

**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*

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## **Alumni Spotlight**

Tiffani Huffman '14 has been selected by the GSC Alumni Association as the 2019's Outstanding Young Alumna.

Tiffani is currently serving as a West Virginia State Trooper. She graduated from Glenville State with a Bachelor of Science degree in Sport Management in 2014 and went on to graduate from the 65th Cadet Class at the West Virginia State Police Academy in 2015.

During her time at GSC, she was a member of the Lady Pioneer Basketball team. During her tenure with the team the Lady Pioneers had



## **Recent Graduates Exchange Vows on Campus**

For two Glenville State College graduates, the celebration did not stop after receiving their diplomas. Sydnee Vance '19 and Simeon Kees '19 were married on campus after the 145th Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 18.

"We met at Glenville in 2014 during our freshman year through mutual friends," said Vance. We became a couple during the 2015 spring semester and never looked back. Over the years, we became best friends, one adventure at a time."

The couple was married in the amphitheater by GSC Professor of Psychology, Dr. Fred Walborn. "We met here and fell in love here, so it only seemed natural to get married here," said Vance.

As their time in Glenville comes to a close, the couple reflects on their years at the college. "The friendships will last a lifetime; the memories will last for several lifetimes. I will

a record of 120-35. The team clinched two West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament Championships and the first Mountain East Conference Tournament Championship while Huffman was a member. With multiple conference tournament wins, the team would go on to participate in several NCAA Tournaments.

As an avid lover of sports and fitness, she spends most of her downtime on the golf course, watching sporting events, or in the weight room. Tiffani currently lives in Cross Lanes, West Virginia and notes that one of the best parts of her career in law enforcement is that she gets to serve and be involved with her community.

We are proud to have Tiffani as our 2019 Outstanding Young Alumna Award Recipient and proud to feature her in this week's Alumni Spotlight.

never forget the years spent here or the people I spent that time with. GSC will forever be our little home on the hill," said Kees. "I love the faculty and staff at GSC; they are amazing, and I truly feel cared about. I will forever cherish the relationships and friendships GSC gave me," added Vance.

Did you meet your spouse while at GSC? If so, let us know by [clicking here](#).



### ***Did you know?***

West Virginia State Trooper Tiffani Huffman '14 recently narrated and was featured in the West Virginia State Police's latest recruitment video.

[Click here](#) to watch the video.

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## **Tuition Rates Hold Steady at GSC**

For the third academic year in a row, Glenville State's in-state tuition rates are holding steady with no increase for students. This move, paired with most other West Virginia college's continually raising their tuition rates, has made GSC one of the most affordable colleges in the Mountain State. Additionally, we have adjusted our out-of-state tuition rate to become more competitive for those residing outside of West Virginia.

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## **Gum Named Staff Employee of the Year**

Jason Gum '05, Staff Librarian and Archivist at Glenville State College, has been named the 2019 Staff Employee of the Year.

Gum came to GSC as a student in the fall of 2000 and began working at the Robert F. Kidd Library as a student assistant. He received a bachelor's degree in English and a minor in business in December 2004. After graduation, he returned to the Library in a temporary capacity, and in 2008 he joined the RFK Library staff full-time. Gum also holds a master's degree in information science from the University of North Texas.

The Lewis County native becomes the 30th recipient of the award that has been presented at GSC since 1986.



## **Bullard Honored with Leadership Award**

Jacob Bullard '19 has been selected as the 2018-19 Student Leadership Award recipient. He was recognized for his life-saving actions while interning with the Burnsville Police Department.

Jacob graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice with a concentration in administration of justice, and plans to pursue work in state or federal law enforcement. He also received a challenge coin from the Glenville State College Department of Criminal Justice, as well as a letter from Congressman David McKinley commending him on his heroic efforts.

Bullard joins 45 other graduates who have received the Outstanding Student Leadership Award at GSC since 1977.



## **Keene Receives Faculty Award of Excellence**

Glenville State College's newest Faculty Award of Excellence recipient is Assistant Professor of Biology Dr. Jeremy Keene.

Keene has been a faculty member since Fall of 2015. He received both his bachelor of science and master of science degrees in biology from Missouri State University and his Ph.D. in environmental and plant biology from Ohio University. His research focuses on understanding of the evolution and conservation of plant populations/species.

Outside of his research, Keene devotes much of his time and efforts to his involvement with the campus community. He is an advisor for both the Student Government Association and the LGBT+ Alliance, allowing him to interact with a large portion of the student body.





You're invited to join your fellow Pioneers at Appalachian Power Park in Charleston, West Virginia for an evening of baseball and fun. Monday, July 1 at 7PM will be GSC Night at Power Park – wear your royal blue and cheer on the West Virginia Power while reconnecting with old friends!

If you're in the Glenville area and want to ride the Pioneer charter bus to Charleston, contact Conner Ferguson by [clicking here](#) or by calling (304) 462-6116. Seating on the bus will be first come first served. Those riding the bus will receive free transportation and a general admission ticket. Anyone who comes to the game wearing a Glenville State College t-shirt or Pioneer Blue will also get a free general admission ticket.

GSC Night is also family night at the park so general admission tickets are only \$1 and reserved seats are \$3. Tickets for the party deck, which includes food and drinks, are available for \$26 and can be purchased by contacting George Levandoski at Appalachian Power Park at (304) 304-4111.



Thursday, June 20 - Sunday, June 23  
[West Virginia State Folk Festival](#)



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can keep in touch with you!**

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**Monday, July 1 7:00PM** [GSC Night at Appalachian Power Park](#)

**Thursday, July 18 5:30 PM** [GSC Night at Chestnut Ridge Winery](#)

**Wednesday, August 14 5:00PM** [GSC Night at Lambert's Winery](#)

**Saturday, September 21** Hall of Fame Weekend

**Saturday, October 19** Homecoming

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.



## THE GIVING CORNER

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The Estate of Ernest L. Arbuckle '42 – \$30,723 for the Ernest L. Arbuckle Trust Scholarship

The Estate of June Annabelle Brake – \$10,000 for the Philip I. Brake Scholarship

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

Monoka (Nicholson) Collins '48 – \$200 for the Annual Fund

Larry '62 and Diane Gandee – \$150 for the Annual Fund

Michael '72 and Constance Devol – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Carol (Hawkins) Hamilton '62 – \$100 for the Annual Fund

William '74 and Karen Nicholson – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Clarence and Dolly (Coombs) '82 Woodell – \$100 for the Annual Fund

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