

Christopher "Chris" Shew '09 is currently teaching music at Parkersburg South High School in Wood County, West Virginia. In his role at Parkersburg South, he serves as the Instrumental Music Director and oversees the high school's concert, jazz, and marching bands.

Chris, a lover of music, started his career in music in 1995 at Barboursville Middle School. He attended Drums Across the Tri-State in 1996, saw how amazing music could be, and never looked back. He participated in the Cabell Midland High School Band and then began his college career at Marshall

Monday, August 17 marked the first day of the fall 2020 semester. With masks, temperature checks, and social

University before coming to
Glenville State.

While a student at GSC, he
was a member of the
Pioneer "Wall of Sound"
Marching Band, concert
band, pep band, woodwind
ensemble, and many others.

When asked what GSC
meant to him, he responded,
"Glenville helped me at a
time that I needed it the
most. Dr. Lloyd Bone and
the other professors worked
tirelessly to ensure that I
would not only graduate, but
be successful. I was
welcomed by the other
students and enjoyed the
small town experience – it
allowed me to focus on
finishing my degree and it
was the perfect fit for me."

We are proud to feature
Chris in this week's Alumni
Spotlight and proud to call
him an alumnus of Glenville
State College.



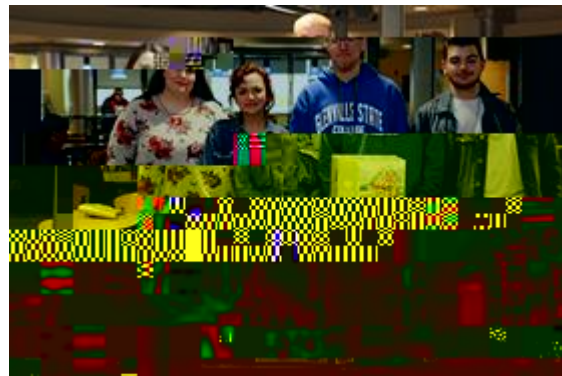
With the start of the new academic year and having students back on campus, the Lighthouse on the Hill is buzzing with excitement. As you may know, the Alumni Association has a hardship fund to help with student needs and the GSC community has established an on campus food pantry for students. The COVID-19 crisis has created more of these needs more quickly than any of us could have anticipated.

All contributions to these funds directly impact our students. That means every gift, no matter the size, can make an immediate difference.

With many of the challenges surrounding COVID-19 still affecting our students, any amount of support can go a long way.



This fund, created by the GSC Alumni Association, helps support students with unforeseen circumstances and financial needs.



The Pioneer Pantry was established as a resource to provide food, personal hygiene items, cleaning supplies, and more to students who need it.

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A recent picturesque evening on the Glenville State College Campus.



With the Mountain East Conference's (MEC) decision to cancel the fall 2020 sports season and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Glenville State College will be unable to host the annual Homecoming Celebration that was scheduled for October 2-4.

The health and safety of Pioneer Nation remains the top priority for Glenville State. As of now, the MEC plans to play all sports in the Spring 2021 semester and we are hopeful to be able to host Homecoming during that time.

"We understand that the yearly return to campus for homecoming festivities is a highlight of the year for many GSC alumni and fans," said Conner Ferguson, GSC Director of Alumni

Relations. "While we know this decision will disappoint many Pioneers, we want to ensure Homecoming events can be enjoyed safely and by all students, alumni, and fans."

Plans for GSC's Spring 2021 Homecoming will be made available when more information is released from the Mountain East Conference.



GSC's magazine for alumni and friends - the Pioneer Progress - is returning this fall after a three year hiatus! Have you married recently? Been honored with an award or accolade? Received a promotion or taken on a new career path? Added a new bundle of joy to your family? Celebrated a milestone anniversary?

We want to know what is happening with our GSC alumni and their families. [Click here](#) to send us your updates for our upcoming edition of the Pioneer Progress.

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