

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

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## **Alumni Spotlight**

Terry Williams '74 has been selected by the GSC Alumni Association as the 2019 Alumni Achievement Award Recipient.

Terry has dedicated his life to public service, education, and to helping better his community. He is currently serving as the Mayor of Spencer, West Virginia where he has been working to improve the lives of the citizens of Spencer and Roane County. Terry took the oath of office more than 42 years ago and hasn't looked back since.

He is an educator by trade and served as a teacher in the Roane County School



## **GSC Welcomes Newest Alumni**

On Saturday, May 18 Glensville State College held its 145th Commencement Ceremony in the college's Waco Center. Approximately 125 enthusiastic Pioneers received their degrees in a variety of programs including business, education, land resources, criminal justice, science, music, and more. The new alumni hail from throughout West Virginia and California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Virginia, Wisconsin, and Washington, D.C.

West Virginia Secretary of State Andrew "Mac" Warner delivered the keynote address to the graduates and guests. Secretary Warner, is retired from a career in the U.S. Army where he held a variety of leadership and teaching positions, culminating as the Chief of International Law for the U.S. Army Europe in Heidelberg, Germany. He has been in office as West Virginia's Secretary of State since January 2017.

[Click here](#) to view photos from the Commencement Ceremony.

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System. He attend Marshall University and earned a graduate degree in administration. In 1981, Williams took on yet another profession by becoming a certified life, fire, and casualty insurance agent.

Throughout his tenure as mayor and a public servant, Williams has received many awards and accolades including: Citizen of the Year, WV Municipal League's Mayor of the Year and Quiet Strength Award, five-time President of the Black Walnut Festival, Woodsmen of the Worlds Outstanding Citizen Award, Patriotic Citizen and Outstanding Community Service Awards from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and received Honorary Life Membership from the American Legion Post 21 for outstanding loyalty to veterans (even though he isn't a veteran). Terry has also served as the President of the WV Municipal League, representing all West Virginia towns and cities, three different times over the last three decades. He has also written and received more than \$20 million in grants throughout his career.

Terry and his wife Carol have two daughters, Amy and Kate '13, who both reside in Roane County.

We are proud to have Terry as our 2019 Alumni Achievement Award Recipient and proud to



*(l-r) Breanna Bennett, Hannah Mick, Alli Parski, Rebecca Bartlett, Katie Benson, Travis Myers, Caitlyn Rogers, Austin Hill, Elizabeth Messer, Brittany White, Clayton Swisher, Wesley Self, Gabe Maynard, Austin Broussard, William Lyons*

## **Spring Education Interns Complete Student Teaching at GSC**

Glennville State College has been training educators since 1872, and fifteen students completed their student teaching internships and participated in GSC's May Commencement Ceremony.

[Click here](#) to learn more about these recent teacher education graduates.



*(l-r) Ruth (Cosner) Cooper, Garry Ramsey, C. Anne Gerstner, John Brannon, Carolyn (Smith) O'Neil, R. Terry Butcher, Diana (Fankhauser)*

feature him in this week's Alumni Spotlight.

*Brown, D. Allen Donaldson, and V. Jean (Ellyson) Adams Not Pictured:  
Larry West*

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## Class of 1969 Returns to Campus



[Click here](#) to view Kanawhachen Yearbooks online.

In recognition of an ongoing tradition at Glenville State College, alumni who graduated fifty years ago were invited back to campus and recognized as "50 Year Graduates." Members of the Class of 1969 enjoyed a two-day reunion where they toured campus, shared memories from their time at GSC, gave updates about what has happened over the last 50 years, attended a reception and dinner in their honor, and participated in commencement where they received commemorative medallions.

[Click here](#) to view photos from the 50 Year Graduate Celebration.



## Students Graduate from Hidden Promise Program

The newest graduates of the Hidden Promise Scholars Program were recently installed into the Hidden Promise Consortium as Alumni Advocates at a special ceremony. The Class of 2019 is made up of thirty-four graduates, the largest in the history of the program.

The Hidden Promise Scholars Program was created in 2007 by GSC's then-President Dr. Peter Barr. He and his wife Betsy returned to campus for the ceremony where he provided words of encouragement to the graduates.

Hidden Promise promotes post-secondary education for first generation college students throughout West Virginia and in Belpre, Ohio.

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## Matt Cogar Wins Champions Trophy



[Matt Cogar](#) '10, reigning six-time U.S. [STIHL Timbersports](#) Champion, represented the United States at the 2019 Champions Trophy Competition earlier this month in Sweden. Matt came out of the competition with a first place finish. Congratulations Matt!

[Click here](#) to view photos of his win and [here](#) to watch Matt claim the championship.



**Thursday, June 20 - Sunday, June 23** West Virginia State Folk Festival

**Monday, July 1** GSC Night at Appalachian Power Park

**Wednesday, August 14 5:00PM** GSC Night at Lambert's Winery

**Saturday, September 21** Hall of Fame Weekend



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INFORMATION**

**Keep in touch with us so we can keep in touch with you!**

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?

**Saturday, October 19** Homecoming  
Weekend

We want to know what is happening with our  
GSC alumni and their families.

[Click here](#) to submit your update.



## THE GIVING CORNER

*Click the gift icon to make a donation of your own and join the Giving Corner.*

Mary J. Griffith '42 – \$58,000 for the Mary J. Griffith Scholarship

Kevin Thompson '08 – \$7,000 for PAC Football

James '66 and Patricia (Walcutt) '68 Lydon – \$5,000 for the James and Patricia (Walcutt)  
Lydon Scholarship

Rodney L. Skidmore '79 – \$5,000 for PAC Women's Basketball

K&S Roofing LLC – \$635 for PAC Football

Marty Carver – \$500 for the Annual Fund

The Estate of Lura Kellar '32 – \$500 for the Evelyn Kellar March Memorial Music Scholarship

Patrick Varah – \$500 for PAC Football

Doddridge County Library Board of Trustees – \$350 for Bluegrass Music

Minnie Hamilton Health Care Center – \$300 for PAC Football



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