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Alumni Spotlight

Dr. Barbara "Bobbi" (Ocheltree) Nicholson '73 continues to serve as Director of the Doctoral Program in Leadership Studies and Professor in the Leadership Studies Program in Marshall University's College of Education and Professional Development. After graduating from GSC, Bobbi went on to earn her master's degree from West Virginia University in 1978 and her Ph.D. from Ohio University in 1987.

During her time at GSC she was a member of the Delta Zeta sorority and, at one point, served as the Vice President of Membership for the DZs.



Japanese Outreach Coordinator Comes to GSC

Glenville State College has recently been selected as a hostsite for the Japan Outreach Initiative (JOI). This program is designed to promote cultural awareness and understanding of Japan in the United States.

Masahiro "Masa" Yamaguchi will serve as Glenville State's Japan Outreach Coordinator for the next two years, through summer 2020. Yamaguchi grew up in Shiga, Japan, received his undergraduate degree in linguistics, and has spent time studying abroad in Russia. He comes to GSC after working in Kyoto and Tokyo over the last two years.

"As part of our efforts to continue to internationalize GSC – Dr. [Marisha] Lecea and I, with the support of the Internationalization Task Force, decided to pursue becoming a JOI host-site. The selection process is very competitive, and GSC was one of only four institutions selected to participate. The JOI program goals align really well with our own campus internationalization efforts, and I very much look From 1979-1988 she returned to her alma mater as an Assistant Professor of Communication Studies and coach for the GSC Forensics Team. In 1982 her Forensics Team was named the WV State Grand Champions, winning both the individual events sweepstakes award and the grand sweeps award. In 1988 Nicholson was selected to serve as speech writer and communications coordinator for former West Virginia Governor Gaston Caperton. Prior to that she was the President of the WV **Speech Communication** Association from 1984-1985.

Dr. Nicholson has spent 45 years in public education at both the secondary and postsecondary levels. She served as a visiting professor at the University of Glasgow in Scotland, at Charles University in the Czech Republic, and at the University of Espirito Santo in Brazil. She is also a former Fulbright Scholar and received fellowships from the Council for the International Exchange of Educators to teach and conduct research at the University of Moscow and St. Petersburg University in Russia, and at the University of Ulster in Northern Ireland, Her research focuses primarily on program evaluation and policy analysis.

Nicholson was GSC's Alumna of the Year in 1996.

forward to seeing Masa and the program thrive in the next two years," said GSC Director of International Programs Dr. Megan Gibbons.

While at GSC, Yamaguchi will participate in programs on campus intended to educate the college community about Japan and Japanese culture. He will also tap into the College's network of community-based organizations, thereby engaging in outreach with local schools, libraries, and other groups.

"It is an honor to be selected as the Japan Outreach Coordinator for GSC. I am excited to start working with the very attentive and helpful people of Glenville, and also it is really exciting to start this project from scratch. I hope to become a bridge between central West Virginia and Japan. It is really great to help GSC to be a center of cultural exchange and diversity. There are a lot of benefits with being international. I want to share my experience as much as I can. Each time I traveled abroad, I enjoyed the difference of every country. Since I arrived in the U.S., I have already learned a lot of new things. It is fruitful and of course fun to learn new things. I think I can bring a lot for new things to West Virginians. Why don't we have fun and learn together with Japanese activities and presentations?" Yamaguchi said.

The JOI Coordinator for Glenville State is administered jointly by The Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership (CGP) and the Laurasian Institution. For more information about the Japan Outreach Initiative or to request a cultural presentation for your school or civic organization, contact Yamaguchi by clicking here or call (304) 462-6206.

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We are pleased to feature Bobbi in this week's Alumni Spotlight. You make us proud that you are an alumna of Glenville State College!



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Gildein Returns to her Alma Mater Hinton Talks Broadband in Mountain State



Maureen (Kraus) Gildein '80 moved home to Lewis County from Mocksville, North Carolina to be principal at St. Patrick School in Weston in 2015. After three years at St. Pat's, she is now continuing her educational path at Glenville State College where she is serving as a physical education professor.

Gildein earned a bachelor's degree in health and physical education from Glenville State College and holds two master's degrees in education, these being from Gardner Webb University and the University of North Carolina. She is also President-Elect of the GSC Alumni Association.

"Maureen brings with her a wealth of experience and knowledge regarding education that will give students a practical perspective regarding their intended profession of teaching," said GSC President Dr. Tracy Pellett.

"Glenville prepared me very well to do anything. I've never felt intimidated by anything," said Gildein in a recent profile by *The Weston News*. <u>Click here</u> to read the full article. The summer 2018 issue of <u>West Virginia</u> <u>Executive</u> magazine featured a broadband infrastructure update from Rob Hinton '05. He is serving as the Executive Director of the Upshur County Development Authority and Chair of the <u>West Virginia Broadband</u> <u>Enhancement Council</u>.

His portion of the <u>article</u>, part of a larger look at infrastructure in West Virginia, focuses on broadband internet access in the Mountain State. According to Hinton, the state lags behind others in terms of reliable broadband access and the infrastructure to support it. Businesses and consumers alike will continue to rely on fast, dependable internet connections to conduct business and keep up with the digital world.

To aid in collecting information about expansion efforts, Hinton's Council has been compiling data from its 'West Virginia Speed Test' since October 2017. West Virginia residents can <u>click here</u> to measure their internet connection speed as part of the test.



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George D. "Dee" and Donna (Stalnaker) '74 Curtin – \$300 for the Pioneer Athletic Club

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Karen D. (Bush) Lay '79 and Barry Lay - \$300 for the Pioneer Athletic Club

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