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Alumni Spotlight

Dr. Monica (Null) Beane '96 will be back on campus tomorrow evening to accept this year's Alumna of the Year award at our annual Alumni Banquet.

Dr. Beane joined ETS/Educational Testing Service as a Client Relations Director in 2017. In this role, she serves as the first line of contact for their clients in Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah and Washington.

Dr. Beane has over 20 years of education experience, including posts as an executive director of the Office of Educator Effectiveness and Licensure



Several representatives from GSC and Pierpont were on hand for the articulation agreement signing

Glenville State Teams with Pierpont Community & Technical College

On Thursday, April 19 Glenville State College and Pierpont Community and Technical College announced that they are teaming to make it easier for students to move seamlessly from the completion of a two-year program to earning a bachelor's degree.

As a part of the agreement, Pierpont students who successfully complete an Associate of Applied Science program in Business Management, Medical Laboratory Technology, Physical Therapist Assistant, Medical Laboratory Technology, Criminal Justice, or Health Sciences with a GPA of 2.0 or better will be guaranteed admission into a complementary Glenville State bachelor's program. Additionally, those Pierpont students will receive a one time,

at the West Virginia Department of Education, an elementary school principal, a middle school English and reading teacher, an elementary school teacher and a preschool special needs teacher in North Carolina and West Virginia public schools. In her most recent position as Executive Director of the Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, Monica was charged with continuing the Commission's commitment to equity, implementing the legislatively approved licensure redesign, updating professional practice standards and overseeing the movement to national accreditation for all Oregon educator preparation programs.

A passionate supporter of education, Dr. Beane sees enhancing the continuum of educator development from pre-service to professional growth as an essential piece in addressing teacher shortages. Strong preparation and support increases teachers' efficacy and makes it more likely they will remain in the profession. Building value and elevating the education profession also serves to attract new candidates. She sees effective educator development as one with "minimum number of barriers" at the highest level of validity.

Dr. Beane holds a doctorate in educational leadership, is

one semester \$500 scholarship for their first full time semester at GSC.

"This landmark agreement sets the stage for many more opportunities for our institutions to team together on initiatives and programs that are relevant and connected to the business needs of our region. I expect very great things to transpire between us," stated Glenville State College President Dr. Tracy Pellett.

"Pierpont Community & Technical College is excited about this landmark affiliation and relationship with our sister baccalaureate institute Glenville State. As north central West Virginia's community college – as Glenville State's neighboring community college – we are excited to educate and train the students and workers of north central West Virginia, preparing them for entry-level employment and workforce readiness. This partnership with Glenville State allows our students the possibility to further their education, which will just create more opportunities for them," says Michael Waide, Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Pierpont Community & Technical College. Waide continues, "At Pierpont, we are excited to expand upon the foundation of this relationship and explore more ways in which we can academically connect our students to Glenville State."

"The agreements that have been signed between our two institutions articulate six pathways for Pierpont Community and Technical College graduates to seamlessly continue into a four year degree at Glenville State College. This is a wonderful opportunity for both institutions, as Pierpont students, once graduated, will become members of the Glenville State College community. We definitely consider this a win for Central West Virginia," said GSC Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Gary Morris.

***Parts Unknown* Highlights Appalachian Culture; GSC Bluegrass Featured**



a National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT) and is a three-time recipient of Arch Coal's Golden Apple Achievement Award for excellence in teaching.

Outside of work, Monica takes pleasure in exploring the west coast or as she calls it the "West Virginia of the West". She and her husband, Sterling Beane, Jr. '96, reside in Salem, Oregon where he is an Executive Advisor for Amazon Web Services. Their son, Price Beane, is a Dean's honor roll student at Western Oregon University.

We are proud to have Monica as our 2018 Alumna of Year and proud to feature her in this week's Alumni Spotlight.

Several current students, graduates, and mentors with Glenville State College's Bluegrass Music Program were recently featured in an article and accompanying video produced by CNN for Anthony Bourdain's Parts Unknown series.

Earlier this month the video crew trailed several musicians in order to see a glimpse into Appalachian culture through the lens of bluegrass music. Throughout the interviews featured in the article, readers are introduced to the various ways someone traveling through the West Virginia hills might come into contact with bluegrass music; from local radio station programming and informal jam sessions to full-scale concerts with an admission fee.

GSC's Director of Bluegrass Music Dr. Megan (Murphy) Darby '11 serves as the narrator for the feature video that accompanies the piece.

GSC's Bluegrass Program Founding Director Buddy Griffin '71 and renowned regional musician and square dance caller Mack Samples '64 are featured in the video along with GSC bluegrass alumni Laiken Boyd '14, Luke Shamblin '10, and Trisha (Metz) Anderson. Additionally, current student Josh Pitcock was highlighted during a portion of the video that was filmed at the Alpine Theatre in Ripley, West Virginia.

Glenville State College recently announced that it will [begin offering a four-year bluegrass music degree online](#), in addition to the traditional on-campus degree that it has offered for many years.



Department of Land Resources Holds Annual Golf Tournament

Today, the Department of Land Resources held their 20th annual golf tournament at the Glenville Golf Club. Proceeds from the event will help provide extra tools and equipment for students studying in natural resource management programs at GSC.



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