



**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*

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Dear Pioneers,

In the midst of the ongoing challenges we are faced with, I find myself both heartened and humbled by the many stories of Pioneers who are doing what they can to help. I wanted to be sure that I shared a couple of ways that you, are loyal alumni and friends, can directly support our students.

I am also thankful to our Interim President Dr. Nelson, our campus leaders, faculty and staff, for their leadership and perseverance through these trying times. I can't tell you how grateful I am for your immense support for Glenville State, now and always.



As you may know, the Alumni Association has a hardship fund to help with student needs and the GSC community has established an on campus food pantry for students. The COVID-19

crisis has created more of these needs more quickly than any of us could have anticipated. For many of our students, the last few weeks in particular have been much more challenging.

All contributions to these funds go directly impact our students. That means every gift, no matter the size, can make an immediate difference.

With Pioneer Pride,

Maureen (Kraus) Gildein '82  
President, GSC Alumni Association

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## Student Hardship Fund

This fund, created by the GSC Alumni Association, helps support students with unforeseen circumstances and financial needs.

***Support***



## Pioneer Pantry

The Pioneer Pantry was established as a resource to provide food, personal hygiene items, cleaning supplies, and more to students who need it.

***Support***

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## Wrestling Returns to GSC

Dylan Cottrell has recently been hired to lead the new Glenville State College Wrestling Team.

He comes to GSC after serving as an assistant coach at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island from 2017-2018, head coach of the Brown Wrestling Club, and, most recently, coach at Cabell Midland High School.

Wrestling will return to GSC for the first time since 1974. It becomes the twentieth varsity sport available to student-athletes at GSC.

[Click here](#) to read more.



## Fitzwater Creates Virtual Classroom

With West Virginia schools not holding in-person classes for the time being, Jared Fitzwater '18 has found a way to continue teaching his students.

"Facebook is a platform that 90% of our parents use and already have. It's something they are familiar with, and it's really accessible anywhere that we go. It was the easiest, best platform for me to hop on and get a lot of our parents on," says Fitzwater.

Fitzwater's 15 students tune in to his Facebook Live one hour lesson at 11 o'clock every morning on their parents' Facebook accounts.

Jared is currently the kindergarten teacher at Leading Creek Elementary School in Lewis County, West Virginia. He graduated from GSC in 2018 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Early Education (PreK-K), Elementary Education (K-6), and General Science (5-9).

[Click here](#) to read the complete story from *WDTV*.

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## Pioneer Progress is Returning

GSC's magazine for alumni and friends - the Pioneer Progress - is returning this fall after a three year hiatus! Have you married recently? Been honored with an award or accolade? Received a promotion or taken on a new career path? Added a new bundle of joy to your family? Celebrated a milestone anniversary?

We want to know what is happening with our GSC alumni and their families. [Click here](#) to send us your updates for our upcoming edition of the Pioneer Progress.



## THE GIVING CORNER

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

Encova Foundation of West Virginia – \$10,000 for the Encova Foundation Scholarship Grant

The Family of Robert '61 and Janet (Hall) '62 Gainer - \$10,000 – for Janet Hall Gainer Memorial Scholarship

James “Randy” Skidmore '80 – \$1,000 for PAC Men’s and Women’s Basketball

Earl “Mark” and Drema Gainer – \$100 for the Bluegrass Music Program

Randall Thomas – \$50 for PAC Baseball

Bluegrass Motor Supply – \$50 for PAC Football

Penny Slan – \$50 for PAC Baseball

David “Dave” Glover – \$50 for PAC Baseball



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