



GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE

Pioneer Update

YOUR WEEKLY UPDATE ON GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE

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Alumni Spotlight

Jeffrey (Jeff) Jenkins '03 is currently serving as the Executive Vice President and Director of Business Development at The Citizens Bank of Weston. This is his fifth year with the bank and his fourteenth year working in the banking industry.

Jenkins, a native of Glenville, West Virginia, graduated from Glenville State College in 2003 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree. While at GSC, he was a four-year member of the men's basketball team.

After graduating from Glenville State, Jeffrey earned a Master's of



Winter Commencement is Tomorrow - December 8

Join faculty, staff, the student body, and alumni as we celebrate Glenville State College's newest graduates at Winter Commencement. The ceremony will be held on Saturday, December 8 at 10:00 a.m. at the Waco Center with West Virginia Speaker of the House of Delegates Roger Hanshaw delivering the commencement address. [Click here](#) for more information.

Business Administration degree with a concentration in marketing and corporate communication from Ohio University. In 2017, he graduated with distinction from the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. Just last month Jenkins was a graduate of the Leadership West Virginia Class of 2018.

In addition to his role at The Citizens Bank of Weston, Jeffrey also serves as an adjunct faculty member in GSC's Department of Business where he has taught for over thirteen years. He is a member of the Glenville State College Foundation Board and President of the Pioneer Athletic Club (PAC).

Jeffrey and his wife Olivia (nee Snyder) '15 live in Weston, West Virginia with their daughter Taylor; they are all active car enthusiasts.

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



Honor Graduates Recognized

Thirteen Glenville State College seniors have been recognized for earning high academic honors as part of the upcoming Winter Commencement. These students received their honor cords to be worn during the graduation ceremony at a reception held in the Mollohan Campus Community Center Ballroom on Thursday. GSC honor graduates are recognized in three categories – cum laude, magna cum laude, and summa cum laude – which are based upon the grade point averages students have achieved. To be recognized, students must have earned a GPA of 3.50 or above.



GSC Brass Ensemble to Perform in Charleston

As part of what has become an annual tradition, the Glenville State College Brass Ensemble has again been invited to perform throughout the day at the Charleston Town Center Mall on Saturday, December 15 – which is one of the busiest shopping days of the holiday season. The group has gained

a large following for this festive performance. If you are going to be in the Charleston area doing some shopping, be sure to stop by and enjoy a variety of holiday classics (alumni band members are also encouraged to bring their instrument and join in).



Recognizing our Great Pioneer Alumni

Do you know an outstanding Glenville State College alumnus who deserves to be recognized for their hard work and accomplishments? Let us know about them!

The Glenville State College Alumni Council is currently soliciting nominations for their 2019 alumni awards, which will be presented during the annual Alumni Banquet on Alumni Day this spring. Simply [click here](#) to see descriptions of the various award categories and learn how to make a nomination.

If you have any questions about the awards or the nomination process, contact



Knight Named Director of Fundraising

The Glenville State College Foundation and Office of Advancement would like to welcome the newest addition to their team, Director of Fundraising Ashley Knight who started last week.

Ashley is the daughter of Gregory '87 and Marsha (Shrader) '88 Knight, both GSC graduates.

Knight brings experience from the Mountaineer Athletic Club and the Fairmont State Foundation and will focus on online giving, annual giving, and will be traveling to meet donors. She earned an undergraduate degree in Exercise Science and holds a Master's Degree in Sport



A Glenville State Finals Week Tradition

As students studied and completed their final exams this week, GSC's faculty and staff worked to make the week a little less stressful for them.

The Office of Student Life and Aramark Dining Services sponsored three annual "Food for Thought" events throughout finals week. These included: a late night breakfast where faculty and staff members served the students breakfast foods on Monday night, Taco Tuesday, and an ice cream social on Wednesday evening.

This time-honored event has become a Glenville State

GSC Alumni Director Conner Ferguson by [clicking here](#) or calling (304) 462-6116.

Management. Ashley enjoys attending sporting events, giving pitching lessons, and spending time with her chocolate labrador, Lefty. She is excited to meet members of the Pioneer Family!

tradition that is enjoyed by students, faculty, staff, and administrators alike.

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Shentel – \$10,000 for Pioneer Media

Glenville Presbyterian Church – \$2,605 for the Glenville Presbyterian Church Choral Scholars Program

John D. Rohrbough '56 – \$2,000 for the Alvon F. and Phyllis D. Rohrbough Scholarship

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

Professor Emeritus Dr. Gary '59 and Anna Belle (Sheets) '60 Gillespie – \$500 for Pioneers Go Places (Education Abroad)

James "Jim" Brady – \$100 for the Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame

Professor Emeritus and Coach O. Tim '62 and Linda (Campbell) '61 Carney – \$100 for the Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame

Robert '87 and Donna (Pittman) '68 Cox – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Richard "Dick" '89 and Leah (Blair) '87 Dorsey – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Frank '61 and Helen Melrose – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Thank you to those who attended the Mid-Ohio Valley Alumni Chapter Christmas Dinner, supported the silent auction, and purchased Sesquicentennial Silver Coins.

From The President *Dr. Tracy L. Pellett, President*

Greetings Pioneers!

Tomorrow we will celebrate our graduating students at Winter Commencement. The ceremony is a chance to recognize the resolve and resilience our students have displayed to make it to graduation day. Their newly earned degrees, combined with their distinct personality, work ethic, and perseverance, brings about lifelong recognition and opportunity. We wish for the continued happiness and success of these students - our newest Pioneer Alumni!

All of our students benefit from an outstanding and supportive faculty and staff here at Glenville State College. As such, we wanted to take a moment to celebrate the continued hard work of all of GSC's employees. Earlier this week an appreciation event was held with cookies, refreshments, and other treats. All faculty and staff were invited to stop by, enjoy a snack, decompress, and enjoy one another's company.

I hope you too have a little time to recharge your batteries and do something you enjoy as you prepare to celebrate the holidays in the coming weeks.

All my best,
Tracy



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