



**YOUR BIWEEKLY UPDATE ON GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE**  
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### **Alumni Spotlight**

Latonya (Caldwell) Ferguson '76 is a highly decorated educator who has dedicated her career to education.

Throughout her more than 38 years in education, Latonya has served on committees, as a coach, and received several honors. Ferguson served as a debate coach for Maury High School, was the Cox High School Teacher of the Year, received Career Teacher Status from Virginia Beach Public Schools (VBCPS), the Exceptional Child Award by the Council of Exceptional Children #223, represented VBCPS on the Virginia Standards of Learning Committee, and was a member of the Courageous Conversation Committee to

### **Mike Kellar Named Head Pioneer Football Coach**



Mike Kellar has been named the 25th Head Football Coach of the Glenville State College Pioneers.

Kellar comes into the position with 51-35 (.593) career record as a head coach at the NCAA Division II level with stops at California (PA), Concord, and Lenoir-Rhyne (NC). Before breaking into the head coaching ranks, he made his mark as offensive coordinator for a trio of NCAA Division II playoff squads, including a pair of California (PA) teams that advanced to the national semifinals. As a head coach or assistant coach he has been part of seven conference championship teams.

During the 2018 season, he served as the Offensive Coordinator for West Liberty University. The Hilltoppers averaged 25.0 points per game and 327.5 yards per contest this past season.

The Shinnston, West Virginia native was the starting quarterback at Glenville State in 1989 and later at Fairmont State during the early 1990's. After graduating from Fairmont State in 1994, Kellar traded his playing cleats for a headset and whistle and spent the next eight seasons as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for the Falcons. He helped lead Fairmont to a pair of WVIAC championships.

help improve race relation in VBCPS.

While a student at GSC, Ferguson was a member of Student Government and the Black Gospel Choir where she served as the Choir Director. She received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English Education from GSC, and went on to earn a Masters Degree in Education from Regent University.

Latonya and her husband of 42 years, Timothy, reside in Virginia Beach, Virginia and are the proud parents of two children and six grandchildren. In her free time, she enjoys volunteering at her church and serving as a mentor at a local elementary school.

We are pleased to feature Latonya in this week's Alumni Spotlight and proud to call her an Alumna of Glenville State College.



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Kellar holds a Master's Degree in Safety Management from West Virginia University. He and his wife Missy have four children, Diedra, Jarrod, Anthony, and Jacob.



## **Annual Land Resources Golf Tournament Scheduled**

The 21st annual Glenville State College Department of Land Resources Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, May 10 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Proceeds from the event, which will take place at the Glenville Golf Club in Glenville, West Virginia, will again be used to enhance student learning within GSC's Natural Resource Management programs.

Funds received from the golf tournament will help provide extra tools and equipment for students studying environmental science, forestry, land surveying, land management, and other natural resource management programs at GSC.

[Click here](#) for more information or call Ashley Nicholas at (304) 462-6370.

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***Did you know?***

Glennville State College Assistant Professor of Mathematics Education Joseph Wood recently received the College/University Mathematics Teacher from the West Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Congratulations to Professor Wood for this outstanding achievement!

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## GSC Student Profile - Jackie Deary

Jackie Deary is a senior exercise science major from Brooklyn, Connecticut. She is a member of the GSC Acrobatics and Tumbling Team, Chi Beta Phi, Student Government Association, and the Biochemistry Club.

Jackie was recently accepted into West Virginia University's highly competitive Doctor of Physical Therapy Program. "I chose to pursue physical therapy school because of my experiences as a gymnast. I was always in physical therapy due to several different injuries. I found that I really enjoyed the atmosphere of the physical therapy clinic. I feel that physical therapy is such a rewarding profession because a physical therapist works with their patients consistently until goals are achieved and improvements are seen," she said. "I am also passionate about exercising and physical therapists treat their patients with exercise which fits perfectly with my personal beliefs. I believe that being physically active can improve your quality of life tremendously and would be honored to have the opportunity to guide people towards an active lifestyle."



## Mills Catches State Record Perch

Clinton Mills '03 of Ravenswood, West Virginia broke the West Virginia state record for the largest yellow perch to be caught in the state. Sam Cowell '02, Clinton's fishing buddy was with him when the catch was made and helped secure the fish in the net. The record-breaking perch was caught in Summersville Lake in Summersville, West Virginia.

Sam and Clinton have been fishing together for many years now, which started while they were roommates at Glennville State. Clint graduated from GSC in 2003 with a degree in Chemistry and is currently practicing internal medicine. Sam graduated from GSC in 2002 with degrees in Biology and Forest Technology and is currently working with the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources.

[Click here](#) to read the complete story in *The Parsons Advocate*.

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## 2019 GSC Alumni Awards

Her advice to future Pioneers? “Never sell yourself short. If you have a goal, do everything you can to achieve it. I know you’ve heard it a thousand times but these years go by fast. Enjoy them while they are here and make the most of them!”

After much anticipation, the 2019 GSC Alumni Award winners will be announced in the next edition of the Pioneer Update on April 5. Stay tuned!



## Lady Pioneers Have a Historic Season

The Glenville State College Lady Pioneer Basketball Team finished the 2018-2019 season with impressive records, accomplishments, and awards. This season, the Lady Pioneers claimed their third straight Mountain East Conference (MEC) Regular Season Championship title along with winning their second consecutive MEC Tournament Championship. With the tournament win, GSC earned the number one seed and the honor to host the NCAA Division II Atlantic Regional Tournament at the Waco Center last week.

Head Coach [Kim Stephens](#) '11 was selected as the MEC Coach of the Year for the second consecutive year. Freshman, [Re'Shawna Stone](#) was named MEC Freshman of the Year, MEC Tournament MVP, and Second Team All-MEC. Junior [Emily Stoller](#) was selected for the First Team All-MEC and the Division II Conference Commissioners Association (D2CCA) All-Atlantic

Region Women's Basketball Second Team. Senior Country Davis was selected as an MEC Honorable Mention.

Glenville State (30-3) had an outstanding season and posted back-to-back 30 wins seasons for just the second time in school history. [Click here](#) to view more stats about the Lady Pioneers.



The Estate of Margret A. Glenn '68 – \$13,000 for the Roy E. and Noble Glenn Scholarship

Mack & Arlene Worl – \$5,000 for the Department of Fine Arts

The Honorable David '68 and Celeste (White) '69 Evans – \$2,000 for the Department of Education and PAC Track

Gary '90 and Shellie Williams – \$544 for the Department of Criminal Justice

Richard "Dick" Barrett '55 – \$500 for PAC Women's Basketball

David "Mike" '73 and Sharon (Sturm) '73 Wilt – \$400 for the Annual Fund

Walt W. Turner '69 – \$250 for the Annual Fund

Karen D. Winestock – \$250 for PAC Women's Basketball



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