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Alumni Spotlight

Chris Owens '06 works as a financial advisor for Bronfman E L Rothchild Financial Services in Rockville, Maryland and lives in nearby Boonsboro, Maryland with his wife Jenn, their six year old son C.J., and their 2 ½ year old daughter Leona.

In addition to his marketing degree from GSC, where he also played football for the Pioneers, Chris, a native of Brunswick, Maryland, has studied at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland and at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.



Annual Department of Land Resources Golf Tournament Date Announced

Attention golfers! Planning is underway for the 20th annual Department of Land Resources Golf Tournament to be held on Friday, April 27 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Proceeds from the event, which will take place at the Glenville Golf Club in Glenville, West Virginia, will 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 to learn about the various available prizes, including \\$10,000 cash, chainsaws, gift cards, and more.](#)

Participants can enter the scramble golf outing for an entry fee of \$80 per person or \$320 per team of four. The entry fee

When not working for Bronfman E L Rothman, Chris is busy training for the September 29th Ironman Maryland triathlon in Cambridge, Maryland to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The triathlon begins with a 2.4-mile swim in the Choptank River, then a 112-mile bike ride through the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, and ends with a 26.2-mile run; a total of more than 140 miles of endurance.

His race for a cystic fibrosis cure is personal as his son C.J. (Clarence Julian) has cystic fibrosis. Owens has set a goal to raise \$5,000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation by competing in his first ironman triathlon. This is five times more than his previous high goal of \$1,000 for other races that he has competed in.

Cystic Fibrosis is a progressive, genetic disease that causes persistent lung infections and, in time, limits the ability to breathe. The defective gene also affects the pancreas and other organs according to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation website.

[Donations can be made by clicking here.](#)

Best of luck, Chris, on your training and upcoming triathlon. We are proud to feature you in this week's Alumni Spotlight and proud

includes green fees, cart rental, and lunch. Organizations and individuals are also welcome to sponsor a hole, starting at \$100. Sponsors will be recognized in a GSC Department of Land Resources newsletter and will have the name of the person or organization displayed during the event.

[Download your entry form by clicking here.](#)



Bluegrass Degree Program Noted in National

Publication

With plans taking shape to offer several degrees online beginning in fall 2018, one such program is already getting attention for its unique proposal. Glenville State College will offer students the ability to complete a four-year degree in bluegrass music online, in addition to the existing in-person program.

The program was recently profiled in an [article on BluegrassToday.com](#), an online hub for bluegrass news, reviews, and more.

Using the same one-on-one instruction that already takes place on campus, Program Director Miss Megan (Murphy) Darby '11 plans on utilizing video chat technology to allow online students to pursue the degree at a pace they desire, studying part time or even completing the program in an accelerated process that could see them finish in three years.

Online bluegrass students would still have the ability to rehearse and perform with GSC's Bluegrass Band, if they were able. Darby says that by using alternative coursework, students can study from wherever they like. Course credits can be awarded for attending festivals or playing with a band. She notes that a student could even earn the degree part-time while touring with a band.

Another unique facet of the program are the lessons, lectures, and discussions that Darby is collecting from bluegrass pioneers and professionals. The information provided by those individuals will be used to illustrate

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specific themes, highlight an instrument, provide
background and history, and more.



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