

Glenville State University Newsletter for Alumni & Friends | March 2025





Thank you cards on display during a Day of Giving event.



Scot Burdette '84 is currently serving as Global Division CIO for Measurement and Analytics at ABB, a global technology and engineering corporation. In this leadership role, Scot leads a global team responsible for the technology platforms and services used by a global workforce and local teams in 60 countries. He is responsible for technology supporting three distinct business lines, 16 product lines through 10 global factories, and 14 technology centers. ABB generates around \$32.8 billion in annual business.

The Fayetteville, West Virginia native came to Glenville State to study Business Administration and Computer Science. During his time on campus, he was a member of Student Congress and was a brother in the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, even serving as President from 1983-84.

Before his work at ABB, Scot served as a Senior Technology Manager for General Motors/EDS from 1985-1997. In that role, he supported technology operations for US-based GM Buick, Oldsmobile, and Chevrolet factories. It was during this time that he earned a Systems Engineering certification. Later, Scot worked as Vice President of

Annual Founders Day of Giving Raises Over \$1 Million for Glenville State University

As part of the 2025 Founders Day of Giving fundraising campaign, Glenville State University raised a record-breaking \$1.2 million from over 1,100 donors. The campaign took place last month and coincided with Glenville State's 153rd anniversary celebration.

Donations supported multiple projects across campus, including each academic department and athletic team, scholarship funds, alumni and student projects, the Pioneer Fund, and the President's Circle.

"We celebrate the incredible generosity of all our donors, whose support continues to inspire and drive our mission forward. Thanks to their commitment, and the transformative \$500,000 Morris Family Foundation match, we've taken another powerful step toward making a lasting impact. Together, we are turning gratitude into action, ensuring that the future holds even greater opportunities for our students here at Glenville State University," said Vice President of Advancement, David Hutchison.

"I join Vice President Hutchison in thanking the Pioneer Family for their overwhelming generosity and dedication to Glenville State University and our students," said Glenville State President, Dr. Mark A. Manchin. "When you contribute to Glenville State, you are contributing to our current and future students, along with the very future of Glenville and the state of West Virginia. Over the next several years, you're going to see some dramatic changes as we continue to grow in many areas including undergraduate and graduate level programs, our facilities, and the opportunities for our students, so they can receive the education they deserve," he added.

Managed Service for ICC Information Control Corporation. With ICC, he led the team to develop and deliver IT solutions for customers and partners and was responsible for the division that was voted #1 Software Development Firm and #1 Web Development Firm in central Ohio from 2005 to 2014.

Scot was recently recognized as a 2025 ORBIE Award Ohio CIO of the year Finalist. The ORBIE Awards recognize technology executives for leadership, innovation, and excellence. On March 7, the CIO of the year will be announced. Scot has also been named an Honored Listee on the Marquis Who's Who listing for 2025.

In his global role with ABB, Scot is able to travel the world to work with colleagues, customers, business partners, and local teams in their culture and environment. He says it forces him to communicate differently, see things through a wider lens, and try new things – something he greatly enjoys.

He earned the President's Award for Business from the Westerville Ohio Chamber of Commerce in 1990, was the 1996 Columbus, Ohio Olympic torch-bearer in recognition of community service, and was honored as a Columbus, Ohio com-SPARK "Tech Power Player" in 2019.

In his spare time Scot enjoys traveling with family, playing guitar, running, and playing golf.

He serves on the Columbus Ohio CIO forum, the Columbus



Diamonds and Denim Gala Scheduled for March 29

Glenville State University will be hosting a "Diamonds and Denim" Gala on Saturday, March 29, 2025 in the Mollohan Campus Community Center Ballroom. This themed event begins with a Reception at 6:00 PM followed by the Gala with Dinner and Dancing at 7:00 PM.

The last day to <u>purchase tickets</u> is Tuesday, March 18. Attire for the Diamonds and Denim Gala is semi-formal or upscale country-western (think *Yellowstone* or *Dallas*). Tickets are \$40.

The Gala is sponsored, in part, by United Bank.

For more information, call (304) 462-6380.

2025 Alumni Award Recipients Announced

The 2025 Glenville State University Alumni Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 26. Attendees will gather in the third floor pre-function area of the Mollohan Campus Community Center from 5:00-6:00 PM for a social hour prior to dinner in the Ballroom.

The evening's banquet spotlight will be on the Alumni Association's guests of honor: Alumnus of the Year Martha

Tech Summit, and as a Chief Data Officer event presenter and panelist at the Stir Trek and Path to Agility conferences. For over 20 years, he has been a Grow Group Leader/Teacher at Jersey Baptist Church in New Albany, Ohio. He also served 15 years as a Church Council (Elder Board) Member and past Chairman.

He and his wife Kelli (Jameson) Burdette '85 currently reside in Granville, Ohio near their children Nathan (Sara) and Justin close by in Columbus Ohio.

When reflecting on his time at Glenville State, Scot shared, "My time at Glenville laid the foundation for building relationships, collaboration, and leadership, launching my 40+ year technology career—a journey that has been a true blessing and beyond what I could have imagined."

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

(Weaver) Haymaker '85; Alumni Achievement Award recipient Doretta (Pugh) Osburn '85; Community Achievement Award honorees Brenda (Barton) McCartney '76 and Dr. Andrew Minigh '09; Outstanding Teacher Award recipients Rebecha Frashure Catlett '98 and Rachel (Kelvington) Reynolds '04; Outstanding Young Alumni Award recipients Valeri (Sprouse) Jones '16 and Kevin Gray '14, and Posthumous Award recipients Margaret (Miller) Goodwin '51, Dora Jean (Brannon) Bumgarner '59, and Buddy Griffin '71.

Tickets for the banquet and social hour are \$25.00 each and, for planning purposes, reservations are required. Call (304) 462-6116 or e-mail at Dustin.Crutchfield@glenville.edu for more information and to make your banquet reservations.

You may also purchase tickets online here.

GSU Day Celebrated at the West Virginia State Capitol

Glenville State University students, faculty, staff, alumni, and administrators traveled to the statehouse in Charleston, West Virginia on Tuesday, February 18 for Glenville State University Day at the Legislature.

"We always enjoy sharing news about the good things happening at Glenville State University," said Glenville State President, Dr. Mark A. Manchin. "Each year I look forward to seeing our lawmakers and capitol staffers in Charleston during Glenville State University Day. This is also a wonderful opportunity for our students to see the legislative process in action and to visit our seat of government."

A reception for alumni, friends, and lawmakers was also held the evening before GSU Day. The reception provided an opportunity for several Pioneers to come together for a nice evening of food and fellowship. Special thanks to Professor Emerita Janet James Bailey '79 and the Woman's Club of Charleston for hosting the event.

Click to see photos from the <u>alumni and friends reception</u> and <u>GSU Day</u>.



GSU's Dr. Lloyd Bone Named WV Professor of the Year Finalist

Dr. Lloyd Bone, Associate Professor of Music at Glenville State University, is a finalist for the Faculty Merit Foundation's West Virginia Professor of the Year recognition.

Bone has been a faculty member at Glenville State since 2004. In addition to his teaching duties, he also directs the Pioneer Marching Band, the Brass Ensemble, and the Tuba and Euphonium Ensemble. He was nominated for a Music Educator Award by the Grammy Foundation® in 2013. In 2009, Bone appeared on nationally televised PBS program *Tuba U: Basso Profundo* that centered on the landmark and award-winning tuba and euphonium recording project of which he had participated. That project, which took place in 2007, culminated with a major performance at Carnegie Hall. Bone also published a book in 2007 titled, *Guide to the Euphonium Repertoire*. The comprehensive book was the world's first major text written for the euphonium. Bone is also a Grammy Foundation® Finalist in Classical Chamber Music as a member of the recording, *Legacy*. Shortly after arriving at Glenville State, Bone helped create the GSU Honor Band – which is now in its 15th year – and Honor Choir Festival. The events attract students from all over West Virginia.

He completed his Doctor of Musical Arts in Euphonium Performance from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music in 2015. In 2017 he received Glenville State's prestigious Faculty Award of Excellence.

"I think our small size and rural location can sometimes lead to an erroneous assumption that we are lacking in excellent talent and abilities. That assumption can easily be proven false. Glenville State has consistently been a beacon of scholarship, growth, and collaboration in our region. We have

amazing students, faculty, staff, administration, and alumni and I am immensely honored to be representing the outstanding faculty of GSU," Bone said.

Bone has led Glenville State University students to several invitations and performances at the International Tuba and Euphonium Conference (ITEC). In fact, GSU has been invited to ITEC several consecutive years, something that only a small number of schools around the world have accomplished. He also was personally invited as a guest artist to these conferences in 2008, 2010, 2012, and 2013. The Tuba and Euphonium Ensemble also performed at the 2024 and 2007 United States Army Band Tuba and Euphonium Workshop in Washington, D.C., the 2013 Midwest Tuba and Euphonium Conference at Illinois State University, as well as several West Virginia state music conferences.

During his time at Glenville State, Bone has served on several campus committees and has been a faculty advisor for student organizations such as the National Association for Music Education and Baptist Campus Ministry. Along with members of the marching band, Bone has been to nearly all home football games and GSU Homecoming Parades over the past 20 years, even when two of his children were born during the week of Homecoming. He also directs GSU's Pep Band, attending and supporting the Pioneer Basketball teams – including when the women's basketball team won a national championship in 2022.

"This is a wonderful and fitting recognition for Dr. Bone," said Glenville State University President, Dr. Mark A. Manchin. "Lloyd is an exceptional faculty member who truly takes the time to not only provide excellent instruction to our students, but also to get to know them on a personal level. He is an excellent recruiter for Glenville State's fine arts programs, his enthusiasm is contagious, and he makes a point to stay connected with his students after they graduate. The Pioneer family joins me in congratulating him on this well-deserved recognition."

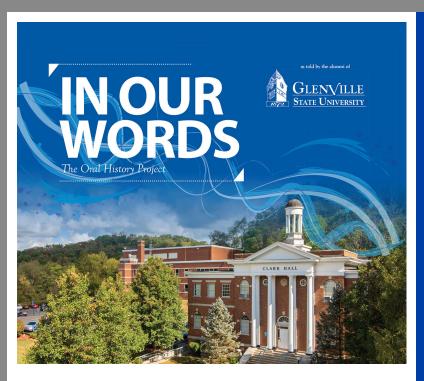
Bone and his wife Susan have three children, Casey, Tobias, and Phineas.

In addition to Bone, the 2024 finalists include: Dr. John T. Hird, Jr., a Professor of Mathematics at West Virginia University Institute of Technology; Dr. Matthew J. Kushin, a Professor of Contemporary Art, Communication, and Theater at Shepherd University; Dr. Rachael Peckham, a Professor of English at Marshall University; and Dr. Christopher A. Ramezan, an Assistant Professor of Management Information Systems at West Virginia University.

Interviews with the candidates took place last month with the Professor of the Year recipient to be announced at a banquet in April.

The Faculty Merit Foundation was created in 1984 to provide a means to recognize and reward innovation and creativity among the faculties of West Virginia's public and private colleges and universities. Through the Professor of the Year program, the outstanding achievements of those individuals are brought to the attention of the general public. A \$10,000 cash award is given to the candidate selected as Professor of the Year, with smaller awards to the other finalists.

The Professor of the Year award is sponsored by individual donors and United Bank, Bowles Rice LLP, Greene, Ketchum, Bailey & Tweel LLP, Maier Foundation, and The Daywood Foundation, Inc.



Alumni Oral History Project Update

As you may know, last year Glenville State University embarked on a project that aimed to collect as many alumni stories as possible and store them in a commemorative book! The response was excellent and several hundred alumni shared a story with us. We appreciate everyone who participated and say thank you for your patience as we have worked through the different phases of the project.

The storytelling phase closed in October 2024 and GSU staff worked for several weeks to proofread and organize all of the outstanding stories. Layout of the book is complete with printing soon to follow. Shipment of books should begin in April 2025 for those who ordered a copy.

Again, we thank everyone for their participation and patience!

Visit the project <u>FAQs page</u> for more information or email <u>alumni@glenville.edu</u>.

Men's Golf to Host 3 Format Golf Outing in April

The Glenville State Men's Golf program will again sponsor their popular 3 Format Golf Outing on Saturday, April 26. The tournament will take place at the Glenville Golf Club and begin with a shotgun start at approximately 9:00 AM.

This tournament is designed to emulate the Rvder Cup in that it features three separate forms of golf competition. All participants will compete in nine holes of captain's choice (scramble), alternate shot, and 2-man best ball. Each team will consist of only two men and all play will be in foursomes. This will speed up the course of play. This setup also allows the 27 hole format to operate at a brisk pace and helps conclude play in approximately six hours.

The tournament coincides with Glenville State's Alumni Weekend and will conclude prior to the Alumni Awards Banquet scheduled that same evening to begin at 6:00 PM.

All revenue generated from this event goes toward assisting current members of the Glenville State Men's Golf team.

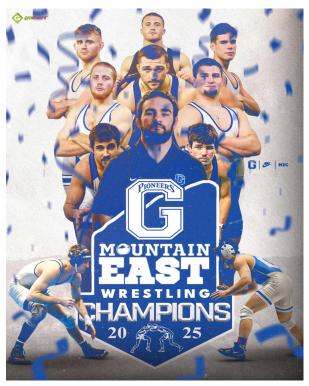


Caldwell Welcomes First Child, Featured on GMA

Kim (Stephens) Caldwell, the current University of Tennessee women's basketball coach, returned to the court in late January, seven days after giving birth to her son. Caldwell was spotlighted on a segment of ABC's *Good Morning America*.

On February 6, the Lady Vols snapped a four-game series skid to the UConn Huskies and defeated the perennial power, 80-76, for the first time since 2007. Caldwell has also recently been included on the Werner Ladder Naismith Women's College Coach of the Year Award 15-coach watch list. She is one of six SEC coaches on the 15 coach watch list.

Click here to see the full GMA feature story.



Wrestling Repeats as MEC Champions

The No. 2 ranked Glenville State Wrestling team repeated as Mountain East Conference Champions and six individuals captured MEC Championships early last month. Four other Pioneers took 2nd place in their respective weight classes.

Final Team Scores

- 1. Glenville State 163.0
- 2. West Liberty 133.5
- 3. Frostburg State 126.0
- 4. Wheeling 73.5
- 5. Fairmont State 67.5
- 6. Salem 66.5
- 7. Davis & Elkins 47.0

Glenville State qualified a wrestler in all 10 championship matches, topping last year when the Pioneers qualified nine. Colton Drousias got GSU started and won his first conference

championship when he defeated West Liberty's Logan Davis at 125 pounds. Hunter Ross (133), Gavin Quiocho (141), and Caleb Brooks (149) all placed 2nd before Gaetano DeLeonardis won his second-consecutive title at 157 pounds with a victory over John D'Amico from Frostburg State. Wiley Houser (165) and Hayden Pummel (174) continued the Pioneers success with their first-ever conference titles.

Kyle Homet fell to one of the best wrestlers in Mountain East Conference history, Ty McGeary, of West Liberty in the 184-pound final. Nick Johnson (197) and Isaiha Casto (HWT) sealed the deal for the Pioneers second-consecutive conference championship as both captured individual MEC titles.

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Glenville State University student athlete Janae Scott with Mountain East Conference Commissioner Reid Amos. Photo by Sam Santilli

Pioneer Track & Field Shines at MEC Indoor Championships

The Glenville State University Track & Field teams crowned one champion and had nine total all-conference honorees at the MEC Indoor Championships. As a team, the women took 7th while the men placed 8th.

Janae Scott won her second-consecutive indoor championship and was All-MEC First Team in the shot put with a throw of 13.36m.

The Pioneers also had Aaron Kupfner, John Bowen, and Jordyn Taylor as All-MEC Second Team and Braden Hashman, Charlie Bauman, Caden Davis, Alex Rogerson, Dylan Blackshire, and Nick Pitchford were All-MEC Honorable Mention.

Several new school records were set at the event including Aaron Kupfner with a time of 8.16 in the 60m hurdles prelims and Patrick Reilly who broke the GSU record in the 5000m run with a time of 15:11.67.

Click here to read the full story.



Heather Stout Named Head Coach for Marshall Volleyball

Marshall Athletics announced last month that Heather Stout '15 would take over as the 13th Head Coach of the Marshall Volleyball Program.

Stout is no stranger to the program, having served as an Assistant Coach for the Thundering Herd during the 2024 season. Prior to coming to Marshall, Stout was the head coach at The Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. for four years.

"Sometimes, the best person for the gig is right down the hall," said Christian Spears, Marshall Director of Athletics. "We are excited to see what Heather will accomplish with this team as our Head Coach! She has the full support of the student-athletes. She wants to be at Marshall and she has a background that has proven to be successful for us. Let's all welcome Heather to our Head Coach group as she helps us chase another Sun Belt Conference title."

Stout's previous head coaching career shows an ascent to success. During her time at CUA, the Cardinals improved their win total in each season under Stout, which was capped with a 20-12 record in 2023 before she joined the Herd staff as Assistant Coach.

Now, Stout ascends into the head coaching role to take over a Marshall program in which she has built familiarity and already established expectations.

"I am overjoyed and humbled to be the head coach of Marshall University!" Stout said. "I'd like to thank Brad Smith, Christian Spears and

Resources Available for WV Job Seekers

Looking to take the next step in your career? Seeking to change or advance your employment?

We have compiled a few resources that might be able to help.

Statewide Virtual Job Fair

Sponsored by WorkForce WV, these <u>virtual job</u> <u>fairs</u> are held on the first Wednesday of each month. Click to register for an upcoming fair.

Career Connector

Visit the job board compiled by Generation West Virginia. If you don't see a job that fits your skills, submit your CV to their resume bank and they'll watch for jobs that you might be interested in.

Careers at GSU

Interested in working at the Lighthouse on the Hill? <u>Browse</u> our open positions!



Jeremiah Smallridge (left) on stage at the WVACDA Conference as Jennifer Ratliff shares information about his work.

Alumnus Receives Distinguished Service to Choral Music Award

Jeremiah Smallridge '07 has received the 2025 Jean Singer Award for Distinguished Service to Choral Music in West Virginia. He was Beatrice Crane Banford for trusting me to lead this program.

"It's been an honor to have been here and to help build for the future of what I know is going to be a successful and exciting time for Marshall Volleyball! I love the community of Huntington and am grateful that I get to call this place home!"

In addition to the on-court success, Stout's program at CUA also earned the AVCA Team Academic Award from 2020-22, which went to teams that averaged a 3.3 grade point average and above.

presented with the award during the West Virginia American Choral Directors Association (WVACDA) Conference in February.

"To all my past students, my current students, and all my colleagues – this is a huge honor. Our music educators in the state work so very hard...so parents and children, please continue to support the arts in your schools and continue to make beautiful music," Smallridge said.

Smallridge currently teaches at Bridgeport High School where he leads the choir and serves as assistant band director.

Gilmer County Coffee Roaster Featured in Market Bulletin

Aroma of the Andes is owned and operated by the Brown Family in Linn, West Virginia. Their coffee farm, Finca La Despensa, is located in the Andes Mountains of Colombia, South America outside a small town called Supatá. The company has been a longtime friend of Glenville State.

Duane Brown, the owner of Aroma of the Andes, first visited Columbia on a missionary trip with his uncle when he was in his twenties. In 2011, Duane took a trip back to Columbia with an idea percolating in the back of his mind.

"I loved Columbia. I loved the people. I loved the coffee culture. Why not buy a farm?" he thought.

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During that trip, Duane met with a friend he made the first time he visited Columbia. They talked about the opportunities opening up in the country now that non-Columbians could purchase property. Duane flew home, gathered his wife and sons Josh and Justin '12, and they decided to buy a coffee farm. It took about a year for his friend and now-business partner in Columbia to find the perfect spot. The family flew to Columbia, toured the farm, and took a leap of faith.

Click here to read the full article.



WVDNR GIS Team Includes Glenville Alumni

Ever wonder who makes the maps that guide hunters and anglers around West Virginia? Those maps are the responsibility of the WV

Division of Natural Resources and their GIS team. The Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Team works to integrate advanced mapping, geospatial technologies, data management, planning, and human dimensions and citizen science surveys in all units and programs within the Wildlife Resources Section of the WVDNR. From tracking wildlife to developing interactive tools, they're powering hunting and fishing adventures in the Mountain State.

<u>This video</u> from the WVDNR explains more about what the GIS Team does and includes some Glenville State faces, including GIS Programmer Analyst Brandy Bachman '18 and former employee Jessica Perkins, who is the GIS & Technical Support Program Manager.

PIONEER ATHLETICS

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





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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 6 - Alumni Reception at the WVMEA Conference Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center - Charleston, WV

Thursday, March 6-Sunday, March 9 - GSU Hospitality Suite at the MEC Basketball Tournament

Wesbanco Arena - Wheeling, WV

Thursday, March 20 - Little Kanawha Reading Series: Renee Nicholson 4:00 PM - Robert F. Kidd Library

Friday, March 28 - Jazz Band Concert 7:00 PM - GSU Fine Arts Center Auditorium

Saturday, March 29 - Denim & Diamonds Gala 6:00 PM - GSU Mollohan Campus Community Center Click here to purchase tickets!

Tuesday, April 15 - Women's Leadership Circle Lunch & Learn 12:00 PM - GSU Mollohan Campus Community Center Ballroom

Saturday, April 26 - Men's Golf 3 Format Golf Outing 9:00 AM - Glenville Golf Club

Saturday, April 26 - Alumni Awards Banquet 5:00 PM - GSU Mollohan Campus Community Center Click here to purchase tickets!









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