



GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE

Pioneer Update

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Alumni Spotlight

Maestro John Melvin-michael Collins is Conductor of the Saint Patrick Festival Symphony Orchestra & Symphony Chorus and is about to celebrate his 50th year Anniversary as a professional conductor on December 29, 2017 when his Orchestra and Chorus performs at the Lyell B. Clay Concert Theatre, Creative Arts Center, College of Creative Arts, at West Virginia University in Morgantown. [Click to see flyer with ticket information about the event.](#) Maestro was given his professional name by the legendary Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

New Alumni Welcomed at December Commencement

December Commencement Exercises took place on Saturday, December 9 in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium. The group of graduates, made up of approximately 100 students in total, included those who completed their degree requirements in July and December 2017.

A ceremony was held at 11:00 a.m. for students graduating in the areas of Elementary Education, Biology, Biology Education, Chemistry, Chemistry Education, General Science Education, Health and Human Performance, Mathematics Education, and Natural Resource Management.



A similar ceremony took place at 2:00 p.m. for students graduating in the areas of Art, Behavioral Science, Business, Criminal Justice, English Education, English, General Studies, History, Music, Music Education, Social Studies Education, and Regents Bachelor of Arts.

GSC Alumni Association President Dennis Carpenter '74 presented each of the graduates with a pin and welcomed them as new Glenville State College alumni.

and Choral Conductor, the late Robert Shaw.

Collins received his teaching degree in Music Education from Glenville State College in 1969, completed further study of music at the University of Tennessee, then concluded conducting studies at Peabody Conservatory of Music, Maestro Collins aligned himself with some of the country's most notable conducting masters, the famous Robert Shaw, Frederick Fennell at Eastman Conservatory, Al Asuncion of the US Naval Academy, and John Bourgeois of the Presidents United States Marine Band. Maestro Collins further studied composition and arranging in Bangor, while at the University College of North Wales, with choral legendary giant, William Mathias. His teaching education at GSC became the cornerstone of his conducting success.

On the podium, he is characterized as a no-nonsense conductor; one with a loving spirit, a respectful serious approach to music coupled by humor and equally balanced with light-heartedness, in rehearsals and on stage. His conducting experience scaled the seaboard from the Mid-Atlantic and Southern states, across the Gulf of Mexico and internationally into France. He has enjoyed the honor of being an engaged conductor



Representatives from GSC meet with a group from the Chinese embassy during their trip to Charleston on Tuesday

GSC President, Others Meet with Group from Chinese Embassy and WV Secretary of State

Glenville State College sponsored a luncheon in Charleston, West Virginia earlier this week for a delegation visiting from the Chinese Embassy. Representatives at the luncheon from GSC included President Dr. Tracy Pellett, First Lady Dr. Heidi Henschel Pellett, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Gary Morris, and Vice President for Advancement David Hutchison.

Those in attendance toured the WV Culture Center, enjoyed the luncheon, and heard a presentation on increasing exports from the Mountain State, helping citizens, and enhancing the economy by West Virginia Secretary of State Mac Warner.

The visit was arranged by the Secretary's office.



The Giving Corner

John D. Rohrbough - \$2,000 for the Alvon F. "Nate" and Phyllis D.

Rohrbough Scholarship

"on short notice" by various symphony organizations.

If you're in North Central WV or within driving distance to Morgantown on December 29, know that this program promises to make for a wonderful evening of music and fellowship. Other GSC alumni performing in the evening's concert include Larry George '68, Diane (Davis) Boso '66, and Becky Baldwin '89.

Vesta (Alberts) Hrniciar '48 - \$1,000 for the Alberts-Hrniciar Scholarship

Mike Rust '73 - \$1,000 for PAC Women's Basketball

John Arritt - \$750 for the John and Cathy Arritt Football Scholarship

Michael Dodson - \$400 for PAC Baseball

Wayne Ryan - \$400 for PAC Baseball

Ron Stalnaker - \$250 for the Annual Fund

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

REMINDER: Spring semester classes begin on Monday, January 8, 2018. If you know someone who is interested in beginning their journey as a GSC Pioneer, have them contact the Glenville State College Office of Admissions at www.glenville.edu or (304) 462-6130.

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