

Your Weekly Pioneer Update



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



Alumni Spotlight

Jesse Skiles, an August 1987 graduate, has coached College Track and Cross Country for 29 years. He has officially retired from coaching to accept the Director of Athletic Fundraiser position at Glenville State College. His appointment as the newest member of GSC's Advancement Team took effect January 8.

As a head coach, Skiles presided over two dynasties; the Glenville teams of the late 80's and the Wesleyan teams over the last 26 years. In all, his teams have won 64 Conference Titles and he has been named Coach of the Year 53 times.

On four separate occasions, Skiles' teams have won all four League Titles in the same academic year: 1995-96, 2008-09, 2009-10, and 2014-15. His 1988 Glenville Cross County teams both finished Top 25 in the Nation (Men, 19th; Women, 25th).

His coaching career ended on a high note as Wesleyan won both Track Titles last spring and the Women's Cross Country Title two months ago.

No stranger to GSC Athletics, Skiles was instrumental in laying the groundwork for Glenville State's Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000, is very knowledgeable in the institution's history of athletics, and currently serves on the Hall of Fame Selection Committee.



Spring Semester Kicks Off with Winter Weather

The spring 2018 semester got underway last week with a wintery blast that caused some travel headaches and spurred a few rare delayed campus openings. (If you're not keeping track yet, there are only 60 days until spring.)

Do you recall any memorable times that involved snow, cafeteria tray sledding, or sub-zero temperatures during your time at GSC? We'd love to hear them - send a note to Alumni Director Debra Nagy at Debra.Nagy@glenville.edu.



Milestone Ceremony Honors Degree Recipients

On Wednesday evening we recognized students who earned enough credits to receive their Associate Degree. This initiative, which began last semester, honors students who reach the significant two-year Associate Degree milestone and encourages them to complete their baccalaureate degrees.

"This event provides us an opportunity to celebrate the achievement of these students. This is something that they have earned over a couple of years' worth of work that will provide added value to their name. I speak for the institution as a whole when I say congratulations to these students," GSC President Dr. Tracy Pellett said.



Campus Fitness Center Opens

Skiles, a native of Charleston, WV and a DuPont High School athlete, ran track and cross country at Glenville State during his college career.

"I am excited about this opportunity to return home and work at my alma mater. Glenville is truly a special place with so many good people and I look forward to being able to raise money for athletics here at Glenville State" said Skiles in an interview.

In welcoming GSC's newest member of the College Advancement Team, Interim Vice President David Hutchison said of Skiles in a recent press release: "GSC is fortunate to have someone of Coach Skiles' competence and experience to lead our athletic fundraising efforts. We are very pleased to welcome him back to Glenville and to work cooperatively with him to increase our athletic fundraising efforts and athletic philanthropic support. I can attest to his passion for our institution and to his knowledge of Pioneer Athletes, past and present."

Welcome home, Jesse. We're happy to have you back at GSC and proud to feature you in this week's Alumni Spotlight.



After Renovation, Installation of New Equipment

GSC's Fitness Center has been fully updated with all new equipment along with new floors, mirrors, and fresh paint. The updated equipment includes treadmills, stationary bikes, punching bags, jump ropes, exercise bands, dumbbells, and more. The Center also coordinates several yoga classes, with other fitness classes to be available soon.

The Fitness Center and its services are available for use by GSC students, faculty, and staff at no charge. Others from the community can take advantage of the Center as well. [Click here to learn more about pricing for other plans.](#)



[Lady Pioneer Basketball vs WV Wesleyan](#) - Saturday, January 20 at 2:00 PM

[Pioneer Basketball vs WV Wesleyan](#) - Saturday, January 20 at 4:00 PM

[Lady Pioneer Basketball vs Concord](#) - Wednesday, January 24 at 5:30 PM

[Pioneer Basketball vs Concord](#) - Wednesday, January 24 at 7:30 PM

[Winter Homecoming](#) - Saturday, February 3

[Winter Open House](#) - Saturday, February 3



THE GIVING CORNER

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

The Estate of Howard Burk - \$707 for the Howard Burk Scholarship

Greg Smith '76 - \$700 for the GSC Band

Jason Yeager - \$500 for Club 1872

Clark Bowling - \$500 for Women's Soccer

Rodney Mathess - \$500 for Women's Soccer

Larry Lemasters - \$300 for GSC Archives

Heather Sakowski - \$250 for Women's Soccer

Mary Lee McPherson - \$200 for the Science Fiction & Fantasy Guild



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