



Alumni Spotlight

Justin Fletcher '12 is currently serving as a Commercial Loan Officer for Security National Bank. This marks Justin's fourth year working in banking. He started his career as the head of the credit department and was later named a commercial loan officer. Today, he works in commercial loans and manages the banks commercial credit department.

Fletcher graduated from Glenville State in 2012 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration in Management. After graduation from GSC, he

GSC Alumni Weekend is April 26-27 *Award Winners Announced*

Alumni and friends of Glenville State College are invited back to campus for Alumni Weekend on Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27.

Alumni banquet attendees may gather in the third floor pre-function area of the Mollohan Campus Community Center from 4:00-5:00 p.m. for a social hour prior to dinner in the ballroom.

The evening's banquet spotlight will be on the Alumni Association's guests of honor: Alumnus of the Year Kenneth Kuhl '82; Alumni Achievement Award recipient Terry Williams '74; Community Achievement Award honoree Woodrow "Woody" Wilson '76; Alumni Service Award recipient Debra "Debbie" (Reed) Nagy; Outstanding Teacher Award recipients Timothy James '79 and Amy (Riddle) Chapman '08; Alumni Chapter Award recipient Patricia (Walcutt) Lydon '68; Outstanding Young Alumna Tiffani Huffman '14; and Outstanding Young Alumnus Jacob Lilly '08. Special recognition will be made to Andy Marchal for his service to the United States Military. In memoriam tributes will also take place at the banquet for Cathy (White) Snuffer '86, Janet (Hall) Gainer '62, Virginia (Hart) Yeager '75, Paul McKown '59, Stanley Pickens '60, and Oliver Hunt '55.

Banquet/Social Hour tickets are \$25.00 each and for planning purposes, reservations are required. Call (304) 462-6116 or e-mail [Conner Ferguson](mailto:Conner.Ferguson@gsccollege.edu) for more information and to make your banquet reservations. [Click here](#) to see a complete list of events planned for the weekend.

stayed in Glenville and served as the manager of the Pioneer Grille for two and a half years.

Justin is a native of Lewisburg, West Virginia and currently resides in Springfield, Ohio with his wife Jamie (Schindel) '13 and their son Wesley. In his free time, he enjoys spending time outdoors, camping, hiking, and spending time with his family.

The Fletchers are currently working on establishing a GSC alumni chapter in Western Ohio and plan to host their first event this fall.

We are pleased to feature Justin in this week's Alumni Spotlight and proud to call him an alumnus of Glenville State College.



GSC Student Saves a Life

While interning with the Burnsville Police Department, GSC senior criminal justice major Jacob Bullard responded to a call about an unconscious man. Bullard quickly noticed he wasn't breathing and performed CPR, restarting the man's heart.

Burnsville Police Chief James Ball said Bullard's quick action is just one of many things he sees in him that show Bullard has a bright future in front of him.

"A person with his attitude would be a good police officer, state trooper, sheriff, whatever. That's what you look for in law enforcement, is somebody that's dedicated and wants to save somebody's life," Ball said.

[Click here](#) to watch Jacob's interview with WBOY.





GSC Student Profile - Evan Merical

Evan Merical is a senior from Millwood, West Virginia and is quadruple majoring in accounting, management, marketing, and music performance. He is the President of Phi Beta Lambda and the Treasurer for the National Association of Music Educators.

He is also one of few applicants selected to take part in the Disney College Program this fall at Disney World in Orlando, Florida. For Evan, participating in the Disney College Program has always been a dream, but time was a major factor. With a lighter upcoming course load, he seized the opportunity and applied to the program.

Evan is very active outside of his courses at GSC as well. "When I chose Glenville State College, I initially anticipated pursuing music education. However, throughout my growth as a Pioneer, I've found my passion for the field of business," he said. Evan recently placed first (with a perfect score) in the WV Innovation and Business Model Competition and will move on to the finals at Marshall University this weekend.



Dancey Howes Honored at 2019 SECA Conference

Dancey Howes '16, was honored at the 2019 Southern Early Childhood Association (SECA) Conference in Orlando, Florida and received the 2019 Helen Harley Scholarship. Three scholarships are presented each year to individuals from designated states to assist recipients in attending the SECA conference for the first time. In 2019, West Virginia was one of the designated states to select the recipient.

Howes graduated from GSC in 2016 and is currently a teacher in a multi-age preschool and kindergarten classroom at Hacker Valley Elementary School in Webster County, WV. While pursuing her Bachelor of Arts in Education degree at GSC, she specialized in Elementary Education (K-6), Early Education (Pre-K-K), and Multi-Categorical Special Education (K-6). She was also Vice President of GSC's Early Education Student Group and organized many events including Trick-or-Reading, Polar Express Reading Night, and numerous other community reading events. In her school community, Howes facilitates online Spanish classes and volunteers after school and at sporting events. She attends professional development on a variety of

His advice to future Pioneers? “Never turn down a leadership opportunity, try to make your schedule match when you are most productive, and if you aren’t organized, try to figure out what will help you become organized. It will pay dividends in the future.”

topics and is a member of the West Virginia State Instructional Materials Review Committee. She is also on the West Virginia Association for Young Children Governing Board and serves as a member-at-large.



Percussion Ensemble Drums Up Another Memorable Year

This year marks the thirty-ninth annual Percussion Ensemble show, currently under the direction of Associate Professor of Music John McKinney '73. Each year McKinney assembles a talented group of current students, returning alumni performers, and faculty members who practice for weeks leading up to the two-night packed house performances.

From classic tunes that showcase the different sounds of the marimbas, drums, xylophones, chimes, and pianos used, to the Ensembles' interpretation of pop and rock tunes - the show features a variety of styles and has something that everyone can enjoy.

This year the alumni performers included Bobby Davis '18, James Messenger '11, Stephanie (Jarrell) Messenger '11, Sara Rollins '17, and Kimberly Smith '17. Others who took the stage included: Mitchell Blackburn, Joshua Brennan, Austin Broussard, Christian Bryant, Ethan Gillespie, Garrett Hacker, Jacob Lutsy, Joe Lutsy, Jacob Shingler, Briannah Todd, and



Land Resources Alumnus Delivers Presentation

Michael Pracht '18 returned to his alma mater on Thursday of this week to deliver a presentation to current natural resource management students on a variety of topics relating to his profession, including his work with erosion control inspections, wetland delineation, groundwater sampling, stream restoration, and more. He also provided tips on securing employment after graduation. Pracht is a Field Biologist at Potesta and Associates, Inc. and works out of their MacCorkle Avenue office in Charleston, West Virginia. The company offers engineering and

Trevor Wright. As always, John's wife Cheryl also participated as a member of the Ensemble. Cheryl is an Associate Professor of Business and Chairperson for the Department of Business, in addition to being a talented vocalist and musician. This year's shows also featured faculty members Dr. Lloyd Bone, Dr. David Lewis, and Dr. Jason Barr as guest performers.

In addition to their full nighttime shows on Thursday, April 4 and Friday, April 5, the group also performed two abbreviated daytime shows for children from schools in Gilmer and surrounding counties.

environmental consulting services to a wide variety of private and public clients in the Mountain State and beyond.

During his time at GSC as a student, Michael was a member of Chi Beta Phi and the GSC Honors Program. He won several awards for his research projects conducted through the Department of Land Resources and took part in a summer internship with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Burnsville Lake in Burnsville, West Virginia.

Did You Know?

Representatives from Universiti Tun Hussein Onn in Johor, Malaysia will visit GSC later this month?



Saturday, April 13 12:30 PM [Kanawha Valley GSC Alumni Gathering](#)

Friday, April 26 & Saturday, April 27 [Alumni Weekend](#)

Thursday, May 2 7:00 PM Blue and White Spring Game

Friday, May 3 6:00 PM [6th Annual Pioneer Derby](#)

Friday, May 17 & Saturday, May 18 50 Year Graduate Celebration

Saturday, May 18 10:00 AM [145th Commencement Ceremony](#)



THE GIVING CORNER

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

Marvin and Arlene Hall – \$5,565 for the Kenneth and Irene Walker Scholarship Fund

D'Annunzio Foundation Inc. – \$2,000 for the Annual Fund

The Estate of Luanna Smith '55 – \$1,632 for the Ernest H. Smith & Luanna T. Smith Scholarship Funds

AFP Logs & Lumber, Inc – \$1,239 for the Department of Land Resources

Jessica L. Asbury – \$500 for PAC Acrobatics & Tumbling

Don E. Post '79 – \$500 for the Annual Fund

Patterson LLC – \$300 for PAC Baseball

Melissa (Price) Dittman '97 – \$250 for PAC Women's Soccer

Berk Reed – \$250 for PAC Women's Basketball

United Hospital Center Inc. – \$250 for the Sports Medicine Lab



This e-mail account is not monitored. Please do not reply to this message.

[Privacy Policy](#) | [Unsubscribe](#)

[Glenville State College](#)
200 High St., Glenville, WV 26351