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Pioneer Update
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Alumni Spotlight

Antonio "Tony" Franklin, Sr. '76 has been honored by the GSC Alumni Association as the 2020 Outstanding Chapter Award Recipient. Tony currently serves as the Associate Director of the University of Illinois Extension.

In his current role, he is a member of the core administrative team that provides leadership and vision to the Illinois Extension. He oversees logistical operations; including supervising the field-based leadership team as well as providing leadership for the organizational development of Illinois Extension unites. He



Honors Program students (l-r) Eli Henthorn, Asa Dick, and Jacob Amick survey a family cemetery in rural Gilmer County.

Honors Students Preserving Local History

Three Glenville State College Honors Program students are putting their land surveying skills to use in a unique way – mapping old family cemeteries.

Over the past several months, GSC students Eli Henthorn, Asa Dick, and Jacob Amick have been traveling around Gilmer County to locate, map, and preserve the histories related to these rural, sometimes forgotten, cemeteries. All three are land surveying technology majors.

"We wanted to apply our surveying skills and utilize them in a way that we could give a product back to our community and this project seemed like a great fit," Henthorn said. "I can remember going out with my dad when I was four or five and visiting old cemeteries near where we lived. These

serves as the Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Officer for the Extension.

While a student at GSC, Tony was a member of the 1973 NAIA Division II National Runner-up football team, played intramural sports, was a Student Lobbyist with the Student Government Association, chaired the Social Work Club, was a member of the Blacks United Together (B.U.T.) group, played in the marching band, wrote for the *Mercury*, and participated in campus plays.

In addition to his degree from GSC, he holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and a Master of Science degree in Physical Education from the University of New Mexico.

Originally, from White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, Tony now resides in Urbana, Illinois.

Tony has always been a strong advocate of diversity. Most recently he and Tim Cunningham '76, along with others, were instrumental in organizing GSC's Black Alumni History Week that first started in 2018. They also worked to establish the Bob "Skinny" Minnieweather Scholarship Fund through the GSC Foundation.

When asked about his time at GSC, he said, "I was given opportunities to be a

cemeteries are good sources of historic information...they're basically open air museums."

So far the trio have surveyed ten cemeteries in Gilmer County, mostly near Tanner, Glenville, and Sand Fork. They have visited over 30 others and have plans to survey 10-15 more.

Once they complete the field work, the information will be compiled into a book which will contain a chapter on each cemetery with a photo, location map of the site made with GIS software, CAD-drawn maps showing the relationship of the headstones, trees, cemetery boundaries, etc., and an index to easily search for interments.

When the book is finalized, the students plan to give a copy to GSC's Robert F. Kidd Library, the Gilmer County Public Library, the Gilmer County Historical Society, and the West Virginia State Archives. They hope to also make the book available for purchase for a nominal fee that would cover printing costs and benefit the College's Honors Program.

[Click here](#) to read more about this ongoing project.



Fourth Annual Day of Giving is February 19

With our Day of Giving just two weeks away, we are gearing up to celebrate the 149th Anniversary of Glenville State College. During the Day of Giving celebration, we are hoping to raise \$149,000 for over 30 departments and teams on campus. You can [click here](#) to hear a message from GSC Board of Governor's Chairman Mike Rust '73. For more

leader – through the Social Work Club and a Student Lobbyist for example – that really allowed me to step into those sorts of leadership situations more easily. And the campus wasn't super diverse at the time... there was probably a small network of 30 or so African Americans... but that gave me the ability to work more effectively with white people. My cultural competency skills were enhanced because of my time at Glenville."

We are proud to have Tony as our 2020 Outstanding Chapter Award Recipient and proud to feature him in this week's Alumni Spotlight.

information about the Fourth Annual Founders Day of Giving, contact GSC Director of Fundraising Ashley Knight by [clicking here](#) or calling (304) 462-6382. You can also text GSC2021 to (855) 964-5458 to receive updates and to participate in the photo challenge.

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By now, many Glenville State College Alumni & Friends have probably received the fall 2020 edition of the GSC Pioneer Progress Magazine. If you haven't received a copy in the mail, you can view the magazine, along with earlier editions of the Pioneer Progress, on the Glenville State College Alumni & Friends website by [clicking here](#).



Fall 2020 Honor Roll

The names of students who attained the Glenville State College President's and



Did You Know?

Our former Alumni News and the current bi-weekly Pioneer Update email

Provost's Honor Lists for the Fall 2020 semester have been announced.

[Click here](#) to view those students who earned a spot on the Honor Roll.

newsletters are now available for you to view online.

Forget the hassle of searching through your inbox to find an update from GSC, view each newsletter online by [clicking here](#).



Keep in touch with us so we can keep in touch with you!

Have you moved recently? Married? Gotten a new email address? Received a promotion or taken a new career path? Added a new bundle of joy to your family? Celebrated a milestone anniversary? Been honored with an award or accolade?

We want to know what is happening with our GSC alumni and their families.

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THE GIVING CORNER

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Todd Judy Ford – \$1,000 for PAC Volleyball

Gary '71 and Cynthia Ray – \$1,000 for the President's Circle

Chad and Christina Goodrich – \$500 for PAC Volleyball

Thomas Pritt '72 – \$500 for PAC Volleyball

Dr. Jason and Jennifer Yeager – \$452.10 for the Yeager Waiver Scholarships

Jack '60 and Lois Deem– \$400 for Pioneer Fund

Jesse Skiles '87 – \$333 for the Jesse Skiles Scholarship and PAC Women's Basketball

William "Bill" '71 and Dixie '69 Fultineer – \$200 for the Pioneer Fund

Sharon Casto '89 – \$100 for the Pioneer Pantry

John '76 and Carol (Reed) '78 Wolfe – \$100 for the Reverend Donald D. Fox Memorial Scholarship

Roger Wright '68 – \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Curry Drilling, LLC – \$100 for PAC Volleyball

Maureen (Kraus) Gildein '82 – \$76.94 for the Kraus Family Scholarship

Cheryl (Fisher) Burkhammer '65 – \$50 for the Pioneer Fund

Linda Osborne – \$50 for PAC Volleyball

William '70 and Sharon (Morrison) '68 Wigal – \$50 for the Pioneer Fund

Donald '61 and Claris (Hickman) '61 Fleming – \$25 for the Pioneer Fund

Jennifer (Davis Coban) Greenawalt '15 – \$20.15 for the Pioneer Fund

The Estate of Isadora Nachman – \$19.50 for the Isadora & Nataleah S. Nachman Scholarship

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

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