

GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE
Pioneer Update
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Alumni Spotlight

David Cochran '86 is currently serving as the Vice President of Sales and Marketing at Miller Transfer. He has been with Miller Transfer, an over-dimensional/heavy haul trucking company, for the last eight years.

Since his graduation from GSC, David has worked in the transportation industry and served as an executive at Roadway Express and R+L Carriers. Throughout his career, he has lived in New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio in addition to traveling the country.

Throughout his career, he has been quoted in various



Members of the GSC Jazz Big Band performing at the Blue Crab Festival in Little River, South Carolina.

GSC Jazz Bands Perform in Myrtle Beach

The Glenville State College Jazz Big Band and Jazz Combo were ready to hit the road and travel to South Carolina in May 2020. The groups were booked to play at the House of Blues and the World-Famous Blue Crab Festival in May of last year – unfortunately, COVID-19 had other plans. In October, the group was rescheduled for an appearance at the House of Blues and the Little River ShrimpFest, but again they were delayed due to the pandemic.

Now – a year later – the band has been able to make good on those planned performances.

The GSC Jazz Combo performed their Blues Brothers set to a crowd on the back deck at the Myrtle Beach House of Blues on Saturday, May 15. The following morning, the GSC Big Band performed on the main stage of the Little River Blue Crab Festival.

transportation publications and has been responsible for many advancements in technology, processes, and strategy with all of the companies that he has worked with. While with Miller Transfer, he has built a propriety CRM and has driven consistent growth and improvement for the company overall.

While a student at GSC, David was a member of the Pioneer Football Team and was a two-year letterman. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree from GSC in 1986 and has taken graduate courses at Akron University and Case Western.

A native of Akron, Ohio, David currently resides in Canal Fulton, Ohio with his wife Jamie (Kincaid) '87. After her graduation from GSC, Jamie has held many roles including working at a radio station, being a stay-at-home mother, substitute teacher, and a published author of a supernatural romance trilogy. Together, they have three children Jacob, Joe, and Julia and are proud grandparents.

In his spare time, David enjoys golfing, fishing, and cheering on the Cleveland Browns.

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

"Not only did the crowd enjoy themselves, but there was even a GSC graduate in the crowd, which made the performance even better," said Jazz Band Director and Department of Fine Arts Chair, Dr. Jason Barr.

During their time in Myrtle Beach, the students got to tour backstage at the House of Blues and learn about its history in live music, the unique artwork there, and how the sound and lighting rigs are used in performance. The students also toured the campus of Coastal Carolina University where they learned about a master's program in Music Technology.

"The trip we had was phenomenal," said senior music education student Scott Barber. "Having the honor to share the House of Blues stage with the Jazz Combo was amazing! Dr. Barr really gave us the opportunity to show what we've been working on for two years and to be able to make music and memories with my friends while we were down there was a once in a lifetime experience."



GSC 2021 Distinguished Business Students; (l-r, descending) Jacob Arden, Brian Chaney, Leslee Coffman, Tiffany Cole, Madisyn Furr, Nicole Hansen, Kenzie Johnson, Dalton Law, Ellis Lilly, Oluwatobi "Tobi" Oladapo, MacKenzie Petry, Steven Pritt, Joseph Rubalcaba, Carter Springer, Jacob Stout, Seth Stover, Jasmine Tarman, and Alyssa Woods.

Top Business Students Recognized

The GSC Department of Business has announced its list of Distinguished Business Students for 2021. Recognition of these top business students is based on multiple criteria including academic achievement, class rank, campus involvement, and leadership in department classes and

him an alumnus of Glenville State College.

programs. Additionally, some students are recognized for specific departmental awards. [Click here](#) to learn about each award.



(l-r) Chelsea Johnson, Dr. Jeff Bryson, Sheryl Johnson, Dr. Ken Lang, Kristen Lopez, Dr. Donal Hardin, and Sgt. Tyke Hunt

First Cassie Johnson Memorial Scholarship Awarded

The first Cassie Johnson Memorial Scholarship has been awarded to Glenville State College Criminal Justice student Kristen Lopez.

The GSC Department of Criminal Justice began fundraising for the Cassie Johnson Memorial Scholarship – in memory of Charleston, West Virginia Police Officer Cassie Johnson – as part of the College’s Day of Giving campaign in February of this year. Plans are to eventually endow the scholarship, which is to be awarded annually to a Criminal Justice major at Glenville State. Patrolman Johnson was killed in the line of duty in December 2020.

Lopez joined members of the Johnson family, the College’s criminal justice faculty, and Charleston Police Chief Sgt. Tyke Hunt for a scholarship presentation ceremony in late April at Charleston City Hall.



(l-r) Dr. Shelly Ratliff '02, Morgan Golden, and Connie Stout O'Dell '90 outside the recently opened Curriculum Resource Center at Glenville State College

Education Resource Room Established at GSC

Students in the Department of Education at Glenville State College will now have access to a variety of educational resources at the new Curriculum Resource Room, located in Clark Hall.

The Curriculum Resource Room provides GSC education students with an extensive library of teaching manuals organized by subject, children’s books, and other classroom materials, access to a laminator, an Ellison Prestige Pro Die-Cutting Machine, a Cricut cutting machine, craft supplies, and more.

The project, started in fall 2019, has been a team effort among GSC education students and faculty to gather the resources and transform the space into a collaborative area where students can conduct research and prepare to have their own classrooms.

Majoring in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Field Forensics, Lopez hails from Rio Rancho, New Mexico and is also a member of the Glenville State Women's Soccer team.

Morgan Golden, a GSC education student, has been instrumental in establishing the Curriculum Resource Room. "It has been really tiring, but it has also been exciting," she said. "The entire project has been a big accomplishment because it took us a long time and we had to do a majority of the work on it during the COVID-19 pandemic."



(l-r) Jesse King '14, Scott Vandall '95, Tom Snyder '82, Todd Rovello '86

Donated Trees Planted at GSC

Glenville State College has received two donated trees from MonPower/First Energy thanks to MonPower employees Scott Vandall '95 and Todd Rovello '86. Pictured here with WV Division of Forestry employee Jesse King '14 and Glenville State's Tom Snyder '82, Vandall and Rovello recently delivered the trees from a nursery in Pennsylvania and helped plant them on the property adjacent to the Waco Center.



Glennville State is Hiring

In the market for a new job? Glennville State College has a number of faculty and staff positions available for qualified applicants.

Click here to view the currently available positions. For more information, contact the Human Resources Office by [clicking here](#) for calling (304) 462-4101.



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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

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

Former President Dr. Peter and First Lady Dr. Betsy Barr - \$5,000.00 for Friends of Fine Arts

Sue Ann (Stalnaker) Charles '71 - \$2,000 for the Robert F. Kidd Library, Swimming Pool, GSC Honors Program, and Pioneer Stage

Mike McGary – \$1,168.13 for PAC Women's Golf gift-in-kind

Minigh Family Dentistry of Shinnston - \$750.00 for the Minigh Family Scholarship

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Travis and M. Allison (Rexrode) '94 Taylor - \$250.00 for the Pioneer Fund

Michael '76 and Phoebe (Sunderland) '75 Truex - \$250.00 for the Pioneer Fund

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Larry '62 and Diane Gandee - \$150.00 for the Pioneer Fund

Jesse F. Skiles '87 - \$149.00 for the Jesse Skiles Scholarship

Harold and Mary Ellen '77 Eddy - \$100.00 for the Pioneer Fund

Harley and Professor Emerita Dr. Deanna Foxworthy - \$100.00 for the Pioneer Fund

Larry Gillespie '73 - \$100.00 for the Pioneer Fund

Julia (Murin) Lee '71 - \$100.00 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Jeffrey "Jeff" '84 and Cindy (Oliveto) '85 Metheny - \$100.00 for the Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame

Roger Nancarrow '62 - \$100.00 for the Pioneer Fund

Donald "Don" and Marilyn '79 Phillips - \$100.00 for the Pioneer Fund

Donald Randolph - \$100.00 for the Pioneer Fund

Charles '70 and Nancy Rexrode - \$100.00 for the Pioneer Fund

Jeanine (Walker) Simmons '05 - \$100.00 for the Pioneer Fund

Homer Smith '55 - \$100.00 for the Pioneer Fund

Rodney '74 and Marcia (Huffman) '74 Smith - \$100.00 for the Pioneer Fund

John Wayne '77 - \$100.00 for the Pioneer Fund

C. Elliott '68 and Natalie Workman - \$100.00 for the Pioneer Fund

Paul Chapman - \$50.00 for the Pioneer Fund

Kenneth Roberts '80 - \$50.00 for the Pioneer Fund

Joyce (Nichols) Ross '68 - \$50.00 for the Pioneer Fund

Harriett (Shortley) Sherwood '67 - \$50.00 for the Pioneer Fund

William" Buddy" Thomas '74 - \$50.00 for the Pioneer Fund

Corlis (Sprouse) Stump '74 - \$25.00 for the Pioneer Fund

Frank '98 and Martha (Hall) '67 Montgomery - \$20.00 for the Pioneer Fund

Charles Crookshanks '75 - \$10.00 for the Pioneer Fund

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