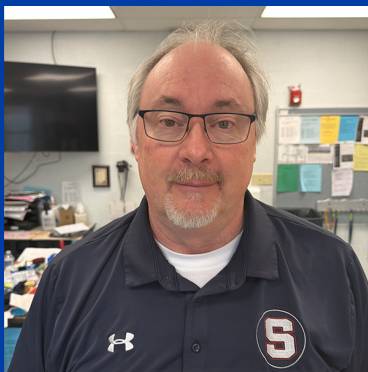


GLENVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

Pioneer Update

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Alumni SPOTLIGHT



Shawn Shockey '89 is currently a special education teacher and the track coach at Parkersburg South High School. He has



Alumni Awards Banquet is April 25

The 2026 Glenville State University Alumni Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 25. 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.

been the track coach since 1996. He also works at most Parkersburg South and Wood County middle school football, soccer, basketball, and wrestling events as the sound and clock operator and announcer.

The Parkersburg, West Virginia native came to Glenville State to pursue degrees in elementary education (K-6), learning disabilities, behavior disorders, and mentally impaired (K-12). He was also active on the track and cross country teams and was a member of the cross country conference championship team and national NAIA qualifying team in 1983 and GSU's first track conference championship team in the spring of 1986. He was also on two other conference championship cross country teams (1987-1988). Shawn won the prestigious 'President's Cup' award for athletic achievements in intramural sports and served on the Mercury staff as Advertising and Circulation Manager.

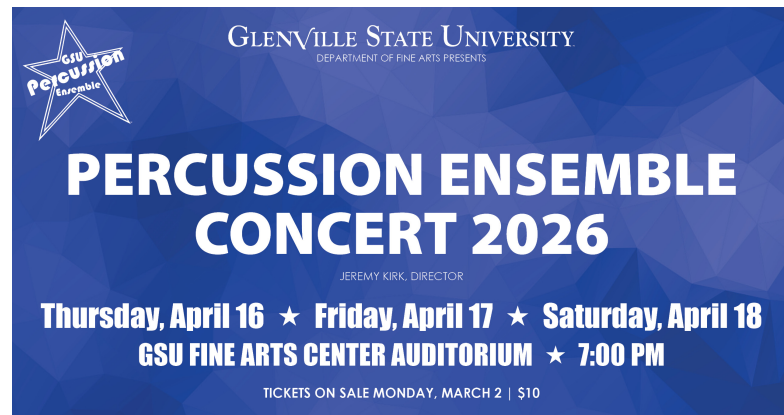
Since earning his undergraduate degree, Shawn has completed multiple trainings related to education strategies at the American Federation of Teachers Summer School and at the Wood County Teaching and Learning Academy.

Before landing at Parkersburg South, Shawn taught special education at Martin Elementary School in Parkersburg for 26 years and at Fairplains Elementary in Parkersburg for three years. He also coached 9th grade basketball for three years (1991-1993), coached girls elementary basketball at Gihon Elementary School in Parkersburg (1989), coached junior high track (1993-1995), coached Parkersburg South cross country (1990-1996), and coached one year of football at Waterford High School in Ohio.

This year's award recipients include: Alumnus of the Year Dr. Carrie Kirkpatrick-Summers '98, Community Achievement Award Eric Peyatt '19, Outstanding Teacher Awards Paula (Jones) Oliverio '86 & Dan White '98, Posthumous Award Dan Durbin '84, Outstanding Young Alumni Awards Catherine "Catie" Pelfrey '21 & Donald "Donnie" Lambert '18, and Alumni Achievement Award Daniel Reed '93.

Make plans to join us as we celebrate these award recipients!

Tickets for the banquet and social hour are \$25.00 each and, for planning purposes, reservations are required by Friday, April 17. You may [purchase tickets online here](#); or you may call (304) 462-6116 or e-mail at Dustin.Crutchfield@glenville.edu for more information and to make your banquet reservations.



The poster features a blue background with a white star logo in the top left corner containing the text 'GSU Percussion Ensemble'. The main text reads 'GLENVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS PRESENTS PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE CONCERT 2026' in large white letters. Below this, it says 'JEREMY KIRK, DIRECTOR' in smaller white text. The dates and times are listed as 'Thursday, April 16 ★ Friday, April 17 ★ Saturday, April 18' and 'GSU FINE ARTS CENTER AUDITORIUM ★ 7:00 PM'. At the bottom, it states 'TICKETS ON SALE MONDAY, MARCH 2 | \$10'.

Percussion Ensemble is April 16-18

The Glenville State University Percussion Ensemble will be held on Thursday, April 16, Friday, April 17, and Saturday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m. in Glenville State's Fine Arts Center Auditorium. General admission tickets are \$10 and are [available online](#).

Current GSU students are admitted to the Thursday, April 16 performance for free, but must still call (304) 462-6340 to reserve a ticket.

For more information or to reserve tickets via phone, contact the GSU Department of Fine Arts at (304) 462-6340 between 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, Monday-Friday.

In 2023, he was presented with the Impactful Educator award from Wood County Schools Superintendent. He has also coached his Parkersburg South girls track team to runner-up in 2002, to several individual (4) and relay team (5) champions in track and field and cross country, and to All-State (2) honors for Parkersburg South.

In his spare time, Shawn enjoys playing and watching sports, collecting sports memorabilia, being outdoors, and spending time with his family and grandchildren. He also volunteers at his church, feeding the homeless, working in the nursery, as an usher, and operating the sound board.

Shawn's brother, Chris '90, is also a GSC graduate.

When asked what Glenville State means to him, Shawn said, "Glenville State made me feel at home and welcomed from the first visit. It was like an extension of high school. I went to Parkersburg South, and Glenville was similar – it was on a hill, everyone was friendly and accepting both on campus and off, and there was a small teacher-to-student ratio."

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



Glenville State University sophomore Aleta Rader with her Carl A. Ross Student Paper Award plaque.

Student Earns Award at Appalachian Studies Association Meeting

Current Glenville State University sophomore Aleta Rader was the winner of the Carl A. Ross Student Paper Award at the 49th annual meeting of the Appalachian Studies Association (ASA), that was held March 19-22 at Marshall University.

Rader's paper, "Civic Sentimentalism: The Demolition and Scandal Behind the Old Parkersburg City Hall," was recognized as the best undergrad-level research paper presented at the 2026 meeting, an august honor considering that this year's ASA reportedly had the largest attendance and most presentations in the organization's half-century history. Her paper explored the debates and political machinations involved in the attempts to preserve Parkersburg, West Virginia's former city building, and the implications for the city's economic ambitions.

Rader is a Parkersburg native and a History/Political Science major in Glenville State's Department of Social Sciences.

Show Your Pioneer Spirit!

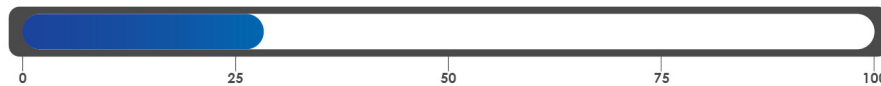


Glenville State License Plate

Glenville State University alumni, friends, employees, and students who reside in West Virginia are now able to submit a preliminary interest application for a special Glenville State University license plate! Preliminary interest applications are being accepted through August 3, 2026.

These plates will be actual specialty license plates created and issued by the West Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles. When the University receives the first 100 preliminary interest applications, final design and production of the license plate will begin. There are no restrictions on the number of special plates you may obtain.

Those interested in submitting a preliminary interest application for a special GSU license plate should visit www.glenville.edu/alumni/license-plates to learn more and download an application form.



We are about a quarter of the way to our goal of 100 completed interest applications - help us reach that number and unlock the ability to have these special license plates produced!

Reminder: If GSU does not collect at least 100 interest applications by August 3, the project will be canceled per DMV and WV Legislative rules. Application fees (less any nonrefundable credit card processing fees) will be returned to those who completed an application.



Five Newest Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees Announced

Glenville State University Athletics has announced the newest members of the Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame, welcoming Sam Marchio, Todd Layhew, Rahmann Lee, Camai Roberson-Mazzulla, and Bob Zdanek (aka Bob Edwards) to the 2025 Class.

Sam Marchio '48 – Men's Basketball and Football

Marchio competed in both men's basketball and football for the Pioneers, earning First Team All-WVIAC in basketball in 1940 and 1946 after serving in World War II.

Todd Layhew '90 – Football, Men's Basketball, and Track & Field

Layhew was a four-year starter at linebacker for the football program, recording 129 tackles as a senior and being the school's all-time leader in tackles at the time his career ended. He was an All-WVIAC First Team selection twice and was a Second Team NAIA All-American once. Layhew was also a Montrose Award recipient as well as a member of the Pioneer basketball team and track & field team, where he was a thrower.

Rahmann Lee '16 – Football and Track & Field

Lee is the school's all-time leading rusher at 4,907 yards, eclipsing over 1,000 rushing yards in all four seasons at Glenville State. His 412 rushing yards against WV Wesleyan College in 2015 is a school record and Lee was a four-time First Team All-Conference selection. On the track, Lee won a conference championship in the 100m dash.

Camai Roberson-Mazzulla '09 – Volleyball and Track & Field

Mazzulla was a two-time All-WVIAC and All-Tournament Team selection in volleyball, including a First Team nod in 2008 while earning Track & Field Rookie of the Year and being a Conference champion in the high jump, long jump, and with the 4x100m team. She was the Track & Field MVP in '08 and was the runner-up finisher in the WVIAC's first-ever heptathlon. She later served as head coach with the volleyball program and assistant coach with the track & field team after graduation.

Bob Zdanek (aka Bob Edwards) – Meritorious Service

Zdanek has been the Voice of Pioneer Football and Basketball since 1992, calling games for 20 GSU Conference Championship teams, one National Championship team, and one National Runner-Up team.

A banquet and induction ceremony to honor the 2025 inductees will take place in the Mollohan Campus

Community Center Ballroom at 6:00 PM on Saturday, May 16. A social reception will precede the event at 5:00 PM. Tickets for the event are \$25 and may be purchased [here](#). Please RSVP by Friday, May 8. For questions about the induction ceremony banquet, please call (304) 462-6116.

Glennville State University's Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 2001 through the generosity of the late Curtis Elam.



Williams Award recipient Megan Banks (left) and Montrose Award recipient Payton Hawkins.

Montrose and Williams Award Recipients Recognized at Winter Homecoming

Former Glennville State athletes Payton Hawkins '25 and Megan Banks '25 were officially announced as the recipients of the 2025 Frank Montrose and Clarissa Williams Awards in February during Winter Homecoming at the Waco Center. The awards are presented annually, generally during Homecoming festivities.

Hawkins, a former member of the Pioneer Football team, was an All-MEC First Team selection in 2024 at center and was twice on the Academic All-MEC team. Hawkins also earned a plethora of academic achievements at GSU.

He is currently attending West Virginia University and is pursuing a doctorate degree in Physical Therapy.

“My time at GSU was essential to my development and taught me many life lessons. Glennville State was there for me in a rough time following the closure of Alderson Broaddus University. I also owe a huge thank you to all my professors, athletic department staff, admissions department, Coach Kellar and his staff, and Coach [Jesse] Skiles '87 for making me feel so welcome and making Glennville feel like home so quickly. It is a place that will always be special to me and I am honored to be a recipient of such a prestigious award that takes into account both athletic and academic success,” Hawkins said.

Bankes, a former Acrobatics & Tumbling standout, was All-MEC First Team for the Pioneers in 2025 while qualifying for the NCATA Nationals in 2024. She also landed on the Academic All-MEC team during her collegiate career with an abundance of academic achievements at Glenville State.

She is currently working as the Assistant Coach for GSU's Acrobatics and Tumbling team alongside Head Coach Taylor Broadwater '19. Bankes says her future plans include continuing coaching at the college level as well as pursuing a career in law enforcement, specifically in forensics.

"From the minute I found out I was receiving the Williams Award I was over the moon, because it really goes to show that all of the long hours I spent studying to achieve a 4.0 every semester while also becoming a First Team All-Conference athlete for Acrobatics and Tumbling was worth it. This award has been something I strived to achieve from the moment I stepped on campus," Bankes said. "I am truly honored to receive this award as I have now achieved yet another one of my goals here at GSU!"

About the Awards

The Montrose Award was established in 1952 and is given each year during Homecoming to a male graduate of the preceding class who not only was an outstanding athlete but a scholar, a leader, and a person of high moral character.

The award is named for Frank Montrose who came to Glenville in the fall of 1939 from Richwood High School where he had established himself as a grid great under the guidance of former Pioneer, Coach 'Babe' Jones.

Montrose established himself as one of the most promising backs in Pioneer history during his freshman year. Perhaps his greatest performance came in the game against Shepherd, when he passed and ran his team to a 34 to 0 victory.

Shortly before final examinations in the spring of his freshman year, Frank went blind. A month later, on June 21, 1940, the 21-year-old Montrose died in a Baltimore hospital, a victim of nephritis.

The Williams Award was established in 1983 and is named for Professor Emerita Clarissa Williams, a former Associate Professor of Physical Education at GSC. She began her career at Glenville State in 1947 and served as cheerleader sponsor until her retirement in 1964. Williams Wing of Pickens Hall was named in her honor on April 27, 1974.

The award is presented each year during Homecoming to the most outstanding female athlete who has graduated in the preceding class. This yearly selection recognizes the deserving female athlete and serves as a tribute to Miss Williams who was a role model and mentor to many women in her 47 years of teaching, the last 17 of which were at Glenville State.



Alumni Medical Students Announce Matches

Congratulations to Daniel Proctor '18, Carrie (Huffman) Proctor '18, and Scott Wentz '19 on their upcoming graduation from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. All three recently

announced their "matches." Daniel and Carrie will begin residencies in family medicine at WVU Medicine in Wheeling, West Virginia, while Scott's residency in emergency medicine will be at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.

These alumni all received degrees in biology from Glenville State. Congratulations and best wishes to this trio of Pioneers as they take their next steps!

PIONEER ATHLETICS

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



Acrobatics & Tumbling



Track & Field



Baseball



Softball



Women's Golf



Men's Golf

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](#) to learn more about membership benefits and how to enroll.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, April 9 - Little Kanawha Reading Series: Davis Shoulders
4:00 PM - Robert F. Kidd Library

Tuesday, April 14 - Women's Leadership Circle Lunch & Learn
12:00 - 1:00 PM - Mollohan Campus Community Center Ballroom
[Click here to RSVP](#)

Thursday, April 16 - Career Fair
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Mollohan Campus Community Center Ballroom

Thursday, April 16-Saturday, April 18 - Percussion Ensemble Concert
7:00 PM - Fine Arts Center Auditorium

\$10 - [Click here to purchase tickets](#)

Wednesday, April 22 - Concert Choir & Chamber Singers Concert
7:00 PM - Fine Arts Center Auditorium

Friday, April 24 - Land Resources Department Golf Tournament
9:00 AM - Glenville Golf Club
\$80 per person or \$320 per team of four - Call (304) 462-6109 or [click here to sign up](#)

Saturday, April 25 - Men's Golf 3 Format Golf Outing
Glenville Golf Club
Call (304) 462-6052 or [click here to sign up](#)

Saturday, April 25 - Baseball Alumni Reunion
1:00 PM | Sue Morris Sports Complex (1294 US-33, Glenville, WV 26351)
Save the Date!

Saturday, April 25 - Alumni Awards Banquet
5:00 PM - Mollohan Campus Community Center Ballroom
\$25 - [Click here to purchase tickets](#)

Friday, May 15 - Whitey Adolfson Memorial Golf Scramble
Glenville Golf Club
To benefit Pioneer Football - Save the Date!

Saturday, June 13 - GSU Night at GoMart Ballpark
GoMart Ballpark (Charleston, WV)
\$30 - [Click here to purchase tickets](#) or call (304) 462-6116



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