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A COMMUNICATION TO ALUMNI AND FRIENDS ABOUT EVENTS AND PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Alumni Spotlight

William (Bill) Pitzer '81 is an illustrator, designer, and writer who specializes in creating content for print and online media. Bill is the creative director at Hazen and Sawyer, a New York City based engineering and environmental science firm. He creates informational graphics and interactive web modules while also working with graphics and marketing teams to enhance content design and branding efforts.

Bill has also consulted and lectured widely on information design and visual journalism. He is an adjunct professor for the West Virginia University Reed College of Media



Alumni Events and Reunions Planned for Homecoming

Homecoming 2018 is next weekend and we hope that you are making plans to return to Glensville! On Friday, October 12 the Alumni House will be open from 4-8:00 p.m. with light finger foods and beverages. On Saturday, October 13 the day kicks-off with the parade in downtown Glensville at 10:00 a.m. followed by the pregame tailgate at Morris Stadium before the Pioneers take on West Liberty at 1:00 p.m.

As in previous years, there will be spaces under the tailgate tent for returning Greek alumni including: [Lambda Chi Alpha](#), [Theta Xi](#), [Tau Kappa Epsilon](#), [Sigma Sigma Sigma](#), and [Delta](#)

Integrated Marketing and Communications Program where he teaches Visual Information Design.

Pitzer is also the principal of Infoartz, an illustration and design studio, whose clients include the National Geographic Society, *The New York Times*, National Park Service, and the Discovery Channel. Bill previously worked as news graphics editor for several newspapers, most recently at *The Charlotte Observer*. His graphics have won numerous regional, national, and international awards.

Many at GSC will remember his work from dozens of course schedules, posters, t-shirt designs, *Mercury* cartoons, and more. During his time at GSC, Bill received the Outstanding Student Award and the Whiting Art Award. In 1994 he earned a Presidential Citation Award for meritorious achievement as a visual journalist and illustrator. A colorful abstract painting of Bill's – [Downtown Glenville](#) – still hangs in the Robert F. Kidd Library. [He donated it to the institution in 1981.](#)

Originally from Charleston, West Virginia, Bill currently resides in Davidson, North Carolina with his wife, Jackie (they met while students at GSC), who works at nearby Davidson College. They have two sons.

[Zeta](#). Bring a lawn chair, a snack food to share, and your beverage of choice.

Also, be sure to stop by the Waco Center after the game to enjoy wood-fired pizza and refreshments from Lambert's Vintage Winery.

For more information about homecoming, [click here](#).



Charles Scott uses a damp sponge to shape and define a clay lid before it is fired and hardened. F. Brian Ferguson | Gazette-Mail photo

Retired GSC Professor to Hold Art Show

A recent *Charleston Gazette-Mail* article discusses the important role that GSC Professor Emeritus Charles Scott played in reviving the craft of ceramics in West Virginia in the 1960s and 70s. Additionally, the article announced Mr. Scott's first art exhibit in more than 20 years, one that he says will also serve as his last. Professor Scott came to GSC in 1959; he retired from teaching in 1997.

The show, "Charles C. Scott, a Ceramic Retrospective" will be open from October 1 through November 10 at The Annex Gallery at Taylor Books in Charleston, West Virginia. An artist reception is planned for Friday, October 19 at 6:00 p.m.

We are pleased to feature Bill in this week's Alumni Spotlight. You make us proud that you are an alumnus of Glenville State College!

[Click here](#) to read the full article and for directions to Taylor Books.



Homecoming Live

If you can't be in downtown Glenville for the parade on Saturday, October 13 at 10:00 a.m., we've got you covered. Tune in via Facebook Live on the official [Glenville State College Facebook Page](#).



Students Tidy GSC's Nature Trail

Last Saturday members of two student organizations came together to clean and maintain the GSC Nature Trail.

The Science Fiction and Fantasy Guild and the Forestry Club joined forces to reclaim some overgrown paths, replace rope handrails and trail markers, remove fallen tree limbs, and perform general cleanup. Their



Ferguson Selected Alumni Director

Conner Ferguson '17 has been selected to serve as GSC's new Alumni Director and Annual Fund Coordinator.

A native of Glenville, West Virginia, he graduated from GSC in May 2017 with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration with an emphasis in marketing. Since his graduation from GSC,



Six Inducted into GSC Hall of Fame

On Saturday, September 29, six Glenville State College alumni were inducted into the [Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame](#), which was established in 2001 through the generosity of the late Curtis Elam, a 1949 graduate.

The 2018 induction class included: (l-r) Rick Trickett '74 (meritorious service), Chris Cress '98, Kelly Osborn '01, Jim Brady '79,

community service project was aided by Jesse King '14. Jesse, who keeps an office in GSC's Waco Center, is a Service Forester with the WV Division of Forestry.

The GSC Nature Trail sets adjacent to Clark Hall and serves as a space where students conduct outdoor observations and experiments as well as enjoy the trail recreationally.

Ferguson has been working as a Communication Specialist in GSC's Department of Marketing and Public Relations.

Ferguson's office is located in the GSC Alumni House and he can be reached by [clicking here](#) or calling (304) 462-6116.

Stay up-to-date with GSC by joining the [Alumni & Friends Facebook Group](#).

Carrie Triplett-Nicolais '04, and Jeff Metheny '84.

A reception and banquet was held in their honor in the atrium of the Waco Center.

If you know someone that you think would be a good candidate for the Hall of Fame, [click here](#) to complete a nomination form.



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The Estate of Luanna Smith – \$1,632 for Ernest H. Smith and Luanna T. Smith Scholarships

Cassidy M. Taylor '16 – \$500 for PAC Softball

Central WV Real Estate LLC – \$500 for the GSC Bluegrass Program

John J. Mayer – \$250 for PAC Football

Eventent LLC – \$250 for PAC Football

CM Sporting Goods – \$200 for PAC Boxing

Tilden "Skip" '70 and Shirley '68 Hackworth – \$200 for the GSC Foundation Board Dinner

Thanks to all who participated in the 2018 GSC Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame Celebration.



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