



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



Alumni Spotlight

Dr. E. Francene (Davis) Kirk '82 is a professor in the Department of Communication and Theatre Arts at Fairmont State University. She holds a doctorate in curriculum and instruction from WVU and teaches theatre education, children's drama, creative drama, storytelling, group communication, and documentary storytelling.

In 2005, Dr. Kirk was given the Boram Award for Teaching Excellence and, in 2013, was named the third Abelina Suarez Professor at Fairmont State. This is the only named professorship on Fairmont's campus. The active professorship is held



Mark Your Calendar!

GSC HOMECOMING
Saturday, October 13th

Homecoming Parade - Downtown Glenville - 10:00 a.m.
Pioneers vs. West Liberty - Morris Stadium - 1:00 p.m.

Homecoming 2018 - Save the Date

The fall semester is zooming by and Homecoming Weekend will be here in about five weeks! We hope that you are making plans to return to campus on Saturday, October 13 to take in the parade at 10:00 a.m. and cheer on the Pioneers as they challenge West Liberty University at a 1:00 p.m. kick-off. Stay tuned for a full schedule of events as planning for this yearly tradition continues.



GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE ALUMNI RECEPTION
AT WIRT COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 - 3:30-6:00 PM

for five years and the name remains with the honoree in perpetuity.

During the course of the professorship, she interviewed 30 women who are/were age 60 and older about their lives. These oral history interviews were turned into scenes and monologues that resulted in three theatre productions at Fairmont State, including a one-person show that she performed in April of this year. The title of the one-person show was 9 before IX, the title being in reference to the fact that these women were educated before Title IX was implemented in schools. Title IX protects students from discrimination based on gender in federally funded schools including colleges and universities accepting federal financial aid. Title IX has changed the way we talk to and about women. For example, before Title IX was passed in 1972, a female student could be denied access to medical school or law school simply for being female. These theatre productions brought women's stories to life. Some of the stories are funny; in one story a girl learns to cuss by emulating her father only to find out that he didn't "ever want to hear her talk like that again." Some of the stories reflect the darker side of gender discrimination. In one story, a graduate student was propositioned by her thesis advisor who showed

GSC Alumni & Friends to Meet in Wirt County

Alumni and friends in the Elizabeth, West Virginia area are invited to attend a meet and greet on Thursday, September 20 from 3:30-6:00 p.m. at Wirt County High School.

For more information about the event contact David Hutchison by [clicking here](#) or calling (304) 462-6381.



Recent Alumna Encourages Hands On Learning

Kennedy Cochran '17 is a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) teacher at Midland Trail High School in Fayette County, West Virginia. With the school's new state-of-the-art STEM lab, her students are getting the ultimate learning experience. The updated classroom includes a document camera that is linked to large screens that line the room in addition to student work stations with sinks that allow the students to easily conduct experiments and make learning hands on.

The classroom was updated as part of a \$1.2 million project given by the School Building Authority of West Virginia. [Click here](#) to read the complete article by WVNSTV.

up at the defense drunk and called her an ugly name in front of the committee. In another, a female college administrator was accused of "sleeping" with her faculty because she had received favorable evaluations.

Dr. Kirk will be doing the 9 before IX at Appalachian State in Boone, NC on September 27th and hopes to take it to other venues as well. Additionally, she has recently been named the interim director of the Frank and Jane Gabor WV Folklife Center on Fairmont State's campus. The Folklife Center preserves regional culture, history, and literature and is home to the Ruth Ann Musick collection, who is known for her ghost story collections including Coffin Hollow and The Tell-Tale Lilac Bush.

Fran received teaching certifications in English and Oral Communication at GSC where she performed in plays directed by the late Linda (Lambiotte) McKown '62 and was a member of the forensic (speech) teams directed by Barbara "Bobbi" (Ocheltree) Nicholson '73, including the 1982 team that won the West Virginia Intercollegiate Forensic Tournament.

Before going to Fairmont in 2000, she worked at the West Virginia Department of Education for two years and was a public school teacher

Pioneer Stage to Hold Grand Opening

The GSC Bluegrass Program has recently relocated to The Pioneer Stage at 10 East Main Street in downtown Glenville. The Pioneer Stage will serve as the Bluegrass Music Education Center for GSC and will be open to the public.



A [grand opening celebration](#) for The Pioneer Stage will take place throughout the day on Saturday, September 22. The day kicks-off at 10:00 a.m. with a performance by the GSC Bluegrass Band followed by: history lectures, musical performances, workshops, traditional flatfoot dancing, a car show, and more.



THE GIVING CORNER

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Walter "Walt" Turner '69 - \$10,000 for the Walter W. Turner Management Development Fellowship

Jack N. Whiting - \$1,000 for PAC Men's & Women's Basketball

Development Partners, LLC - \$500 for PAC Boxing

Kenny '71 and Nancy Fisher - \$500 for PAC Women's Basketball and PAC Volleyball

Flying "W" Plastics - \$500 for PAC Boxing

Glenville Auto - \$500 for the Pioneer Athletic Club

in Preston County for 15 years.

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

Judith (Elkin Shoemaker) Johnson '71 - \$500 for PAC Women's Basketball

The Morris Foundation, Inc. - \$500 for PAC Boxing

Waco Oil & Gas - \$500 for PAC Boxing

Janet and Roger Gould - \$300 for PAC Track



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