



## **Alumni Spotlight**

Maureen (Kraus) Gildein '82 is currently the President-Elect of the Glenville State College Alumni Association and will begin her tenure as President in April 2019.

Maureen has dedicated her career to education and serving her community, having served as a teacher and school principal for over 34 years. Spending most of her teaching career in North Carolina, she led her schools to the highest achievement distinction in North Carolina, collaborated with World View of North Carolina to bring global education throughout the state, led initiatives in robotics and technology, and

## **Lady Pioneers Advance to the Mountain East Conference Tournament Semifinals**

The Glenville State College Lady Pioneers defeated West Virginia State University in the quarterfinals of the 2019 Mountain East Conference Basketball Tournament, 105-86. With the victory, the Lady Pioneers advance to the semifinals to take on West Liberty University at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 9.



The GSC Alumni and Friends Hospitality Suite, which is located in Generations Pub and Restaurant inside the WesBanco Arena, will be open one hour before the game (11:00 a.m.) and will run throughout the game. For more information about the hospitality suite, [click here](#) or contact GSC Director of Alumni Affairs Conner Ferguson by [clicking here](#).

Can't attend the game in person? No worries, you can watch the tournament live by [clicking here](#).

Go Pioneers!

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**From The President** *Dr. Tracy L. Pellett, President*

coached high school volleyball, basketball, and softball.

While living in North Carolina, Gildein was the state Alumni Chapter Leader and coordinated GSC alumni events throughout the Tar Heel State. Having recently returned to her home state of West Virginia, Maureen is now serving as a Lecturer of Physical Education at GSC.

Gildein graduated from Glensville State College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Health, Physical Education, and Social Studies in 1982. She also holds a Master of Arts Degree from Gardner Webb University and a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

While a student at GSC, she was a member of the Sigma Sigma Sorority, MENC, and played intramural sports.

Gildein is a member of the GSC Foundation Board, the Rotary Club International, and volunteers at St. Boniface Church and for Alpha Delta Kappa Education Sorority. Maureen and her husband Jim live in Alum Bridge, West Virginia and are the proud parents of four children. They have two grandsons.

We are pleased to feature Maureen in this week's

Greetings Pioneers:

Last weekend was a busy one at Glensville State. Our Admissions team, along with many faculty, staff, and current students, held a very successful open house event with nearly 200 future Pioneers in attendance. These types of activities are vital in the recruitment process as it gives us a chance to show these prospective students the campus and provide them the opportunity to interact with their future faculty members. I'm excited about the turnout and proud of the great job that everyone did to make sure that our visitors had an informative and enjoyable time.



In addition to the open house, we also hosted Winter Homecoming, an alumni basketball game, and our final home basketball games of the season. The last games of the season are always bittersweet as our senior players take the hardwood of McPherson Court one last time. The Lady Pioneers prevailed over the WV Wesleyan Lady Bobcats to further solidify their standing in the Mountain East Conference, 107-85. And although the men's team couldn't quite edge out the Bobcats, I am still immensely proud of the season Coach Caldwell and his players had. Both teams are smart, agile, hardworking, and represent what is best about Glensville State's scholar athletes.

In talking about our basketball teams, we can't overlook the accolades members of GSC's women's and men's team earned from the Mountain East Conference. On the women's side, Re'Shawna Stone was named Freshman of the Year and, for the second year in a row, head coach Kim Stephens was named Coach of the Year. Additionally, Emily Stoller earned All-MEC first team honors, Re'Shawna Stone earned second team honors, and Courtney Davis was an All-MEC honorable mention. On the men's side, Phil Bledsoe earned All-MEC second team honors.

Campus will be a little quieter than usual next week as students enjoy their spring break. We look forward to their return and the continuation of the semester.

All my best,

Tracy

Alumni Spotlight and proud to call her an Alumna of Glenville State College.

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## Interested in Joining GSC's Alumni Council?

Are you interested in becoming more involved with your Alma Mater? Contact GSC Alumni Association President-Elect Maureen Gildein by [clicking here](#) or Director of Alumni Affairs Conner Ferguson by [clicking here](#) or calling (304) 462-6116.

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### Stephens Named MEC Coach of the Year Again

Glenville State College Lady Pioneer Head Basketball Coach Kim Stephens '11 has been named the 2018-19 Mountain East Conference (MEC) Coach of the Year for the second consecutive year. Stephens was named Coach of the Year after leading her team to a third-straight MEC Conference title. This season, GSC went 21-1 in conference play, which pushed Stephens' record to 81-10 over the last three seasons. She has the Lady Pioneers in the midst of a 17-game winning streak (sixth best in the country), in



### Students Celebrate Black History Month

Jared Fitzwater '18 is the first grade teacher at Leading Creek Elementary School in Linn, West Virginia where students in his class spent the month of February learning about the countless efforts, struggles, and successes made by African Americans in their advances for civil rights.

With the help Fitzwater, the students spent each day learning about a different African American and the roll they played in shaping of our world today. Some of their studies

addition to a 38-game home winning streak (second best in the country).

Kim graduated from GSC in 2011 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Sport Management and returned to her alma mater as the head women's basketball coach in 2016. She also received the GSC Young Alumna Award in April 2018.

Congratulations on this honor Coach Stephens and thank you for all you do for GSC!

included Jackie Robinson, Rosa Parks, Louis Armstrong, Bessie Coleman, Frederick Douglass, and others.

On Friday, March 1, the students presented their projects to a panel of judges from Glenville State College's Department of Education who helped Jared score the students' projects.

You can read the full story from *The Weston Democrat* by [clicking here](#).



## Basketball Alumni Recognized

On Saturday, March 2, students, alumni, and fans gathered at GSC's Waco Center to celebrate Winter Homecoming. The following former Pioneer and Lady Pioneer Basketball players were recognized during the event: Coach Tim Carney '62, Coach Dennis Fitzpatrick '73, Robert "Bob" Reed '51, Denaee Dobbins '07, Tiffani Huffman '14, Sarah Harvey '12, Jeffrey Jenkins '03, Richard "Dick" Barrett '55, Tina (Burkhamer) Cunningham '87, Tim Moore '85,

Maria (Lothes) Hall '85, Cathy (Stracher) Parsons '85, Pamela Minigh '83, Kim (Goodwin) Lewis '80, Marsha (Shrader) Knight '88, and Tom Coates '78.

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## **Percussion Ensemble Tickets on Sale**

Tickets for the annual Glenville State College Percussion Ensemble are now on sale. The concerts will be held on Thursday, April 4 and Friday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Glenville State College Fine Arts Center Auditorium.

GSC students are admitted to the April 4 performance for free, but must still reserve a ticket. Tickets for public school students are \$15 and the price for general admission is \$25.

For more information or to reserve tickets, contact the GSC Fine Arts Department at (304) 462-6340.



## **Professor Lang Defends his Dissertation**

Glenville State College Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice Ken Lang has recently defended his dissertation. Lang will soon be conferred his Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) by Walden University College of Public Policy and Administration with a specialization in Criminal Justice.

Before coming to GSC in Fall 2016, Lang worked as a homicide detective with the Baltimore County Police in Baltimore, Maryland. Recently Lang has turned some of his most notable experiences in the field into books in his homicide series including *Death Comes Uninvited*, *Walking Among the Dead: True Stories from a Homicide Detective*, and *Standing in Death's Shadow*:



## **Raines Selected as Calhoun County Officer**

Wiley Raines '18 has recently been hired by the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Sheriff and Prevention Resource Officer for Calhoun County Schools.

Deputy Raines graduated from Glenville State College in 2018 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice alongside current Calhoun County Chief Deputy Jason Chang '18. He is graduate of the West Virginia State Police Academy, a certified law enforcement officer, and a member of the Army Reserve. Before taking this position, Wiley worked for the Fairmont Police Department.

*More True Stories From A  
Homicide Detective.*

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