



GLENVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

Pioneer Update

YOUR BIWEEKLY UPDATE ON GLENVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

A COMMUNICATION TO ALUMNI AND FRIENDS ABOUT EVENTS AND PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Want to be the next Alumni Spotlight?

We want to highlight you!

In each issue of the Bi-Weekly Pioneer Update, we like to feature one of our Glenville State graduates as the Alumni Spotlight. Use the link below to submit your information for an opportunity to be featured in an upcoming issue of the Pioneer Update!

[Alumni Spotlight nomination form.](#)



Alumni Spotlight

Rick Haught '85 is currently serving as a history teacher at Ritchie County High School (RCHS) in Ritchie County, West Virginia where he has been since the fall of 1988. He has also served as an adjunct professor for Glenville State several times throughout his career.



Glenville State Kicks Off Spring Semester

Glenville State students and staff marked the first day of spring 2022 semester classes on Monday, January 10. "I am very excited to begin this new semester here at Glenville State. And we are working hard to make things look as normal as possible this spring," said Glenville State College President, Dr. Mark A. Marchin. Being mindful of COVID-19, masks are required in classroom settings again this semester at Glenville State.

A Night at the Races!

FRIDAY, MAY 6TH
7PM - 10PM
TICKETS \$25

BUY A HORSE
BET ON A RACE
RAFFLES
50/50
ELIMINATION & MUCH MORE

TICKETS INCLUDES:
MEAL, DRINKS (BEER & WINE),
& PIONEER BUCKS

Alumni Raising Event

PIONEER

8th ANNUAL Derby

8th Annual Pioneer Derby

Glenville State Lady Pioneer Head Women's Basketball Coach Kim Stephens '11 is happy to announce that the team will be hosting their eighth annual Pioneer Derby fundraiser.

This Kentucky Derby inspired fundraiser takes place on the night before the actual Kentucky Derby and will be held on Friday, May 6 in the University's Waco Center beginning at 7PM.

Tickets for the event are \$25 which includes a buffet dinner, drinks, and Pioneer Bucks (which are used to bet on the horse races). Fans can also purchase a horse and name it for just \$20. Along with the races, there will be several other prizes such as auctions and 50/50 ticket drawings.

Alumni Publications Online

Miss something? Want to go back and find something? All Glenville State alumni publications are available on the [GSU Alumni webpage](#).

Those attending are encouraged to wear their best Kentucky Derby outfit and participate in the best derby hat and bow tie competition.

All proceeds from the event benefit the Lady Pioneer basketball team who claimed the 2022 NCAA Division II National Basketball Championship.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Sandy (Moyers) Pettit '85 at (304) 871-3648. Advanced tickets are encouraged.



Student musicians in the GSU Jazz Big Band perform at a previous concert.

Jazz Ensemble Concert at Glenville State University on April 22

The Glenville State University Jazz Combos and Big Band will perform at the Glenville State Fine Arts Center Auditorium on Friday, April 22 at 7:00PM.

The performance will feature a variety of jazz styles, including swing, Latin, rock, and funk. The concert will include two combo groups. The first is an underclassman group under the direction of Adjunct Instructor Jeremy Carter that will open the performance. The second combo group will follow before the Big Band closes the show. The second combo and the Big

Band are both under the direction of Assistant Professor of Music Dr. Jason Barr. Admission is by donation.

"The students in the Jazz Ensemble and Big Band and I invite everyone to this concert," said Barr. "April is Jazz Appreciation Month and there's no better way to celebrate than to come out and hear some awesome jazz tunes."

For more information, contact (304) 462-6340.



**150 years.
150 stories.**

Join Glenville State University in honoring our 150th anniversary by sharing memories from your time on campus.

The stories of our alumni and friends will be featured in our special anniversary issue of the Pioneer Progress in fall 2022.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 16 Murder Mystery Dinner

Thursday, April 21 Women's Leadership Circle Lunch and Learn

Friday, April 22 [Department of Land Resources Golf Tournament](#)

Friday, May 6 50 Year Graduate Reunion (Class of 1972)

Friday, May 6 Pioneer Derby (Women's Basketball Fundraiser)

Saturday, May 7 [148th Commencement Ceremony](#)

Friday, May 13 Whitey Adolfsen Memorial Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 11 Glenville State Night at Power Park (Charleston, WV)

Thursday, June 16 – Sunday, June 19 WV State Folk Festival (Downtown Glenville)



Dean Selected as Glenville State University Pioneer Mascot

Gabrielle Dean, a junior from Etam, West Virginia, has been named the Glenville State University Pioneer Mascot for the 2022-2023 academic year.

Dean is an active member of campus, serving as secretary for the Forestry Club, a student worker in the Department of Land Resources, and a GSU Marketing Ambassador. She will serve as president of the Forestry Club next semester.

"It means a lot to me to be the Glenville State University Pioneer," said Dean. "It is fulfilling a dream I have had since I came to Glenville State, and it is an honor to be chosen for the position. I look forward to representing our school and having the honor of serving as the Pioneer."

For Dean, Glenville State is more than just a school. "I love the family atmosphere of Glenville State University, I love the tight-knit, small town school atmosphere, and of course, I love the Department of Land Resources and being a part of it! I would like to thank God, my family, friends, and supporters, and Glenville State University for this opportunity. I am beyond excited to serve as the 2022-2023 Glenville State Pioneer! Let's go Pioneers!"

As the GSU Pioneer, Dean will attend football and basketball games, tournaments, and other school events. The Pioneer is charged with working with students, faculty, and staff to positively promote and support the university. The official uniform of the Glenville State Pioneer is a set of buckskins, a coonskin hat, and a musket. An ongoing tradition for over 80 years, Dean becomes the 82nd student to portray the Pioneer Mascot. She will be the seventh woman to serve as the Pioneer.



Members of the Lady Pioneers 2022 NCAA Division II Women's Basketball National Champion team with West Virginia Governor Jim Justice, Glenville State University President Dr. Mark A. Manchin, and longtime Glenville State supporters Ike and Sue (Barlett) Morris '66. | Photo Courtesy WV Governor's Office

National Champion Glenville State University Lady Pioneers Recognized

The Glenville State University Lady Pioneers have been recognized and congratulated for their recent NCAA Division II Women's Basketball National Championship win in both Glenville and statewide.

On Wednesday, April 6 the team held a meet and greet with fans at the GSU Waco Center before being honored with a parade in downtown Glenville. The streets were lined with members of the community, Glenville State faculty, staff, and students, and elementary, middle, and high school students from Gilmer, Braxton, Calhoun, and Harrison Counties. Following the parade, the team was recognized with a ceremony at the Waco Center. They were presented with commemorative necklaces by Glenville Mayor Dennis Fitzpatrick '73 and Gilmer County Superintendent Patty Lowther '89, a symbolic presentation on behalf of the community. Coach Kim Stephens '11 also received a citation from Delegate Brent Boggs '76 on behalf of the West Virginia House of Delegates. Before the new national championship banner was unveiled inside the Waco Center, West Virginia University head men's basketball coach, Bob Huggins, spoke to the crowd and offered his congratulations to the Lady Pioneers.

On Thursday, April 7 the team traveled to Charleston, West Virginia where they were recognized by Mayor Amy Schuler Goodwin and presented with a key to the city. The team members were greeted at Haddad Riverfront Park by students and coaches from George Washington High School, Charleston Catholic High School, West Side Middle School, Horace

Mann Middle School, and John Adams Middle School. The Lady Pioneers signed basketballs that were then presented to each of the schools in attendance.

Following those events, the team met with West Virginia Governor Jim Justice where he presented Distinguished West Virginian awards to each of the Lady Pioneers, Coach Stephens, and Assistant Coaches Adrianna Bendick and Angel Rizor. The Distinguished West Virginian award is the highest civilian honor that the Governor can bestow.

"It is truly amazing what you've accomplished," Justice said to the Lady Pioneers. "This moment is unbelievable and that's just all there is to it. Think about how many opportunities West Virginia has had to win a national championship in basketball...and how many have we won? We've won one now. You've done something that has never been done before. It is amazing beyond belief."

[Click here](#) to learn more the Lady Pioneer's Celebration.



UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

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 GSU alumni and their families.

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



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Berkshire Hathaway Energy Company – \$8,000 for the Berkshire Hathaway Energy Scholarship

jLee Foundation for the Arts & Sciences - \$5,000 for the Department of Science & Mathematics

James "Jim" Mooney - \$5,000 for PAC Women's Golf

Rodney Skidmore '79 - \$2,000 for PAC Women's Basketball

Victor "Vic" Fitzsimmons '74 - \$600 for the GSU Alumni Student Hardship, PAC Women's Basketball, and the Pioneer Fund

J.W. Ebert Corporation D.B.A. McDonald's - \$350 for PAC Women's Golf and PAC Women's Basketball

Jeffrey and Soni James - \$320 for the Black Student Union

Jesse F. Skiles '87 - \$272 for the Jesse Skiles Scholarship and PAC Women's Golf

Samuel "Sam" '77 and Halen Ferrell - \$250 for PAC Men's Golf

Smith Land Surveying - \$250 for the Department of Land Resources

Dennis '69 and Carole Cunningham - \$200 for PAC Women's Basketball

Professor Emeritus Charles '75 and Alice Sypolt - \$200 for the Department of Land Resources

The Estate of Dr. Harry '37 and Dora (Morgan) '53 Heflin - \$155 for the Harry B. and Dora Morgan Heflin Scholarship

Calhoun Banks - \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

Central Supply Company - \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

Betty (Smith) Cutlip '61 - \$100 for PAC Women's Basketball

Daniel Smith Insurance - \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

Drake's Used Cars, LLC - \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

Greenleaf Surveying Company - \$100 for Land Resources Department

Hometown Outfitters, LLC - \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

David and Jessica "Jessie" (Moss) '09 Hutchison - \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

Catherine (Salamon Gates) Kennedy '72 - \$100 for the GSU Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Tim Moore '85 - \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

Mullican Flooring LP - \$100 for the Department of Land Resources

Robert "Bob" '76 and Sharon (Montgomery) '80 Radabaugh - \$100 for the Department of Land Resources

Ratliff Insurance, LLC - \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

Russell "Jack" '72 and Sharon (Morris) '72 Settle - \$100 for the GSU Alumni Student Hardship Fund

James "Jimmy" '82 and Anita (Toth) '77 Simpson - \$100 for the Department of Land Resources

Stalaker Energy Corporation - \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

Lisa (Mayle) Stewart - \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

Valpak of Cleveland - \$100 for PAC Women's Golf

Richard and Linda Waybright - \$100 for the Department of Land Resources

Michael "Mike" '71 and Beneta Kay (Bickel) '72 Wentzel - \$100 for the GSU Alumni Student Hardship Fund

WV Society of Professional Surveyors - \$100 for the Department of Land Resources

Garry '65 and Reta (Bird) '72 Kight - \$50 for the GSU Alumni Student Hardship Fund

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

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