

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



Alumni Spotlight

Tony Gibson '97 is currently serving as the Associate Head Football Coach (Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers) for West Virginia University. He is in his 13th year with the Mountaineers and his 23rd overall year coaching football. In this time, Gibson has built a reputation as not only a top recruiter, but also as one of the top defensive minds in college football.

Gibson, a Van, West Virginia native, was a four-year player at defensive back for the Pioneer Football Team and was a part of two WVIAC championship teams. After graduating from GSC, he stayed in Glenville



GSC Holds First Appalachian Studies Conference

Glenville State College students were able to showcase the history and culture of the Appalachian region from their point of view this week. Students took part in the 2018 Appalachian Studies Conference on Thursday where they could present their own work in the field of Appalachian studies, including creative projects and academic work. Topics students selected were varied, including coal mining, folklore, forestry, music, media coverage and public perception of the opioid crisis, and much more.

The event also featured a keynote address from Jessica Lilly, host of West Virginia Public Broadcasting's *Inside Appalachia*.

[Click here](#) to see more about the conference.

Pioneer Basketball is Underway

The 2018-2019 Pioneer Men's and Women's Basketball seasons are underway. Stay up-to-date with scores and stats

and served as Gilmer County High School's head football coach and interim athletic director in 1995. After a year stint with the Titans, he returned to GSC in 1996 to coach defensive backs and the kickoff teams under Rich Rodriguez.

After leaving Glenville, Tony would go on to have coaching careers at Cumberland University, West Virginia Tech, University of Michigan, University of Pittsburgh, University of Arizona, and West Virginia University.

Gibson has received several coaching honors, including being named one of the nation's hottest coordinators by *Street & Smith Preseason Magazine* in 2018 for his old-fashioned and highly aggressive defenses and, in 2016, being named the Big 12 Conference Defensive Coordinator of the Year by Athlon Sports. He has coached 24 all-conference players, five All-Americans, and 21 players who have played professional football.

He and his wife Kerry have two children, Cody and Ashton.

We are pleased to feature Tony in this week's Alumni Spotlight and are proud to have him as an alumnus of Glenville State College.

all season long by visiting the [Glenville State College Athletics website](#). Schedules are available for both the [men's](#) and [women's](#) teams - we hope that you can make time to catch a game this season. Go Pioneers!



5th Annual Jazz Band Holiday Concert

The Glenville State College Jazz Band will be hosting their annual Christmas Concert on Thursday, November 29. The performance will take place in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium and will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The concert kicks-off with a set of traditional jazz favorites from a variety of styles including: swing, Latin, rock, and a variety of others. The second set features Glenville State's talented student ensemble performing jazz inspired arrangements of holiday classics.

Admission to the concert is by donation. For more information, contact Dr. Jason Barr by [clicking here](#) or calling (304) 462-6350.



Recognizing our Great Pioneer Alumni

Do you know an outstanding Glensville State College alumnus who deserves to be recognized for their hard work and accomplishments? Let us know about them!

The Glensville State College Alumni Council is currently soliciting nominations for their 2019 alumni awards, which will be presented during the annual Alumni Banquet on Alumni Day this spring. Simply [click here](#) to see descriptions of the various award categories and learn how to make a nomination.

If you have any questions about the awards or the nomination process, contact GSC Alumni Director Conner Ferguson by [clicking here](#) or calling (304) 462-6116.



Central WV is Alive with Choral Music

Seth Stemple '15 began serving as Lewis County High School's chorus instructor in August and also teaches voice and directs the Choir and Chamber Singers at Glensville State College.

Seth admits that teaching high school and college students requires a different approach. "High school students are young adults, so you have to acknowledge that they're getting older and becoming individuals. College students are adults, still young, but they acknowledge what they want in life. And they're paying for their degree, so you have to be a lot more direct with college students to help them as much as possible," he said.

Read more about Seth's work in [this interview](#) with *The Weston News*.



Stephens Recognized as a Rising Coach

Lady Pioneer Head Women's Basketball Coach Kim Stephens '11 was recently recognized as one of the *Top Thirty Up-and-Coming Coaches you Should Know* by High Post Hoops.

Since being named head coach in 2016, Stephens has been named the Mountain East Conference (MEC) Coach of the Year, her team has won two MEC regular season championships, a tournament championship, made NCAA tournament appearances, and led the nation in several statistics.

The list of coaches was compiled after consulting with several game agents, coaches, administrators, broadcasters, insiders, and others across women's basketball. [Click here](#) to read the complete article.



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Susan H. Bennett '93 – \$100 for the Annual Fund

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



Greetings Pioneers!

Earlier this week several Glenville State College representatives met with Gilmer County Schools Superintendent Patty Lowther '89, members of the Gilmer County Board of Education, and local school staff members to discuss ongoing partnerships and how to improve the ways we work together in the future.

GSC's offices of Academic Affairs and Off-Campus Programs will explore ways to enhance our dual enrollment options for students at GCHS. This includes implementing a framework for high school seniors to potentially graduate concurrently with their high school diploma and an Associate of Arts degree in general studies from Glenville State.

Next week campus will be uncharacteristically quiet as students return home for a weeklong Thanksgiving Break. Heidi and I hope that you too will be able to visit with friends and loved ones, rest, and ponder the things that you are thankful for.

All my best,

Tracy



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