

## 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

Leandis "Lee" Hodges '79, resides in Arlington, Texas and is employed in nearby Fort Worth by the U.S. Department of Treasury, Bureau of Printing and Engraving.

He has been an active participant in the Texas Alumni Chapter since its inception and being very appreciative of the opportunities that Glenville State College afforded him, assumed the duties as co-chairman of this chapter a few years back.

Hodges journeyed back to campus on Saturday, February 3rd for GSC's Winter Homecoming and to see history being made that day when GSC President Dr. Tracy Pellett issued a proclamation declaring the first week in February as GSC Black Alumni History Week.

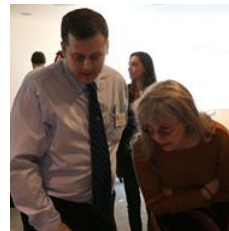
The proclamation honors and celebrates the courageous and dedicated black students who integrated at Glenville State College during the 1960's and 1970's.

Several former black students during these two eras participated in the afternoon's ceremony which took place between the women's and men's basketball games. Known as one of the friendliest students on campus during his college career, Hodges exhibited the character traits that are emblematic of a GSC student athlete and with his excellent leadership

### Celebrating 146 at Glenville State College

Glenville State College celebrated Founders Day on Monday, February 19, 2018 – marking 146 years of serving central West Virginia as an institution of higher education. Students, faculty, and staff joined the President and First Lady in the Mollohan Campus Community Center for the event that featured birthday cake and a historical display provided by GSC's Archives.

"We're excited to be celebrating the founding of Glenville State College. Our best parts – our core values for helping students succeed and advancing education – have remained solid for 146 years. And we believe that the best is yet to come with our recommitment to lowering costs, educating career-ready graduates, and being good stewards of our resources," said Pellett.



Throughout its history the institution has seen name changes from Glenville State Normal School (1909-1931), to Glenville State Teachers College (1931-1943), before finally becoming Glenville State College (1943-present). Over the years GSC has maintained a tradition of teaching excellence by professors

who care about each student as an individual, take the time to get to know each student's goals, and who are committed to helping students get an education that will prepare them for a successful career.

### Pioneer Basketball Teams Advance to MEC Tournament

Glenville State Pioneer and Lady Pioneer basketball teams have both earned spots in the Mountain East Conference Tournament that will take place February 28 through March 4 at the Charleston Civic Center. The Pioneers will play on Wednesday, February 28 at 6:00 p.m. and the Lady Pioneers will play on Thursday, March 1 at 6:00



skills, served as co-captain of the 1977 Pioneer football team. He was named WVIAC Offensive Player of the Week on numerous occasions throughout his college football career and received All-American status as a Running Back in 1976 (NAIA), this selection placing him in a very elite group of GSC football players to have been recognized for this prestigious national honor. Additionally, he was inducted into the Glenville State College Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame in 2015.

We are pleased to feature Leandis in this week's Alumni Spotlight. Thank you, Lee for all you have done and continue to do for Glenville State College. You make us proud that you are an alumnus of Glenville State College.

p.m. Additional game information and continuing tournament schedules will be available online at [www.gscpioneers.com](http://www.gscpioneers.com). This marks the second year in a row that the Lady Pioneers were the MEC regular season champs. If you are in the Charleston area, make plans to attend the tournament and cheer on the Pioneers!



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