



Alumni Spotlight

John Pitsenbarger '92 is the Owner and Operator of his family's over 150-year-old farm and is serving as a West Virginia State Senator for the 11th District. He previously worked for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) as an Agriculture Enumerator and spent 32 years working in radio.

While at GSC, Pitsenbarger was a member of the International Social Science Honor Society, Pi Gamma Mu. He received his Associate of Science Degree in Math and Science in 1989 then went on to complete his Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Studies Education



Join us for Winter Homecoming

Glenville State College's Winter Homecoming will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at the Waco Center. All GSC alumni, friends, and community members are invited to return to campus for this event. Join us as we take a break from cold winter weather for a Hawaiian Luau themed Winter Homecoming. Hawaiian shirts, leis, and sunglasses are all encouraged.

Starting at 1:00 PM, all alumni and friends are encouraged to attend a reception on The Deck (inside the Waco Center) for a luau and tiki bar. Drinks and refreshments will be available.

Both of the GSC Pioneer basketball teams will host Notre Dame College that afternoon with the women's game beginning at 2:00 PM and the men's game at 4:00 PM.

The Annual GSC Black Alumni History display and recognition will take place as part of the day's festivities.

Events for students, including a "Snowball Tailgate" and other activities, will also take place.

(5-adult) in 1992. After graduating from Glenville State, John completed the H&R Block Tax School along with graduate courses at the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies.

Throughout his career, Pitsenbarger has received many accolades for his hard work including being the recipient of an Honorary WV FFA Degree, being published in and interviewed by several magazines like *Double E Nashville*, *Power Source Magazine*, and *Glory Magazine*, being named Radio Personality of the Year, and many others.

In his spare time, John has an interest in antique tractors and a strong love of history. He serves on many local boards, including as the President of the Nicholas County Farm Bureau and Chair of the WVU Extension Board of Governors for Nicholas County.

John resides in Mt. Nebo, West Virginia with his wife Tanya (Spencer) '95 whom he met while a student at GSC. Pitsenbarger states that, "Glenville still holds a special place in my heart," and he says he is fortunate to be able to return to campus for different events and functions.

We are proud to feature John in this week's Alumni Spotlight and proud to call

Note: The Alumni Basketball Game is taking a hiatus this year but will return in 2021!

For more information about Winter Homecoming, contact Director of Alumni Affairs Conner Ferguson '17 by [clicking here](#) or by calling (304) 462-6116.

Know a Future Pioneer? Winter Open House is February 1 at GSC

Do you know a future Pioneer? Invite them to attend Glenville State College's Winter Open House on Saturday, February 1 at 10:00 AM on the GSC campus.

The day's schedule starts with check-in on the third floor of the Mollohan Campus Community Center at 9:00 AM, followed by a welcome and information session at 10:00 AM, academic department tours and information sessions at 10:30 AM, a campus tour at 11:30 AM, a tour of the Waco Center at 12:30 PM, and lunch at the Waco Center at 1:00 PM.

For more information or to sign up for GSC's Winter Open House, contact the Admissions Office at (800) 924-2010 or [click here to register online](#).



Beane Sets New WV State Record

him an alumnus of Glenville State College.

Braxton County High School Head Wrestling Coach Sterling Beane '70 now holds the West Virginia State High School Record for most dual match victories at 750 wins.

Beane is the only Head Wrestling Coach that the Braxton Eagles have had. He started the program during the 1972-1973 school year and the Eagles have continued to have a successful program, ever since.

Congratulations Coach Beane on this remarkable accomplishment!

Did You Know?

Amy (Riddle) Chapman '08 who serves as the Head Girls' Basketball Coach at Gilmer County High School has been named an assistant coach for the McDonald's All-American Game in Houston, Texas.

[Click here](#) to read more.

In Memoriam - Remembering Those Pioneers We've Lost

[Click here](#) to view the Glenville State Alumni that we have lost throughout 2019.



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DAY OF GIVING
FOUNDER'S DAY
FEBRUARY 19, 2020

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INFORMATION**

Saturday, February 1 [Winter Homecoming](#)

Friday, February 14 [Murder Mystery Dinner Theater](#)

Wednesday, February 12 [Little Kanawha Reading Series](#)

Wednesday, February 19 [Founders Day of Giving](#)

Saturday, April 25 GSC Alumni Awards Banquet

Keep in touch with us so we can keep in touch with you!

Have you moved recently? Married? Gotten a new e-mail address? Received a promotion or taken on a new career path? Added a new bundle of joy to your family? Celebrated a milestone anniversary? Been honored with an award or accolade?

We want to know what is happening with our GSC alumni and their families.

[Click here](#) to submit your update.



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Mary Lee (Wiant) McPherson '17(H) – \$20,000 for the McPherson Merit Scholarship

IOPA of West Virginia – \$10,000 for the IOPA Classic Basketball Tournament

The Estate of Grace and Bryon Rinehart – \$6,010.18 for the Bryon and Grace Elaine (Moss) Rinehart Scholarship

Dr. Paul '56 and Virginia Caltrider – \$2,000 for the Dr. Paul G. Caltrider Science and Math Scholarship

Dr. Mabel Nichols Memorial Trust – \$1,259.85 for the GSC Alumni Association

The Estate of Howard Burke – \$773.65 for the Howard Burke Scholarship

Gary '71 and Cynthia Ray – \$1,000 for the Coach Bill Hanlin Memorial Scholarship, Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame, and PAC Softball

Jack and Brenda (Barton) '76 McCartney – \$250 for the Women's Leadership Circle

Dr. Brian '97 and Jessica Perkins – \$200 for the Ed Grafton Forest Technology Scholarship

Bruno and Carolyn Vassel – \$150 for the Dr. Richard N. Butler Memorial Scholarship

Bobby and Bridget '18 Carr – \$100 for the Pioneer Pantry

Billy and Sandra Gumm – \$100 for PAC Men's Golf

Jesse Skiles '88 – \$115 for the Jesse Skiles Scholarship

Kenneth Roberts '80 – \$50 for the Annual Fund

Gregory and Rebecca Ament – \$30 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Larry '88 and Vickie (Fulks) '90 Baker – \$20 for the GSC Department of Education



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