

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



Alumni Spotlight

Andrew "Andy" Jarrell '89 was recently inducted into the Glenville State College Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame as a member of the Class of 2020. He currently works in contractor sales at Carter Lumber, where he has served for the last thirteen years.

While a student at GSC, he was a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, the cross country team, and the track and field team. In 1989, Andy earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Physical Education.

He was a stand-out student athlete for the Pioneers in what was known as a



Current and Former GSC Cheerleaders at Homecoming

Homecoming 2021 Recap

We were pleased to see so many of our Pioneer alumni and friends back at Glenville State for our 2021 Homecoming Celebration! If you missed any of the fun from Homecoming, don't worry – we've got you covered! You can [view photos](#) from the week and even [watch the parade](#) that was held in downtown Glenville!

As part of this year's Homecoming Celebration, all former GSC Cheerleaders were invited back to campus to be recognized for their lifelong Pioneer Spirit and to celebrate the recent return of Cheerleading back to campus.

If you have any Homecoming memories that you would like to share with us, you can [click here](#) to share them. We hope that you plan to join us back in Glenville for Winter Homecoming that is scheduled for Saturday, February 19, 2022!

"Golden Era" for Glenville State Track and Cross Country. He was part of six GSC titles with the Pioneers, winning both the cross country and track championships in 1986, 1987, and 1988. He was First-Team All-Conference three years in cross country, finishing as the league runner-up twice. He was a member of the Pioneer teams that competed at Nationals, finishing 27th in 1986, 25th in 1987, and 19th in 1988 – the highest finish in WVIAC history. In Glenville State's 1986 title at the WVIAC Track Championship, Andy was the high point man where he scored 32 points.

After his graduation from GSC, Andy joined the United States Army where he was deployed to Germany during Operation Desert Storm.

Originally from Flatwoods, West Virginia, Andy currently resides in Ravenswood, West Virginia where he enjoys hunting, hiking, and being outdoors. His favorite thing to do in his spare time is to watch his children participate in various sports. Andy has three children Chase, Blake, and Bryce. Blake and Bryce are following in their father's footsteps and are student athletes at GSC where they are members of the cross country and track teams.

When asked what GSC means to him he said,

New Homecoming King and Queen Crowned



Last week, the 2021 Glenville State College Homecoming Court was recognized and Austin Cochran and Jahnvi Duncan were crowned King and Queen. Austin is an environmental science student from Ripley, West Virginia. Jahnvi is a criminal justice major from New Martinsville, West Virginia.

The duo reigned over Homecoming Week and were present at events held throughout the week. Congratulations Austin and Jahnvi!

"Glenville State was the place where I made a lifetime of memories and friendships that have lasted a lifetime!"

We are proud to have Andy as one of our 2020 Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame inductees, and proud to feature him in this week's Alumni Spotlight.



Thank You Pioneer Marching Band Uniform Supporters

During last weekend's Homecoming Parade, the Glenville State College "Wall of Sound" Pioneer Marching Band debuted their new uniforms to an eager group of alumni and supporters. The members of the Pioneer Marching Band have been fundraising to purchase these new uniforms for the last two years.

The members of the Pioneer Marching Band, the entire Department of Fine Arts, and Glenville State College would like to extend their gratitude to all of those who supported the new uniform campaign over the last two years.

The marching band looks forward to traveling around the state in their new uniforms and sharing the pride of Glenville State College. The marching band is under the direction of Dr. Lloyd Bone and 2021 Field Commander Nic McVaney.



(l-r) Professor Emeritus Dr. H. Gary Gillespie '59 and Professor John McKinney '73

GSC Fine Arts Center Art and Music Wings Dedicated

The music and art programs at Glenville State College have been housed in the College's Fine Arts Center for over thirty years. Now, two sections of the building have been named in recognition of the pair who helped make the facility a reality.

Plaques now adorn the Gillespie Division of Art and the McKinney Division of Music. The two areas are named in honor of Professor Emeritus Dr. H. Gary Gillespie and Professor of Music John McKinney. The naming took place at a surprise ceremony on October 12, before the annual Music Fest concert.

Gillespie graduated from Glenville State in 1959. He also holds a master's degree in English, a master's degree in art history, and a Ph.D. in Comparative Arts. He returned to GSC in 1967 where he taught English and fine arts until 2000. He chaired GSC's Division of Fine Arts from 1978-1996. A prolific recruiter, Gillespie helped guide the fine arts program through a period of growth and lobbied state decision makers for a new fine arts facility at Glenville State. He was also the chairperson who initially hired McKinney.

"The success wasn't all on me. I could never have done any of this without John McKinney," Gillespie said. "John would take care of everything while I was out recruiting. I was more of the action guy, while he was more of a planner and the behind-the-scenes guy."

"You're in good hands in this building with Jason Barr and Lloyd Bone. I'm very pleased that everything's continued on without my help – I never thought that would be possible," Gillespie added jokingly.

McKinney graduated from Glenville State in 1973 before continuing his education at West Virginia University. He spent several years as band director at Calhoun County High School and was the drum line instructor and coordinator at West Virginia University. He returned to his alma mater in 1982. Over the years at GSC, he has led the marching band, percussion ensemble, and performed other administrative duties, in addition to teaching.

"Throughout my time here I've known or worked with ten presidents, numerous faculty and staff, thousands of students – it's been an incredible journey," McKinney said. "People wonder how I've been able to be here all these years...I started here and the people who I taught sent their children here to learn from me, and then their grandchildren come here...and it is just the best time of my life."

"These two men have had a tremendous impact on the fine arts at Glenville State College and we are pleased to recognize their contributions," said GSC President, Dr. Mark A. Manchin. "In addition to instilling their love for the arts in countless Pioneers over the years, Dr. Gillespie and Mr. McKinney have also elevated Glenville State College with their talents, hard work, and dedication."

To view a video recording of the naming ceremony, please [click here](#).



Mon Health System President and CEO, David Goldberg (left) and Glenville State College President, Dr. Mark A. Manchin are backed by members of the Glenville State Board of Governors and administration at a signing ceremony on October 20, 2021.

GSC and Mon Health Partner for Nursing Scholarship Program

Glennville State College students will soon be eligible for scholarships from the Mon Health Scholars Program for those entering the recently announced nursing program at the College. During a joint press conference last week, Glennville State College and Mon Health System announced the induction of Glennville State into the scholarship program.

Glennville State plans on offering a pre-licensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program, through Marshall University, pending WV Board of Nursing approval. The program will be delivered at Glennville State College.

"Students pursuing nursing degrees in the north central West Virginia region have the greatest opportunities right here in their own backyards," said David Goldberg, President and CEO of Mon Health System. "Through our Mon Health Scholars Program, we have the unique and exciting opportunity to keep our extraordinary home-grown talent living and working within our communities to ensure our region continues to thrive."

The Mon Health Scholars Program offers West Virginia School of Nursing programs a scholarship to their nursing students and the promise of employment with Mon Health after completing their degree.

"Skilled and compassionate nurses are vital to our mission, especially nurses who have the academic and clinical education needed to successfully adapt in the rapidly changing healthcare environment," said Krystal Atkinson, Chief Nursing Executive at Mon Health System. "We are certain our Mon Health Scholars will enable us to continue providing quality, compassionate care to our communities, and we are proud to support them through every step of their career development."

Under the agreement, Mon Health Scholars will earn their nursing degree, fulfill most of their clinical rotations within Mon Health System, and be guaranteed employment within the health system following graduation. The scholarship also provides financial support that can include tuition, textbooks, and academic fees. Mon Health System selects the scholarship award recipients.

"We appreciate working with Mon Health and their President and CEO David Goldberg on this partnership. I believe this will benefit our students and will help one of the most important industries – healthcare. These types of opportunities for students are particularly important in our area," said Dr. Mark A. Manchin, President of Glennville State College.

To apply for the Mon Health Scholar Program, applicants must have a cumulative college GPA of at least 2.0 (if they have completed less than 12 credits of college coursework, a minimum high school GPA of 3.0 is required), must be a resident of West Virginia, Pennsylvania, or Maryland, and must be admitted into a nursing program in North Central West Virginia at a qualified institution.

Students should be fully admitted to Glennville State College before applying to the Mon Health Scholar Program.



Fine Arts Center Ornaments Available

The Department of Fine Arts is selling Christmas ornaments that display the Fine Arts Center. These silver finished ornaments would make the perfect holiday gift for any Glenville State College alumni or supporter.

Ornaments can be purchased online through the GSC Foundation for \$20 each plus \$5 shipping and handling. All proceeds from the ornaments will go directly toward GSC Fine Arts Scholarships.

[Click here](#) to purchase your ornament. For more information, contact Department of Fine Arts Chair Dr. Jason Barr at (304)

462-6341.

**GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE
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"I chose Glenville State College because it was a small, four-year college that gave me the opportunity to play soccer without being overwhelmed with the difficulties of an international student in a new place."
-Oluwatobi "Tobi" Oladapo, Chemistry

"I chose Glenville State College because of the strong reputation in the business field and also getting to pursue my athletic career. The staff, professors, team, and coaches were all very invested in helping me grow as a person and a player, both mentally and physically."
-Abigail McDermott, Sport Management

"Attending Glenville State College, with the benefit of scholarships, has taught me core values such as teamwork, commitment, and persistence."
-Marcus Kelley, Behavioral Science

Why the Pioneer Fund?
Your donation to the Pioneer Fund helps support Glenville State College's greatest areas of need, including student scholarships, professional development opportunities, and so much more!

GSC Fund of the Month - Pioneer Fund

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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.

[Click here](#) to submit your update.



THE GIVING CORNER

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

Ronald "Ron" Duncan '71 - \$5,000 for the Athletic Trainer Scholarship

Dr. Jason and Jennifer Yeager - \$2,130.67 for Homecoming and New Pioneer Open House

Steven Ash '71 - \$1,000 for the Athletic Trainer Scholarship

The Estate of Howard Burk - \$794.94 for the Howard Burk Scholarship

Minigh Family Dentistry of Shinnston - \$750 for the Minigh Family Scholarship

Victor "Vic" Fitzsimmons '74 - \$600 for the Pioneer Fund, GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund, and the Athletic Trainer Scholarship

Drake's Used Cars, LLC - \$500 for PAC Men's Golf

Sue (Johnson) Kotalik '59 - \$500 for the Pioneer Fund

Gary '71 and Cynthia Ray - \$500 for the Athletic Trainer Scholarship

Neil Christiansen '73 - \$300 for PAC Men's Golf

Stewart "Mike" '71 and Linda (Felton) '71 Roscoe - \$300 for the Athletic Trainer Scholarship

President Dr. Mark A. and First Lady Gigi Manchin - \$250 for PAC Men's Golf

Craig & Craig LLC DBA Main Street Automotive - \$200 for PAC Men's Golf

GCWV LLC - \$200 for PAC Men's Golf

J. F. Deem Oil & Gas - \$200 for PAC Men's Golf

Thomas "Tom" '83 and Toni Davisson - \$200 for PAC Men's Golf

Racine '69 and Doris Thompson - \$200 for the Pioneer Fund

Heryl and Tonabell (Jones) '57 Turner - \$200 for the Pioneer Fund

Alma Colton '78 - \$150 for the Pioneer Fund

Kenneth "Ken" '72 and Monica (Borkowski) '79 Davis - \$150 for Nick Murin Memorial Scholarship, Robert F. Kidd Library, and Scott Stephens Memorial Scholarship

Kimberly "Kim" (Short-Goodwin) Lewis '80 - \$150 for PAC Volleyball, PAC Women's Basketball, and PAC Women's Track

Thomas "Tom" '75 and Sue Lilly - \$120 for PAC Men's Golf

Jesse F. Skiles '87 - \$110 for the Jesse Skiles Scholarship

Gil-Co Faith Pharmacy, Inc. - \$100 for PAC Men's Golf

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

Par Mar Oil Company - \$100 for PAC Men's Golf

Buckhannon Toyota - \$100 for PAC Men's Golf

United Bank - \$100 for PAC Men's Golf

Collins Insurance Agency - \$100 for PAC Men's Golf

Jeffrey '83 and Diane Borah - \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

James "Jim" Brady '79 - \$100 for PAC Men's Golf

Garry and Rebecca (Frum Beltran) '76 Buehl - \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Tim '62 and Linda (Campbell) '61 Carney - \$100 for PAC Men's Golf

Jane (Rentschler) Gibson '74 - \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Roberta (Headley) Hartshorn '92 - \$100 for the Pioneer Fund

Jacob Lilly '08 - \$100 for PAC Men's Golf

Timothy "Tim" Moore '85 - \$100 for PAC Men's Golf

Dr. Gary and Athena '17 Morris - \$100 for Provost Discretionary

Christopher "Chris" and April Myers - \$100 for PAC Men's Basketball

Ralph and Barbara Powell - \$100 for PAC Women's Basketball

Robert '65 and Diana Smith - \$100 for Pioneer Fund

Alex and Sharie Withers - \$100 for PAC Men's Golf

Burnard Gibson '77 - \$50 for Pioneer Fund

Mary (Hamilton) Wiblin '64 - \$50 for Pioneer Fund

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