

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

Martinsburg High School Football Coach Dave Walker '88 made history as West Virginia again last Saturday, December 2nd when he won his sixth State AAA Football Championship. Walker was named the 2016 National Football Coach of the Year by the National Federation of High Schools, when they announced their National awards in a January 13, 2017 press release. He is the first coach from West



President Pellett Announces Tuition Decrease

On Tuesday GSC boldly announced its pledge to cut tuition for the 2018-19 academic year by at least 2% with the condition that state appropriations for Glenville State do not decrease. GSC President Dr. Tracy Pellett was joined at the state capitol by lawmakers from both sides of the aisle to make the announcement.

The College is also dropping its summer 2018 tuition rate by an unprecedented 25%, regardless of any ongoing budgetary discussions. The move is part of an overall effort at GSC to support families financially, focus on student degree completion, and be mindful stewards of taxpayer dollars.

Virginia to win the honor and also the first to win six AAA West Virginia State Championships in eight years.

Walker, a native of Pineville, WV began teaching and coaching at East Hardy High School in 1988 as the youngest head coach in West Virginia and led his teams to the playoffs seven consecutive years.

In 1997, Coach Walker was hired to rebuild the football program at Martinsburg High School and returned them to the AAA playoffs in 1998 through 2017. Martinsburg won the AAA State Championship in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2016, and 2017. Walker's teams also had State Runner-up finishes in 2001, 2003, 2004, and 2006.

Walker was named the 2013 High School Coach of the Year by the West Virginia Sports Writers Association. He received this same honor in 2010. To have received this award, which covers all scholastic sports and covers the period of April 1-March 31, for the second time in three years is unprecedented.

Dave is the winningest still active high school coach in West Virginia. In addition to being head football coach at Martinsburg High School, Walker is the school's Athletic Director and Assistant Principal. He is married to the former Belinda Nichols, a 1987 GSC graduate, from Clay County. They are the proud parents of two sons, Derek and Troy.

Dr. Pellett talked about the tuition decrease with Gary Bowden on his radio program. [You can hear the interview here.](#)



Mid-Ohio Valley Alumni Celebrate the Holidays

On Tuesday evening several Glenville State College alumni and friends met at the Parkersburg Country Club in Vienna, West Virginia for the annual Mid-Ohio Valley Alumni Chapter Christmas Dinner.

Pictured above (click the photo to enlarge):

Seated left to right: Alumni Director Debra (Reed) Nagy, Marcia Campbell, Phoebe (Sunderland) Truex '75, Martha (Douglas) Deel '59, Sue (Eddy) Marshall '66, Kiki Angelos, Joann Holder, Barb Wainwright, Anna Belle (Sheets) Gillespie '60, Bill Hanlin '53

Standing: John Pratt, Doug Beymer, Mike Truex '76, Stella (Scott) Moon '76, Terry Moore '73, Sandi (Hall) Moore '73, Liz Beymer, Dr. Bill Deel '58, Dianne Boggess, Bob Marshall '66, Vic Fitzsimmons '74, Vice President for College Advancement David Hutchison, Charlie Wilcoxon '73, Francis Angelos '60, Dr. John Coe '84, GSC President Dr. Tracy Pellett, Bill Boggess '69, Joe Campbell '76, Monica (Borkowski) Davis '79, Mid-Ohio Valley Alumni Chapter Leader Ralph Holder '56, Dianna Carpenter, Alumni Association President Dennis Carpenter '74, Professor Emeritus Dr. H. Gary Gillespie '59, Steve Harold '87, Renee (Posey) Harold '93, Joyce Jarrell-Hicks '81, Mike Hicks



The Giving Corner

GoMart \$10,000 for Men's Basketball

Congratulations Dave on your newest Championship win. We are proud of you and proud to have you as an alumnus of Glenville State College.

David & Barbara (Clark)
Simmons \$5,419.20 for the H.Y. Clark Scholarship Fund

Flying W Plastics, Inc. \$5,244 for Hidden Promise Scholarship

Glenville Presbyterian Church \$4,075 for the Choral Scholars Program

View a live broadcast of our December Commencement Ceremonies on Saturday, December 9 at 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM EST by [clicking here](#).

Alleghany Surveys, Inc. \$2,000 for the Samuel Elliott Robinson Scholarship Fund

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



Upcoming Events

Click the links below to learn more.

Saturday, December 9 11:00 AM [December Graduation for Specific Disciplines](#)

Saturday, December 9 2:00 PM [December Graduation for Specific Disciplines](#)

Saturday, December 9 2:00 PM [Women's Basketball vs. UVA-Wise](#)

Saturday, December 9 4:00 PM [Men's Basketball vs. UVA-Wise](#)

Sunday, December 10 5:00 PM [Clarksburg/Bridgeport Alumni Chapter Christmas Dinner](#)



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