUS DINING HOURS
@ MCCC, DINING HALL
- 9:00 AM – 9:50 AM
GSC 100-09 LANG
@ FINE ARTS RECITAL HALL
- 9:30 AM – 10:20 AM
GSC 100-03 FRANCIS
@ MCCC, BALLROOM SIDE B
- 10:00 AM – 10:50 AM
GSC 100-10 LANG
@ FINE ARTS RECITAL HALL
- 10:30 AM – 11:45 PM
GSC 100-11 ADKINS
@ MCCC 315A
- 11:00 AM – 11:50 AM
GSC 100-05 CARTER
@ MCCC, BALLROOM SIDE A
- 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM
GSC 100-07 GRIFFIN
@ FINE ARTS AUDITORIUM
- 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
OPEN ACTIVITIES
@ VARIOUS LOCATIONS
- 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
OPEN CAMPUS DINING HOURS
@ MCCC, DINING HALL
- 1:00 PM – 1:50 PM
GSC 100-01 MARTIN
@ AB, PRESIDENTS' AUDITORIUM
- 1:30 PM – 2:45 PM
GSC 100-04 FRANCIS
@ MCCC, BALLROOM SIDE 5
- 1:30 PM – 2:45 PM
GSC 100-08 GRIFFIN
@ FINE ARTS AUDITORIUM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH (Cont'd.)

- 2:00 PM – 2:50 PM
GSC 100-02 MARTIN
GSC 100-12 ADKINS
@ AB, PRESIDENTS' AUDITORIUM
- 3:00 PM – 3:50 PM
GSC 100-06 CARTER
@ MCCC, BALLROOM SIDE A
- 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM
OPEN ACTIVITIES
@ VARIOUS LOCATIONS
- 4:30 PM – 8:00 PM
OPEN CAMPUS DINING HOURS
@ MCCC, DINING HALL

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH

- 7:00 AM – 10:30 AM
OPEN CAMPUS DINING HOURS
@ MCCC, DINING HALL
- 9:00 AM – 9:50 AM
GSC 100-09 LANG
@ FINE ARTS RECITAL HALL
- 9:30 AM – 10:20 AM
GSC 100-03 FRANCIS
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WELCOME NEW PIONEERS!

Throughout the course of New Pioneer Orientation, you will be settling in to your college experience.

New Pioneer Orientation is designed to help you create meaningful connections, familiarize yourself with GSC policies and procedures, connect you with our caring and dedicated professionals across campus, and inform you of all the services GSC provides. Attendance is expected at all scheduled events. The next few days will be packed with unique experiences and new friends. We hope you enjoy the weekend and have as much fun as you can before classes start.

GSC PILLARS OF EXCELLENCE

PILLARS OF PIONEER EXCELLENCE

The Academic Success Center (ASC) at Glenville State College provides you with many different opportunities throughout the academic year in all aspects of your campus life. Listed under the 'Academic Success Center Services' heading of this booklet you will find a full outline of the ASC's services. Also, be sure to visit our offices on the third floor of the Robert F. Kidd Library.

One of our services is to offer many different trainings throughout both the fall and spring semesters. Some student training modules are a requirement of GSC 100, and a list of all modules will be emailed out campus-wide when it is available. These training modules help to build, foster, define, or instill one of six clearly defined Pillars of Pioneer Excellence. These are:



PIONEER WELLNESS



COMMUNITY



ACADEMIC SUCCESS



LEADERSHIP



INNOVATION



INCLUSION

What follows is a short description of some of the campus facilities, events, and activities and how they contribute to each pillar along with some basic, but important knowledge for the coming academic year.

Be
EXCELLENT



PIONEER WELLNESS

GSC FITNESS CENTERS

GSC POOL/
AQUA YOGA

MONEY MATTERS

FINANCIAL AID EXPECTATIONS & IMPORTANT TIPS

MENTAL HEALTH MONDAY

- These centers are located in the Mollohan Campus Community Center and the Waco Center and are free for students. Staff can help familiarize you with certain equipment and easy-to-learn exercises that will help keep you moving all year long.
- The GSC Pool hosts different sessions each week for different levels of athletes, helping you to become acquainted with GSC Pool rules and policies, and then teach you the basics of Aqua Yoga.
- Money Matters is a personal finance service that teaches you how to budget your money, balance a checkbook, keep track of financial information, manage your credit, file your tax return, and any other questions that you may have.
- The GSC Financial Aid Counselors will help inform you on what you can do to make your financial aid experience even smoother than it normally is. Also, they will explain Academic & Financial Aid Suspension, the appeals process, FAFSA completion, scholarship deadlines, and so much more!
- This is a campus-wide activity to promote positive mental health in the GSC community and beyond. There are special booths and workshops set up throughout campus to help students connect with resources to maintain positive mental health and to help students connect with each other, as well.



COMMUNITY

SGA CHAIN OF COMMAND

HPS RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

COMMUNITY SERVICE

HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES

- The GSC Student Government Association has information which covers the policies that are in place for student communications up the chain of command. If you have a problem on campus or a great idea you want to be heard by GSC Administration, this is who you turn to!
- Student Affairs and the Hidden Promise Scholars Program at Glenville State host semiannual Red Cross Blood Drives on campus. There are planning meetings where you can throw your hat in the ring to administer, simply volunteer your time, or just donate.
- Whether you are an athlete, a member of a fraternity or a sorority, a Hidden Promise Scholar, or member of another campus organization, there are countless ways that you can get involved with community service on campus.
- Every year, GSC hosts both a Fall and Spring (Winter) Homecoming. You and your organization can get involved with the parades, tailgates, and alumni activities that will generate buzz for your organization on campus and around town.





LEADERSHIP

CAREER SERVICES

- Through the Career Services Department in the Academic Success Center, we can help you become independent and secure the career that you've always dreamed of through résumé writing tips and review, lessons in professional dress, access to free professional clothing through the Career Closet, mock interviews and more.

ASC MENTOR PROGRAM

- The mentors guiding you through Orientation and GSC 100 were once in your shoes. After you get more settled and get some coursework done, you may also want to be a part of the ASC Mentor Program. It looks great on a résumé, and you can get some extra money for school.

ACADEMIC FRATERNITIES

- Membership in these organizations is subjective to your GPA, and you can gain leadership experience and résumé builders by running for officer and other leadership positions within them.

GSC STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

- Learn independence, earn your own money, and gain experience by getting a job on campus. Apply online by clicking the Now Hiring link and uploading a resume.



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GSC THEATER

- Discover your inner thespian by joining the Theater Program in putting together shows throughout the semester. Meet new people, build your public speaking abilities, and discover emboldened self-confidence!

THE TRILLIUM

- Submit your poetry, prose, or art to the college's literary and arts magazine. Anyone can make a submission to this annual publication.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- There are many student organizations that you can be a part of. In fact, you can even create an organization to fit your lifestyle or career goals. See a full list of student organizations in the latter pages of this booklet.

BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION

- GSC participates annually in the West Virginia Innovation and Business Model Competition (WVIBMC), in which business majors submit their plans to a committee to move on to regional, and even national events.

PIONEER SHOWCASE

- Students compete by submitting projects in all disciplines within a formal setting. This forum is open to all students to participate, and covers all academic departments. Submissions are judged by a panel of GSC faculty.



INCLUSION

PIONEER DAY OF ACCEPTANCE

- Join the rest of our Pioneer Family in welcoming ALL of our fellow Pioneers together to participate in a celebration of diversity in North Central Appalachia. We will have games and activities that bring us closer together, no matter our backgrounds.

STUDENT LIFE INTRAMURALS

- Student Life hosts intramural tournaments to encourage you to stay active. Student Life joins us to teach you how and when to create and register a team so you can compete and get involved!

STUDENT ORG CHILI COOK-OFF

- Get together with other Student Organizations and test your culinary prowess! Each year we host a chili cook-off, pitting our Student Organizations against each other. The winner receives a prize and, of course, bragging rights!

LGBT ALLIANCE

- GSC has added an LGBTQ+ Alliance organization on campus. Students, faculty, staff, and the community are welcome to join the alliance.



ACADEMIC SUCCESS

SETTING GOALS

STUDY SKILLS & TEST-TAKING

APPLYING FOR POST-SECONDARY PROGRAMS

AVOIDING ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

CRITICAL READING & NOTE-TAKING

- In the ASC, the staff helps students maximize their academic potential using unique methods to connect everyday achievements, or objectives, with broader, long-term goals. One important aspect to this incremental achievement is through understanding the proper use of time management, good note-taking, etc.
- Most students dislike taking tests and studying, but we can show you the secrets to studying alone and in groups to enhance your learning and comprehension abilities. Once you learn the secret to studying, you will learn ways to efficiently use your skills and be on your way to being a test-taking pro.
- Our main goal on this campus is to see you succeed. If your dreams take you to furthering your education at a post-secondary institution, then we can help you get there. With nearly all our faculty and most of our staff holding advanced degrees, you have a team of experts to help you see it through to the next level!
- One of the things you need to look out for now is academic dishonesty, which comes in many forms *other than* plagiarism, like unfair advantage, bribery, misrepresentation, and duplicate submission. The ASC will teach you how to carefully read your syllabi that your professors give you to stay within the confines of campus rules and policies.
- Learning how to get the most from reading is a fundamental learning skill at the college level and learning more about the source and purpose of your reading is important. The same importance applies to being able to digest lectures into simple notes that are easy to study and understand. You will also learn the difference between coincidence and corroboration, and the importance of subjective and objective reality.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER SERVICES

Academic Advising/Counseling

- Advise and design schedules for all first-time freshmen and transfer students.
- Monitor attendance and academic performance in order to intervene on behalf of at-risk students.
- Develop academic intervention and recovery plans for students.

ADA

- Identify and evaluate students with disability needs.
- Ensure students are receiving appropriate intervention and services per their disability accommodations.
- Manage, implement, and evaluate accommodations for all approved student.

Career Services

- Host and arrange an annual career fair and graduate school expo as well as mock interviews for students.
- Organize job readiness seminars, including cover-letter and resume workshops.

GSC 100

- Develop student study skills and other necessary academic traits to improve student performance.
- Deliver state-mandated instruction regarding sexual assault, drug/alcohol use, and suicide prevention.
- Introduce students to personnel within and functions of key administrative departments.

Tutoring

- Coordinate one-on-one and small-group tutoring in ASC on as-needed basis in all subject areas.
- Direct students to drop-in tutoring services for math and writing.

Veteran Support Services

- Certify veterans' enrollment and financial aid to Veterans Affairs.
- Coordinate federal work study for veterans.
- Provide advocacy on behalf of veteran students with regards to GSC and VA.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Join

A STUDENT ORGANIZATION

ACADEMIC ORGANIZATIONS

ALPHA PHI SIGMA	Criminal Justice Honor Society
ALPHA PSI OMEGA	Drama and Theater Fraternity
ART SOCIETY	For Visual Arts
BIO CHEM CLUB	For Biology and Chemistry Interest
CHI BETA PHI	Science and Math Fraternity
HERMITAGE LITERARY SOCIETY	For English Majors
FORESTRY CLUB	For Forestry Majors
KAPPA DELTA PI	Education Fraternity
PI GAMMA MU	Social Sciences Fraternity
FORESTRY CLUB	For Natural Resource Mgmt. Forestry Majors
GSC EARLY EDUC. STUDENT GROUP	For Early Education Interest
GSC ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATION	Focus on Environmental Issues and Recycling
GSC LAND SURVEYING CLUB	For Natural Resource Mgmt. Surveying Majors
NAT'L ASSOC. FOR MUSIC EDUCATORS	For Music Education Majors
PHI BETA LAMBDA	For Business Majors
SIGMA PI XI	For Criminal Justice Majors
STUDENT READING INTEREST GROUP	For Education Majors

SOCIAL GREEK CLUBS *(Based on interest and group requirements)*

ALPHA THETA XI	Social Sorority
ALPHA XI OMEGA	Social Fraternity
CHI ZETA PI	Social Sorority
DELTA XI RHO	Social Sorority
SIGMA OMEGA BETA	Social Fraternity

SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS/STUDENT CLUBS *(Based on interest)*

BAPTIST CAMPUS MINISTRIES	For Religious Interest
BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE CLUB	For Behavioral Science Interest
FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES	For Athletes with Religious Interest
GSC HEALTH & FITNESS CLUB	For Health and Physical Education Interest
GSC HIGH ADVENTURE CLUB	For Outdoor and Exercise
LGBTQ+ ALLIANCE	For LGBTQ+ Community Involvement
PIONEERS FOR A CAUSE	For Humanitarian Interest
PIONEER SHOOTING CLUB	For Rifle/Pistol Sports Interest
SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY GUILD	For Sci-Fi Enthusiasts
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOC.	For Student Leadership
STUDENT VETERANS' ASSOCIATION	For Veterans and Dependents
WESLEY FOUNDATION/UNITY HOUSE	For Religious Interest

ATHLETIC CLUBS *(Based on interest)*

GSC YOGA CLUB	For Exercise and Yoga Interest
PIONEER ATHLETIC CLUB	For Athletic Fundraising

MILITARY ASSOCIATIONS

STUDENT VETERANS OF AMERICA	For Military Service Members and Dependents
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IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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GSC CAMPUS SERVICES

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS	(304) 462-4100
ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER	(304) 462-4118
ACCESSIBILITY & ACCOMMODATIONS	(304) 462-6051
ADMISSIONS	(800) 924-2010
ATHLETICS	(304) 462-4102
BLACKBOARD HELP DESK	(304) 462-6449
CAREER SERVICES	(304) 462-6059
CASHIER'S OFFICE	(304) 462-4104
COUNSELING CENTER	(304) 462-6432
DINING SERVICES	(304) 462-4108
FINANCIAL AID	(304) 462-4103
FITNESS CENTER	(304) 462-6440
HIDDEN PROMISE SCHOLARS	(304) 462-6060
OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY	(304) 462-4106
POOL INFORMATION	(304) 462-6216
REGISTRAR'S OFFICE	(304) 462-4117
RESIDENCE LIFE	(304) 462-6412
RFK LIBRARY	(304) 462-4109
STUDENT LIFE & ACTIVITIES	(304) 462-4114
STUDENT GOV'T ASSOCIATION (SGA)	(304) 462-6419
STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (SSS)	(304) 462-6150
TITLE IX COORDINATOR	(304) 462-6054
TUTORING COORDINATOR	(304) 462-6053
VETERANS' SUPPORT SERVICES	(304) 462-6155

EMERGENCY SERVICES

GSC PUBLIC SAFETY 24-HR.	(304) 904-2041 (CELL)
GSC PUBLIC SAFETY	(304) 462-6450 (OFFICE)
GSC COUNSELING CENTER	(304) 462-6432
SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE	(800) 273-8255 (AVAILABLE 24/7)
TITLE IX REPORTS	(304) 462-6054



HIGHER EDUCATION GLOSSARY

Academic advisor: Your academic advisor is the person assigned to work with you on planning your class schedule and building your degree plan. You should meet with your advisor at least once per semester during GSC's planned academic advising period.

Academic calendar: The academic calendar outlines important dates and deadlines at GSC, including the first and last days of classes, the last day to add or drop a course, mid-term and final exam weeks, academic advising periods, and graduation.

Academic probation: Students who are off-track academically are given a warning and are put on probation for a period of time. Usually, students are put on academic probation because they have failed to maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA). However, sometimes students are put on probation for failing to make progress toward their chosen major. Students who are on probation are given a length of time to improve their academic performance and complete steps outlined by the institution. Students who fail to meet these requirements and improve their academic standing run the risk of being suspended from college.

Academic suspension: Students who have not met GSC's minimum academic standards are asked to leave the college for a period of time (usually either a semester or a year). Typically, students who are on suspension must apply for reinstatement if they wish to reenter the college after their suspension period ends.

Add/drop periods: A period of time (usually one week) at the beginning of each semester for students to finalize their schedules. During this time, students can add new classes or drop classes without receiving a "withdraw" mark on their academic transcript.

Admissions Office: The admissions office oversees your application to the college, determines whether or not you will be admitted, and helps facilitate your transition into college.

Auditing a course: You can attend a class for no grade or credit, if that grade is not needed for your degree program. Students may choose to audit a class to learn more about a particular subject area outside their area of study. GSC requires registration for course audits, and all applicable fees must be paid. Audited classes may also show up on your transcript, although you will not receive a grade. If you are considering auditing a class, talk to your academic advisor.

Catalog: A document containing rules and policies at GSC. The catalog also includes class descriptions, academic requirements for the college's various degree programs, and information related to expenses.

Credit hours: Units of value given to courses, which equate to academic credits toward your degree. Credit hours are loosely based on the number of hours you are expected to spend in a particular class each week (not counting homework or other out-of-class study time). Different courses are worth different credit hours, but the most common format is three credit hours per class. Most associate degree programs require 60 credit hours. Most bachelor's degree programs require 120.

Department Head: The head of an academic department.

Electives: Each degree program allows students to take elective classes, or classes that are not required but still count toward the degree. Electives allow students to explore their unique interests and personalize their education.

Faculty: The term used to describe college employees who teach classes or conduct research on behalf of the college.

Final exams: Comprehensive, sometimes cumulative tests that are given at the end of a semester. Often these exams are weighted more heavily than other tests.

Financial Aid Office: The office that compiles all of your financial aid from various sources, including the federal government. The financial aid office oversees the distribution of loans, grants, scholarships, and work-study stipends and can help you find ways to pay for your education.

Full-time: Whether or not a student is considered full-time or part-time affects the cost of tuition and the types and amount of financial aid a student can receive. GSC students must be registered for 12 credit hours to be considered full-time. However, it is important to remember earning only 12 credit hours per semester will not allow you to graduate on time (in four academic years). A student seeking to complete a four-year degree in four years or a two-year degree in two years must complete, on average, 15 credit hours per semester.

Major: The subject or discipline in which a student chooses to specialize. Schools typically offer many different majors or programs of study. Students who are unsure about what field they wish to study can enter college as "undecided" and work to complete their general education requirements while they decide. Students can also change majors. However, changing majors or staying "undecided" too long can prevent students from graduating on time – so it is important to talk to an academic advisor when making decisions about academic majors or adjusting your program of study.

Minor: An additional area of focus or emphasis of study, often to provide students with secondary skills related to their major or to expand on a particular interest area. For example, a student might choose to major in integrated marketing with a minor in graphics and digital media. Minors require fewer credit hours to complete than majors.

Office hours: Designated hours when a faculty member or assigned assistant for a course is available to meet with students to address concerns or provide advising. Faculty usually post their office hours on the syllabus for their class and indicate whether students need an appointment or can just "drop in." Office hours are a great time to get to know your professors and build a relationship with them.

Prerequisite: A course that a student must successfully complete before enrolling in another class or a certain class rank (e.g. sophomore status) required to take a class. For example, English 101 will be a prerequisite for English 102, also known as "pre-req" or "PR."

Registrar's Office: The office that oversees your official college transcript. This office often coordinates the course scheduling and class registration process.

Resident Advisor (RA) and Resident Director (RD): An RA is a student who lives in the residence halls, maintains the rules, and assists students. An RD is a professional staff member who oversees the residence hall, including all RAs.

Room and Board: Refers to charges applied to a student's account for living on campus or eating in the dining halls. "Room" applies to the cost of housing (living in the dorms) and "board" refers to the cost of meal or dining plans.

Satisfactory Academic Progress: Also known as SAP, this is a set of minimum expectations established by Glenville State College's financial aid office and the federal government that indicates a student is making sufficient progress toward earning their degree in a timely manner. If a student does not meet this minimum level of progress, he or she may lose eligibility to receive financial aid.

Student Life: The office that helps students develop and grow through experiences outside of the classroom. The Office of Student Life manages housing and residential facilities, student activities, dining services, student organizations, wellness, and recreation. Title IX and judicial affairs are also managed by Student Life.

Syllabus: A document provided by professors on the first day of class that sets forth the expectations for the semester and includes important details about the class. Syllabi often include a course schedule, grading policies, the professor's office hours and contact information, and required materials and textbooks.



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