# Alumni Spotlight

Senator David "Bugs" Stover '77 recently completed his first session in the West Virginia Legislature as a State Senator representing the 9th District.

Outside of his work in the West Virginia Legislature, Bugs has worked for 28 years as an educator, served as the Wyoming County Circuit Clerk for 16 years, and has spent 49 years working as a Naturalist at Twin Falls State Park.

Senator Stover graduated from Glenville State College in 1977 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in social studies education. While a student

### GSC Commencement is May 8

The 147th GSC Commencement Ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 8 at 10:00 a.

at GSC, he was a member of the GSC Theater group.

In his spare time, he enjoys kayaking and canoeing in the rivers of West Virginia, running half marathons, SCUBA diving, camping, and taking politically motivated walks in Charleston, West Virginia and Washington, D.C.

David currently resides in Pierpont, West Virginia and is the author of "Wyoming County Ghost Stories." He was awarded the Fort Dix Battalion Soldier of the Cycle and named the Mullens High School Teacher of the Year.

When asked about what GSC means to him, he said, "GSC is one of the places where I learned to be a decent man all while making lifelong friends."

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

## eSports Program Receives Donation

GSC President Dr. Mark A. Manchin and his wife Gigi recently donated \$5,000 to the College's eSports Program.

In its first year of official play, GSC is among a number of colleges and universities around the United States who have introduced eSports into their realm of varsity sports. ESports offers multiplayer online video game competitions, which can be viewed both in-person and through livestreams.

"This is a fantastic program and it is truly extraordinary what these young people are able to accomplish. Not only does our eSports program provide students a social connection, but it is also a great launch pad for those interested in careers related to computer science, digital design, technology, and more," Manchin said.

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GSC Honors Program students (standing, I-r) Asa Dick, Eli Henthorn, and Jacob Amick explain their Pioneer Showcase entry to an attendee. Their work, a surveying and preservation project on the "Lost Graves of Gilmer County," tied for first place in the Honors Program Presentations category.

### 2021 Pioneer Showcase Winners Announced

The winners of the tenth annual Glenville State College Pioneer Showcase research, creative arts, and experiential learning forum have been announced. The competition, which is judged by GSC faculty, allows full-time GSC students the opportunity to formally present their academic work.

"We are always impressed with the quality and diversity of the work students present at the Showcase, but this year the judges were particularly impressed with the student presentations, especially given the constraints on academic work due to the pandemic," said Dr. Amanda Chapman, Assistant Professor of English and Pioneer Showcase Coordinator. "Our students showed incredible resilience in the face of substantial interruptions to the usual Dalton Law for his research on "How AI and Data Analytics are affecting the Accounting Profession."

Jesse Kargol took first place in the Visual Arts Presentations category with his metal sculpture work.

In the Land Resources Management Presentations category, first place was awarded to Heather Moore for her presentation, "Sweden's Forestry Model: The Most Sustainable Country in the World May Suffer Environmental Consequences in the Long Run." Second

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

Have you moved recently? Married? Gotten a new email address? Received a promotion or taken 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.

<u>Click here</u> to submit your update.

Marvin Stewart

Gordon Short '55 – \$500 for the Eula Bush Short Scholarship

Robert "Bob" '66 and Sue (Eddy) '66 Marshall – \$312.5 for the Foundation Board of Directors Meal

The Glenville Presbyterian Church – \$300 for the Glenville Presbyterian Church Choral Scholars Program

Keith Pritt '58 – \$125 for PAC Football and PAC Men's and Women's Track

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

Kelly and Melissa Castleberry – \$100 for PAC Women's Basketball

Donna (Cummings) Gault – \$100 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Phillip and Karen (Fish) '71 Gibson – \$100 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

William '71 and Karen (Yoak) '68 Lewis – \$100 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Joey and Avan (Ratliff) '05 McHenry – \$100 for the Conservation Research Center

Sue (Fulmer) Waggoner '71 – \$100 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Michael "Mike" '71 and Beneta "Kay" (Bickel) '72 Wentzel – \$100 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Jesse Skiles '87 – \$97 for the Jesse Skiles Scholarship

Robert Cribbs '70 – \$50 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Stewart "Mike" '71 and Linda (Felton) '71 Roscoe – \$50 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Mary Bland (Whiting) Strickland '70 – \$50 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Larry Queen '72 – \$40 for the Pioneer Fund

Buddy Griffin '71 – \$25 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Sharon (Dobbins) '70 Phares – \$25 for the GSC Alumni Student Hardship Fund

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