

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

Matt Cogar '10 has won his unprecedented fifth straight [Stihl Timbersports](#) United States Professional Championship Series. The competition took place in July 2017 in front of more than 5,000 fans of the sport at BMO Harris Pavilion, German Fest Milwaukee in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and was aired on ABC on October 8, 15, and 22, 2017. The series, which has been around for over thirty years, assembles the world's top lumberjack athletes to vie in a variety of competitions based on mastery of traditional logging skills.

The U.S. Championship win propelled Cogar, who has turned professional, to represent the United States at the World Championship, which was held in Lillehammer, Norway in November 2017. Cogar, who is one of the best lumberjack athletes in the world, came in fourth in this competition after placing second the year before.

Matt was recently featured in Men's Health Magazine. That article, entitled [The Joy of Ax: Inside the Quest to Become the Greatest Lumberjack in the World can be read by clicking here](#). He will also be featured in Travel magazine soon.

Cogar and his wife, Emma (Bailey) Cogar '10 reside in Taylor County with their young daughter. In a typical year, he will travel to 15 competitions in the United States and another five or six abroad. Emma



(above) West Virginia college and university presidents and representatives, including our own Dr. Pellett, are recognized in the Senate Chambers during Higher Education Day.

(below, right) L-r Delegate Brent Boggs '76, current student Belinda Lewis, Dr. Dana Wilson, and Dr. Jong-Hoon Yu at Rural Health Day.

Hitting the Road: Glenville State Visits the WV Capitol

Throughout the regular legislative session the West Virginia House and Senate host several events that showcase some of the great things taking place throughout the Mountain State.

Last week Dr. Alison Witte, Dr. Jong-Hoon Yu, Dr. Dana Wilson, and current student Belinda Lewis attended Rural Health Association Day. The group was representing GSC's Department of Health and Physical Education.

On Tuesday of this week, President Pellett, Vice President for Advancement David Hutchison, Vice President for Enrollment Marty Carver, and Communications Office staffers Dustin Crutchfield '09 and Conner Ferguson '17 were at the Statehouse for Higher Education Day. The event, which is sponsored by the WV Higher Education Policy Commission, gives institutions a chance to highlight their programs and campuses and chat with lawmakers. All of the college presidents in attendance were recognized at separate events in both the House and Senate chambers.

On February 16th three current students - Scott Wentz, Kelly Weaver, and Ally Brown - will visit Charleston for Undergraduate Research Day. The students will have displays of research projects that they have undertaken with Dr. Kevin Evans '87, Dr. Sara Sawyer, and Dr. Jeremy Keene in GSC's Department of Science and Mathematics. Undergraduate Research Day provides an opportunity to showcase the diverse and challenging research occurring at state higher education institutions.



We thank all of these individuals for representing Glenville State College!

Keep in touch with us so we can keep in touch with you!

meanwhile works as a clinical psychologist for the Veterans Administration at their medical center in Clarksburg.

Matt was recognized as Outstanding Young Alumnus of the Year at our Alumni Banquet in April 2014, this after his first U.S. Championship win in 2013. We are proud to feature him in this week's Alumni Spotlight as he continues to excel in the lumberjack sport. Congratulations Matt, we are proud that you are an alumnus of Glenville State College and wish you well in all of your competitions.



UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Have you moved recently? Married? Gotten a new e-mail address? Received a promotion or taken on 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 GSC alumni and their families!

[Click here](#) to send an update to GSC's Alumni Director Debra Nagy.



Winter Homecoming is Next Weekend!

We're a week away from Winter Homecoming at Glenville State College. As part of the event we will celebrate Black History Month with the unveiling of a proclamation between the Women's and Men's Basketball games. We will also recognize special honorees at this unveiling: GSC's black students from the 1960s and 70s who will be returning to campus as individuals who paved the way for future black students at Glenville State. GSC's Inaugural Hall of Famer Bob Minnieweather '67, a phenomenal student athlete, will be memorialized at this event.

The day's activities will begin with the annual GSC Alumni Basketball Game which will tip-off at 10:30 a.m. All former Pioneer and Lady Pioneer basketball players and their fans are invited to return to campus for this event and then to spend the day with us. This is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with teammates, meet our current coaches and their team members, and enjoy rekindling your Glenville State College friendships with fun, food, and lots of good ole Pioneer Camaraderie. Check-in for the alumni game starts at 9:30 a.m. with warm-ups for the game being at 10:00 a.m.

Starting at 12:30 p.m. the GSC Alumni and Foundation Offices will open 'The Alumni Deck' – which is the ultimate fan section where alumni and friends of the College can come together inside the Waco Center for food, beverages, and a great time. Cheer on the Pioneers from this special section while catching up with alumni and old friends.

Both GSC Pioneer basketball teams will host the University of Charleston Golden Eagles at GSC's Waco Center that afternoon; ladies game at 2:00 p.m., men's game at 4:00 p.m. Returning Pioneer and Lady Pioneer basketball players will be recognized during halftime of the Lady Pioneer game while the Black History Month Proclamation and Recognitions will take place between the two games.

For planning purposes, returning basketball players are encouraged to call GSC's Alumni Office at (866) 239-0285 to RSVP. If you don't decide to participate until the last minute, come anyway!



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