



GSC Welcomes Newest Alumni

The 146th Glenville State College Commencement Ceremony took place on Saturday, May 9, 2020. The ceremony was held virtually this semester due to social distancing requirements related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The GSC Class of 2020 were recognized individually as part of the virtual ceremony as they received their degrees in a variety of programs including business, education, land resources, criminal justice, science, music, and more. The graduates hail from throughout West Virginia and Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, New York, Ohio, and Virginia.

The ceremony was broadcast on GSC's [Facebook page](#) and the college's [YouTube channel](#). If you missed the ceremony and would like to watch it, [click here](#) to view.

Congratulations to this week's **Alumni Spotlight**, the Glenville State College class of 2020! We're proud to call you graduates of Glenville State College.



Smith named Doddridge County Teacher of the Year

Melissa Smith '12 has been named the Doddridge County 2019-20 Teacher of the Year. Melissa is a first grade teacher at Doddridge County Elementary School. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary and Early Education from GSC.

Congratulations on this achievement
Melissa!

Presidential Candidates to Visit Campus

The five candidates for Glenville State College's next president are scheduled to visit campus May 27, 28, and 29. They will participate in open forums that are open to the public, but with social distancing restrictions in place that will require a maximum occupancy be observed. Each forum will be broadcast live for those wishing to attend the sessions virtually.

Each candidate has provided their resume, a letter of interest, and a short introductory video so members of the campus community can learn a little about each of them prior to their on-campus interview.

Stay tuned to the [Presidential Search webpage](#) for the interview schedule, link to view the on-campus interviews, and more.



Sprague Named GSC Staff Employee of the Year

Trae Sprague '12, Director of Residence Life at Glenville State College, has been named the 2020 Staff Employee of the Year.

Nominations for the award called Sprague incredibly polite, a calming influence on students and his peers, and noted that he rarely shows distress or frustration during work. An administrator said, "When COVID-19 hit, Trae didn't look to others – he developed a plan, communicated the plan, and took a key leadership role in dealing with all of the uncertainty associated with the pandemic as it relates to our students."

Sprague, originally from Parkersburg, West Virginia, graduated from Glenville State College with a Bachelor of Arts in Education degree in Physical Education in 2012. In August of that year, he joined the Office of Admissions as an Admissions Counselor. Sprague then became the Supervisor of Student Life and Intramural Sports within the Office of Student Life in 2016. Sprague became Director of Residence Life in August 2019.

Trae becomes the 31st recipient of the staff recognition award that has been presented at GSC since 1986.



Pioneer Progress is Returning

GSC's magazine for alumni and friends - the Pioneer Progress - is returning this fall after a three year hiatus! Have you married recently? Been honored with an award or accolade? Received a promotion or taken on a new career path? Added a new bundle of joy to your family? Celebrated a milestone anniversary?

We want to know what is happening with our GSC alumni and their families. [Click here](#) to send us your updates for our upcoming edition of the Pioneer Progress.



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