



Alumni Spotlight

Rev. Shirley (Williams) Bowen '81 is the Executive Director of the [Seeds of Hope Neighborhood Center](#) in Biddeford, Maine.

Seeds of Hope, a Drop-In Center serving the poor and struggling in the local communities, created a Homeless Initiatives Task Force which encompasses all sectors of the community. Also established is a Security Deposit Revolving Loan Fund which helps families and individuals into stable, affordable housing.

This summer Rev. Bowen was recognized with the 2018 Humanitarian Award from the Saco and Biddeford



Music Fest Concert Showcases 15 Musical Groups

On Tuesday evening GSC's Fine Arts Center Auditorium was the site of the annual Music Fest concert. The event brought nearly 100 student performers and their directors together in a mélange of musical styles. Those groups performing included: Percussion Ensemble, Trumpet Ensemble, Saxophone Ensemble, Flute Trio, Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, Jazz Band, Jazz Combo, Clarinet Ensemble, Low Brass Quartet, Tuba and Euphonium Ensemble, Brass Ensemble, Bluegrass Band, Pioneer Drumline, and the Pioneer Marching Band.

In addition to the current students involved in the groups, several music alumni also returned to perform. They included Bobby Davis '18, James Messenger '11, Stephanie (Jarrell) Messenger '11, Sara Rollins '17, and Kim Smith '17.

Proceeds from the concert benefit students in the Fine Arts Department in the form of scholarships.

Rotary for being the driving force behind Seeds of Hope. She also received a Coin of Excellence from the Maine Military and Community Network for her outstanding service in support of service members, veterans, and their families.

In addition to her degree from Glenville State, Shirley also holds a Master's in Education Administration from West Virginia University and a Master of Divinity from the Episcopal Divinity School, these in addition to certifications as a poverty coach and in conflict resolution.

After graduating Summa Cum Laude and receiving the Outstanding Student Award at GSC, Shirley served as the Residence Hall Director at Pickens Hall from August 1981 to July 1986. She was also a Resident Assistant for two and a half years when she was a student.

Shirley lives in Biddeford with her husband, Peter and their cat, Isaac. Also in New England are her two grown step-sons and their families, including two fabulous granddaughters.

We are pleased to feature Shirley in this week's Alumni Spotlight and proud to have her as an alumna of Glenville State College.



John E. Arbuckle's Desk in the Alumni Center Office

Arbuckle Desk has a New Home at GSC

The Arbuckle House on Glenville State College's campus now serves as the College's Alumni Center. John E. Arbuckle built the home in 1905 and spent most of his career working in banking in Glenville, West Virginia. In 1967, the bank in downtown Glenville where Mr. Arbuckle worked was severely flooded and the furniture, including Mr. Arbuckle's desk, had to be replaced.

In years after the flood, Sharon (Dobbins) '70 and the late James Phares '65 took ownership of the desk, refinished it, and used it as their family desk. In the spirit of homecoming, last week Sharon proudly donated the desk to Glenville State College for it to be used in the Martha Jarvis Cottrell '35 Office of the Alumni Center.

GSC thanks the Phares family for their generosity and thoughtfulness for donating the desk. [Click here](#) to learn more about the GSC's Alumni Center.



GSC vs. FSU Pregame Activities

Pioneer fans who are planning on attending the Glenville State College vs. Fairmont State University football game tomorrow - Saturday, October 20 - in Fairmont, West Virginia are invited to visit the [Frank and Jane Gabor West Virginia Folklife Center](#) on Fairmont's campus. The center will open at 10:00 a.m. and refreshments will be provided - including pepperoni rolls from the Country Club Bakery.

Game day parking is available at the Folklife Center, which is just a short walk to the football stadium. Those who plan on attending are asked to use the Squibb Wilson Boulevard entrance.

Special thanks to Dr. Francene (Davis) Kirk '82 for organizing this special gathering. For more information about this event, visit the [GSC Alumni and Friends Facebook Group](#).



Alumni, Friends Return to Glenville for Homecoming Weekend

Glenville State College alumni and friends were able to reconnect last Friday evening at a reception that was held at the Alumni House as part of the Homecoming Weekend festivities. Saturday kicked-off with the parade in downtown Glenville, followed by the pregame tailgate, Greek life reunions, a victory over West Liberty, and a post-game tailgate featuring Lambert's Winery and their brick oven pizza. The 1958, 1993, and 2008 WVIAC Football Championship Teams were honored during halftime of the homecoming game.

[Click here](#) to view photos from Homecoming 2018. If you have any suggestions or ideas for Homecoming 2019, please let Alumni Director Conner Ferguson know by [clicking here](#) or calling (304) 462-6116.



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Thank you to all of those who returned to GSC last weekend to take part in the 2018 Homecoming Festivities.



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