



GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE

Pioneer Update

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Alumni Spotlight

Matthew "Matt" Roush '19 is currently serving as a surveyor with Surveying and Mapping LLC (SAM).

Matt has been with SAM for three years and was hired just three days after his graduation from Glenville State. In the short time he has been with the company, he has traveled across the United States working on different projects and is already supervising his own crew.

While a student at GSC, he was a member of the men's cross country and track and field teams and the surveying club. Matt also served as the official GSC



GSC Ranked a Top Ten Regional College

Glenville State College has improved its ranking among the top regional colleges for 2022 according to newly released U.S. News and World Report Best Colleges rankings.

Glenville State College ranked #9 in Top Public Schools – Regional Colleges South, #43 in Best Regional Colleges – South, #7 in Best Colleges for Veterans – Regional Colleges South, and #16 in Top Performers on Social Mobility in the 2022 assessment. For the 2021 assessment, GSC was ranked #16 in Top Public Schools and #55 (tie) in Best Regional Colleges.

According to U.S. News and World Report, the schools listed in the Best Regional Colleges assessment focus almost entirely on the undergraduate experience and offer a broad range of programs in the liberal arts and in fields such as business, nursing, and education.

Pioneer Mascot from 2015-2016 and then again from 2017-2018. During his time as the Pioneer Mascot, he was able to increase school spirit, brought the College into the community, and took countless photos with students, parents, and fans. In December 2018, he graduated from GSC with his Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resource Management.

Matt is currently in the process in expanding his skill set and is acquiring his drone operators license.

Outside of work, Matt is a lover of the outdoors and enjoys hunting, fishing, and spending time in nature. He also enjoys spending time with his friends and taking road trips. He is a native of Beverly, Ohio and currently splits his time between Beverly, Ohio and Glenville, West Virginia.

When asked about what GSC means to him, he said, "When I think back about my time at Glenville, I am flooded with the memories of the lifelong friendships that I have made along with the countless memories that I know will last a lifetime. Glenville State not only provided me with an amazing education, it taught me what it means to be part of an inclusive community that cares for others."

We are pleased to feature Matt in this week's Alumni

"I am very pleased that Glenville State College is being recognized in these rankings by U.S. News and World Report," said Glenville State College President Dr. Mark A. Manchin. "Here at Glenville State, we are taking meaningful steps to improve the educational environment for our students, giving them as many opportunities as possible to succeed in life. Our standings are a direct testament to our outstanding students and the work done every day by our hardworking faculty and staff."

GSC Receives \$1.42 million from Appalachian Regional Commission's POWER Initiative

Glenville State College was awarded \$1.42 million by the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) to develop a Cybersecurity and Safety Workforce Development Initiative serving the coal-impacted communities of Barbour, Braxton, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Harrison, Gilmer, Lewis, Nicholas, Ritchie, Roane, Tyler, Upshur, Webster, and Wirt. This award is part of a \$46.4 million package supporting 57 projects across 184 coal-impacted counties through [ARC's POWER \(Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization\) Initiative](#). POWER targets federal resources to communities affected by job losses in coal mining, coal power plant operations, and coal-related supply chain industries. Additional support for the initiative is provided by the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation.

"The downturn of the coal industry has impacted economies across Appalachia. That's why ARC's POWER initiative helps to leverage regional partnerships and collaborations to support efforts to create a more vibrant economic future for coal-impacted communities," said ARC Federal Co-Chair Gayle Manchin. "Many of the projects we announced today will invest in educating and training the Appalachian workforce, nurturing entrepreneurship, and supporting infrastructure—including broadband access. These investments in our Appalachian coal-impacted communities are critical in leveling the economic playing field so our communities can thrive."

"We are very pleased to be part of this workforce development investment that is designed to impact our local communities," said Glenville State College President, Dr. Mark A. Manchin. "Careers in cybersecurity are growing and will only continue to grow in our ever-expanding digital world. We are grateful to the Appalachian Regional Commission

Spotlight and proud to call him an Alumnus of Glenville State College.

and the Benedum Foundation for this support, and I look forward to seeing the successes from this initiative."

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2021 Pioneer Football Game Ball Sponsors



Jerry '76 and Kathy Zaferatos are the 2021 Pioneer Football Game Ball Sponsors.

Jerry Zaferatos is a 1976 Glenville State College graduate and earned his Bachelor's Degree in health, safety, and physical education and then completed a Master's degree from West Virginia University. Jerry joined the Theta Xi Fraternity his sophomore year at GSC, and his fondest memories at Glenville are his adventurous campus life experiences and running the concession stand during football and basketball seasons for athletic director Bob Dollgener.

In 1977, he married his hometown sweetheart, Kathy Ramey, and together they had three children, Dino, Kristy, and Amy. Their family has grown with the addition of a daughter- and son-in-law and five grandchildren.

Jerry and Kathy both worked for the Raleigh County School System until their retirements – with a combined years of service to the county totaling over 70 years.

While still working in the school system, the pair opened Zaferatos Real Estate and Appraisal Services. They also re-opened the oldest pizzeria in southern West Virginia, Calacino's Pizzeria, before selling it in 2016 to travel and spend more time with their family. They still own and operate Zaferatos Real Estate and enjoy the winter months in Sarasota, Florida.

The duo were recognized at the September 9 home opener football game where GSC defeated Concord University 17-10. Thank you Jerry and Kathy for your continued support of Glenville State College!



Members of the 2020 Induction Class of the Glenville State College Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame (l-r) Larry Gandee, Jim Carter, Mark Reger, Lloyd Willis, Andy Jarrell, and Monique Johnson

GSC Athletic Hall of Fame to Formally Induct 2020 Class Members

Following months of delay due to COVID-19, the six members of the 2020 Glenville State College Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame class will officially be inducted on Saturday, September 25.

The inductees – who include Larry Gandee '62, Jim Carter '75, Mark Reger '74, Lloyd Willis '87, Andy Jarrell '89, and Monique Johnson '90 – were originally announced last year.

The banquet and induction ceremony will take place in the Mollohan Campus Community Center Ballroom at 6:00 p.m. A social reception will precede the event at 5:00 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$25. Face coverings are required.

Gandee was a three-year starter who scored over 1,000 career points in basketball. He later coached at Gwynn Park High School where, as head coach, he tallied a record of 237-74 and led the program to eight state title games, winning six of the eight.

Carter was a First Team All-WVIAC selection, was a running back on GSC's 1973 National Runner-Up Team, and ran for a school record 949 yards in 1973.

Reger played defensive tackle for the Pioneers in the early 1970's, was a member of Glenville State's 1973 National Runner-Up Team, and was a First Team All-WVIAC selection in 1973. He went on to a distinguished coaching career after GSC.

Willis was a four-year starter for the Pioneer Track Team, was a member of the Track & Field WVIAC Title Teams Track & Field in 1984 and 1986, and was a three-year champion in both the long jump and triple jump. He went to Nationals three times (twice outdoor and once indoor) and finished tenth in 1986 at Nationals.

Jarrell was an All-Conference performer who ran on championship teams at GSC (three in Track and three in Cross Country). He competed three times at Nationals in Cross Country and was the High Point man at the WVIAC Championship in 1986. He also made Nationals twice in the steeplechase and has the second fastest time in school history in the steeplechase, 5,000, and 10,000.

Johnson was a three-time All-WVIAC First Team selection, scored 1,731 points in her career and ranks fourth All-Time at Glenville State. She pulled down 684 Rebounds in her career (ranks 17th All-Time at GSC), dished out 271 Assists in her career (ranks 18th All-Time at GSC), and had 152 Steals in her career (ranks 24th All-Time at GSC). She won a league title in 1989, the first in school history.

Glenville State College's Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 2001 through the generosity of the late Curtis Elam '49.

For tickets or more information, contact GSC Director of Alumni Relations Conner Ferguson '17 by [clicking here](#) or calling (304) 462-6116.

GSC Homecoming 2021

Saturday, October 23



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