

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



Alumni Spotlight

Tyson Price '09 is currently the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Curriculum and Instruction/Technology Director for Calhoun County Schools. He has worked in the Calhoun County School system for ten years, and has previously served as a special education teacher, technology integration specialist, principal, and attendance director.

Price, originally of Grantsville, West Virginia, along with his sister Amber (Price) Fox '07 are second generation Pioneers with both of their parents Don Price '77 and Debra Jo Harvey '78 graduating from Glenville State. Tyson and



Save the Date February 16, 2019 – GSC Black Alumni History Celebration. Stay tuned to the [Glenville State College Alumni and Friends Facebook Group](#) for more information.

From The President Dr. Tracy L. Pellett, President

Greetings Pioneers,

This week I am pleased to share several updates with you. First, [please download our 2018 Year End Report](#) which outlines our various accomplishments during this past year. I hope you will enjoy the several examples of innovative ways GSC is demonstrating excellence, accountability, transparency, and student-centeredness. Please do share the 2018 Report with your friends, family, and neighbors!



Amber followed in their parents' footsteps and pursued degrees in education.

While at GSC, Tyson was a member of the fraternity Alpha Xi Omega and served as President of the group for two years. Many former students will also remember Tyson along with Dustin Wagoner '08 and Joe Park '07 from performances of their band, Stoker 7. Tyson received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in elementary and special education in 2009 before going on to earn a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Salem International University.

Price says, "GSC provided me with the foundation I needed to start a successful career. The opportunities and rewards of becoming a teacher through GSC are becoming greater all of the time, and I'm proud of the work being done to expand these opportunities to future educators at GSC."

Tyson resides in Glenville, West Virginia with his wife Britni (Whited) Price '11, who teaches at Pleasant Hill Elementary School. The pair have one son, Tully, and a dog, Laney.

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

As we progress into 2019, GSC is leading the way again by focusing on two exciting initiatives – GSC's "Home Grown" teacher shortage solution and the "College in Your Community" adult degree completion offerings.

The "Home Grown" initiative is addressing the growing teacher shortage in West Virginia in the areas of special education, math, and science. Through coordinated college and public school partnerships, GSC plans to increase the number of teacher candidates through joint teacher candidate identification, scholarship support for attendance, and practical experiences and mentoring during teacher preparation and into the start of full-time teaching. Annual scholarships will be available for students in partnering districts to cover part or all of their tuition. Partner districts currently include: Gilmer, Braxton, Calhoun, Doddridge, Kanawha, Lewis, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Roane, Webster, Wirt, Wood, and Upshur Counties.

The "College in Your Community" initiative aims to increase college degree attainment opportunities for adults in several communities in West Virginia. The statewide adult degree completion initiative kicks off by offering college credential options (certificates, Associate and Baccalaureate degrees) primarily online. Some communities will also see some classes offered in-person. Please do not hesitate to reach out to learn more about each initiative.

We are requesting your specific assistance in contacting your legislators to encourage them to fund these initiatives and increase GSC's overall state allocated funding. Please feel free to use the [following letter](#) as a beginning template in either calling, emailing, or writing a letter to your representatives. You can find the contact information for your specific representatives by [clicking here](#).

All my best,

Tracy

Attention Education Alumni

The Glenville State College Office of Alumni Affairs has kicked-off a new initiative to unite educators who are GSC alumni. Through this initiative, GSC is identifying teacher education alumni who are currently working within a school system, updating their contact information, providing them with Glenville gear to proudly display in their classrooms, and asking them to encourage their students to someday attend GSC.

If you haven't let us know you are working as a teacher or education administrator yet - please get in touch with us by [clicking here](#).



Valentine's Day Dinner Theater

Are you an amateur sleuth with an appetite for mystery? Then you won't want to miss our upcoming murder mystery event on Friday, February 15 in the Mollohan Campus Community Center Ballroom. A social hour with beverages and appetizers begins at 6:00 p.m. The show will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. Dinner is included as part of the show.

Participants are encouraged to dress to match the theme: Valentine's Day in the 1920's.

Prizes will be awarded for best costume, best couple's costume, attendee who traveled the farthest, first person to register, and "Chief Detective" (the person who solves the murder first).

Tickets are \$30 for one, \$60 for couples, and \$200 for a reserved table which seats seven. Purchase tickets by visiting Waco Oil & Gas, Suite 212 in the GSC Heflin Administration Building, or by calling (304) 462-6380.

Did You Know?

Former Pioneer Football stand-outs Deandre Jones-Williams '18 and Dante Absher have recently signed professional football contracts with the [Montreal Alouettes](#) in Montreal, Canada.

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2nd Annual
FOUNDERS DAY OF GIVING
Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Join the Pioneer Nation as we raise over \$85,000 for areas of need on campus.

Thank you for...
Empowering Pioneers!

The banner features a blue background with a faint image of a building and the year '1872' in a stylized font.

[Click here](#) for more information about the 2019 Founders Day of Giving.



Warner Named Hospital Controller

Kyle Warner '14 has been named the new controller at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital in Weston, West Virginia. Warner graduated from Glenville State College



Cosner Joins GSC Marketing Department

The Glenville State College Department of Marketing and Public Relations would like to welcome the newest addition to their team, Communications Coordinator



Annual GSC Alumni Basketball Game

Glenville State College's Winter Homecoming will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at the Waco Center. The day will begin with the annual GSC Alumni

in May 2014 with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration with an emphasis in accounting and management.

While at GSC, Kyle was a member of the Pioneer Football team and served as a team captain, a resident assistant, business and accounting tutor, and was a recipient of the Outstanding Student Leadership Award in 2014.

Warner is currently studying for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam and is a native of Braxton County, West Virginia.

Kristen Cosner '17 who started this week. Kristen is the daughter of Chris and Carla (Overfield) '89 Cosner. Chris serves as an Associate Professor of Art at GSC.

Cosner graduated from Glenville State College in 2017 and then received her Master's Degree in Integrated Marketing Communications from West Virginia University in 2018. While a student at GSC, Kristen was involved with multiple student organizations and served as the president of Alpha Rho Tau (ART Society).

Basketball Game which will tip-off at 10:00 a.m. All former Pioneer and Lady Pioneer basketball players, former coaches, and their fans are invited to return to campus for this event and then to spend the day with us. Check-in for the alumni game will begin at 9:00 a.m. with warm-ups for the game being at 9:30 a.m.

For planning purposes, returning players are encouraged to [click here](#) or call GSC's Alumni Office at (304) 462-6116 to RSVP. If you don't decide to participate until the last minute, come anyway!



Friday, February 1 12:00 PM [Bluegrass Honorary Degree Presentation in Nashville, Tennessee](#)

Friday, February 15 6:00 PM [Valentine's Day 1920's Murder Mystery Dinner Theater](#)

Saturday, February 16 2:00 PM GSC Black Alumni History Celebration

Tuesday, February 19 8:00 AM [GSC Founders Day of Giving](#)

Saturday, March 2 10:00 AM [Alumni Basketball Game & Winter Homecoming](#)

Thursday, April 4 & Friday, April 5 GSC Percussion Ensemble Concerts

Allegheny Surveys Inc. – \$2,000 for the Samuel Elliot Robinson Scholarship Fund

James S. Bailey '86 – \$1,100 for PAC Men's and Women's Track and Field

Tilden "Skip" '70 and Shirley (McIntyre) '68 Hackworth – \$1,000 for the Annual Fund

Wayne and Robin Ryan – \$500 for PAC Baseball

Alexander '53 and Sharon Jokay – \$200 for the Annual Fund

Carolyn K. Vassel – \$150 for the Dr. Richard N. Butler Memorial Scholarship Fund

Saturday, April 27 Alumni Day

James M. Huey – \$100 for the Bluegrass Band

Friday, May 17 & Saturday, May 18 50 Year Graduate Celebration

Barbara (Jeffries) Parmer '63 – \$100 for the Annual Fund



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