

**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*

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## **Alumni Spotlight**

Sterling Beane, Jr. '96 is currently working as a Cloud Executive Advisor for Amazon Web Services.

Beane was the first technology coordinator hired by Braxton County Schools in 1999. He was instrumental in moving the district to implementing a 21st century technology infrastructure from 1999-2006. He served as a technology coordinator for the West Virginia Department of Education from 2006-2013. The West Virginia Board of Education hired Beane as the Department's first Chief Technology Officer/Chief Information Officer in 2013,



*Back row (l-r): Andrew Boktor, Jasmine Tarman, Mattie Hanna, Mercedes Brown, Kristie Taylor, Brianna Marks, Cole Herdman  
Front row (l-r): Molly Witschey, Morgan Golden, Lydia Torres, Jessica Beckett, Alexis Shonk, Sara Smith, Katie Shuck, and Kylee Radabaugh*

## **Glenville State Calling**

It's that time of year again - Glenville State College students are actively calling our alumni and friends to touch base, confirm that your contact information is up-to-date, tell you about recent things that have been taking place on campus, and collecting donations for this year's annual fund drive. While this is a great opportunity to help support GSC, we hope that you can take a moment to chat with these students and reminisce about your time as a Pioneer. All of the funds collected during this drive go toward supporting the overall mission of the College along with student scholarships, faculty and staff development, special projects, and more.

The goal of this year's annual fund drive is \$30,000 and with your support we know we can reach it! If you haven't spoken to one of our students about [updating your information](#) or making a contribution to this year's drive you can [click here](#) to make your donation.

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where his leadership resulted in international recognition for technology innovation.

In 2016, Beane relocated to the west coast to take his current job with Amazon Web Services. In this role, he engages with executives to define Enterprise cloud strategies and collaborates with consulting and managed service partners to build and execute migration plans. He provides services globally and throughout the United States within Amazon's most strategic customers.

While at GSC, Sterling was an all-conference athlete in cross country and track and earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree. He later earned a two Master of Arts degrees, one in Elementary Education and the other in Educational Leadership from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania.

Sterling lives in Oregon with his wife Dr. Monica (Null) Beane '96, GSC's 2018 Alumna of the Year, and their son Price who is currently a junior at Western Oregon University. In their spare time the Beane family can be found outdoors exploring the Pacific Northwest, visiting wineries, hiking, and snowboarding in the Cascades. He and his family still return to West



## Cogar Breaks World Record

Reigning six-time U.S. STIHL Timbersports Champion Matt Cogar '10 recently broke the world standing block chop record

and finished in second place at the World Championships held in Liverpool. Congratulations to Matt on this awesome achievement!

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## President Pellet, Students Talk Funding Formulas



[Click here](#) to read Dr. Pellett's letter to Alumni & Friends.



**THE GIVING CORNER**

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Michael D. Morrison '61 – \$3,000 for the Annual Fund

Virginia as often as possible to visit family and friends.

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

Steve '60 and Carolyn (Dotson) '61 Taylor – \$2,000 for the Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame

David '68 and Celeste (White) '69 Evans – \$1,000 for the Annual Fund

David L. Bodkin '70 – \$500 for the Annual Fund

Peggy A. Volin '72 – \$500 for the Annual Fund

Marylyn F. Beachtol – \$250 for the Annual Fund

*Thanks to everyone who attended the Annual GSC Bluegrass Concert!*



## **Recognizing our Great Pioneer Alumni**

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

The Glenville State College Alumni Council is currently soliciting nominations for their 2019 alumni awards, which will be presented during the annual Alumni



## **GSC Criminal Justice Professor Honored**

Glenville State College Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice Kenneth Lang was recently featured in Columbia Southern University's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary alumni magazine as one of their top 25 successful alumni.

Before coming to GSC in Fall 2016, Lang worked as a homicide detective in



## **Isaac Goff's 3 Minute History Podcasts**

Isaac Goff '07 is a history teacher at Wirt County High School in Elizabeth, West Virginia. He recently launched a podcast series, *Goff's 3 Minute Histories*. This three-minute podcast focuses on random topics and interests of Isaac's, giving listeners short history lessons about them.

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.

Baltimore, Maryland. In the short time he has been at Glenville, he has grown to be one of the most influential and popular instructors within the Criminal Justice Department. While at GSC, he has served as the department chair, advisor for the Pioneer Shooting Club, and has been involved in several youth criminal justice summer camps.

Goff graduated from GSC in 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Studies Education. He currently resides in Elizabeth, West Virginia with his wife Kelly Ann and their son Lincoln.

So far, Isaac has published three episodes that you can listen to by [clicking here](#). You can also listen for free and subscribe through the iTunes Store.



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