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Clockwise, from the top: Public Radio talk show host Diane Rehm received an honorary doctorate. Pictured (l. to r.) are Dr. Jason Best, Diane Rehm, President Suzanne Shipley, and Board of Governors Chair Gat Caperton.

A happy grad poses for a family photo.

Shepherdstown Mayor Jim Auxer ’69 and Meredith Wait received the President’s Award on behalf on the town of Shepherdstown to mark its 250th anniversary.

Dr. Dan DiLella, chair of the Department of Chemistry, joins a student for a snapshot at the 2012 Zero-Year Reunion, sponsored by the Alumni Association and the Office of the President, held in the Wellness Center after Commencement.
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In our results-oriented society, colleges and universities are increasingly examined under the microscope, being scrutinized by all constituents—students, parents, alumni, community members, and legislators—for examples of value and return on investment. State-supported higher education is a serious public investment, and we uphold the public’s trust by being accountable for the things we do.

But amid the myriad data Shepherd tallies showing how we measure up to state and national standards, it is gratifying to receive recognition from external sources that underscores just how good we are.

Shepherd’s recent reaccreditation by the Higher Learning Commission is an external measure of accountability that proves that Shepherd is well worth the investment of time and money from students, their parents, and taxpayers. Our university is meeting educational goals while serving as the cultural center and economic engine for the region. Additionally, individual programs in social work, education, nursing, music, business, and art (currently in the application phase) meet the high standards of accreditation from external commissions and boards governing each discipline.

Our value is further underscored by the number of grant dollars Shepherd attracts for a variety of programs for research, special programming, and scientific equipment. During fiscal year 2011, Shepherd garnered $1.5 million in competitive grants, a measure of our ability to compete at the state and national level for scarce grant monies by writing compelling grant requests for innovative programs and cutting-edge science needs.

Shepherd’s invitation to join the select 27-member Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC) is an external validation that we are a premier public liberal arts university, meeting rigorous standards in order to become a member of this national group. We will host COPLAC’s annual summer meeting next year on Shepherd’s campus.

Most recently, an unusually large number of Shepherd’s female faculty and administrators have been singled out. Recognition of their institutional leadership has placed Shepherd on the national stage as they participate in prestigious programs.

This past summer, Dr. Dorothy Hively, associate professor of education, attended the HERS Institute at Bryn Mawr, which provides leadership and management development for women in higher education. Registrar Tracy Seffers was selected to attend a HERS Institute during the upcoming academic year at Wellesley College in Massachusetts. Deans Virginia Hicks and Ann Legreid also have attended the HERS Institute in 2005.

Dean Colleen Nolan is participating this fall in the ACE Fellows Program, designed to strengthen leadership in higher education by preparing promising senior faculty and administrators for responsible positions in administration. She joins 57 fellows representing a variety of universities nationwide who were selected following a rigorous application process. Dr. Nolan is the second administrative leader at Shepherd to be selected as an ACE Fellow in the last two years.

Dr. Sylvia Bailey Shurbutt, professor of English, was awarded a $99,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to bring high school teachers to campus next summer to learn about Appalachian history, culture, and literature.

In February, Dr. Laura Clayton was a finalist for Professor of the Year, a statewide program recognizing excellence in teaching sponsored by the West Virginia Humanities Council. Dr. Clayton is the sixth Shepherd faculty member since 2004 to earn a finalist designation.

Recognition of our faculty, staff, and academic programs nationally and regionally validates and strengthens Shepherd University’s reputation for providing an excellent education. We can point to our accomplishments when we state that Shepherd is a premier public liberal arts university.
Dr. Colleen Nolan named an ACE Fellow for fall

Dr. Colleen Nolan, dean of the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, was named an ACE Fellow for academic year 2012-13 by the American Council on Education. The ACE Fellows Program, established in 1965, is designed to strengthen institutions and leadership in American higher education by identifying and preparing promising senior faculty and administrators for responsible positions in college and university administration. Fifty-seven Fellows, nominated by the presidents or chancellors of their institutions, were selected this year following a rigorous application process.

Nolan became dean at Shepherd in July 2009 after serving five years as the chair of the Department of Biological Sciences at St. Mary’s University in Texas, where she had served as a faculty member since 1991. At the University of Michigan, Nolan was a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Environmental and Industrial Health (1990-91) and a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology (1988-90). Nolan earned a bachelor of science degree in animal science from Washington State University, a master of science degree in animal science from the University of Idaho, and a Ph.D. in physiology of reproduction and growth from Texas A&M University.

Previous participants in the program have advanced into major positions in academic administration. Of the more than 1,700 participants in the first 47 years of the program, more than 300 have become chief executive officers and more than 1,100 have become provosts, vice presidents, or deans.

Fellows are included in the highest level of decision making while participating in administrative activities and learning about an issue to benefit their home institution. During her one-semester fellowship this fall, Nolan is focusing on studying best practices associated with assessing faculty workload or another area of concern to Shepherd University.

Fellows attend three weeklong retreats on higher education issues organized by ACE, read extensively in the field, and engage in other activities to enhance their knowledge about the challenges and opportunities confronting higher education today.

Shepherd to offer classes in Martinsburg in 2013

In April, President Suzanne Shipley announced her plan for Shepherd to offer classes in Martinsburg. These classes are designed for working adults who are part-time students and for graduate students in selected professional programs such as business administration, nursing, and teaching.

A planning committee has been investigating possible sites in Martinsburg to host the classes, which are targeted to begin in summer 2013. The committee has been developing a business plan and examining academic programs to be included in the Martinsburg outreach program.

In addition to serving an adult population in Berkeley County, the plan also helps alleviate stress on facilities in Shepherdstown, including parking and classroom availability. The goal of the outreach effort is to offer three to five degree-completion and graduate programs in Martinsburg by fall 2013 in a manner which complements Shepherd’s mission as a public liberal arts university.

Tracy Seffers selected for HERS Institute at Wellesley

Registrar Tracy Seffers has been selected for the HERS (Higher Education Resource Services) Institute that will meet throughout the 2012-13 academic year at Wellesley College in Massachusetts.

HERS, an educational nonprofit, provides leadership and management development for women in higher education administration around the world. Since 1972 HERS has served the higher education community, preparing more than 4,300 women faculty and administrators for leadership roles. HERS has active alumnae on more than 1,200 private and public campuses and more than 500 HERS alumnae serve in senior-level positions.

Four weekend sessions will be held throughout the year in October, November, February, and March and will provide the same curriculum, networking opportunities, and work-applicable experience as the traditional summer institutes offered in past years. The curricular themes offered will include understanding the higher education environment, planning and leading change in the academy, managing and investing strategic resources, engaging individual and institutional diversity, and mapping leadership development.

Seffers received her bachelor’s degree in English from Arkansas College (now Lyon College) and received her master’s degree in English from the College of William and Mary in Virginia. She worked as the academic coordinator for the TRIO (Upward Bound) program at Lyon College. Prior to coming to Shepherd, she worked at Virginia’s George Mason University, first as an assistant registrar at the Fairfax campus, then as enrollment services manager at the Prince William campus.

Shepherd alumnae of the HERS Institute include Dr. Dorothy Hively, assistant professor of education, who attended the institute this summer, and Dr. Ann Legreid, professor of geography and dean of the School of Business and Social Sciences, and Dr. Virginia Hicks, professor of health and physical education and dean of the School of Education and Professional Studies, both of whom attended the institute in 2005.
Dr. Robert Tudor named chair of Department of Music

Dr. Robert Tudor is the new chair of the Department of Music. With his appointment as chair, which began in June, he also holds the title of associate professor of music. Tudor had served as the chair of the Division of Music at Jacksonville University in Florida since 2006. He also served as director of music theater and opera.

Previously, Tudor was assistant dean at the Levine School of Music, Washington, D.C.; assistant director of the Association of Boarding Schools; and programming assistant at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, College Park, Maryland. He served as an adjunct professor of voice at Shepherd University.

Tudor earned a bachelor of music degree from Stetson University in Florida, a master of music degree in voice performance from the University of Miami, Coral Gables, and a doctorate in musical arts in vocal performance from the University of Maryland, College Park.

“Over 10 years ago, I served Shepherd University as an adjunct voice instructor, stage, and choir director while pursuing my doctorate,” he said. “I fell in love with the community and was impressed by the talent and commitment to excellence of the students and faculty. Now, I am honored to be given the opportunity to return to the community after having grown as an educator and spending many years engaged in artistic and community-centered creative and social projects.”

Tudor has performed opera, musical theater, cabaret, and concert works throughout the United States. His awards include the Jacksonville University Institutional Award for Excellence in 2009, Individual Artist Award from the Maryland State Arts Council in 2003, and Artist of the Year from Opera Theater of Northern Virginia in 2004.

Pedestrian underpass to open mid-October

Construction on the $5.6 million pedestrian underpass on Route 480, connecting East and West campuses, will continue through mid-October. Until the underpass is completed, pedestrians traveling between campuses will cross at the intersection of Duke and High streets.

The pedestrian underpass project is designed to make pedestrian travel safe between Shepherd’s two campuses for students who travel the route daily and for alumni and fans on game days.

For more information about the project, visit www.shepherd.edu/underpass.

Lifelong Learning offers classes for the fall

Shepherd’s Lifelong Learning Program, a series of short courses on topical subjects designed for retirees, had 136 people participate in the courses, lectures, and tours in its first year. The 30 people who volunteered as instructors included former professors of Shepherd and other universities, former U.S. Ambassadors to Africa and Tajikistan, business owners, a financial analyst, a theater director, and a former lobbyist in Washington, D.C.

Because of the success of the first year of the program, Shepherd will continue to offer the program this fall. Karen Rice, director of the program, said, “We want to shape the Lifelong Learning program so that more of the people who enjoy our classes will become members. Increasing membership is important to the longevity of the program because members have an important role in taking ownership and keeping the curriculum and activities fresh and in line with the interests of our community.”

Visit the website at www.shepherd.edu/lifelonglearning for a complete list of courses for the fall and registration materials.

Hey social butterflies, keep in touch!

Click through www.shepherd.edu, and “Like,” tweet, +1, comment, share, and join in!
Political science major and Appalachian studies minor Tim Leonard, of Wheeling, was accepted to the Roosevelt Institute, a summer academy fellowship that combines a full-time placement in a partner organization with an integrated curriculum of leadership, policy development, and implementation.

Leonard, who hopes to go into politics as a career, said he was interested in learning more about progressive policy. He was based in Washington, D.C., for his placement, which ran from June 8 to August 12.

Throughout the program, fellows participated in weekly policy training and speaker series that allowed them to interact with leading progressive thinkers and policy organizations. The program, now in its fifth year, comes with a $1,500 stipend.

“Tim Leonard is a richly talented and energetic young man who will make the most of this splendid opportunity,” said Dr. Ann Legreid, dean of the School of Business and Social Sciences.

Leonard is the external affairs coordinator for the Student Government Association, chair of the Student Life Council, captain of the Debate and Forensics Team, a board member for the Appalachian Studies Program, and a member of the General Studies, Common Reading, and Technology Oversight committees.

Following his December 2013 graduation from Shepherd, Leonard plans to attend Ohio University to obtain his master’s degree in communications.

Dr. Sylvia Bailey Shurbutt (l.) is pictured with Ray Alvarez ’62, president of the Shepherd University Foundation, and Susan Hayden, of the West Virginia Center for the Book, who are holding a copy of the Ron Rash “Anthology.”

Ron Rash ‘Anthology’ published

The Shepherd University Foundation and the West Virginia Center for the Book have jointly published a fourth volume of the Anthology of Appalachian Writers, Ron Rash Volume IV. This volume of the anthology is a collection of Appalachian stories, essays, poetry, and photographic art, which focuses both on the region and the literary art of poet and novelist Ron Rash, the 2011 Appalachian Heritage Writer-in-Residence and recipient of the Heritage Writers Award.

The book also serves as a tribute to one of its editors, the late Ethan Fischer, a longtime community member and Shepherd adjunct professor. Fischer taught literature and creative writing at Shepherd, was director of the West Virginia Fiction Competition, and was a founding editor of the Anthology of Appalachian Writers. His poetry collection Beached in the Hourglass was published in 2004.

The Anthology of Appalachian Writers, Ron Rash Volume IV, is on sale at the Shepherd Bookstore at www.shepherdbook.com (see “trade books”).

In Memoriam:

Faculty and Staff

Dr. George Patrick Casely, professor emeritus of business administration, of Shepherdstown, died May 31, 2012. After retiring from NOAA as a division director, he taught for 13 years at Shepherd in the Department of Business Administration, retiring in 1998. He was the faculty advisor to Delta Sigma Pi fraternity.

Dr. Earl Eric Henderson, Jr., of Winchester, Virginia, died May 5, 2011. He was an administrator at Shepherd from 1968 to 1990.

Coach Roger Peyton Parker, died February 13, 2012. Inducted into the Shepherd Athletic Hall of Fame, he served as head football coach and founded the men’s and women’s tennis teams. He retired from Shepherd in 1998 after 31 years of service.


Carl K. Rauch ’50, of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, died October 5, 2011. He was a mathematics professor at Shepherd University, retiring after 27 years of teaching.
The Miner's Daughter is a coming of age story about the Lowell family, a coal-mining family, as seen from the point of view of 16-year-old Willa Lowell. The story takes place in 1932, when most of America, particularly people living in Appalachia and company towns like Riley, West Virginia, are struggling merely to survive from day to day. While Willa’s brother Ves is hopeful that the new Roosevelt administration will bring change to the country, Willa, a promising scholar who has had to drop out of school to help her family, is not so optimistic.

In 1933, Eleanor Roosevelt, acting on behalf of the President, is invited to visit several coal mining camps in West Virginia. The poverty she sees touches her, while the strength of families like the Lowells helps her understand the tenacity of mountain people. Returning to Washington, Mrs. Roosevelt helps to reinvigorate the Homestead Act, attempting to re-settle hundreds of families into new, planned towns like Arthurdale.
Senior Bryan Staggers, of Keyser, was the first American student to intern at the Cannes Film Festival in France this summer. Staggers, a dual major of communications (digital filmmaking) and English (creative writing) with a theater minor, landed the internship through his French professor Dr. Lois A. Jarman.

“Dr. Jarman is one of the best teachers I’ve had at Shepherd,” said Staggers. “She always tells us anecdotes of people she knows from France and her experiences.” Jarman revealed that she knew a French movie theater owner who is also on the board of the Cannes Film Festival.

“I jokingly asked her if he does internships and she said she would look into it. She did, and he said ‘yes’ and that’s what got the process started,” said Staggers.

Staggers was in France May 6 to June 3 and worked in the film marketing area of the festival, which is designed for distributors, producers, and directors to arrange for their films to be made and distributed. Staggers specifically helped facilitate events designed to allow industry professionals a chance to network and attend workshops offered at the festival.

Staggers, who finished his fourth semester of French in the spring, said the internship helped him further grasp the language while he stayed with other students in France. “It was the best experience of my life; it was incredible,” he said. “I got to learn so much from it, more than I ever could have imagined that I would, including sitting in on workshops at the top level of the film industry and being able to absorb that as a 19 year old.

“Before I left I would have been hesitant to say that I speak French, but after being in certain situations where you’re lost in a big city, I feel more comfortable speaking to someone who speaks French,” said Staggers.

For the second season in a row, Staggers interned with the Contemporary American Theater Festival (CATF); last year he served as a writing assistant for the CATF. “Bryan is an excellent example of what Shepherd as a whole can offer its students,” said Staggers.

Staggers was looking for more opportunities to obtain experience while at Shepherd. He met with the CATF staff and, during the spring 2011 semester, he worked as an administrative assistant in the CATF office, which gave him exposure to the festival. He was offered a position in company management for the CATF, helped with hospitality needs, and provided transportation and other duties that came up, including serving as an understudy for several plays during the 2011 season.

“It was one of the best experiences,” he said. “I met directors, technicians, and actors who were coming to the festival. It helped solidify my desire to pursue acting and helped set in stone that this is where I want to be.”

During his second year interning with the festival, he helped with events management, publicity, and logistics coordination of venues for readings and other festival events.

Staggers serves on the Program Board working with events, was the parliamentarian for the Student Government Association during the 2011-12 academic year, and works at the Shepherdstown Opera House.

“I had wanted to work at the Opera House from the first time I went there,” said Staggers. “You’re smitten when you walk in.”

Staggers said that the small-town atmosphere at Shepherd has contributed to his success. “My professors know me and I know them. It’s not just being a seat in a classroom, it’s about being a person and having discussions,” he said. “I can have my French professor help facilitate an internship for me and know me well enough to know I’d be a good fit.

“Shepherd is just magical with the opportunities that it can offer you if you’re willing to look for them,” he continued. “I look at where I am now and feel that honestly I’m exactly where I need to be. I’m able to enjoy all the things Shepherd has to offer, including the ability to get a job with the Opera House. To be able to work in a theater and concert hall, to want to be an actor, and to have those experiences, it’s exactly where I need to be. It feels right.”

Staggers said he hopes to go to graduate school for his master of fine arts in acting and hopes to be a film actor and produce his own independent films.

“I’d like to teach one day and carry on what I feel I’m getting here and be a resource for other students,” said Staggers.

“Bryan is an excellent example of what Shepherd as a whole can offer its students,” said James McNeil ’01, managing director for the CATF. “Bryan is getting real-world experience that will open his mind to what he can do. He’s a great example of what you can do at Shepherd if you have the gumption. We’re really proud of him.”

Sylvia Bailey Shurbutt

Jillian Kesner
Daniel Baumwald '02 brands a new pain-relief technology

DANIEL BAUMWALD '02 is used to challenges. While working for Vitamin Water, he remembers when you couldn’t give the popular beverage away. At that point, the company was worth $30 million. When he left six years later, it was worth more than $1 billion.

Daniel was born in New York and raised in Columbia, Maryland. He worked events for the Washington Redskins after graduating from Shepherd with a degree in sports and events management before landing an entry-level sales position at Vitamin Water in 2003.

While at Shepherd, he was president of Program Board the year ShepFest was established, was involved with United Brothers, served as a student assistant basketball coach, and served as the campus disc jockey at Tony’s as well as A-Team events. During his internship with Blue Ridge Sports and Entertainment, Daniel was assigned to events promotion. It was during his time at Shepherd that he met his wife, ELISABETH REDDINGER '03, who was from Ellicott City, Maryland, in the Dining Hall. Today they have two sons, ages five and two, and a third child due in October.

Daniel left Vitamin Water in May 2009 to join a start-up business he knew little about. At the time, his wife was three months pregnant and the family had just bought a new home. Today he is president of the Jessup, Maryland-based TheraPearl, a reusable therapeutic hot and cold pack for use with common aches, pains, and bruising.

A lucky coincidence led him to the idea for the start-up company: Daniel was friends with Gary Rezeppa, the senior vice president of Vitamin Water, whose wife was going to a doctor who had developed the technology for TheraPearl. Rezeppa tried to convince him that they could take the product to market in November 2008 but Daniel turned him down. After a few months, he realized the potential in the product and agreed to join the start-up business.

“I looked at risk versus reward,” he said. “At the end of the day, I came to the conclusion that I had nothing to lose. I knew I would learn a lot more about business in the first year at TheraPearl than if I had stayed at Vitamin Water after the Coca-Cola transition.” When Daniel started really digging into the technology of TheraPearl, he realized that TheraPearl had massive consumer appeal. “It conforms to the body when frozen, doesn’t leak, is reusable, and is simple to use,” he said. “After you pick up a pack, it’s hard to put it down. I knew this brand had legs the minute I saw and touched it, so it was really just about making a calculated risk.”

TheraPearl opened its doors three months later in May 2009 with three employees and an initial order of 15,000 packs to see how retailers would respond.

“We saw an opportunity to help others and create a brand in a category that has zero consumer loyalty and brand recognition,” said Daniel, which were defining factors when he decided to join TheraPearl.

Today he manages the day-to-day operation for the multimillion dollar TheraPearl which includes operations and logistics (forecasting, freight, quality control, innovation), sales (headquarters calls, tradeshows, promotions, field sales, international sales), marketing (licensing partnerships, product placement, public relations, ad buying), and, most important, visiting China to ensure TheraPearl is producing products with only the best quality materials. In the past three years, TheraPearl has launched nationwide in Wal-Mart, Walgreens, Rite Aid, Toys “R” Us, Kroger, and about 75 other retail chains across the U.S. and Canada.

“We want to be the brand leader in hot and cold packs, we want to brand a very mundane category,” he said. “We want to become what Q-Tip is to cotton swabs.” The company’s next focus is Boots, a London-based health and beauty retailer, and the U.S.-based Target department stores.

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Rodney Bartgis ’81 was interested in nature long before he began his studies at Shepherd. As a child, he enjoyed bird watching and identifying plants. Today, Rodney has made a career out of his passions and serves as the state director for the Nature Conservancy in Elkins.

While in middle school, Rodney attended a camp at Berkeley County’s Camp Frame where he met Shepherd’s Dr. Carl Bell, professor of biology. “He was the first professional botanist I had met and that was a big deal,” Rodney said.

The Hedgesville native, who studied biology and minored in chemistry, wasn’t the first in his family to attend Shepherd: his parents, Bob ’53 and Retha Myers Bartgis attended Shepherd as did his brother, Michael Bartgis ’77. Bob taught middle school science and social studies, and Retha was a teacher’s aide in elementary school in the Berkeley County Schools.

His father’s study of biology coupled with meeting Dr. Bell pointed Rodney toward biology as a field of study, but ultimately it was the population boom in Berkeley County that helped him appreciate conservation. “A lot of the areas that I used to go out to were being turned into developments and the land was being sold off,” Rodney said. “I knew at this point that I wanted to do biology and conservation.”

Rodney, who received his master’s degree in biology from West Virginia University in 1983, said his Shepherd biology professors prepared him for graduate school. “I had some cool opportunities while at Shepherd,” he said.

His first job for the Nature Conservancy was as an intern cataloging the plant life at the Yankauer Nature Preserve in Berkeley County. He also participated in a work-study program with Leetown Science Center that allowed him to get hands-on experience in biology and took a summer course at Tennessee Tech where he studied fish ecology. “I was really lucky,” he said. “There were lots of opportunities provided that I was able to take advantage of.”

From 1986 until 1994, Rodney worked for the Department of Natural Resources in both West Virginia and Maryland, as a field botanist and an endangered species biologist. He worked with all types of endangered species in Washington County, Maryland, and numerous projects around Maryland.

Rodney began working for the Nature Conservancy in 1994 and was asked to set up conservation projects in West Virginia and Maryland. Then he began working on land transaction programs and became the state director, an all encompassing position that involves fundraising, conservation, and government relations. Under his leadership, the office has expanded from a staff of five to 13, and the land they conserve has grown from 35,000 acres to 120,000.

One of his most recent projects was contributing to a report on what forested areas in eastern North America will be most resilient to climate change and how to make sure there are still healthy, forested ecosystems after it happens. “The first part of that study was recently released and covered parts of the Maritime provinces of Canada to Virginia and West Virginia. A lot of areas in West Virginia were proven important because of their resilient background,” Rodney said.

His office is seeking to restore the national forests by working with the Monongalia National Forest to expand the number of spruce trees in the forest and is trying to bring back fire as a natural ecological process and to deal with invasive species on a large scale. “It is part of a large effort of the Nature Conservancy to try to improve the management of national forests across the United States,” Rodney said.

Recently, the Nature Conservancy-owned preserve, Ice Mountain, located in Hampshire County, was named a national historic landmark by the U.S. Department of the Interior. Rodney said that the National Park Service became interested in Ice Mountain, in part, because of the awareness that the town where the preserve is located, North River Mills, is a national historic village. In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Landmark program, two sites were designated: Lake Shasta Caverns in California, and Ice Mountain, the first designation in West Virginia since the 1970s. “This recognizes that while we as West Virginians may be proud of Ice Mountain, it is also nationally important,” Rodney said. “It’s an important resource for all Americans to hopefully recognize and appreciate.”

Ice Mountain’s name comes from the refrigeration effect that takes place inside its talus—the sloping mass of boulders at the foot of the mountain. Dense cold air sinks deep into the talus (continued to page 17)
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’65
The Washington County (Maryland) Retired Educational Personnel Association has named PHYLLIS MCCLEAF as the recipient of its annual leadership award. Phyllis joined the organization in 2003 and has served as co-president and treasurer.

After receiving her master of science degree in library science from Shippensburg University, she began her teaching career at Sharpsburg Elementary and later opened the library at Fountaingdale Elementary School. Phyllis also taught at Surrey Elementary and Fountain Rock Elementary schools. She retired in 2003, serving a total of 38 years in Washington County.

She continues to volunteer with kindergarten and first-grade classes and has been a substitute teacher. A member of First Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Hagerstown, she is the church librarian. She also volunteers with Friends of Washington County Free Library, the American Association of University Women used-book sale, and the Alsatia Mummers Parade, where she is secretary. In 2009 she was inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame.

MARSHA CLARK PLYBON became a certified lay minister at the 2011 West Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church held at Buckhannon.

’68
STAN STOUFFER retired as the athletic director at Williamsport (Maryland) High School where he amassed a career record of 231-101-7 in 23 years as the Wildcats’ coach, including state championships in 1979 and 1996. His teams won eight West region titles and had six appearances in the state championship game. After serving in the Army from 1968-70, which included a tour in Vietnam, Stan returned home to spend one year teaching at North Hagerstown before beginning his long career at Williamsport.

’71
STEPHEN NIKIRK retired from Frederick County (Maryland) Public Schools after 41 years of teaching at North Frederick and Valley Elementary schools. His wife, GWEN LUCAS NIKIRK ’71, retired from Washington County (Maryland) Public Schools in 2011 where she served as an enrichment specialist. She is working with daughter STACEY ’99 at Keller Williams Premier Realty in Hagerstown, Maryland.

’74
In March, DR. MARY J. C. HENDRIX was honored with the sixth annual American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Princess Takamatsu Memorial Lectureship. This lectureship is presented to a scientist whose novel and significant work had or may have a far-reaching impact on the detection, diagnosis, treatment, or prevention of cancer, and who embodies the dedication of Princess Kikuko Takamatsu to multinational collaborations. Mary is the president and scientific director of the Children’s Memorial Research Center at Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago. She is a past president of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology, a recipient of a prestigious MERIT Award from the National Cancer Institute, and the author of more than 200 scientific publications.

’78
DR. MARGARET “MEG” MCKEON was named vice president for student affairs and dean of students at Buena Vista University. Meg previously served as assistant vice president for student development at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in Lewisburg. She earned a master of social work degree from the University of Maryland, Baltimore, in 1991 and her doctorate of education in higher education management from the University of Pennsylvania in 2006. She previously worked at Mount St. Mary’s University in Emmitsburg, Maryland, in positions of increasing responsibility, advancing to dean of students.

’79
DR. GEORGANN TOOLE, Shepherd assistant professor of education, M.A.T. coordinator, and 2011 Distinguished Graduate Faculty award recipient, was one of 21 composers selected to participate in the Lehigh Choral Composers Forum at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, where she studied with Steven Sametz, Lehigh’s director of choral arts, and with Steven Stucky, Pulitzer Prize-winning composer and Cornell University professor of composition. During the forum, she completed a choral setting of “Ubi caritas,” which was performed by the Princeton Singers at the Washington, D.C., New American Voices concert, sponsored by the American Choral Directors Association and the Library of Congress.

’82
CHRIS PARKER was inducted into the Clarke County (Virginia) High School Athletic Hall of Fame as a coach. Chris is a social studies teacher and head football coach at the high school. He lives in Inwood with his wife Jennifer and 9-year-old son Peyton.

JONATHAN NICOL, a member of the Commercial Practice Group, has been named to Kay Casto & Chaney’s management committee. His practice includes the areas of real estate, bankruptcy, and commercial lending. Listed as one of the Best Lawyers in America for real estate law, Jonathan graduated from the University of Maryland School of Law with his J.D. degree in 1989 and joined Kay Casto & Chaney that year as an associate and became a member of the firm in 1995. He was admitted to practice law in West Virginia in 1989, in the United States District Court in both the Southern and Northern Districts of West Virginia, and before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

’84
KARL J. KELLER was appointed to the position of executive vice president of lending at Jefferson Security Bank in January. Karl has 25 years lending experience and has worked at Jefferson Security Bank for 18 years as a commercial loan officer at JSB’s Shepherdstown office. He holds a master’s degree in public administration from James Madison University.

’86
RON IMBACH is the new executive director of FightSMA, an international nonprofit organization with a goal of eliminating spinal muscular atrophy (SMA), the lead-
ing inherited cause of death of children under two. Ron has worked in nonprofit organizations in fundraising and leadership roles for the past 12 years including stints at the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, Volunteers of America, and the Wesley Theological Seminary. The charities he has served have benefited from major, planned, and corporate gifts totaling more than $100 million. He is also a speaker and trainer, speaking to audiences of 5,000 or more and training hundreds of staff. Prior to working with charities, Ron was a financial advisor with a major brokerage firm, focusing on retirement and estate planning while raising and managing several million dollars in assets; a business development executive working in management positions in accounting and consulting in the private sector; and a business owner. Ron earned his M.B.A. at George Washington University with a concentration in marketing and public policy.

1986

In a 95-2 roll call vote, the U.S. Senate confirmed the nomination of Berkeley County Circuit Court Judge Gina Marie Groh for a federal judgeship in the U.S. Northern District. She was nominated by President Obama on May 19, 2011 to fill the seat on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia that had been vacant since 2006. Her nomination was reported out of the Senate Judiciary Committee by an unopposed voice vote on October 6, 2011 and had been waiting since then for an up-or-down vote by the full Senate. Gina had been appointed in 2006 to a newly created judgeship in state’s 23rd Judicial Circuit by then-Governor Joe Manchin and was reelected to a full term in 2008, presiding over cases in both Berkeley and Morgan counties. Prior to becoming a judge, Gina spent nine years as a litigation associate at firms in Martinsburg and Washington, D.C., and later served as an assistant prosecuting attorney in Berkeley and Jefferson counties for more than eight years. She earned her juris doctor degree from the West Virginia University College of Law.

1987

Elle Young was named program assistant for the Fifth Avenue South Business Improvement District in Naples, Florida. Her responsibilities include event coordination, committee coordination, outreach, and communication to business and property owners. Elle began volunteering last year and assisted with the district’s visioning and focus group sessions and with the organization of its Halloween and Christmas events. She was previously employed as the executive director of the Main Street Program in Harpers Ferry, a downtown revitalization program.

Senior Master Sgt. Charles S. Wachter, a first sergeant with the 167th Airlift Wing’s maintenance squadron, was named the 167th Airman of the Year in the first sergeant category. He also captured the same title during the state competition. Currently a teacher at Warm Springs Middle School in Berkeley Springs, he earned a master’s degree in secondary education in 2011. Charles, who enlisted in the Air Force in 1993, arrived at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, for basic training. Upon graduating from basic training and technical training school, he returned to the 167th Airlift Wing and began working in the fuel systems repair shop. In 1996 he transferred to operations as a C-130 H-3 loadmaster and in 2001 he cross-trained to become a C-130 H-3 flight engineer. In 2007 he became a first sergeant with the mission support group. Three years later he transferred back to the maintenance squadron where he currently serves as the first sergeant. His service awards include the Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Medal, and Meritorious Unit Award. He is the president of the 167th First Sergeants Council and is an active member of the Air Force Sergeants Association. He was instrumental in developing a program known as Operation Notebook, which is a program that takes old binders that are still in operating order, and gives them to students in need. He spends his free time with his wife and two children.

1996

Carl Lee was recently promoted to GS-14 in his communications and training officer position with the Federal Aviation Administration. Carl delivered a presentation titled “Private Informa-

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Weddings and Engagements

Penny Ford ’98 and Matt Moden were married May 25 at Stoneleigh Golf and Country Club in Round Hill, Virginia. The wedding party included Mary Beth McCausland Segars ’98, Danielle Tnineuelli Trunnell ’98, and Christina Everman Childs ’99. Penny is an events manager for USA Today and Matt is a federal employee with the Department of Homeland Security. They reside at their new home in Annandale, Virginia.

Kim Klug ’02 and James Miller were married November 7, 2011 at Riverside House, Bishop’s Stortford, Hertfordshire, England. The couple had an additional marriage celebration on March 24, at Oglebay Resort and Conference Center, Wheeling. Alumnae attending the celebration event included Jayme Waldeck ’02 and Jenny Williams Stetchay ’02.

Kelly Bittner ’02 married Wayne Crissman, of Crimora, Virginia, on September 20, 2011 in Maui, Hawaii. Elizabeth Waters Bline ’03 was the matron of honor. Shepherd alumni attending the paradise wedding were Stacey Bittner McGrady ’05, Jill Lowman Lineberry ’98, Larry Lineberry ’99, and Scott Bline ’01.

Alexandra Leigh Vissat ’08 and Daniel Chlebowski ’07 are engaged to marry August 13, 2013 at Stone Manor Country Club, Middletown, Maryland. Alexandra is a long-term care social work at Montgomery Village (Maryland) Health Care Center. Daniel teaches science at Urbana High School, Ijamsville, Maryland. The couple lives in Frederick, Maryland.

Delaware alumni chapter launched

The newly formed Delaware alumni chapter met on April 28 for a reception. Attending the event were Rita Cannon Hovermale ’79, Bill Passwaters ’65, Lorraine Wildberger Cooper, Bruce Penuel ’65, Robin Breeding ’76, Dave Smith ’83, Ed Vickers ’71, Ron Breeding ’70, Chris Lank, Kevin Ryan ’69, Dan Tabler ’72, Tina Iannucci Palazzi ’91, Susan Papola Breeding ’72, Dave Adams ’67, Tom Rust ’74, Pam Hohman Smith ’81, Dick Adams ’67, Tom Henderson ’68, Christine Erickson Henderson ’69, Janet Lank ’69, Sandra Garman Vickers ’70, Blanche Kennedy Nickel ’74, and Paula Terry Penuel ’65.

Through the chapter program, alumni have the opportunity to engage with Shepherd University in their own backyard by interacting with fellow graduates. Alumni who are interested in working with Shepherd’s alumni office to organize an alumni chapter in their area should contact Alexis Reed ’06, director of alumni affairs, at alumni@shepherd.edu or 304-876-5157.

Sign up for Shepherd license plate

Alumni and friends in West Virginia can show their Ram pride by completing the preliminary interest application for a Shepherd University license plate. Shepherd must obtain 250 preliminary applications prior to September 7 before the DMV will begin design and production of the license plate. Visit ShepConnect.shepherd.edu to print an application and view the proposed design.

Homecoming is October 6!

9 a.m., Alumni Breakfast, McMurran Hall
10 a.m., Parade, German Street
Noon, Rams vs. West Virginia Wesleyan
4 p.m., Alumni and Friends Party, Clarion

For a complete list of Homecoming events, visit ShepConnect.shepherd.edu

New Arrivals

Elizabeth Waters Bline ’03 and Scott Bline ’01, a daughter, Madeleine Elizabeth, born February 14, 2012.

Buddy Wilson ’06 and ’08 and Jen Spataro-Wilson, a daughter, Hope Victoria, born January 30, 2012.

Hope Victoria Wilson

Kim Klug ’02 and James Miller

Penny Ford ’98 and Matt Moden

Kelly Bittner ’02 and Wayne Crissman

Hope Victoria Wilson
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Arthur, who became interested in performance drinks when he was a tennis player at Shepherd, began to research the benefits of tea. He began with loose-leaf tea and enlisted two fellow students to start Eastern Isle Teas and Tonics. By early 2009, when he was a senior, Arthur was ready to explore his new idea. The company’s focus is convenience stores, where he hopes the aggressive packaging and name Warrior will hold its own against beverages such as Monster and Red Bull.

KRISTEN SIMON oversees operations of the 70 baseball games of the Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Barnstormers at Clipper Magazine Stadium. She is the only female assistant GM or GM among the eight teams in the Barnstormers’ Atlantic League, and one of just a handful of women in a similar post in all of minor league baseball. She has the game-to-game responsibilities of making sure everything is running smoothly at the ballpark and managing the game-day staff.

'02

KIM KLUG was appointed community facilitation and events officer at Kensington Palace in London, England, by Historic Royal Palaces. She has 10 years experience working in audience engagement, community outreach, and informal learning in the culture, tourism, and leisure sectors. She most recently served as community outreach officer at the Museum of Lancashire in Preston, England, where she developed the Lancashire People Gallery and raised the Museum’s profile locally while it was closed for redevelopment. Kim earned her M.A. in art gallery and museum studies at the University of Leeds, England, in 2009.

'03

MICHAEL PETTRY '03 and '04 has been named the winner of the ASCAP Foundation Harold Adamson Lyric Award. Named in honor of the lyricist Harold Adamson, who wrote “Time on My Hands” and “An Affair to Remember,” the award is presented annually to aspiring lyricists who participate in an ASCAP or ASCAP Foundation workshop in the musical theater, pop, and/or country genres. Recipients must demonstrate talent and an intelligent and sensitive use of language, a talent and ability that the heirs of the late lyricist Harold Adamson, seek to recognize and foster in future generations. This award is funded by Harold Adamson’s royalties.

Michael was recommended for this award by Stephen Schwartz, composer of Wicked, Pippin, and Godspell. At Shepherd, he studied piano with Dr. Scott Beard and composition with Dr. MARK McCOY ’87 and earned his M.M. degree in musical theater composition from the Tisch School of Music in New York City. Michael recently played keyboard in the pit for the 2012 revival of Godspell.

SCOTT THORTON, of Martinsburg, is the owner and principal designer of Blenderhouse Creative, a graphic design studio specializing in web and print design, brand identity, and custom illustration. Scott has seven years of experience in producing strategically driven design solutions for a diverse clientele. He has helped large corporations including Universal Pictures as well as small entrepreneurs.

'04

DR. ADRIENNE ZAWALA joined the medical practice of Harpers Ferry Family Medicine as a family medicine physician. A Charles Town native, she attended the West Virginia University School of Medicine and completed a family medicine residency at WVU’s Rural Family Medicine Residency Program at Harpers Ferry. She is also a member of the medical staff at Jefferson Memorial Hospital. In addition to patient care services, Adrienne is helping to train resident physicians and medical students as an assistant professor for the WVU Department of Family Medicine. Eastern Division.

Tiffany Lawrence joined the United Way of the Eastern Panhandle in August as the director of resource development and marketing. No stranger to the United Way, Tiffany interned with the organization while a student at Shepherd.

She also is seeking a third two-year term in the West Virginia House of Delegates in the newly redistricted 65th District which covers Ranson and Charles Town. Tiffany serves on the House Education Committee, the Health and Human Resources Committee, and is the vice chair of the Committee on Political Subdivisions.

Tiffany earned a master of business administration degree from Shenandoah University. She is married to Steve Morris and is the stepmother of two children, ages 8 and 10.

'09

GRAHAM GODWIN, of Buckhannon, was accepted into the Peace Corps in March. During the first three months of his service, Graham lived with a host family in Kyrgyzstan to become fully immersed in the country’s language and culture. After acquiring the language and cultural skills necessary to assist his community, he was sworn into service and assigned to a community in Kyrgyzstan, where he will live and work for two years with the local people. Upon completing his service in the Peace Corps, he intends to pursue a career as a data/intelligence analyst for the State Department. Graham, who received a master’s degree in political science with a concentration in international relations from West Virginia University, joins 22 West Virginia residents currently serving and the more than 630 West Virginia residents who have served in the Peace Corps.

Sean Wiles ‘11, Torri Thomas Hancock ‘03, and John Cullum ’05 are members of a research team aimed at developing management solutions for the invasive brown marmorated stink bug. They are members of the laboratory group headed by Dr. Tracy Leskey, research entomologist at the USDA-ARS Appalachian Fruit Research Station in Kearneysville. The research is featured online at www.northeastipm.org/about-us/publications/ipm-insights/researchers-discover-the-brown-marmorated-stink-bug-winter-hideout/
Class of 1962 joins Emeritus Club in May

Members of the class of 1962 were inducted into the Emeritus Club during the group’s annual luncheon in May. The Emeritus Club is made up of alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago. New members are, front row (l to r), Sandra Osbourne, Blossom Kisner Harrison, Linda Yoder, Lorna Benner Frye, Judy Szymalis, Garland Ott, and Ray Alvarez, back row, Pedro Diez, Bill Hill, Michael Athey, Paul Steve Shirley, Don Trundle, Jerry Hockman, and Ben Dillow.

In Memory

F R A N K S N Y D E R ' 5 0 , of Gaithersburg, Maryland, died November 14, 2011. He was married for 61 years to Betty H. Snyder, whom he met at Shepherd. He received his master’s degree from McDaniel College in Westminster, Maryland, and his Ph.D. from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Former Alumni Association board member P A T R I C I A A. B O Y D W A T S O N ’ 5 8 , of Berryville, Virginia, died in August 2012. She taught in elementary schools in Atlanta, Georgia. Among her survivors are husband Dr. R A L E I G H H. W A T S O N J R. ’ 9 0 and sister N A N C Y B O Y D L E I D E N F R O S T ’ 5 6 . She was a member of Alpha Sigma Tau sorority.

D W A I N A V E Y D O N A L D S O N S R. ’ 7 0 , of Hedgesville, died April 13, 2012. He earned his master’s degree from Shenandoah University and retired from the Berkeley County Board of Education as a teacher at Hedgesville High School.

V E L M A B E A T R I C E L I T T L E ’ 7 6 , of Martinsburg, died January 20, 2012. She was a registered nurse at Heartland and retired in 1989 after 32½ years at the VA Medical Center.

W A L T E R A N T H O N Y “ T O N Y ” H E R A T H ’ 7 7 , of Flintstone, Maryland, died April 9, 2012. He received his master’s degree from West Virginia University and retired as an elementary school teacher in Berkeley County.

R A N D A L L N E I L “ R A N D Y ” C R O S S ’ 9 1 , of Martinsburg, died May 19, 2012. He was employed by the Buyers Guide as a circulation manager and was the founder and editor of Night Life Digest. At Shepherd, he was a member of Delta Sigma Pi fraternity.

W I L L I A M F. “ B I L L ” F O S T E R II ’ 9 2 , of Charleston, died February 16, 2012. He was a graduate of West Virginia University College of Law and attended Downing College at Cambridge University. He was admitted to the West Virginia State and Federal Bars in 1995 and practiced law with two law firms before starting the Foster Law Firm in Charleston.

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Retired educator, artist Bob Wantz ’55 named Outstanding Alumnus

Robert A. “Bobby” Wantz ’55, of Hagerstown, Maryland, has been named the Outstanding Alumnus of the Year by the Shepherd University Alumni Association. He will be honored at events throughout the academic year.

Bob earned a B.S. in biology and an A.B. in secondary education at Shepherd and an M.Ed. in administration and supervision from Western Maryland College (now McDaniel College). He is a retired principal, having served at Clear Spring (Maryland) Middle School for 16 years. Bob also served as vice principal at Williamsport (Maryland) High School.

While attending Shepherd, he lettered in football for four years and swimming for two years as a diver, and was a member of Zeta Sigma fraternity and the Varsity Club.

An award-winning watercolor artist, Bob has his work included in the permanent collections of Citicorp, Ferris Baker Watts Inc., Hagerstown Trust, Martinsburg City Hospital, and the Washington County Court House, to name a few. He has won numerous awards for his work and has studied with Mac Fisher, Ray Loos, Zoltan Szabo, and Larry Webster.

Bob serves as a watercolor instructor at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts and at Hagerstown Community College’s Elderhostel, College for Kids, and continuing education department. He is a member of the Washington County Historical and Fine Arts Trust, Valley Art Association, Washington County Arts Council, Shepherd University Alumni Association Board of Directors (since 1990), Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, and Washington County Association of Retired Teachers.

Bob and his wife Cassandra are the parents of two children, Susan and Gary.

Alumnae launch fundraising campaign

The sisters of Phi Sigma Chi sorority have launched a fundraising campaign to install a decorative railing commemorating Phi Sigma Chi at the Yellow House (Entler-Weltzheimer House) on High Street behind Snyder Hall. The Yellow House served as the sorority’s home during the 1940s.

Shepherd received and matched a $34,419 grant from the West Virginia Division of Culture and History for exterior renovations. To date, the Entler-Weltzheimer House has received a new cedar shake roof, foundation repair, and exterior repair and painting.

Donors may send their tax-deductible checks, made payable to the Shepherd University Foundation, to the Shepherd University Foundation, P.O. Box 5000, Shepherdstown WV 25443-5000.

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during warmer temperatures, cool air flows out of the vents at the bottom of the slope.

According to Rodney, when Ice Mountain became available, Terry Bailes, a local resident who also volunteers to lead and manage a group of docents that provide tours, contacted the state and explained the importance of the preserve that is an important part of their heritage and asked for help to protect it.

“We’ve lost other important places in the state because we didn’t have a place for the state to respond to conservancy,” Rodney said. “One of my proudest accomplishments since becoming state director was to lead an effort to get legislation passed in West Virginia to establish a program that residents can use to protect areas, called the Outdoor Heritage Conservation Fund.”

The Outdoor Heritage Conservation Fund, which is the first program in the state that is dedicated to land conservation, generates revenue that residents can utilize to protect land. Allocations are made through the West Virginia Department of Agriculture and the Division of Natural Resources, and grants are made to local land trusts to fund land projects that are unique or may be home to rare species, Rodney said.

Another accomplishment Rodney is excited about is the opportunity to get the conservation that has been started in central Appalachia to be a part of a much bigger conservation picture. “The report on climate change and resiliency in North America really does help change people’s perception of conservation in light of climate change,” Rodney said. “Everything you hear about climate change is generally negative. We’re saying that ‘yeah, it’s bad but if you invest in conservation of these places now, they’re going to be sound, long-term conservation investments.’ The analysis has spread and will continue in other parts of the state.”

Rodney, who loves the land conservation side of his job, said it is so satisfying, as a native West Virginian, to visit a piece of property and recognize how beautiful it is and, while it may take years to preserve it, to later be able to stand on that property and say it’s protected forever all because of the work his colleagues and he have done. “I never lose the awe of how lucky we are in West Virginia with the beautiful land and diversity of plants and animals,” Rodney said.

One of the challenges of his job includes the rapid spread of energy development in West Virginia and how to take steps to minimize the impact energy development has on the environment. Another aspect that makes the job challenging, Rodney said, is residents who take the land for granted.

“They see it all the time and don’t realize that if they’re not careful they are going to lose it,” he said. “Including the things they appreciate the most, such as specific places like Ice Mountain, or access to forest and streams. You can grow up taking for granted that you will have woods to walk in, but if you’re not careful, they either get developed or posted and then they’re no longer accessible to people.”
Nathan Minnich named Tino Martinez Award winner, becomes first Ram to be selected in major league draft

Shepherd baseball team first baseman Nathan Minnich, of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, was selected as the winner of the 2012 Tino Martinez Award as the most outstanding player in DII college baseball. The annual honor is named after the former University of Tampa Spartan, United States Olympian, first round draft pick, and MLB All-Star Tino Martinez.

Minnich, who was a Tino Martinez Award finalist last season and finished eighth, was a runaway winner this season, receiving the first place vote on more than half of the ballots cast and also capturing the Internet fan vote. Minnich also gained national player of the year recognition from D2baseball news.com, Daktronics, NCBWA, and Rawlings/ABCA.

Minnich was drafted (271st overall pick) by the Boston Red Sox in the eighth round of the major league draft after posting incredible stats on the year. He finished the season batting .487 (74 for 152) with 21 home runs, 12 doubles, and 72 RBIs, while racking up a .980 slugging percentage. He led the country in slugging percentage, on-base percentage, walks per game, and RBIs. He also ranked second in batting average and home runs and finished ranking third in runs scored per game.

During Nathan Minnich Night at the Hagerstown Suns game in June, Minnich signed autographs for fans and also threw out the ceremonial first pitch.
Shepherd University’s Athletic Hall of Fame will induct four new members this fall at the annual induction banquet on Friday, November 9 at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Shepherdstown.

Football standout Joe Reel ’72, Vic Holmes ’74 (men’s basketball, baseball), and Greg Stup ’96 (football) join former women’s basketball coach Jodie Runner as the 27th class to be inducted. The “fabulous four” bring the total number of members in the Shepherd Athletic Hall of Fame to 129.

The quartet will also be honored at the Shepherd-Fairmont State football game on Saturday, November 10 as part of Hall of Fame Weekend festivities.

A 1967 graduate of Petersburg High School, Joe Reel, of Martinsburg, was a four-year player at defensive tackle for the Shepherd football team from 1967-71. He was scouted by several NFL teams as he helped lead the Rams to a 7-1-2 overall mark as a senior team captain in 1971. Reel gained NAIA Honorable Mention All-American honors and signed to play with the British Columbia Lions of the Canadian Football League.

A 1970 graduate of Shepherdstown High School, Martinsburg resident Vic Holmes was a two-sport standout for the Rams. He was a four-year letter winner in basketball and baseball from 1970-74. Holmes was a two-time All-Conference choice on the hardwood and helped lead the Rams to a pair of 20-win seasons. He was the leading hitter for the baseball team in three of his four seasons and posted a 9-0 career mark on the mound. Holmes went on to a successful coaching career as a high school baseball and basketball coach; he led the Martinsburg High School baseball team to three state titles. Holmes has provided the radio color commentary for Shepherd football games for more than 20 years and also has served in a similar capacity for Shepherd basketball broadcasts.

A 1992 graduate of Frederick (Maryland) High School, Greg Stup was a four-year standout for the football team from 1992-96. Stup garnered WVIAC Defensive Player of the Year honors in 1996 as he recorded 13 sacks to help lead the Rams to a 7-3 mark. A member of two WVIAC championship teams, Stup had 33.5 career sacks, the most in program history. He also is the only player in program history to lead the Rams in sacks for four consecutive years.

Jodie Runner, Charleston, South Carolina, served as a coach for the Shepherd women’s basketball team for 12 years. She was an assistant under Hall of Famer Betsy Blose from 1997-2002 and later served as head coach from 2002-09. She helped lead the Rams to WVIAC titles in 1999 and 2008. Runner gained Coach of the Year honors in 2007-08 as she led the Rams to a record-setting 24-7 mark and a trip to the East Regional title game. The Rams finished the season ranked 25th nationally.

Runner led the Rams to a 116-87 overall mark during her seven-year career as head coach.

The Athletic Hall of Fame banquet will begin with a social hour at 6 p.m., followed by the dinner and induction ceremony at 7 p.m. Tickets are $35 and may be purchased by calling the Office of Alumni Relations at 304-876-5157.

Derek Reutzel: 2012-11-09

Fourteen Shepherd student-athletes have been selected to the 2011-12 WVIAC Commissioner’s Honor Roll. Qualifying student-athletes are classified as a junior or senior and have obtained a 3.3 or higher cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale at the end of the term of attendance in which the sport was concluded.

Justin Bryan, Charles Town, a member of the men’s basketball team, and Kasey Mercier, Baltimore, Maryland, a member of the volleyball team, were selected as the male and female scholar-athletes of the year with the highest GPA.

Below is a list of the Shepherd student-athletes named to the Commissioner’s Honor Roll.

Trevor Appleby, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, Baseball, Business Administration
Taylor Boyle, Churchville, Maryland, Men’s Tennis, Recreation/Leisure Studies
Justin Bryan, Charles Town, Men’s Basketball, Accounting
Ashley Bryant, Waldorf, Maryland, Women’s Soccer, Art
Shelby Fayak, Willowick, Ohio, Women’s Basketball, Elementary Education
Lauren Gardner, Clarkston, Michigan, Volleyball, Psychology
Jonathan Heavner, Cumberland, Maryland, Football, Recreation/Leisure Studies
Lauren Gardner, Clarkston, Michigan, Volleyball, Psychology
Kasey Mercier, Baltimore, Maryland, Volleyball, Recreation/Leisure Studies
Sara Michael, Winchester, Virginia, Volleyball, Psychology
Chad Murphy, North Olmsted, Ohio, Baseball, Secondary Education
Chelsie Oals, Hedgesville, Softball, Secondary Education
Jenn Prine, Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania, Women’s Basketball, Recreation/Leisure Studies
Hannah Safren, Culpeper, Virginia, Women’s Basketball, Recreation/Leisure Studies
Kent Thomas, Charles Town, Men’s Tennis, Secondary Education
**Spring sports**

**Softball**

The softball team finished with a 31-24 overall record with an 18-8 mark in WVIAC play. The Rams won more than 30 games for the third straight year under head coach Leslie Lopez.

Five team members were named to the 2012 WVIAC All-Conference team. Junior pitcher Tricia Bettura, of Canfield, Ohio, gained first team honors; junior pitcher Tiffany Biggs, of Harpers Ferry, and freshman outfielder Tayler Schaefer, of Dunkirk, Maryland, were second team selections; and junior outfielder Bianca Biondillo, of Canfield, Ohio, and sophomore first baseman Sam McQuade, of Connellsburg, Pennsylvania, earned honorable mention accolades.

Bettura posted a 13-14 record with a team-best 2.10 earned run average. She also led the team in shutouts (7) and complete games (26). Bettura recorded 144 strikeouts in 177.2 innings. She was a two-time WVIAC Pitcher of the Week selection this year.

Biggs recorded a 16-9 mark with a 2.49 earned run average. She led the team in wins (16), strikeouts (149), innings pitched (185.1), and appearances (29). Biggs added 25 complete games and four shutouts. She was a WVIAC Co-Pitcher of the Week selection.

Schaefer had a .321 batting average with 51 hits in 139 at-bats. She led the Rams in hits (51, tied with Biondillo), doubles (12), extra base hits (15), and runs batted in (30). She was tied for second on the team in walks with 16 and was 3-for-4 in stolen bases.

Biondillo batted .305 with 51 hits in 167 at-bats. She led the Rams in hits (51, tied with Schaefer), total bases (75), runs scored (31), stolen bases (10), triples (4), and home runs (3). Biondillo was third on the team in runs batted in (25) and doubles (7).

McQuade batted .314 with 48 hits in 153 at-bats. She was tied for second on the team in home runs (2) while her 48 hits were also second on the team. McQuade was third in total bases (57) and hits (48), while placing fourth in runs batted in (22), batting average (.314), and walks (14). She led the team in being hit-by-pitch (4).

**Women’s Lacrosse**

The women’s lacrosse team started the year at 8-0 and posted a 11-4 mark for the most successful season in three-year history of the program under first-year head coach Meghan Keelan.

The Rams used a potent attack to rank fourth nationally in scoring offense and seventh in draw controls.

Four team members were named to the 2012 Division II All-Independent Team. Junior midfielder Nicole Ruane, of Sykesville, Maryland, sophomore attack Christina Ferrara, of California, Maryland, and freshman attack Georgia Karr, of Eldersburg, Maryland, were first team selections, while junior midfielder Krista Tippett, of Leonardtown, Maryland, earned second team honors.

Ruane led the Rams in goals (62), points (73), draw controls (60), ground balls (44), and caused turnovers (26, tied with Alyx Albano). She set single season records this year in all of those categories. Ruane ranked fourth nationally in goals per game (4.13), ninth in points per game (5.2), and 11th in goals (62).

Ferrara recorded 26 goals and 25 assists for 66 points. She added 24 ground balls, 15 draw controls, and seven caused turnovers. She ranked in the top 40 nationally in four different categories.

Tippett had 39 goals and seven assists for 46 points. She added 49 draw controls, 27 ground balls, and six caused turnovers. Tippett had four five-goal games on the season.

**Men’s Tennis**

The men’s tennis team recorded a 16-9 overall mark with a 5-3 mark in conference play. The Rams knocked off West Liberty, 5-3, in the conference tournament quarterfinals before falling to eventual WVIAC champion Bluefield State in the semifinals. The Rams earned a bid to the NCAA II Atlantic Regionals and dropped a 5-1 decision to Bloomsburg.

Sophomore Chris Pratt, of Charleston, gained All-WVIAC honors for the second consecutive year. Pratt posted a 14-7 mark at number one singles and added a 14-10 record at number one doubles.

Sophomores Michael Lesko and Al Starlings, both of Mt. Airy, Maryland, each gained WVIAC Player of the Week honors.

**2012 Football Schedule**

| SEPT | @ Shippensburg | 1 p.m. |
| 8 | AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL | Noon (Ram Gridiron Club Day) |
| 15 | @ Seton Hill * | Noon |
| 22 | @ Charleston | Noon |
| OCT | WEST VIRGINIA WESLEYAN * | Noon (Homecoming) |
| 13 | @ West Liberty * | 1 p.m. |
| 20 | @ WV State * | 1 p.m. |
| NOV | GLENVILLE * | Noon (Military Appreciation Day) |
| 10 | FAIRMONT * | Noon (Hall of Fame Weekend/Senior Day) |

*WVIAC games

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Baseball wins WVIAC Tournament, gains 5th regional appearance

The Shepherd baseball team recorded a 30-22 overall mark with a 19-12 conference record en route to capturing the WVIAC title.


Shepherd dropped the opener to Charleston (17-9), but followed with wins over sixth-ranked Seton Hill (7-6), West Virginia State (13-6), and Alderson-Broaddus (10-5) at the WVIAC Tournament to gain its second conference title in the last four years. Eventual NCAA II champion West Chester handed the Rams a 4-0 setback and Winston-Salem State edged the Rams, 6-5, in regional play.

Five members of the Shepherd University baseball team were named to the 2012 WVIAC All-Conference team. Senior first baseman Nathan Minnich, of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, senior relief pitcher Andrew Gallant, of Oak Ridge, New Jersey, and sophomore pitcher Paul Hvozdovic, of Herndon, Virginia, were first team selections, while senior designated hitter Nash Hutter of Sunland, California, and junior second baseman Chad Murphy, of North Olmsted, Ohio, were second team choices.

Minnich, who was named WVIAC Player and Hitter of the Year, had a .487 batting average with 74 hits in 152 at-bats. He paced the Rams in hits (74), runs batted in (72), runs (69), total bases (149), walks (62), home runs (21), slugging percentage (.980), on-base percentage (.645), and batting average (.487). Minnich led NCAA II in on base percentage, slugging percentage, runs, and home runs per game (1.19). He was ranked in the top six nationally in eight other categories. Minnich set numerous career and season records this year.

Hvozdovic posted a 10-4 mark and a pair of saves with a 2.57 ERA. He recorded team-highs of 81 strikeouts in 108.2 innings. His 10 wins tie the Shepherd single season record, while his 17 starts and 108.2 innings pitched set new season marks. Hvozdovic was named a second team All-Region selection by NCBWA, Daktronics, and Rawlings/ABCA.

Gallant had a 6-4 record and a team-best six saves with a 5.10 ERA. He recorded team-highs of 81 strikeouts in 108.2 innings. His 10 wins tie the Shepherd single season record, while his 17 starts and 108.2 innings pitched set new season marks. Hvozdovic was named a second team All-Region selection by NCBWA, Daktronics, and Rawlings/ABCA.

Murphy batted .351 with 60 hits in 171 at-bats. He drove in 40 runs and scored 43. Murphy had 14 doubles and four round-trippers on the year. He gained honorable mention NCBWA All-Region honors. ● Chip Ransom

Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet

Friday, November 9, 6 p.m.
Call 304-876-5157 for tickets

Athletics development

Bull roast to benefit athletics

The Shepherd University Bull Roast, to benefit the baseball, softball, and lacrosse teams, will be held Saturday, September 8 at 6 p.m. at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center. Ticket price is $40.

Proceeds from this event will ensure that student-athletes have the resources and facilities they require to attain academic and athletic excellence. This event will include several auctions, raffles, and festivities to support Shepherd student-athletes by providing additional funding for equipment, facilities, scholarships, intercollegiate competition, and academic support.

For more information, contact the Office of Advancement and Athletic Development at 304-876-5524 to purchase an event ticket or make a contribution.

Fifth annual SWAA golf outing raises funds for women’s sports

Shepherd Women’s Athletic Alliance (SWAA) held its fifth annual golf outing on May 18 at Maryland National Golf Club in Middletown, Maryland. Proceeds from the SWAA golf outing provide an important source of funds to women’s athletic programs for scholarships and other program expenses.

This year’s first place women’s team included Rose Wayland, Carol Podeszwa, Judy Perdew, and Linda Speer. Sponsor H&H Well Drilling’s team took first place as co-ed team.

RAM Nation enjoys first-year success

Because of donor generosity, Shepherd athletics continues to achieve great things. More than 40 donors participated in RAM Nation and the Ram Corporate Partner program. The gifts made by proud Shepherd alumni and friends have enhanced every student-athlete’s experience this past year.

Athletic successes were enjoyed throughout the Butcher Center this year including women’s basketball, volleyball, women’s soccer, and men’s basketball reaching the WVIAC conference tournament. Shepherd’s tennis program again saw a successful year by reaching the NCAA Regional tournament. Coach Wayne Riser and the baseball program turned around last year’s season with a conference title and trip to the NCAA Atlantic Regional. Baseball’s Nathan Minnich set several team and individual records, swept national player of the year awards, and was drafted by the Boston Red Sox.

The support provided from all of Shepherd Ram supporters plays a large part in the victories the student athletes enjoy, on and off the field. ●
Athletics award winners announced

Shepherd University director of athletics B.J. Pumroy recently announced athletics award winners for the 2011-12 year.

Senior baseball team member Nathan Minnich, of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, was named Male Athlete of the Year, while junior women’s lacrosse team member Nicole Ruane, of Sykesville, Maryland, took Female Athlete of the Year honors.

Minnich, who earned the Tino Martinez Award as the most outstanding player in NCAA II baseball, led NCAA II in four categories and ranked second in four more. Minnich led the Rams to a 30-22 overall mark. The Rams won the WVIAC Tournament and advanced to the Atlantic Regional Tournament.

Ruane led the Rams to a record-setting 11-4 mark this season. She paced the Rams in points (78), goals (62), draw controls (60), and ground balls (44).

Minnich also gained Male Senior Athlete of the Year honors, while women’s soccer team member Brianna Hines, of Woodbridge, Virginia, earned Female Senior Athlete of the Year honors.

Hines, a three-time All-WVIAC selection for the Rams, gained first team honors in 2011. She is ranked third on the program’s all-time list for both goals (30) and points (84) while ranking second in game-winning goals (9).

Football player Elijah Davis, of Silver Spring, Maryland, and volleyball player Lauren Jeschelnik, of Huntingtown, Maryland, were named WVIAC Senior Scholar-Athlete award winners.

Junior basketball player Justin Bryan, of Charles Town, was named the winner of the Ram Award. The award is given to the Shepherd student-athlete who exemplifies the best attributes of an NCAA II athlete.

Jonathan Thayil, head coach of both the men’s and women’s soccer programs, was named Coach of the Year. Thayil, in his first year at the helm of the women’s program, guided the Rams to an 8-8-2 mark as the team rebounded from a three-win season in 2010.

The Shepherd men’s tennis team earned the award as the male team with the top grade point average.

The Shepherd women’s basketball team was honored as the female team with the top grade point average. The squad also gained the Sam Marcho Sportsmanship Award given by the WVIAC officials.

The Rams Cup award, as selected by the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, was presented to the volleyball team. • Chip Ransom
Riser achieves 500th career victory

Shepherd University President Suzanne Shipley presents a plaque to head baseball coach Wayne Riser ’89 and M.A. ’08 in a pregame ceremony to commemorate his 500th career victory. Riser picked up his 500th win on April 6 when the Rams posted an 8-3 win over West Liberty.

Baumwald brands a new pain-relief technology

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TheraPearl is growing at a rapid rate; the company now has 18 employees. In addition to a warehouse in Maryland, the company also has locations in Toronto and Los Angeles.

TheraPearl offers 11 different sizes and shapes including four animal-shaped packs designed for children. TheraPearl has licensing partnerships with Lansinoh Laboratories (the world’s largest breastfeeding accessories company) and the National Football League Players Association. “Our goal is to bring validity to the brand and to associate ourselves with partners that make sense for the growth of the brand,” he said.

Daniel said that the most difficult element of his job is balancing his personal and professional life, especially with the demands of a young family and a growing company. The rewarding element, he said, is seeing immediate results from hard work through consumer and retail buyer response. Daniel manages to carve out time in his hectic professional and family life to coach Special Olympics basketball in Howard County, which he has done since 2004.

“I wanted real-world experiences, and I had that opportunity at Shepherd,” Daniel said. “Shepherd is great at offering its students the opportunity to get involved and understand what real life is all about. There is no question in my mind that Shepherd absolutely prepared me. It gave me opportunities to participate in real-world organizations on a smaller scale, but it’s the same principle. I love how Shepherd makes it really easy to get involved.”

Jillian Kesner
When Ann Watson, dean of libraries, asked members of the Scarborough Society’s board of directors to take part in a special surprise for the organization’s 10th anniversary, Bonnie Brannon ’63 was excited. Dean Watson had requested the group to pose for a photograph, with each member holding his or her favorite book. Bonnie knew exactly which one she would choose.

As a young student at Burke Street Elementary School in Martinsburg, Bonnie had enjoyed listening to her fourth grade teacher and Shepherd alumna, Bessie Diffenderfer ’31, read from Richard Halliburton’s Complete Book of Marvels each Friday as a reward for the class’s good work throughout the week. An American traveler, adventurer, and author, Halliburton used his Complete Book of Marvels to lead readers on a magic carpet ride to all the wonders of the world. Lavishly illustrated with photographs, maps, and end papers, it’s considered to be among the most popular adventure books of the 20th century.

“Once we had a taste of the way Halliburton whisked us away from Burke Street, it gave us an incentive to be productive and stay on task,” Bonnie said. “There were so many treasures in that book.”

Bonnie Brannon ’63, standing at left, joins other members of the Scarborough Society’s board of directors posing with their favorite books in hand for a READ poster, produced by the Scarborough Library in honor of the Scarborough Society’s 10th anniversary. They are, front row, seated (l. to r.) Susanne Horner ’73, Sara Lueck ’67, Jean Elliott ’54, and Gina Miller ’10; back row, Bonnie Brannon, Ray Alvarez ’62, Phyllis Smock, Dale Hicks ’61, and Lisa Welch.

Like many of Bonnie’s teachers at the time, Diffenderfer was keen on reading children’s classics to her students. The stories, combined with her wonderful articulation and delivery, fascinated Bonnie, an avid reader, and inspired her to consider a career in education and library work in particular.

A non-fiction enthusiast with a penchant for biographies and travel tomes, Bonnie’s love of language and reading was inherent. Her calling to education began at an early age, a seed planted by her mother, a gifted learner who had not had the privilege of attending college.

“My mother valued education and idolized her teachers as a child,” she said. “She passed that along to me. I think she always felt I had a calling into education.” After earning her B.A. in English from Shepherd, Bonnie became the librarian at Musselman High School in Martinsburg, a position she held for 40 years until her retirement in 2003. She also taught a library unit in each English classroom. In these roles, Bonnie summoned Halliburton as her muse to engage students and faculty through the use of creative literary displays.

“Halliburton has always been an inspiration to me in terms of the magic of the language he used,” she said. “I tried to champion academic programs through the library and promote reading every chance I got. I wanted the kids and teachers to have a reason to stop by and be electrified.”

Bonnie’s imagination led her to bring the character Tarzan to life by hanging grapevines throughout the library, which she later trimmed with artificial snow for a winter display to encourage curling up by the fire with a good book. She often used sand to depict a beach theme for summer reading, and once turned the circulation desk into a Pizza Hut. Interactive in her teach-
Scraborough Society highlights a decade of achievements

Inspired by the Scarborough Library’s magnificent addition and restoration, the Scarborough Society of Shepherd University was created a decade ago to support and strengthen the University’s library system. The organization recently celebrated its 10th anniversary on August 23 with a public reception and open house that recognized its many accomplishments in providing information technology and other resources to Shepherd students and faculty over the past decade. In honor of 10 successful years of enhancing the library’s programs and facilities, 10 of the Scarborough Society’s most notable endeavors made possible by your membership and private contributions are listed below.

- Over the past 10 years, the Scarborough Society has raised more than $350,000 for the library, including $100,000 for two long-term endowments.
- Among the many noteworthy highlights exhibited at the anniversary reception and open house was the Center for Teaching and Learning’s new EduTech Center, which provides a training lab area that students, faculty, and future teachers may utilize to learn to use innovative technologies in a classroom setting.
- The recently purchased ScanPro 2000—also on display at the anniversary celebration—allows the library to digitize its collections.
- In the summer of 2012, a new collaborative lab was completed featuring a reconfiguration of the reference area that provides students with additional computers and redesigned workspaces for today’s learning environment.
- Four new 42-inch screen LCD monitors were recently added to group study rooms on the library’s third floor; enabling students to collaborate on documents and presentations.
- A study funded by the Scarborough Society facilitated the creation of the Dr. Howard N. Carper, Jr. Learning Commons within the library.
- Featuring diverse speakers and topics relevant to the academic and cultural community, the annual Scarborough Society Art and Lecture Series has become among the most popular of the Scarborough Society’s sponsored endeavors. Each lecture is free and open to the public and is followed by a lively reception.
- From places of historical significance to local wineries, the Scarborough Society’s annual bus trip to regional and cultural places of interest has grown to become another popular community attraction sponsored by the organization.
- In 2008, the Scarborough Society announced a partnership with the Shepherdstown Film Society, providing the community organization the financial support necessary to maintain its commitment to show free films for Shepherd students, faculty, and Shepherdstown residents at Reynolds Hall. This successful joint effort has allowed the Scarborough Society to provide a larger community outreach.
- The annual Scarborough Gala is the Scarborough Society’s major social and fundraising event. Always a highlight of the summer social season, this literary-themed evening of dinner and dancing is a favorite among Scarborough members and their guests.

The Scarborough Library lies at the heart of Shepherd University. Join the Scarborough Society today by using the enclosed membership insert and become part of the innovations that are helping Shepherd rise to the challenges of the 21st century.

Kristin Alexander
Your gift makes a difference

Luis Flores ’11 does not view himself as a success story. Despite overcoming language and learning barriers to earn his degree and move on to a career in higher education, the Foundation’s Moler General scholar and graduate of Shepherd’s Regents Bachelor of Arts degree program remains humble about his accomplishments.

“Millions of immigrants have moved to the United States, learned the language, and become successful,” he said. “I’m really not that different from them.”

Born in Mexico, Luis spent much of his childhood living in various countries throughout South America. He was almost 14 when his family moved to Washington state. Luis spoke no English at the time and due to differences in the intercontinental education systems, jumped directly from 5th to 7th grade. He admits it was a difficult transition. “It takes a toll when you’re moving around from school to school, let alone system to system.”

While he struggled to adapt to his new culture, his teachers attempted to incorporate him into the American educational system without the benefit of English as a Second Language (ESL). It’s a program Luis believes would have afforded him a more concrete multicultural learning platform, which may have helped him become more academically inclined in the long run.

After he graduated from high school, Luis’s family moved to Michigan where he attended college. But his grades soon began to reflect his continued efforts to understand English, resulting in low morale. “My English wasn’t quite where it should have been for college,” he said. “So, I started to struggle. I had to work twice as hard as everyone else. It was very frustrating.”

Luis eventually quit school for a year to work full-time before returning to give it another try, only to face the same learning barriers. And so began an on-again, off-again relationship with higher education that continued until 2010, when Luis enrolled at Shepherd University.

He and his wife, Katie, whom he met in college, had moved to Middletown, Maryland, to be closer to her parents. They had also recently welcomed a son, Oliver. While Luis was happy to finally put down roots, he remained haunted by his lackluster history with higher education. “It really bothered me that all my friends had graduated from college and I hadn’t,” he said.

Starting a family also caused Luis to reevaluate his priorities, as he found himself wanting to set a good example for his new son by earning a college degree. That’s when he decided to give Shepherd a closer look.

Upon visiting with an admissions counselor, Luis learned that despite having amassed 120 credit hours during the course of his college career, it would still take him up to two-and-a-half years to earn a bachelor’s degree. The counselor instead urged him to consider Shepherd’s R.B.A. program, which offers a flexible yet structured curriculum that provides incentive for the mature student to return to college studies. Luis enrolled in the program in the fall of 2010 and earned his R.B.A. degree by Commencement 2011.

Following graduation, Luis was hired as the multicultural recruiter for Hagerstown Community College. The position allows him to interact with area high school students involved with the English Language Learners (ELL) program, facilitate a mentoring program for diverse students, and administer programs to help educate parents of multicultural students about what it means to attend college.

He feels his background in adapting to different cultures and his own academic struggles have aided him in his role as an advocate for higher education.

At Shepherd, Luis approached his studies with renewed focus and was impressed with the resources at his disposal, among them the Academic Support Center, which he used often for tutoring. He also appreciated the support he received from faculty and staff, including his advisor Nan Snyder ’90 and his math professor Victor Hughes, whom Luis credits as being “hands-down, the best teacher I had at Shepherd.”

“Every little thing makes a difference,” he said. “And when you put a lot of little things together, you get something great.”

This philosophy not only sums up his experience at Shepherd, but also describes the scholarship he was awarded as a student. Established by the Shepherd University Foundation, the Moler General Scholarship is a general education fund comprised of private gifts from many individuals over the years. For students like Luis, this scholarship is literal proof that your gift of any size can and does make a difference.

“That made a big impact in my education and in my life,” he said. “I’ll be forever grateful.”  Kristin Alexander

If you would like to make a gift of any size to Shepherd University, the Foundation stands ready to help. Please call the Foundation at 304-876-5397 or e-mail mlingenf@shepherd.edu.
From the Foundation

Scarborough Society Gala thanks its sponsors

The 11th annual Scarborough Society Gala stepped back in time to the Roaring Twenties on Friday, August 10 with a theme based on F. Scott Fitzgerald’s great American novel, *The Great Gatsby*. The event, held at the Bavarian Inn in Shepherdstown, netted almost $24,000 for the Scarborough Library.

Presenting sponsors for the event were BB&T Wealth Management, Jefferson Security Bank, and Valley Proteins, Inc. Millers Electric Company, Inc. sponsored the band, Souled Out. Program sponsors included John Wolff ’88, Capital Fiduciary Advisors, and Jerry Williams ’71, State Farm Insurance. Other theme sponsors included United Bank, Bowles Rice McDavid Graff & Love, LLC; CoxHolidayPrice, LLC; and Smith Elliott Kearns & Co., LLC.

The Foundation warmly acknowledges these sponsors, without whom this event, enjoyed by alumni and community members alike, would not be possible.

Outgoing Foundation board members recognized

The Shepherd University Foundation is experiencing a changing of the guard as seven of its directors prepare to exit the board upon the end of their term limits in September.

The Foundation extends its thanks and appreciation to Dr. Jason S. Best, James M. Davis ’59, Deborah J. Dhayer ’74, Scott Bradford Doelman ’95, Lynn E. Leatherman ’92, Annette M. Murphy, and Lisa K. Younis for their dedication in acting as stewards to the organization as it continues to cultivate the growth and development of Shepherd University.

Outgoing members will be honored at the Foundation’s annual meeting on Thursday, September 13, at which time seven new directors will join the board.

McMurran Society dinner held in April

The annual Joseph P. McMurran Society dinner reception, hosted by President Suzanne Shipley and the Foundation, was held on Saturday, April 28.

The annual event saw record attendance this year as members and their guests, along with Shepherd University faculty, deans, and administrators, enjoyed a four-course dinner exclusively prepared by Chef Scott Anderson and Shepherd University Catering.

Foundation President Ramon A. Alvarez ’62 welcomed new members to the organization with a framed medallion and nameplate. Guests enjoyed mingling in the candlelight and monochromatic displays of white lilies, spider mums, and fresh greenery in the beautiful bi-level atrium of Erma Ora Byrd Hall with its stunning views of Shepherd’s campus.

The Joseph P. McMurran Society welcomes its newest members Mike Athey ’62, Bill Simmons and Jane Cook ’05, and Stephen Skinner.

To learn more about joining the McMurran Society, contact Monica Lingenfelter at 304-876-5397 or by e-mail to mlingenf@shepherd.edu.

Members of the Joseph P. McMurran Society gather in the atrium of Erma Ora Byrd Hall for the organization’s annual dinner reception in April.
The Shepherd University Foundation assists deserving Shepherd students through various scholarship awards. Five Foundation scholarship recipients have put into words how generous private gifts and donations have impacted and inspired them.

**Felix Gouanette** (above, second from left)
Storer College Scholarship

“**My** scholarship came to be of outstanding help in my scholastic career. As the eldest of eight, any amount we could save was crucial for my family. So, it was a blessing to receive such a scholarship from the Shepherd University Foundation, and I hope to one day be on the providing end of this fantastic endeavor.”

**Jennifer Burdock** (left)
Ralph and Margaret Burkhart Memorial Scholarship
Andrew F. and Virginia Heckert Long Scholarship

“**The** scholarships I received have greatly helped me afford to stay on campus. Being a scholarship recipient, I’ve been able to avoid taking out student loans.”

**Richele Pensabene** (right)
Robert and Jean Melvin Rissler Memorial Scholarship

“**My** scholarship has benefited me by helping me to pay for my schooling. It means a lot to me to have received it.”
Scarborough Society Art and Lecture Series

The Scarborough Lecture Series is gearing up for another exciting season. All events are free and open to the public, and will take place in the Scarborough Library Reading Room with a reception to follow.

**September 1-21**
The Shepherd University Department of Contemporary Art and Theater will present its annual Faculty Art Show from September 1-21, with an Opening Night Reception on Tuesday, September 4 from 5-7 p.m.

**November 28**
Award-winning writer and Berkeley Spring resident Jeanne Mozier will discuss her book *Way Out in West Virginia: A Must-have Guide to the Oddities and Wonders of the Mountain State* on Wednesday, November 28 at 7 p.m.

**March 5, 2013**
Dr. Robert Parkinson, Shepherd University faculty member and the first appointee to the Ray and Madeline Johnston Endowed Chair in American History, will present a lecture on his new book *The Common Cause: Race, Nation, and the Consequences of Unity in the American Revolution* on March 5, 2013 at 7 p.m.

**April 4, 2013**
Susan Mills, senior director of programming for The NewsHour on PBS, will present “From the News Room to the White House: The Changing Role of Women in the Workplace.” The program will held on Thursday, April 4, 2013, at 7 p.m.

For more information about these events, please visit the Foundation’s website at www.shepherd.edu/fndtnweb/.

Faces

Kathryn Morris (left)
Louise Leonard Endowed Scholarship in Political Science

“Receiving my scholarship has allowed me to pursue internships that give me the experience and skills I need for my chosen career.”

Trenton Clugston (right)
Leonard J. McCormick Endowment for Nursing

“The scholarship I received has helped me stay the course; I am proud to be a Shepherd student.”

Among the dynamic speakers scheduled for the 2012-13 Scarborough Art and Lecture series is Jeanne Mozier, a well-known figure in Berkeley Springs, where she serves as the official voice of the annual Apple Butter Festival.
Development

Leave a legacy

W hen his father passed away in 1995, Dr. Michael Athey ’62 decided it was time to think about the designation of his own legacy. Mike, a newly inducted member of the Emeritus Club, had no hesitation about including his alma mater in those plans.

“Going to Shepherd was great because it allowed me to get a degree in my own backyard,” he said. “I want to help future students have the same opportunity I did.”

That opportunity led him into an education career, teaching science classes for 12 years at Musselman High School in Inwood, before becoming a supervisor in the Berkeley County school system. After Berkeley County, Mike transferred to West Virginia University, initially as a professor of teacher education courses, and then later as a fire safety instructor with the WVU Extension Service.

Through it all, Mike remains firmly ensconced in his Shepherdstown and Shepherd University roots. A longtime member of the Shepherdstown Volunteer Fire Department, Mike takes community involvement very seriously. Part of that involvement includes giving back to his alma mater, be it attending athletic events or performing adjunct professorship duties in his Special Methods in Teaching Science course.

These diverse interests are reflected in his bequest to Shepherd to establish the Michael M. Athey, Ed.D. Endowed Scholarship. His deferred gift will provide awards for science education students and for student athletes, with a preference for those participating in men’s and women’s basketball and volleyball.

“When I was in school, tuition was $96,” he said. “Tuition is definitely not $96 anymore.”

With his bequest and the creation of this endowment,

Dr. Michael Athey ’62 established an endowed scholarship to provide awards for science education students and student athletes.

Mike joins other members of the Joseph P. McMurran Society who, through planned gifts, have pledged to aid Shepherd in its endeavors. Thanks to his generosity, Mike has ensured that future generations will be able to attend Shepherd University with a lighter financial burden.

If you would like to leave a bequest or receive more information concerning the Joseph P. McMurran Society, please contact the Shepherd University Foundation at P.O. Box 5000, Shepherdstown, WV 25443, 304-876-5397, or e-mail Monica Lingenfelter at mlingenf@shepherd.edu. You may also visit the Foundation website at www.shepherd.edu/fndtnweb/mcmurran_society/.

Lehrer joins Shepherdstown 250th celebration

The Scarborough Society, in partnership with the S250 Committee and several area book clubs, hosted a lecture by author and journalist Jim Lehrer on May 22 in Reynolds Hall.

Lehrer’s 2002 novel, No Certain Rest, a fictional mystery surrounding the Battle of Antietam, was selected as the official book of the Shepherdstown 250th Celebration taking place throughout the year. At least 18 book clubs in the Shepherdstown area, and several more connected with nearby libraries, took part in the celebration by hosting a tea in the Shepherd Room of McMurran Hall prior to the lecture.

Afterward, Lehrer entertained a standing-room-only crowd with a talk of his love of Shepherdstown and the origins of several of his books. He also spoke with an irreverent sense of humor about his role as moderator of 11 nationally televised presidential debates. Best known for his work on the PBS NewsHour, Lehrer was granted an honorary doctorate from Shepherd University in 2011, the same year he gave the Commencement address.

Jim Lehrer chats with Jane Blash while signing books at an afternoon tea hosted in his honor by members of local book clubs. The event preceded his lecture in Reynolds Hall.
Scarborough Society’s International Spy Museum trip proves memorable

The Scarborough Society’s annual spring excursion proved to be a popular one this year as a full bus traveled to the International Spy Museum in Washington, D.C.

On board the bus were Jonna and Tony Mendez, former CIA agents and chiefs of disguise, who provided commentary on their extensive experiences at the CIA. They described one particularly complex “defiltration” caper that is the basis for a new movie, Argo, to be released this fall directed by and starring Ben Affleck. Video clips demonstrating complicated makeup and disguise elements used to create personas were of particular interest to the group. The Mendezes, who were actively involved in the creation of the Spy Museum, shared fascinating background history that added to the group’s appreciation of the museum. 

Members of the Scarborough Society (left) pose outside of the International Spy Museum in Washington, D.C.
Halls named in honor of Dunlop and Printz

Birch and Maple halls on West Campus were named in honor of former President David L. Dunlop and the late Professor Charles Printz on May 24. Participating in the ceremony were (l. to. r.) Gat Caperton, chair of the Shepherd Board of Governors; President Suzanne Shipley; Dr. Dunlop; Chazz Printz, son of Professor Printz; Ray Alvarez ’62, president of the Shepherd University Foundation and former student of Professor Printz; and John Sherwood, former chair of the Shepherd Board of Governors.

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