

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



Alumni Spotlight

James "Jim" Johnson '66 recently retired from coaching after a career spanning over fifty years.

Jim graduated from Sand Fork High School in Gilmer County, West Virginia in 1957 and began classes at Glensville State that fall. While enrolled at GSC, he decided to join the United States Navy. When he completed his service in the Navy, he returned to Glensville and finished his degree in social studies education and physical education.

After his graduation from GSC in 1966, he began his teaching career in Lewis



Tara Wine-Queen with a copy of her book, "Tenderness and Troubling Times"

GSC Graduate Tells Stories of Human Life, Struggles in WV

From a young age, Tara Wine-Queen '11 has had a passion for writing. "I've always loved writing. When I was a little girl, we had an old computer my parents let me keep in the recreation room of our house, and I wrote a little book on it." It was in high school, though, that she discovered her love for telling human stories. "I've always been interested in the relationship between good and evil, how they exist within us alongside each other," she said. "I wrote a story [in high school] about a charismatic fireman who heroically saves a family and is getting lauded on the news for his bravery, but when we see the news playing at his house, we see that his own family actually lives in terror of him because he is a violent alcoholic."

Today, Wine-Queen has a medley of published pieces where she tells raw, emotional stories of human struggle, success,

County, West Virginia before moving to Upshur County where he taught drivers education until he retired in 2000. Along with his teaching career at Buckhannon-Upshur, Jim also coached track and field, boys and girls basketball, and started the BUHS cross country program. During his tenure at Buckhannon-Upshur, many of his track and cross country student athletes participated in West Virginia State High School Championship Meets. He was also the recipient of several Coach of the Year Awards from both the Big 10 and NCAC Conferences.

Jim and his wife, Mildred (Fox) '69, live on a 280-acre farm in Buckhannon, West Virginia, where, until recently, they raised registered Charolais Cattle. In his spare time, he stays active with his church, teaches Sunday School, and enjoys beating his brother in golf.

When asked about his time at GSC, he said, "Glennville State College was an important time in my life. It provided me with a strong foundation in both teaching and coaching. Many times, I could draw upon information and experiences from my time in college to make decisions that helped benefit my students."

We are proud to feature Jim in this week's Alumni Spotlight and proud to call

and life. Her first story, published by The Write Launch, was called, "One More Thing to Make You Proud." The story paints the somber picture of Wine-Queen's loss of a man she considered her grandfather during her struggle as a young mother. For all of her pieces, Wine-Queen harnesses the same level of emotion and reality in her writing, pulling inspiration from her own experiences growing up and the experiences of those around her. In "An Appalachian Story," published by Literally Stories, Wine-Queen tells the story of a young boy listening to his mother's monologue about her life and what she wants for her children. "[An Appalachian Story] was written from my experience living in West Virginia the whole of my life and witnessing its beautiful and proud people suffering through any number of inescapable circles, including poverty and addiction. Some cycles just don't want to be broken," said Wine-Queen.

Wine-Queen's writings have been published on a variety of literary websites and within magazines. Her book, "Tenderness and Troubling Times," reached number one on Amazon's U.S. Short Stories Bestsellers list after its release in fall 2019. "It's a book is about breaking and rebuilding, losing and finding, and families: the struggle to have and to keep them, the cycles they sustain, the haven they can be," she said. "It also has my favorite bit of writing of mine so far, a series within the collection called "The Baby Losers Club," which explores fertility struggles, miscarriages, and child loss."

[Click here](#) to read more and for more information about her publications.



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him an alumnus of Glenville State College.



GSC Face Masks and Coverings for Sale

Show your Pioneer Pride with a Glenville State gaiter (pictured above left with Sara Rollins '14 & '17) or facemask (pictured above right with Larry Gwinn '19). GSC face coverings can be purchased for \$5 each through the GSC Foundation.

Order yours by calling the GSC Foundation at (304) 462-6382 (Monday-Friday 8AM-4PM) or, if you're close by, stop by the Advancement Suite located in the Heflin Administration Building.



The View From Campus



2020 Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame Class Announced

Glennville State College has announced the six newest members of the Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame.

The Class of 2020 will include: Larry Gandee '62, Jim Carter '74, Mark Reger '74, Lloyd Willis '87, Andy Jarrell '89, and Monique Johnson '90.

[Click here](#) to learn about each inductee.



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

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Betty (Melrose) Stephens '51 – \$500 for PAC Women's Basketball

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Amanda "Mandy" (Kelble) Frymier '06 – \$100 for PAC Softball

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DeBarr Trucking Co., Inc. – \$200 for PAC Women's Basketball

Dennis '74 and Dianna Carpenter – \$100 for PAC Women's Basketball

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Frank '61 and Helen Melrose – \$100 for PAC Women's Basketball

Go-Mart, Inc. – \$100 for PAC Men's Golf

Heidi Busby – \$100 for PAC Football

Kristen Tunno – \$100 for PAC Softball

Marqueta Stephens – \$100 for PAC Women's Basketball

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Northeast Safety Solutions, LLC – \$100 for PAC Football

Overhead Door Co. of Mid-Ohio Valley – \$100 for PAC Women's Basketball

Richard Bush – \$100 for PAC Women's Basketball

Robert Stephens – \$100 for PAC Women's Basketball

Suttle & Stalnaker, PLLC – \$100 for PAC Women's Basketball

Trans-Allegheny Enterprises, LLC – \$100 for PAC Women's Basketball

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WesBanco Bank Parkersburg – \$100 for PAC Women's Basketball

William Camp – \$100 for PAC Women's Basketball

Wtf Investments, LLC – \$100 for PAC Women’s Basketball

Brian Hagan – \$20 for the Pioneer Fund

Lettie Morris – \$50 for PAC Women’s Basketball

Phillip and Karen (Fish) '71 Gibson – \$15 for the Pioneer Fund

Special thanks to those who participated in and contributed to the Women's Basketball Golf Outing!



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