

GLENVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

# Pioneer Update

*The monthly newsletter for alumni and friends of Glenville State University.*

## Alumni SPOTLIGHT



Rebecha (Frashure) Catlett '98 has been named the 2023 Berkeley County (WV) Teacher of the Year. This coming fall, she will begin her 26th year of teaching with Berkeley County Schools.

During her time at Glenville State, the Parkersburg, West Virginia native was a founder and Co-Captain of the GSC Dance Team from 1995-1998, a member of the Delta Zeta



## GSU Night at Lambert's Winery

There's still time to make plans to join us at Lambert's Winery in Weston, WV for GSU Night!

The event takes place on Wednesday, August 9 beginning at 5:00 p.m. This year's GSU Night coincides with the final "pizza night" of the summer at Lambert's, so don't miss this opportunity to attend and reconnect with your fellow Pioneers.

For more information about the event, email [alumni@glenville.edu](mailto:alumni@glenville.edu) or call (304) 462-6116.

Sorority, sang with the Chamber Choir, and was a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Immediately after graduating from GSC in 1998, Rebecha was offered multiple positions with Berkeley County Schools. She says the education she received at Glenville State made her a highly-qualified special education teacher, an area that was and still is in high demand. She began her teaching career at Martinsburg South Middle School, teaching Special Education. In 2006, she worked as a Special Education Coordinator for Berkeley County Schools Office of Special Education. She notes it was during this time that she realized her heart was happiest with a classroom full of students, so she returned to classroom as a Special Education teacher at Spring Mills Middle School in 2007. She now teaches English as a Second Language at Spring Mills High School and Spring Mills Middle School. Rebecha is also a National Board Certified Teacher, a distinction she earned in 2014 as an Exceptional Needs Specialist.

In addition to her degrees from Glenville State (Elementary Education K-12, Mental Impairments K-12, Specific Learning Disabilities K-12), and Behavior Disorders K-12), Rebecha also holds a master's degree from West Virginia University in Special Education with an Emphasis on Learning Disabilities. In 2020, she became certified to teach English as a Second Language.

She piloted Berkeley County's "Read 180" reading intervention program and middle school inclusion program. Additionally, she has served her school community as Team Leader and Special Education Referral Agent and she started two new programs at Spring Mills High, the Multilingual Student



## Glenville State Grad is 2024 WV Teacher of the Year Finalist

Kimberly (Handley) Hunt '02 is among the five finalists for the 2024 Teacher of the Year as recently announced by the West Virginia Department of Education.

Each finalist was selected from county Teachers of the Year winners and is recognized for their contribution to the profession and commitment to supporting and advancing student learning and overall well-being.

Kim is a 17-year veteran of teaching at Roosevelt Elementary School in Point Pleasant, WV.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary from Glenville State and a Master of Arts in Literacy Education from Marshall University. Hunt has completed several professional training courses to advance her teaching effectiveness. This has led to her being awarded titles of Mason County Reading Teacher of the Year and the Eddie C. Kennedy Reading Teacher of the Year.

She is a member of the International Literacy Association and a lifetime member of the West Virginia Reading Association. Hunt received the Jeri Calhoun Scholarship for the FOSS Summer Institute in Berkeley, California and the Mason County Community Foundation Grant reflecting her commitment to improving education for all.

The other Teacher of the Year candidates include Sharon Cole, Michael Harshbarger, Jennifer Kirk, and Jamie Young.

West Virginia's 2024 Teacher of the Year and School Service Personnel of the Year will be announced on September 12, 2023, during a ceremony at the Clay Center in Charleston.

Congratulations and good luck!

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Ambassadorship Program and the first high school affiliate of the WV Litter Busters.

Outside of the classroom, Rebecha is a volunteer with Hospice of the Eastern Panhandle, Sister ACTS (Actively Caring Through Service), Martinsburg Young Lives, and Faith Feeding Freedom. She is a member and the former Chapter President of Delta Kappa Gamma Society international and is the Founder of the WV Litter Busters, a grassroots movement to educate others about the impacts of litter in our state and inspire people to keep the state “Wild and Wonderful” by cleaning up litter and participating in clean-up events. She is also a member of Westview Baptist Church.

In her spare time, Rebecha is an avid West Virginia waterfall and State Park enthusiast, having visited over 50 waterfalls and all but three West Virginia state parks. She loves tent camping, cardmaking, scrapbooking, writing poetry, riding her pink tricycle, reading, genealogy, and adventuring. She and her husband of 23 years, Brian, make their home in Martinsburg, West Virginia.

When asked what Glenville State means to her, Rebecha said, “Glenville State provided me with a solid educational foundation that genuinely prepared me for my career as an educator. Throughout my years at Glenville State, I developed leadership, collaboration, and goal-oriented skills that continue to benefit me today - 25 years later. I am Pioneer Proud!”

We are pleased to feature Rebecha in this month's Alumni Spotlight and are proud to call her an alumnus.



## Visit Your Alumni Center!

In the Glenville area this summer? Why not stop by the Alumni Center for a visit.

Our Pioneers are invited to make themselves at home in the Alumni Center, which serves as your information center to the campus.

The Arbuckle House is on the National Register of Historic Places and has loads of historic photos, documents, and Glenville State artifacts to browse - perfect for a walk down memory lane. See you soon!

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## Glenville State University's Dr. Amanda Chapman Among 2023 Generation Next Honorees



Glenville State University Associate Professor of English Dr. Amanda Chapman has been named to the 2023 class of Generation Next: 40 Under 40 honorees.

Chapman says she enjoys teaching at Glenville State University, particularly because the student body largely comes from a background similar to her own.






“I love teaching at GSU because it allows me to serve a population of people who come from the kind of background I come from: rural, low-income, first generation students. I know firsthand how life-changing a college education can be for those folks—not just for the students themselves but often also for their families—and I'm serious about serving as both an educator and a role model for them,” Chapman said.



[Click here to read more about Dr. Chapman and this honor.](#)

**GLENVILLE STATE**  
CURTIS ELAM ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

*2023 Hall of Fame Class*

 <b>Sterling Beane</b> Football Wrestling 1970	 <b>Sue Edwards</b> Athletics Staff	 <b>Orville Harper</b> Baseball 1966	 <b>Bernie Rees</b> Men's Basketball Track & Field 1991	 <b>Kim Short Lewis</b> Track & Field Volleyball Women's Basketball 1980
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## Glenville State University Athletic Hall of Fame 2023 Class Announced

The Department of Athletics has announced the 2023 Induction Class of the Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame. Inductees include Orville Harper '66, Sterling Beane Sr. '70, Kim Short Lewis '80, Bernie Rees '91, and Sue Edwards.

The induction ceremony and banquet are set for Saturday, September 30. More information about the event will be available at a later date.

Read more about the announcement [here](#).



**2022 GSU National Champions Book**

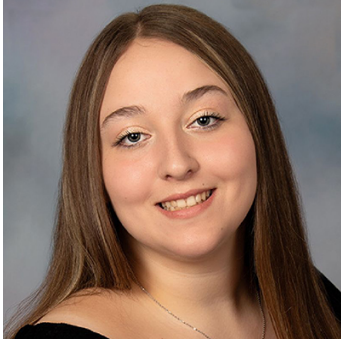
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**Jesse Skiles**  
Glenville State graduate and Athletic Director





## Another Underwood-Smith Scholar Coming to GSU

Emma Proudfoot from Tygarts Valley High School will be studying elementary education at Glenville State University beginning this fall. She is one of 27 recent high school graduates who were selected as part of the fourth cohort of Underwood-Smith Teaching Scholars by the WV Higher Education Policy Commission.

Emma, who joins five other Underwood-Smith scholars already at Glenville State, says she hopes to share her love of learning with students of her own one day.

Underwood-Smith scholars receive a scholarship of up to \$10,000 per year for their college education as they prepare to pursue rewarding careers as West Virginia teachers.



## President Manchin Takes Part in Student Success Summit

Glenville State University President Dr. Mark A. Manchin took part in a panel during the West Virginia Student Success Summit that was held July 12 and 13. He and the other panelists held an in-depth discussion on how institutions across the state are working together to create a career-ready West Virginia.

“The value of an education is more than just monetary. There’s value in making a difference in someone’s life. With an education, you have the ability to make an impact on the people and world around you,” Manchin said at the event.



## Fall Semester to Begin August 14

Glenville State University will mark the first day of fall 2023 semester classes on Monday, August 14.

New students will spend the week before classes taking part in New Pioneer Orientation which is designed to help them create meaningful connections, become familiar with policies and procedures at Glenville State, connect with the professional staff across campus, and become informed of the services the institution provides. They will also be able to finalize course schedules, meet new friends, and take part in activities.

Returning students will take the Saturday and Sunday before classes to move into their residence hall rooms in preparation for the new semester.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday, August 9 - GSU Night at Lambert's Winery**

5:00-9:00 PM - Weston, WV  
*Music, Food, & Drinks | Rain or Shine*

**Saturday, September 30 - Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame Induction**

5:00 PM - GSU Mollohan Campus Community Center  
*Celebrating the 2023 Class of Inductees*

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**Friday, October 13 - Annual Tim Carney Golf Outing**

9:00 AM - Glenville Golf Club  
[Click here for more information](#)

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**Saturday, October 14 - Homecoming**

10:00 AM Parade; 11:00 AM Tailgating; 1:30 PM Kickoff

## PIONEER ATHLETICS

*Check out these fall game schedules and come out to support the Pioneers!*



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### *Interested in joining the Pioneer Athletic Club?*

As a member, you directly support Pioneer student-athletes through scholarship. Annual Pioneer Athletic Club membership gives you exclusive access to premium areas at Morris Stadium and the Waco Center, where you will have a bird's eye view of the football field and McPherson Court.

Click [here](#) or call (304) 462-6382 to learn more about membership benefits and how to enroll.

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## Hall of Famer has Strong Showing at National Senior Games

Glenville State Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Famer Lloyd Willis '87 recently traveled to the 2023 National Senior Games that were held in Pittsburgh, PA.

His "MDV Rockherstyle (The Huddle)" 3-on-3 basketball team earned first place in the men's 55+ division. Lloyd also earned a 4th place finish among 17 participants in the men's triple jump 55-59 age class.

Congratulations, Lloyd!



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## Interested in pursuing a graduate degree?

Glennville State University currently offers a Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction, a Master of Arts in Teaching, and a Master of Business Administration.

Learn more about the admission process, cost, coursework, and more by [clicking here](#).

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## Graduate Featured on WVPB Web Series

Most days, Darrin Martin '16 works for AES Corporation traveling the country as an Environmental Health and Safety Specialist. But when he's not at work, he's a naturalist and enjoys exploring the outdoors. He has recently shared his expertise through the West Virginia Public Broadcasting digital series, Edible Mountain.



The program is a short-format online series that showcases some of Appalachia's overlooked and underappreciated products of the forest while highlighting their mostly forgotten uses. The series features experts, from botanists to conservationists, who provide insight on how to sustainably forage these delicacies. It also explores the preparation of these amazing delectables, something that many could achieve in the home kitchen.

You can watch the Edible Mountain episodes featuring Darrin here:

- [Sphagnum Moss](#)
  - [Rock Tripe A Winter Survival Food](#)
  - [Please Don't Pick The Trillium](#)
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## Nominate a Glennville State Grad for One of Our Alumni Awards

Alumni Council is accepting nominations for alumni awards to be presented in April 2024. Nominations received by December 31, 2023 will be considered for the upcoming year's awards.





Those received after that date will be saved for the following year's consideration.

Award categories include Alumnus/Alumna of the Year Award, Alumnus/Alumna Achievement Award, Community Achievement Award, Outstanding Teacher Award (Public Schools), Alumni Chapter Award, Posthumous Award, and Outstanding Young Alumnus/Alumna Award.

Read more about the award categories, consideration criteria for each, and download a nomination form by clicking [here](#).

The Alumni Council will review all nominees and decide, by majority vote, who the award recipients will be. Awardees will be announced next spring.

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## Scholarship Corner

*A monthly spotlight on one of the scholarship funds managed by the GSU Foundation*

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### General Meritorious Scholarship

The General Meritorious Scholarship is an unrestricted scholarship. That means the GSU Foundation staff has the ability to help a student in need without directing it to someone in a specific program, county, or sport.

The General Meritorious Scholarship is awarded to students who demonstrate high achievement and accolades in various areas, such as academics, athletics, leadership, or community service.

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**HOMECOMING 2023**

Saturday, October 14



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