

**GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE**  
*Pioneer Update*  
**YOUR WEEKLY UPDATE ON GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE**  
**A COMMUNICATION TO ALUMNI AND FRIENDS ABOUT EVENTS AND PEOPLE IN THE NEWS**

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## Alumni Spotlight

Megan (Murphy) Darby '11, Assistant Professor and Director of GSC's Bluegrass Music Degree Program, has successfully defended her dissertation at Walden University. Her Doctor of Education degree will officially be conferred upon her later this month.

Darby received Bluegrass Certification from Glensville State College in 2006; her BA, also from Glensville State, in 2011; and holds a master's degree from Marshall University.

She starting directing GSC's Bluegrass Program in 2010 and since that time, has revised the curriculum and



*(l-r) Brent Boggs '76, Ann (Starcher) Green '72, Lyndia (Luikart) Evans '82, Ed Evans '82, Avah Stalnaker, Amy Tingler, and President Pellett*

## Dr. Pellett names Presidential Ambassadors

Glensville State College President Dr. Tracy Pellett recently named five new Presidential Ambassadors:

Brent Boggs '76, West Virginia House of Delegates (D, 34th)

Ed Evans '82, West Virginia House of Delegates (D, 26th)

Ann (Starcher) Green '72, President of Ann Green Communications

Avah Stalnaker, CEO/Administrator at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital

Amy Tingler, Regional Director at Starbucks Coffee Company (Pennsylvania and West Virginia)

implemented new courses and student opportunities.

Under her guidance, our students have been accepted into recording, engineering, and International Bluegrass Music Association internships, provided opportunities to join Hospice Bedside Singing, asked to play for RFD-TV and showcases, and invited to tour.

The program has been recognized at the Grand Ole Opry, the World Famous Station Inn, and WSM Radio. Her students have also recorded at Tom T. Hall and Miss Dixie's and Rickey Wasson's state of the art studios.

Darby is developing the world's first online Bluegrass Music Degree Program. GSC will start offering these classes this fall.

In addition to three previous CDs, she recorded a fundraising album with Buddy Griffin '71, GSC's Bluegrass Program Founding Director in 2017, and has been selected as a featured artist by GHS strings.

Last week Megan and Buddy were two of the guests on the Gary Bowden radio show. You can [click here to listen to the interview](#) (advance to the 27:50 mark

The Ambassadors will actively engage and interact with GSC administration, faculty, staff, and students through guest lecturing, student and faculty project consultation, mentoring, and will assist in creating industry-related internship opportunities.

On Wednesday, April 4 the Ambassadors attended a luncheon on campus to meet with President Pellett and GSC students. The Ambassadors led round table discussions with students, shared their professional successes, and gave students advice for their life after GSC. The event also allowed students an opportunity to network.

At the luncheon, President Pellett presented each Ambassador with a Presidential Ambassador lapel pin signifying their continued service to Glenville State College. Each Ambassador will serve a two year term which runs from April 2018-April 2020.



## **GSC Holds Annual Color Run for Autism Awareness**

Glenville State College student organization Pioneers for a Cause held its annual Color a World Without Autism 5K Run/Walk on Thursday evening. The event brought students, GSC employees, and community members together to run or walk a course throughout campus. Approximately 45 students and community members participated in the event and all proceeds from the race benefited the Autism Society. You can [click here to see the photos from the race.](#)

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if you just want to hear Megan and Buddy).

Congratulations, Megan on receiving your Ph.D. and for your many initiatives at GSC. We are proud to feature you in this week's Alumni Spotlight and proud that you are an alumna of Glenville State College.

**Reminder:** Alumni and friends of Glenville State College are invited back to campus for Alumni Day on Saturday, April 28.

Banquet/Social Hour tickets are \$20 each and for planning purposes, reservations are required. [Click here to learn more](#) or call (304) 462-6116 to make your banquet reservations.



The Estate of Howard Burk - \$740 for the Howard Burk Scholarship

Saturday, April 7 at 8 AM - Chup Robinson Invitational High School Track & Field Meet

Mary Lee McPherson - \$300 for Foundation Board Dinner

Saturday, April 7 at 1 PM - [GSC Baseball at UVA-Wise](#)

Carl Shaw - \$125 for the Helen Shaw Memorial Scholarship

Saturday, April 7 at 3 PM - Faith Smith and Morgan Dolly Senior Recital

Central WV Real Estate LLC. - \$125 for the Pioneer Athletic Club

Sunday, April 8 at 1 PM - [GSC Softball at WV State](#)

The Estates of Dr. Harry B. '37 and Dora (Morgan) '53 Heflin - \$110 for the Dora M. and Harry B. Heflin Scholarship

Wednesday, April 11 at 3 PM - [GSC Softball vs. WV Tech](#)

Steve Meimetis - \$100 for PAC Volleyball

Friday, April 13 at 7 PM - GSC Choir Concert



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