

Shepherd

UNIVERSITY



The Inauguration of
Suzanne Shipley
as
Fifteenth President of
Shepherd University

Friday, the twenty-sixth of October
Two thousand and seven
Three o'clock in the afternoon
Shepherdstown, West Virginia

Create the Future

Suzanne Shipley

Suzanne Shipley is the 15th president of Shepherd University. She was named president on February 19, 2007 and assumed office June 29, 2007.

Dr. Shipley had served as the vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty at College of Notre Dame of Maryland, a residential liberal arts college for women that also offers non-traditional programs for women and men at the undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral level. During her six years at College of Notre Dame, she contributed to the growth of international programs and global learning, strengthened faculty research, oversaw the development of programs in creative nonfiction, peace studies, and biotechnology, as well as prepared for the launch of a school of pharmacy. She taught in the first-year experience program and the senior seminar in leadership.

From 1995 to 2001, Dr. Shipley was dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and professor of German at Northern Arizona University. She has been a faculty member at the University of Cincinnati, where she was director of the Honors Program and chair of the German department. While at the University of Cincinnati, she was named an American Council on Education Fellow, selecting Arizona State University as her fellowship year assignment.

Raised in Lubbock, Texas, Dr. Shipley attended Texas Tech University. Her doctorate is in German from the University of Texas at Austin, with additional study in Bonn, Germany, as a Fulbright Scholar, and Freiburg, Germany, as a German Academic Exchange Scholar. She was awarded a postdoctoral research fellowship at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, where her research into the lives of German-Jewish women emigrants resulted in translations of several previously unpublished diaries from the Holocaust. Dr. Shipley also completed cultural studies in the former East German city of Weimar.

Dr. Shipley was active in teacher preparation in Maryland, working with leaders from public and private four-year institutions, community colleges, and the state board of education to create an associate's degree in teaching. In Arizona, she served on a Governor's Taskforce for Teacher Education and provided leadership to the Arizona Humanities Council and to the Arboretum in Flagstaff. She has served on the executive board of the Council of Fellows for the American Council on Education. Her past community outreach efforts include serving as co-chair of the capital campaign at a local church in Arizona and serving as an elder and chair of the personnel committee at Faith Presbyterian Church in Baltimore.

Dr. Shipley is married to Randall Wadsworth, a clinical pharmacist at Greater Baltimore Medical Center. In 2006, the couple participated in a ground-breaking initiative by the Council on Independent Colleges called "Presidential Vocation and Institutional Mission." Funded by the Lilly Endowment, Inc., the project provided a year-long investigation of mission and vocation by 20 potential presidents and their spouses.



History of Shepherd University

When the county seat of Jefferson County, West Virginia, was moved from Shepherdstown to Charles Town in July 1871, the people in the area decided to use the vacant courthouse for educational purposes. An article of incorporation for a school to be known as Shepherd College, designed to instruct students “in languages, arts, and sciences,” was drawn up by the Board of Trustees. Joseph McMurrin, principal, and two assistant professors were hired to teach the 42 students who began classes in September 1871.

On February 27, 1872, the state legislature passed an act which made the private institution a part of the state college system. In 1930 Shepherd became a four-year college dedicated to the training of teachers and was accredited to grant the bachelor of arts degree. A liberal arts program was approved in 1943, and in 1950 the bachelor of science degree was added.

In 2004 Governor Bob Wise signed legislation allowing Shepherd College to change its name to Shepherd University.

The University currently serves 4,000 students and offers the following degrees: bachelor of arts, bachelor of fine arts, bachelor of arts in elementary education, bachelor of arts in secondary education, bachelor of music education, Regents bachelor of arts, bachelor of science, bachelor of science in nursing, bachelor of social work, master of arts in curriculum and instruction, master of business administration, master of arts in college student development and administration, master of music, music education, and master of arts in teaching.

Program

PROCESSIONAL

Shepherd University Brass Quintet

POSTING OF THE COLORS

The 167th Airlift Wing, Base Honor Guard

MUSICAL SELECTION

Shepherd Celebration, by D.M. McCoy '87
Shepherd University Wind Symphony

PRESIDING

Ms. Joanne Wadsworth
Centra Bank, Martinsburg

INVOCATION

Reverend Rudolf M. Bropleh
Asbury United Methodist Church, Shepherdstown

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Ms. Alicia Nunez '09

GREETINGS FROM THE PEOPLE OF THE SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Congresswoman, Second Congressional District

GREETINGS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE ARTS

Ms. Kay Huffman Goodwin
Cabinet Secretary, Department of Education and the Arts

GREETINGS FROM THE TOWN

The Honorable Lance Dom
Mayor, Shepherdstown

GREETINGS FROM THE EASTERN PANHANDLE COMMUNITY

Ms. Veronique Walker '95
Coordinator of Diversity and Student Services, Berkeley County Schools

GREETINGS FROM INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Dr. Mary Pat Seurkamp
President, College of Notre Dame of Maryland

MUSICAL SELECTION

Sonata in D Major; K. 492, Presto, by Domenico Scarlatti
Mr. Jason Solounias '08

GREETINGS FROM THE SHEPHERD UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

Mr. Ramon A. Alvarez '62
President, Shepherd University Foundation

GREETINGS FROM THE SHEPHERD UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Mr. Larry A. Strite '60
President, Shepherd University Alumni Association

GREETINGS FROM THE STUDENTS

Mr. Adin J. Ray '08
President, Student Government Association

GREETINGS FROM THE FACULTY

Dr. Sylvia Bailey Shurbutt
Professor of English and West Virginia Professor of the Year

GREETINGS FROM THE SHEPHERD UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

Dr. Mark Stern
Vice President for Academic Affairs

MUSICAL SELECTION

Fantasia, Op. 79, Allegro, by Gabriel Faure
Ms. Lisa Oswald '08, flute
Mr. Solounias, piano

INVESTITURE

Dr. Brian Noland
Chancellor, West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission
Mr. Robert A. McMillan
Chair, Shepherd University Board of Governors

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Dr. Suzanne Shipley
15th President of Shepherd University
“Create the Future: A Celebration of Shepherd University”

BENEDICTION

Reverend Bropleh

ALMA MATER

Dr. Erik Reid Jones
Assistant Professor of Music

RECESSIONAL

Shepherd University Brass Quintet

A reception will be held on the Frank Center plaza immediately following the program.
Rain location: Butcher Center.

Delegates

1693

College of William and Mary
Richard A. Stevens, Ph.D.
Alumnus

1740

University of Pennsylvania
John L. DeGurse, J.D.
Alumnus

1746

Princeton University
Philip B. Hill, LL.B.
Alumnus

1749

Washington and Lee University
Courtney Harpold Struthers, M.D.
Alumnus

1787

University of Pittsburgh
Kathleen Gaberson, Ph.D.
Alumna

1819

University of Cincinnati
Thomas Wagner, Ed.D.
University Professor Emeritus

1830

University of Richmond
Louise Tull Mashburn, Ph.D.
Alumna

1837

Marshall University
Rudy Pauley, Ed.D.
Interim Dean

1837

West Liberty State College
Robin C. Capehart, J.D.
President

1839

Longwood University
Becky Kozlowski, B.S.
Alumna

1842

Hollins University
Lily Ritchie Hill, B.A.
Alumna

1842

Mary Baldwin College
Ludmila Bratina Burns
Alumna

1852

Loyola College in Maryland
David C. Haddad, Ph.D.
Retired Vice President for
Academic Affairs

1865

Fairmont State University
Daniel J. Bradley, Ph.D.
President

1867

West Virginia University
Russell K. Dean, Ph.D.
Senior Associate Provost

1869

Wilson College
Cynthia Barber, M.A.
Alumna

1872

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and
State University
Patricia A. Stealey, Ed.D.
Alumna

1873

College of Notre Dame of Maryland
Patricia Dwyer, Ph.D.
Associate Vice President of
Academic Affairs

1875

Shenandoah University
Laura L. White, B.S.
Alumna

1876

The Johns Hopkins University
Scott Beard, D.M.A.
Alumnus

1880

Bridgewater College
Jean Kingsbury Jacobs, M.A.
Alumna

1885

Goucher College
Eleanor R. Finn, M.B.A.
Alumna

1891

Randolph College
Dawn Welsh, M.A.
Alumna

1893

Hood College
Donna Bertazzoni, M.S., M.B.A.
Professor of Journalism

1899

Northern Arizona University
David M. Best, Ph.D.
Professor of Geology

1908

James Madison University
Madeline Heatwole Stewart, B.S.
Alumna

1910

Radford University
Haven Younger, B.A.
Alumna

1919

Baltimore Hebrew University
Barbara G. Zirkin, Ed.D.
Dean for Academic Affairs

Delegates

1925

University of Baltimore
Jennifer L. Blair, Ed.D.
Associate Vice Provost of
Enrollment Management

1927

University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown
Jem Spectar, Ph.D.
President

1933

Mountain State University
Roslyn Clark-Artis, J.D.
Vice President for
University Advancement

1957

Frederick Community College
Suzanne Beal, Ph.D.
Interim Vice President for Learning

1970

Lord Fairfax Community College
John J. “Ski” Sygielski, Ph.D.
President

1993

American Public University System
Wallace E. Boston, Jr., M.B.A.
President

Greetings

Albright College

Alderson-Broaddus College

Allegheny College

American University

Arcadia College

Baltimore Hebrew University

Bridgewater College

Cabrini College

Carlow University

Clarion University of Pennsylvania

Coppin State University

Council of Independent Colleges

East Stroudsburg University

Eastern Mennonite University

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania

Franklin and Marshall College

Georgetown University

George Washington University

Gettysburg College

Goucher College

Hampden-Sydney College

Hood College

Immaculata University

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Lebanon Valley College

Lock Haven University of
Pennsylvania

Longwood University

Loyola College in Maryland

Mercyhurst College

Moravian College

Mount St. Mary’s University

National Association of
Schools of Music

Neumann College

Old Dominion University

Philadelphia University

Princeton University

Randolph College

Randolph-Macon College

Roanoke College

Saint Francis University

Saint Joseph’s University

Saint Paul’s College

Slippery Rock University

Southern Virginia University

Sweet Briar College

Thiel College

Towson University

University of the Arts, Philadelphia

University of Charleston

University of Cincinnati

University of Mary Washington

University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown

University of Richmond

Valley Forge Christian College

Virginia Commonwealth University

Villa Julie College

Villanova University

Virginia State University

Washington College

Washington and Jefferson College

Westminster College

Wilson College

West Virginia University

West Virginia University-Parkersburg

York College

Academic Robes and Regalia

One of the most colorful traditions in modern academic life, academic regalia has its origins in the medieval universities of Europe. Unheated buildings probably necessitated wearing the heavy, woolen gowns. Hoods then covered the monk-scholars' heads, eventually giving way to skullcaps, and finally to caps and mortarboards.

In 1895 American colleges and universities adopted a uniform code of academic dress. Bachelor's degree recipients wear gowns with long, pointed sleeves; master's degree recipients' gowns have long, oblong, or square-cut sleeves; doctoral recipients' gowns have closed, bell-shaped sleeves with three bars of velvet across the sleeve and velvet facing down the front of the gown. Gowns are normally black, although some universities have authorized doctoral gowns in colors chosen by the institution.

The hoods are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university. The color of the velvet signifies the wearer's field of learning. The tassel of the cap or mortarboard may be either black or reflect the scholarly subject; only doctoral recipients may have gold thread.

The Academic Costume Code specifies the following discipline/color relationships: arts, letters, and humanities—white; business—drab; economics—copper; education—light blue; engineering—orange; fine arts—brown; home economics—maroon; journalism—crimson; law—purple; library science—lemon; medicine—green; music—pink; nursing—apricot; philosophy—dark blue; physical education—sage green; public administration—peacock blue; science—golden yellow; and social work—citron.

Shepherd University Seal

A new Shepherd University seal was adopted in 2007. The seal features Shepherd's flagship building, McMurrin Hall, from which Shepherd College first opened its doors in 1871. The seal also reflects the University's motto, *Ne Plus Ultra*, which means the highest point capable of being attained.



Presidents of Shepherd University

Suzanne Shipley, Fifteenth President, 2007-

David L. Dunlop, Fourteenth President, 1996-2007

Michael P. Riccards, Thirteenth President, 1989-1995

James A. Butcher, Twelfth President, 1968-1988

Oliver S. Ikenberry, Eleventh President, 1947-1968

W.H.S. White, Tenth President, 1920-1947

Thomas C. Miller, Ninth Principal, 1909-1920

John Gottlieb Knutti, Eighth Principal, 1903-1909

E.F. Goodwin, Seventh Principal, 1901-1903

A.C. Kimler, Sixth Principal, 1892-1901

E. Wade Vale, Fifth Principal, 1891-1892

Asa B. Bush, Fourth Principal, 1887-1891

T.J. Woofter, Third Principal, 1885-1887

D.D. Pendleton, Second Principal, 1882-1885

Joseph McMurrin, First Principal, 1871-1882

Mission Statement and Statement of Core Values

Shepherd University, a West Virginia public liberal arts university, is a diverse community of learners and a gateway to the world of opportunities and ideas. We are the regional center for academic, cultural, and economic opportunity. Our mission of service succeeds because we are dedicated to our core values: learning, engagement, integrity, accessibility, and community.

Core Values

Committed to excellence, Shepherd University embraces the following five core values:

LEARNING

Shepherd University creates a community of learners who integrate teaching, scholarship, and learning into their lives. In order to create challenging, relevant experiences, inside and outside of the classroom, the University continually evaluates and assesses student learning. We recognize and accommodate diverse learning styles and perspectives necessary for global understanding.

ENGAGEMENT

Shepherd University fosters environments in which students, faculty, staff, and members of the community engage with each other to form mutually beneficial relationships. We believe that meaningful engagement, with ideas and with people, promotes deep learning and nurtures critical thought.

INTEGRITY

Shepherd University strives for an environment of honesty and fairness in its actions. University officials seek input from students, faculty, and staff and make informed and objective decisions. We expect all members of the community to act in accordance with this value.

ACCESSIBILITY

Shepherd University provides services to all qualified students. Our staff and faculty are available to students and are committed to respecting and meeting individual needs. University governance and budgeting structures reflect our commitment to transparent processes and public access to information.

COMMUNITY

Shepherd University comprises a community that includes students, faculty, staff, alumni, and involved citizens. We meet the needs of this community through assessment, development, and implementation of innovative programs and initiatives. We strive to create a safe environment based on mutual respect and acceptance of differences.

Alma Mater

1.
Close beside Potomac's waters
Of historic fame
Stands our noble Alma Mater
Glorious her name.

Chorus:
Lift the chorus, speed it onward
Loud her praises ring
Hail to thee beloved Shepherd
Hail, all hail, we sing.

2.
Nestled in a quiet hamlet
'Neath the azure blue
Sends she forth her sons and daughters
Loyal, loving, true.

3.
Fondly in our memory resting
Happy, gladsome days
Still to thee, dear Alma Mater
Offer we our praise.

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