



## Founders Day of Giving Successful

Marcal Lazenby '09 is currently serving as the Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance at Saint Leo University in St. Leo, Florida. He has been at St. Leo for the last two and a half years.

Prior to joining the staff at St. Leo, Marcel served as the Director of Athletics at Glenville State College. Throughout his time at his alma mater, he served in many rolls, including Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance, Academics, and Diversity, an Academic Coordinator, Assistant to the President, and more. Marcal notes that his career highlight was being the first African American Athletic

On Wednesday, February 19, Glenville State College held its second Founders Day of Giving. The goal for the day was to raise **\$102,020** for academic, student, athletic, and alumni projects. By the end of the day the goal was exceeded and, with the help of over 329 donors, **\$126,898** was raised!

"I am overwhelmed by the generosity of the GSC students, faculty, staff, alumni, and supporters who participated in the Day of Giving, and can't thank them enough. Our Pioneer family went above and beyond to help our students and campus reach new levels of success," said GSC Director of Fundraising Ashley Knight.

Once again thank you to all those who donated! If you still wish to make a contribution, you can do so by [clicking here](#) or by calling (304) 462-6380.

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## Making a Lasting Impact - What's Your Legacy?

Glenville State College Foundation Executive Director David Hutchison has announced a new scholarship available to a Riverside High School (RHS) graduate. Starting this spring, RHS graduates can apply for the Jesse Skiles Scholarship, a \$1,000 award designed to help a young student-athlete from the eastern end of the Kanawha Valley.

Coach Jesse Skiles '88, Glenville State College's Director of Athletics, is a native of the area. Growing up in Campbell's Creek, and graduating from DuPont High School in 1982, he remains a supporter of Riverside High School athletics. Skiles and his son, Jesse Skiles Jr. (pictured above) have created the fund. The scholarship is available specifically to a Riverside High School student-athlete continuing their athletic career at Glenville State College. Candidates must have a minimum 3.00 grade point average in high school, must maintain a 2.50 grade point average while at GSC, and must pass a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester.

"Being a kid growing up, up 'The Creek,' I always felt like my family was a part of a very special community," Skiles Sr. said. "This is a way of giving back to the folks back home."

The Skiles family plans to award the first scholarship this April if there is an interested candidate. Skiles' sister Cindy (Skiles) Clark '95 still lives in the area and resides on the family property where they grew up. Coach Skiles' nephew, Jacob Clark, won the 2018 Danny Williams Scholarship and is on the all-time Riverside lists in two areas, basketball points and football receptions. Skiles' nephew, Tanner Clark, was the starting center on the Warrior football team this fall and is a member of the baseball team.

Skiles is quick to point out the tremendous ties to Glenville in our end of the Valley. There are five members of the GSC Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame with ties to the Riverside area. Tom Gunnoe '64, a 1960 East Bank graduate, starred at Glenville State in football before going on to an NFL career with the Cleveland Browns. Larry "Doc" Stanley '59, a 1955 graduate at DuPont where he starred in football, track, and basketball, attended Glenville where he was the star running back on the 1958 championship football team. Stanley was the fastest athlete in the KVC of the mid-50s. Keith Pritt '58, a 1954 graduate at DuPont, was a star lineman for the Pioneers and was teammates with Stanley. He would later be a legendary track coach at Charleston High. Bubby Dent '89 was a 1985 graduate at DuPont where he starred in football and track. He would become a two-time track All-American at Glenville State where he ran for Skiles. Dent's state record in the Class AAA 800 would stand for almost 30 years, and he would star as a distance runner throughout his adult life. Bob "Hooks" Hardman '51 was not a native of the area, but the star of the 1950 WVIAC basketball tournament title team at Glenville State and was a coach at DuPont in the mid-50s. Pritt credits Hardman with being the original recruiter who started the pipeline from that end of the Valley to GSC.

For Skiles, it is about following the lead of others who have helped out.

“There are some great people in the area that have given back in some amazing ways. The Thad Snodgrass Scholarship has been great for the area, as has the Danny Williams Scholarship, and also the ‘Mator’s Kids’ Foundation. My family and I just want to add to that legacy and help the community in this way,” Skiles Sr. said. “I am intensely proud to be from the eastern end of the Kanawha Valley,” he added.

The Estate of Darrell Woofter– \$50,048.92 for the Woofter Scholarship

The Estate of John C. Shaw – \$5,017.18 for the John C. Shaw Scholarship

Gene Edwards – \$5,000 for Club 1872, Marching Band, Men's Golf, and Softball

Jacob Freshwater – \$5,000 for the Freshwater Family Scholarship

Maple Hills Farm – \$5,000 for the Freshwater Family Scholarship

Calhoun Banks – \$2,200 for the Annual Fund and PAC Advertising

Mary Lee McPherson '17(H) – \$2,000 for the President's Circle

James Higginbotham – \$2,000 for the Jeannie Moran Higginbotham Scholarship

Skip '47 and Shirley (McIntyre) '68 Hackworth – \$1,500 for the President's Circle, Department of Education, Department of Fine Arts, GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund, and Marching Band

Former President Dr. Peter and Betsy Barr – \$1,000 for Jaz595.78 reW\*ner C q5r3d erC

Amanda "Mandy" (Kelbe) '06 Frymier – \$500 for Acrobatics and Tumbling, Boxing, Softball, Women's Basketball, and Women's Soccer

Noel Gonzalez – \$500 for Women's Soccer

Ratliff Premier Investments – \$500 for the Honors Program

Jerry and Jackie (Epling) '72 Milliken – \$500 for the Athletic Director Fund

Gary '71 and Cynthia Ray – \$500 for the Coach Hanlin Scholarship and Coach Whitey Adolfson Scholarship

Donald "Don" '71 and Carolyn "Susie" '97 Sheets – \$500 for the Department of Education and Bluegrass

Watch Me Grow Childcare and Learning Center, LLC – \$500 for Student Life

Neal '84 and Renita (Emerson) '85 Benson – \$300 for the Department of Education, Department of Language and Literature, Marching Band, and Theater

Thomas and Pamela Ratliff – \$300 for Marching Band, PAC Football, and General Meritorious Scholarships

Kipling "Clark" '65 and Kathleen Swentzel – \$300 for the Annual Fund

Joey and Avan (Ratliff) '05 McHenry – \$250 for Boxing and the Department of Science and Mathematics

Minnie Hamilton Health Care Center – \$250 for the Annual Fund

Denise Cavey – \$217.48 for the Pioneer Stage

Jesse Skiles '88 – \$216 for the Jesse Skiles Scholarship and Pioneer Athletic Club

Phillip "Phil" '61 and Sue (Shaver Bonnett) '65 Cottrill – \$200 for the Annual Fund

Alan Tompkins – \$200 for the Pioneer Stage

Julia (Murin) Lee '71 – \$150 for the Theater and Nick Murin Memorial Scholarship

Kathryn "Sue" (Valentine) Moore '60 – \$150 for the Albert J. Woofter Memorial Scholarship Fund

CM Sporting Goods – \$150 for PAC Acrobatics and Tumbling and PAC Softball

Mary Sue Bailey '12 – \$108.90 for the Department of Fine Arts

Gloria Boyd – \$108.90 for the Pioneer Stage

Derrick Crawford '14 – \$108.90 for the Department of Fine Arts

CJ Lewandowski – \$108.90 for the Pioneer Stage

Tara (Martin) Markham '05 – \$108.90 for the Department of Business

Mike and Janet Maze – \$108.90 for Acrobatics and Tumbling

Joshua Richards – \$108.90 for the Pioneer Stage

George and Donna (Stalnaker) '74 Curtin – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Dr. William "Bill" '58 and Martha (Douglas) '59 Deel – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Nellie Estep – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Arthur and Yvonne (Row) Gillespie '64 – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Carol (Hawkins) Hamilton '62 – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Pamela Hardman '74 – \$100 for the Annual Fund

Debra Miller –



David "Mike" '73 and Sharon (Sturm) '73 Wilt – \$20.20 for the Annual Fund

Dr. Jeff Bryson –