

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



### **Alumni Spotlight**

Dr. Mary Katherine “Kathy” (Poling) Butler ‘76 has been named Interim President of New River Community and Technical College while they advertise for and select their next president. NRCTC serves nine counties and four campuses, these being the Raleigh County Campus, Beaver/Beckley, West Virginia; Greenbrier Valley Campus, Lewisburg, West Virginia; Nicholas County Campus, Summersville, West Virginia, and Mercer County Campus, Princeton, West Virginia. Her appointment will take effect July 1.

Kathy, to all of us on campus, taught in elementary schools in Wood County before coming to GSC in 1989 as Assistant Professor of



*Delegate Brent Boggs '76 (left) and GSC President Dr. Tracy Pellett (right) present Debbie Nagy with a retirement gift at a reception held in her honor.*

### **Longtime Alumni Director to Retire**

After over 45 years as an employee at Glensville State College, Debra (Reed) Nagy is retiring. Throughout her decades of service to Glensville State, she has worked with eight different college presidents, two of GSC’s Community & Technical College provosts, helped hundreds of staff, faculty, and administrators, and interacted with countless students, alumni, and friends of the college.

In 1973 she came to GSC as secretary and bookkeeper for the campus Bookstore which, at the time, was operated by the College. She was promoted to store manager in 1975 following the retirement of one of her mentors, Nellie Engelke, and while assuming the role which included being the store’s sole buyer, she also continued her secretary/bookkeeper duties. Nagy’s efforts in the store over the years saw revenue increase to \$1 million, due in part to former GSC President William K. Simmons’ approval of a

Education, Supervisor of Student Teachers, and Director of the Child Learning Center.

She took on the additional duties of Director of Field Experiences in 1990 while retaining her other positions and served in those areas until 1994 when she was promoted to Associate Professor. Butler was able to relinquish her Director of Field Experiences position at that time but ably continued all of her other duties until in 1998 when she was tapped to serve as Interim Dean of Teacher Education and Chief Certification Officer, these in addition to continuing in her Associate Professor of Education and Director of the Child Learning Center positions.

Dr. Butler was promoted to full Professor in 1999 and named Dean of Teacher Education while maintaining her Professor of Education and Director of the Child Learning Duties. She went on to serve GSC as Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, Professor of Education, and NCA/Higher Learning Commission Accreditation Coordinator from 2000-2003 and was promoted yet again to Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs in 2003 and then was Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs from 2004-2010.

She left GSC in 2010 to serve as Vice Chancellor for

mid-1990s expansion of the Bookstore that brought increased square footage and expanded inventory. She also ran Central Supply, located just off the Bookstore from 1987 until 2000, this being a centralized location that college staff frequented for their office supplies.

After the College opted to outsource Bookstore operations in 2000, Nagy served as Special Assistant to the President/Coordinator of Alumni Affairs for a year before being tapped to serve as Business Manager of GSC's Community and Technical College which was headquartered, at the time, in Summersville although classes were offered in Braxton and Lewis Counties as well. She commuted to the Summersville campus during the 2001-2002 fiscal year and, although back on campus and serving in the Business Manager for Special Projects capacity, when the state legislature mandated that community and technical components be severed from GSC's main operations by 2003, Nagy worked with the College's Business Manager and with the CTC Provost in what would become a two-year process to close out operations and divide enrollment between Glenville State and the newly formed New River Community and Technical College.

In the fall of 2003 and while still retaining her Business Manager for Special Project duties, she was again appointed Coordinator of Alumni Affairs and the following spring also took on the additional duties of Facilities Manager/Scheduling including Facilities Rental.

She was able to relinquish her Business Manager for Special Projects duties in 2007 after having been named Director of Alumni Affairs in addition to being named Special Assistant to the President again in 2006, this while still retaining her facilities scheduling and rental duties.

With the exception of the time that she was heavily involved with GSC's Community & Technical College component, Nagy has coordinated the college's special events including Homecoming, the Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Banquet, Commencement Exercises, and other major events since 2000. Many on and off campus also consider her to be GSC's unofficial historian because of her wealth of institutional memory and her passion for the institution, her motto being that, "you can't get to where you're going if you don't know where you've been."

"I've truly enjoyed my years at Glenville State College," she said. "My first 27 years in the Bookstore put me in touch with so many of our students and alumni. As I've changed jobs,

Academic Affairs at the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission and West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education in Charleston, West Virginia, a position she held until her retirement in 2014. The retirement, however, was short lived as she served as Special Assistant to the Chancellor on a part-time position/consulting basis during the 2014-2015 academic year.

Butler has authored eleven publications, three research articles, and presented at numerous higher education presentations throughout the United States.

She holds a master's degree in Early Childhood Education from WVU; also a doctorate from WVU in Curriculum and Assessment and Early Childhood Education. She had been working as Special Assistant to the President at Ohio Valley University in Vienna, West Virginia prior to her latest appointment.

Congratulations Dr. Butler on this monumental milestone in your career. We are pleased to feature you in this week's Alumni Spotlight and proud to have you as an outstanding alumna of Glenville State College.

many of them have kept in touch, and as Alumni Director, I've not only been able to use the Alumni House as their information center on campus and the bridge between their new life as graduates and their alma mater but to reminisce with so many of them about their time at GSC and to keep up with where they are and what they are doing."

Nagy completed her College Business Management Institute Certification from the University of Kentucky in 1978 after having attended these classes in the summers of 1976, 1977, and 1978. She also received her College Business Management Institute Refresher Certification in the summer of 1988.

She is lifelong a resident of Gilmer County and was married to her husband Paul for 35 years until his passing in May 2017. They have a son, Paul III, who resides in Charleston, West Virginia.

"Frankly I have a hard time imagining Glenville State College without Deb Nagy," said GSC President Dr. Tracy Pellett. "Debbie is someone who dedicates her time to make sure that things run smoothly for the rest of us; I think that says a lot about her. More importantly, I don't know that you could find a bigger advocate for Glenville State, our alumni, and the preservation of our college's rich history. My hope is that she'll remain an active participant in our alumni and college events even if she isn't holding office hours anymore."

Her last day will be June 30, 2018 although she hasn't ruled out possibly working as a consultant for the college from time to time.

For those of you who would like to send well-wishes and have not already done so via Facebook, phone call, or card, Debbie can be contacted by sending a message to her personal e-mail at [DebbieNagy53@gmail.com](mailto:DebbieNagy53@gmail.com).



Coach Bill Hanlin '53 –  
\$1,400 for PAC Football

Astorg Motor Company –  
\$500 for PAC Football

Butcher & Butcher Attorneys  
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Women's Basketball

Loretta (Poling) Godfrey '54  
in memory of Ron Godfrey  
'55 – \$200 for PAC Football

Wilbur 'Smoke' Matthews –  
\$100 for Sesquicentennial  
Silver Coin (Academic  
Success Center)

Gerald Trembush '68 – \$100  
for Sesquicentennial Silver  
Coin (Academic Success  
Center)



## **Glennville State Participates in #AlmostHeaven Campaign with WV Tourism Commission**

Glennville State College and Gilmer County are no strangers to being a part of West Virginia history. For instance, did you know that *The West Virginia Hills*, West Virginia's oldest state song, was written in Glennville in 1885? This year, on June 20, West Virginia marked its 155th birthday. To celebrate, the West Virginia Tourism Commission encouraged groups and individuals to take to social media using the hashtag #AlmostHeaven. Several of the social media posts also featured the new State tourism stickers to show the world West Virginia's wild and wonderful beauty.

Through the likes, comments, shares, and retweets from our social media followers, we were able to show over 11,500 people the beauty of the Campus 'mong the Maples. [Click here](#) to find out where you can pick up your Almost Heaven sticker.

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*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.



## **GSC Night at Power Park**

You are invited to join fellow Pioneers at Appalachian Power Park in Charleston, West Virginia for an evening of baseball and fun. Monday, July 16 will be GSC Night at Power Park – wear your royal blue and cheer on the West Virginia Power while reconnecting with old friends. GSC President Dr. Tracy Pellett will be kicking-off the evening by throwing out the first pitch of the game!

If you're in the Glenville area and want to ride the Pioneer charter bus to Charleston for free, contact David Hutchison by [clicking](#)



## **Jesse Skiles named GSC Athletic Director**

Jesse Skiles '87 has been named Glenville State College's new Athletic Director. His new appointment will take effect July 1.

A native of Charleston, West Virginia and a DuPont High School athlete, Skiles ran track and cross country at Glenville State during his college career. He was instrumental in laying the groundwork for the College's Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000, is very knowledgeable in the institution's history of athletics, and has served on the Hall of Fame selection committee.

As a head coach, Skiles presided over two dynasties; the Glenville teams of the late 80's and the West Virginia Wesleyan College teams over the last 26 years. In all, his teams have won 64 conference titles and he has been named Coach of the Year 53 times.

He coached college track and cross country for 29 years before retiring to return to his alma mater earlier this year when he accepted the Director of Athletic Fundraising position within the College Advancement Office.

"I'm pleased to have Jesse Skiles leading our Athletic Department. He's a Glenville State graduate, brings a wealth of institutional athletic information with him, and

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For tickets contact Haley Townsend at Appalachian Power Park by [clicking here](#) or by calling (304) 414-4117.

knows how to foster a spirit of competitive excellence. What I'm most excited to see is Jesse's future-focused vision for what Glenville Athletics can become. I have no doubt about where we'll go and the things we'll achieve with him at the helm," said GSC President Dr. Tracy Pellett.



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