

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



Alumni Spotlight

As one of the founding members, Marti Steiner '95 is currently serving as the Executive Director of the non-profit Greater Recovery and Community Empowerment (GRaCE).

GRaCE has trained over 2,000 recovery, life, and youth coaches in West Virginia in the last three years and networks those coaches throughout West Virginia and beyond. GRaCE was born from the response to the floods in southern West Virginia in 2016 and their reach has grown expeditiously in a short amount of time, impacting thousands.

Marti also serves as the Volunteer Director of the Blue Ridge Resource Center, a virtual resource center of over



Iconic GSC Clock Tower Still Beckons Pioneers Home

The Glenville State College clock tower is an iconic piece of architecture on our scenic campus. It is from that clock tower that the often-used nickname for the institution emerged: the Lighthouse on the Hill.

In 1893, the state legislature agreed to provide funding, around \$20,000, to build an addition onto part of what is now known as the Harry B. Heflin Administration Building.

With additional space provided by the new construction to the Administration Building, Glenville State continued to see growth in all aspects, including the student body. By 1897 the famous clock tower was added to the building. When first built, the tower was 20 feet higher than we know it today. The state Board of Regents required it to be shortened around 1904 over fears of it toppling in high winds.

According to archival records from GSC's Robert F. Kidd Library, it was 1899 before the finished tower was completed with a clock. The original clockworks were made by the E. Howard & Company of Boston, Massachusetts.

1,000 volunteer recovery, life, and youth coaches.

While a student at GSC, Marti was a member of the Pioneer Marching Band, the choir, and served as the College's Pioneer Mascot from 1993-1994. She graduated from GSC in December 1994 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in music education (PreK-12).

In 2017, Marti graduated from Blue Ridge Community and Technical College as a Recovery Coach Professional. In 2019, she began attending the Iona Collaborative (Seminary of the Southwest), and she recently completed "Coping with the Stress of Coronavirus" from the Harvard Medical School.

In 2016, Marti was the recipient of the Bishop's Shell from the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia for her relief work during the 2016 flood in Clay County. That year, she was also named Beekeeper of the Year by the Eastern Panhandle Beekeepers Association. Marti's film "Supersedure," was selected as the Best Feature Film at the 2017 Mountain Film Awards.

Marti resides in Martinsburg, West Virginia and is the mother of five children, two dogs, and 100,000 honey bees. In her spare time, she enjoys beekeeping, traveling, writing, film, music, art, and playing hammer dulcimer.

[Click here](#) to read more about GSC's Clock Tower history.



(l-r) Sterling Beane, Jr. '96, Sammy Gray II '94, and Dr. Jeremy Proctor '05

GSC Foundation Welcomes New Members

At their fall meeting, the Glenville State College Foundation approved three new board of directors, Sterling Beane, Jr. '96, Sammy Gray, II '94, and Dr. Jeremy Proctor '05.

Sterling graduated from GSC in 1996 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in physical education (K-12) and earned his Master of Arts degree from Edinboro University. He is currently serving as a Senior Account Executive at Microsoft. Prior to joining Microsoft, he was a Principal Executive Advisor at Amazon Web Services, and was the Chief Information Officer for the West Virginia Department of Education. Sterling and his wife Monica (Null) '96 reside in Wake Forest, North Carolina.

Sammy graduated from GSC in 1994 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and earned his Master of Public Administration degree from West Virginia University. He is currently serving as Senior Advisor for WV Governmental Affairs at FirstEnergy. Prior to joining FirstEnergy, he was the Director of Government Affairs at West Virginia American Water, and was a Legislative Analyst for the West Virginia Senate. Sammy and his wife Kristie reside in Left Hand, West Virginia.

Jeremy graduated from GSC in 2005 with a Bachelor of Science in biology and earned his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. He serves the Charleston Area Medical Center as an Emergency Department Physician, is

When asked about what GSC means to her, she said, "My time at Glenville State College was the beginning of my personal and professional formation as an adult. GSC is a close knit, supportive community that fosters educational growth, leadership, lifelong learning, networking, and friendship – the foundation of a fulfilling life."

We are proud to feature Marti in this week's Alumni Spotlight and proud to call her an alumna of Glenville State College.

the Medical Director at the Greenbrier Valley Medical Center in Lewisburg, West Virginia, and serves as an Assistant Professor at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. Jeremy currently resides in Caldwell, West Virginia.

Congratulations to Sterling, Sammy, and Jeremy for their appointment to the GSC Foundation Board of Directors, and thank you for your service to Glenville State College!

Thank you!

Mary Bland (Whiting) Strickland '70 recently donated books and teaching resources to the GSC Department of Education's Curriculum Lab. Mary Bland stays involved with her alma mater by serving on the GSC Alumni Council as a past president and is a member of the GSC Foundation Board.





Call Stars Nearing Their Goal

The 2020 GSC Foundation Call Stars are just \$3,000 away from reaching their goal of \$25,000 for the Fall Pledge Drive! Proceeds from this drive supports the Pioneer Fund which helps the Foundation continue to provide student scholarships, alumni and friends activities, campus events, faculty and staff development, and much more. If you haven't already contributed to this year's campaign and would like to do so, you can [click here](#) to help the Call Stars cross the finish line!

As a thank you, all gifts will receive a thank you call from a Call Star student, and gifts of \$100 or more will receive a Glenville "G" mask!



Happy Halloween from GSC

Many have claimed to have had paranormal experiences at Glenville State College over the years. Authors and ghost hunters alike have researched and investigated sightings in Clark Hall, Louis Bennett Hall, Pickens Hall, and the Administration Building. Many say the ghost in these buildings is "Sis Linn." Stories about her haunting the GSC campus have circulated since at least the 1970s, not only around Halloween, but all year long.

Sarah Louisa Linn was born in 1853. She was trained as a teacher and was the only graduate of the Glenville Branch of the West Virginia State Normal School (now Glenville State College) in 1877. She taught classes in Glenville and Fairmont before marrying I. L. Chrisman in June of 1905 at her home where Clark Hall currently stands on campus. After their short marriage ended, Sarah changed her name back to Linn and ran a boarding house out of her home for female students. In February of 1919, she was found bludgeoned to death in her home. Locals were stunned at what was dubbed the "Foulest and Most Bloodthirsty Crime Ever Perpetrated in Gilmer County" by *The Glenville Democrat* at the time.

Linn's gravesite lies in the cemetery adjacent to Glenville's campus and some say she still roams the campus looking for her killer.

Five years after the murder, officials from Glenville Normal School purchased Linn's property, razed the house, and built Verona Maple Hall, a modern women's dormitory for the time. Many said the dormitory was also haunted. After Verona Maple Hall was demolished years later, those spending time in the neighboring Clark Hall began to experience paranormal activity as well.

[Click here](#) to read about some of the unexplained accounts on campus.



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.



THE GIVING CORNER

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

Marvin Jr. and Arlene (Walker) Hall – \$5,000 for the Kenneth and Irene Walker Scholarship

Walter "Walt" Turner '69 – \$1,000 for the President's Circle

Michael "Mike" Morrison '61 – \$750 for the Pioneer Fund

Jason and Jennifer Yeager – \$600 for the Student Life and PAC Softball

Sue (Johnson) Kotalik '59 – \$500 for the Pioneer Fund

Dottie (Hart) Pisapia '62 – \$500 for the Pioneer Fund

Todd and Gina McDermott – \$400 for PAC Acrobatics and Tumbling

Sterling Jr. '96 and Monica (Null) '96 Beane – \$355 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund and Women's Leadership Circle

Michael and Suzette Cooksey – \$300 for PAC Softball

Victor "Vic" Fitzsimmons '74 – \$300 for the Pioneer Fund

Dorothy (Beck) Pigott '74 – \$300 for the Pioneer Fund

Dorsey Funeral Home – \$300 for PAC Softball

William '65 and Donna Ball – \$200 for the Pioneer Fund

Ronald '60 and Janice (Woofert) '61 Fling – \$200 for the Pioneer Fund

James "Bill" '65 and Helen (Gould) '68 Henderson – \$200 for the Pioneer Fund

Brian Poe – \$200 for PAC Acrobatics and Tumbling

David "Mike" '73 and Sharon (Sturm) '73 Wilt – \$200 for the Pioneer Fund

Jerry Wolfe '68 – \$150 for the Pioneer Fund

Bert '93 and Melissa (Jones) '90 Jedamski – \$120 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund and Women's Leadership Circle

Robert and Arlene (Hinterer) '59 Pope – \$110 for the Pioneer Fund

Joe and Sonya Anderson – \$100 for PAC Softball

Beth (Ware) Atkins '82 – \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Paul Ayers '75 – \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Michael Beckett '88 – \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

James "Andrew" Bleigh '05 – \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

James '75 and Brenda (Johnston) '77 Bleigh – \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Jeffrey '83 and Diane Borah – \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Ronald and Judith "Judy" (Law) '70 Bowyer – \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Barbara (Jeffries) Parmer '63 – \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Betty (Smith) Cutlip '61 – \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Kenneth "Ken" '72 and Monica (Borkowski) '79 Davis – \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Faith Eggleton – \$100 for PAC Acrobatics and Tumbling

Linda (Brown) Ferguson '85 – \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Jimmie and Sharon (Foglesong) '67 Grimes – \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Milton "Mick" '69 and Beverly Hartley – \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

William '68 and Celia "Loretta" (Rose) '70 Hutchison – \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Jeffrey '74 and Roberta (Martin) '73 Jackson – \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Jerry '57 and Mary '58 Kelley – \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Elizabeth "Fran" (Davis) Kirk '82 – \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

John '76 and Susan Lilly – \$100 for PAC Softball

Adam and Michele Long – \$100 for PAC Softball

Rodney Lowe – \$100 for PAC Acrobatics and Tumbling

Raymond "Ray" Lowther – \$100 for the Bertha Olsen Music Scholarship

Kenneth and Kristi (Rogucki) '92 McWhirter – \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Ken and Lucille (Hardman) '45 Meadows – \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

William "Bill" Niday '71 – \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Terrell Parker '12 – \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

William and Mary Rymer – \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Catherine Schulz – \$100 for the PAC Softball

Martha (Hornor) Smith '66 – \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Carroll '59 and Virginia "Jenny" (Hardman) '59 Staats – \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Fred Taylor '60 – \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Richard Taylor – \$100 for PAC Softball

Jeffrey and Amanda '93 Thompson – \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Heryl and Tonabell (Jones) '57 Turner – \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Donny and Lana Walker – \$100 for PAC Softball

Fairman Building Components – \$100 for PAC Softball

Team Buckhorn, Inc. – \$100 for PAC Softball

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WML Corp, LLC The Lewis Agency – \$100 for PAC Softball

Jesse Skiles '87 – \$84 for the Jesse Skiles Scholarship

David '68 and Celeste (White) '69 Evans – \$75 for the Pioneer Athletic Club

Rosemary (Hammond) Gillespie '58 – \$58 for the Pioneer Fund

Jenna Arden '19 – \$50 for Women's Leadership Circle

Garry and Rebecca (Frum, Beltran) '76 Beuhl – \$50 for the Pioneer Fund

Steve and Dina (Darby) '84 Buly – \$50 for the Pioneer Fund

John "J.C" Callahan '63 – \$50 for the Pioneer Fund

Thomas "Tom" Coates '78 – \$50 for the Pioneer Fund

Suzanne (Morton) '67 Cunningham – \$50 for the Pioneer Fund

Sherel (Myers) Daniels '76 – \$50 for the Pioneer Fund

David '59 and Mary (Clevenger) '59 Hall – \$50 for the Pioneer Fund

Tiffani Huffman '14 – \$50 for the Pioneer Fund

Barry and Karen (Bush) '79 Lay – \$50 for Women's Leadership Circle

Cynthia (White) Moss '98 – \$50 for the Pioneer Fund

Jimmy and Kristen (Tunno) Mullins – \$50 for Women's Leadership Circle

William "Nick" Murin '65 – \$50 for the Pioneer Fund

Michael and Ruth (Swatzyna) '74 Nerenburg – \$50 for the Pioneer Fund

Charles and Eileen (Fisher) '56 Nixon – \$50 for the Pioneer Fund

Jonathan Nottingham '06 – \$50 for the Pioneer Fund

Joseph and Nancy (Harris) '54 Palmer – \$50 for the Pioneer Fund

Jacqueline "Jackie" Romeyn '81 – \$50 for the Pioneer Fund

Dan Synder '71 – \$50 for the Pioneer Fund

Dr. Lloyd and Susan Bone – \$40 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Perry and Susan (Cameron) '87 Knopp – \$40 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Judith (Shreve) Metheney '74 – \$30 for the Pioneer Fund

Edward '69 and Elizabeth (Davis) '70 Andrews – \$25 for the Pioneer Fund

Bradley and Doris (Brannon) '51 Davis – \$25 for the Pioneer Fund

Jeremy and Leisa (Carpenter) '02 Dean – \$25 for Women's Leadership Circle

Jim and Maureen (Kraus) Gildein '82 – \$25 for Women's Leadership Circle

Sheri (Connell) Goff '04 – \$25 for Women's Leadership Circle

Jack and Brenda (Barton) '76 McCartney – \$25 for Women's Leadership Circle

Don and Mida (Bailey) '58 Peterson – \$25 for the Pioneer Fund

Don '98 and Dr. Kandas (Jones) '96 Queen – \$25 for Women's Leadership Circle

Deborah Ratliff – \$25 for Women’s Leadership Circle

Douglas Suess ’93 – \$25 for the Pioneer Fund

Lisa (Smith) Wagner ’82 – \$25 for the Pioneer Fund

Margaret (Ratzer) White ’59 – \$25 for the Pioneer Fund

Morgan (Lambert) Abbott ’15 – \$20.15 for the Pioneer Fund

Kevin Gray ’14 – \$20.14 for the Pioneer Fund

Casey (Toler) Posey ’14 – \$20.14 for the Pioneer Fund

Derek Felder ’12 – \$20.12 for the Pioneer Fund

Melissa Jarvis ’12 – \$20.12 for the Pioneer Fund

Jennifer Conrad ’10 – \$20.10 for the Pioneer Fund

Amy Adkins – \$20 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

John ’84 and Diana (Hilton) ’85 Adkins – \$20 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Aimee Asbury ’20 – \$20 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Preston and Brenda (Shedaker) ’73 Brasure – \$20 for the Pioneer Fund

Scot ’84 and Kelli (Jameson) ’85 Burdette – \$20 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Claude "CW" Campbell ’78 – \$20 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Eric and Dr. Mari Clements – \$20 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Anthony and Kimberly "Kim" ’09 Conrad – \$20 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

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Shanahan Elmore – \$20 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

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Dr. Donal Hardin – \$20 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Gerda Kumpiene – \$20 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Michelle McHenry – \$20 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Ronald "Scott" '97 and Christian McKinney – \$20 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Kelly Osborn – \$20 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Amelia Park '13 – \$20 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Jamie (Sponaugle) Randolph '12 – \$20 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

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Jennifer (Ada) Snider '97 – \$20 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Mike and Leah Sponaugle – \$20 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Chelsea Stickelman '14 – \$20 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Amy (Grogg) Taylor '97 – \$20 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Richard "Rick" Waller '74 – \$20 for the Pioneer Fund

Annette (Daniels) Watts '13 – \$20 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Bonnie (Eakle) Westfall '36 – \$20 for the Pioneer Fund

Katherine "Kate" Williams '14 – \$20 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Kara (Crites) Conley '99 – \$19.99 for the Pioneer Fund

Gary '69 and Loretta (Ash) '68 Sawyers – \$19.69 for the Pioneer Fund

Angela (Mick) Greenlief '97 – \$5 for the Pioneer Fund



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