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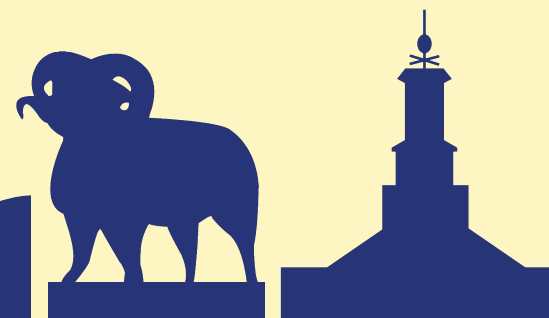
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Shepherd Today

From the President

Academic programs are Shepherd's hallmark



Gary Kable

President Suzanne Shipley

This past fall, Shepherd celebrated anniversaries of two of our academic programs—social work surpassed the 40-year mark and family and consumer sciences observed its 100th anniversary.

Strong academic programs are Shepherd's hallmark and have contributed to the university's stability and its reputation since our founding in 1871.

Academic programs face the same changes that we do as individuals—their character develops over time. Some experience a surge of popularity based on current events and trends; others burst on the scene and establish themselves as stars; others steadily develop, adapt to changes in the marketplace and in technology, and retool and remake themselves over time.

Our current aspirations for the nursing program began an upward trajectory when the state-of-the-art Erma Ora Byrd nursing facility opened on campus. The new facility coupled with community support toward new horizons led Shepherd to apply for approval for its first doctoral

program, a D.N.P. (doctor of nursing practice). Once approved by our accrediting body, the program could be offered as early as fall 2015—we will keep you posted!

Like nursing, business administration is gaining momentum as a major of choice for students as we update and diversify offerings to add areas like rural financial planning, entrepreneurial studies, online learning, and international study trips to our longtime strengths in accounting and economics. We are pleased to be building upon the business administration program's strong history.

These developments are growing alongside great energy in art, theater, and music, an awakening of student interest in political science, and ongoing engagement with our many popular and effective social science and humanities degrees. Our STEM programs continue to develop and attract community attention through grants and outreach programming.

Validation of the strength of our academic programs comes from external accrediting agencies. The recreation and leisure program recently received accreditation from the National Recreation and Park Association Council, and our master of business administration degree program received accreditation from the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education. These programs join social work, music, nursing, teacher education, and undergraduate business administration in holding individual program accreditation.

Shepherd's dynamic environment provides the forum for continuous academic transformation. Long-lived programs, such as the anniversary celebrants social work and family and consumer sciences, have faced a natural evolution, changed, survived, and now thrive.

Shepherd has established a tradition of academic quality and rigor, with room for its vibrant programs to evolve, grow, and shine in response to the needs of our community, region, and state. 🐾

Business programs accredited by IACBE

Two of Shepherd University's business programs recently received accreditation from the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE). The bachelor of science in business administration was first accredited in 2004 and that accreditation has been renewed. IACBE is accrediting the master of business administration for the first time.

Shepherd is one of four colleges in West Virginia with IACBE-accredited programs. They are the M.B.A. with concentrations in accounting and health administration and the B.S. in business administration with concentrations in entrepreneurship and small business management, financial planning, general business, management, hospitality management, human resources management, and marketing. IACBE started in 1997.

There are currently about 290 baccalaureate business administration students and about 120 enrolled in the M.B.A. program.

The IACBE accreditation extends to 2020, the maximum time period granted by the organization. 🐾

Recreation program accredited by COAPRT

Shepherd University's Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Sport (HPERS) received accreditation from the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions (COAPRT) for its recreation and leisure program, making it the only program in the state of West Virginia to hold the accreditation.

Shepherd joins 80 other academic programs from across the country in receiving the accreditation, which the NRPA website says "recognizes academic programs in colleges and universities that prepare new professionals to enter the parks, recreation, tourism and related professions."

About 385 students major in HPERS. They can choose concentrations in athletic coaching, fitness and exercise science, sport marketing, sport and event management, public recreation and park administration, and therapeutic recreation. 🐾

Family and consumer science program celebrates 100 years

For 100 years, students at Shepherd University have been able to major, in one form or another, in family and consumer sciences. It all began in February 1914. The Department of Domestic Science and Domestic Art was established at what was then Shepherd State Normal School, and Miss Nellie Woods was the first teacher.

According to a history of the department published in 1971, domestic science and art was originally housed in Shepherd College Hall, what is now Reynolds Hall, which was “equipped with tables, a large Born steel range (coal stove) and all necessary equipment for individual and group work.”

The program has evolved over the years, but Dr. Kathleen Corpus, chair of the Department of Business Administration and Family and Consumer Sciences, said one thing that hasn’t changed is its relevance to society.

“I think that being 100 years old shows that we really are an important part of people’s lives,” Corpus said. “We cover a lot of material,

not only things that happen in the home but things that can happen in the areas of business and community.”

A new name and an added mission

In 1924 domestic science and domestic art became home economics, and in 1927 classes for the elementary school teacher were added to the curriculum. Degrees in home economics were awarded until 1995, when the program once again changed its name, this time to family and consumer sciences. No matter what it was called, Corpus said a main goal of the program for many years was to prepare students to teach and to run a household.

“Prior to the 1970s, part of the curriculum was women, and it truly was women who were in the program, and they would learn all about the intricacies of the home, how to raise children, how to make sure your husband was happy, how to make sure the house was clean, how to cook, and how to make nutritious meals,” Corpus said.

Over the years the program occupied space in several buildings. In 1921 it moved from Reynolds Hall to Knutti Hall, which was equipped with a large steel range, an oil stove with oven, tables for 24 students and all necessary culinary apparatus for individual and group work.

In 1942 the program moved to Snyder Science Hall where “the entire lower floor was composed of the clothing laboratory and the foods laboratory which was equipped with four electric stoves and an electric refrigerator.”

The program was organized as a vocational home economics department in 1961 and moved into the college cafeteria, which

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Cecelia Mason

Dr. Kathleen Corpus

Social work professors reflect on program’s four decades of success

The social work program has been part of the Shepherd campus for more than 40 years, and two of the faculty who teach social work students today have been a part of the program almost since its inception.

Dr. Doug Horner, program director, and Dr. Geri Crawley-Woods both joined the faculty in 1976. Over the years they have seen many changes in how social work is taught and practiced. The changes began in the early 1970s with the introduction of the bachelor’s degree in social welfare. The first class to graduate from the new program received social welfare degrees in 1972; social welfare was replaced in the late 1980s with the bachelor of social work degree (B.S.W.).

“I do think that layer of the B.S.W. has changed the focus of the profession,” Crawley-Woods said. “Our students are prepared for what we call generalist practice. They are beginning-level practitioners and they are able to function in a wide range of settings with populations across the lifespan, literally from the cradle to the grave.”

Horner said Shepherd graduates are prepared to work with individuals and groups, as well as with communities and organizations.

“The diversity of fields in social work is really hard to define,” he said. “Now many of our graduates work in administrative positions, so they’ll be running organizations. They will also be focusing on some nontraditional fields like working with physicians who are serving elderly patients.”

Horner cites statistics to prospective students and their parents that show majoring in social work is a good career choice. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Handbook online projects a 19 percent growth in social work between 2012 and 2022, which is above average for all occupations. According to

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Cecelia Mason

Dr. Geri Crawley-Woods and Dr. Doug Horner have guided the social work program since 1976.

Howard-Bostic wins first Storer award for diversity, social justice

Dr. Chiquita Howard-Bostic, assistant professor of sociology, is the first recipient of the newly created Storer College Faculty Award. The award recognizes a member of the faculty at Shepherd who incorporates diversity and social justice into his or her classroom, research, scholarship, and interaction with students. She will receive the \$1,000 award for professional development.

The West Virginia Encyclopedia (e-WV) says Storer College was founded in 1867 in Harpers Ferry by the Freewill Baptist Church, paid for with a donation from John Storer of Sanford, Maine, and educated more than 7,000 students from many states and countries.

Storer closed in 1955 after the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *Brown v. Board of Education*. The encyclopedia attributes the closure to desegregation, racial anxieties, and financial problems. Storer's library and records are now housed at both Shepherd and Virginia Union University in Richmond. In 1995 Shepherd named the ballroom in the Student Center in honor of Storer College.

"Like all of the nominees, Chiquita Howard-Bostic has done a tremendous job of incorporating diversity and social justice in her work," said Dr. Thomas Segar, vice president for student affairs and chair of the diversity and equity committee. "What makes her stand out is that she works with underrepresented students serving communities of underrepresented people and incorporates that into her research."

Howard-Bostic was chosen from five nominees by a committee that includes Segar, two faculty members, one academic dean, one undergraduate student, and one graduate student. The committee scored the nominees in three categories: teaching, service, and research.

Howard-Bostic earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from the State University of New York at Buffalo, and her Ph.D. from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. This is her second year at Shepherd teaching courses that focus primarily on race, class, gender, community, and crime.

She grew up in Buffalo, New York, in a neighborhood she describes as being committed to cultural development but also disadvantaged economically, and worked at one time as the executive director of a Housing and Human Services agency there.

"That's my passion," she said. "I've always thought critically about how we can take what we're doing in academia and connect people."

One way she's connecting academia to people here in the Eastern Panhandle is by having students from her General Sociology and Social Stratification classes volunteer at Immanuel's House, a community-based religious organization in Martinsburg that offers help, including meals, to those in need. Howard-Bostic ties the work students do at Immanuel's House to their classes by encouraging them to analyze the role poverty plays in society.

"Before we go to the soup kitchen, I talk about functions of poverty," she said. "Then the students have something to go to the soup kitchen with."

For two years now, students from Howard-Bostic's classes

have also helped with the annual Point in Time Homeless Count, which takes place each year in late January.

Howard-Bostic believes every student gets something different from these experiences, allowing them to reflect on their own situation in life and how they can help others.

"Hopefully they are thinking critically about who they are and what they can do in society," she said.

Howard-Bostic's body of research also has focused on issues of gender, diversity, and social justice. In December 2014 she invited a student to go with her to England where she presented the paper "Emancipation by evading a contest: A feminist perspective on power and success" at Oxford University.

Howard-Bostic said she's honored to be the first-ever recipient of the Storer College Faculty Award. "I hope other faculty members will consider doing similar projects," she said. "If this award is going to publicize some of these ideas and make them part of the image of this university, then maybe it will encourage others to take on some of these initiatives if they haven't already."

"We live in a world that is diverse and where our students need to be prepared to work with, live with, and enjoy life with people who are different than themselves," Segar said. "Faculty who are able to incorporate diversity and social justice into the curriculum are really preparing students for a greater world outside Shepherd."

Howard-Bostic's name will be put on a perpetual plaque located in the Storer Ballroom where the names of future recipients will also be placed. 🐾 *Cecelia Mason*



Dr. Chiquita Howard-Bostic

SU named a top 30 affordable school

Shepherd University was named one of the country's top 30 most affordable schools for outdoor enthusiasts. Affordable Schools created the list by determining which colleges have the lowest tuition and fee costs according various sources, including the National Center for Education Statistics and U.S. News and World Report. Affordable Colleges then looked at how close the colleges are to places where outdoor activities occur and at the outdoor-focused clubs offered on campus. 🐾

SU wins national community service award

For the sixth year in a row Shepherd University is listed on the Corporation for National and Community Service President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. The award recognizes efforts Shepherd students have made in service to the surrounding community that have resulted in meaningful outcomes.

This year's award is for community service completed in the 2013-14 academic year. Shepherd's application includes information such as how many students participated and how much time they spent on community service. 🐾

Price attends Team River Runner clinic

Student Christopher Price attended a Team River Runner leadership kayaking clinic in Florida in January to learn how to guide blind or visually impaired veterans 30 miles during seven days. A veteran himself, Price credits Team River Runner Shepherd with helping him recover from post-traumatic stress disorder.

"The whitewater accessibility and the network of people who volunteer with Team River Runner Shepherd—it was just inspirational to me and was huge in my personal recovery," he said.

The Harpers Ferry resident majors in secondary education and plans to enter the master of arts in teaching program. 🐾

STEM camp held for middle school girls

Shepherd's Seeding Your Future math and science camp held October 4, 2014 attracted 75 middle school girls who participated in hands-on workshops taught by 14 Shepherd faculty members. Professional women who work in the traditionally male fields of science, math, engineering, and technology, as well as Shepherd students, were involved.

Dr. Sytil Murphy, assistant professor of physics, and Dr. Jordan Mader, assistant professor of chemistry, received a \$4,145 grant from the NASA West Virginia Space Grant Consortium to put on the camp. Shepherd matched the grant with about \$6,000 in cost sharing that consisted mainly of donated faculty time to run the event. 🐾

First White Coat ceremony held on campus

The Department of Nursing became one of 100 across the country and the only program in West Virginia chosen to take part in a new initiative, a White Coat ceremony to promote compassionate and patient-centered care.

The Arnold P. Gold Foundation designed White Coat ceremonies for physicians and surgeons. The Gold Foundation has teamed up with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) to make the ceremonies a tradition for nursing students as well.

On October 3, 58 first-year nursing students participated in Shepherd's first White Coat ceremony. They recited an oath, were cloaked in a white coat, and received a pin depicting a stethoscope in the shape of a heart to remind them of their commitment to provide high quality compassionate care. 🐾

Family and consumer sciences marks 100th

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was renovated and renamed the Home Economics Building. The college cafeteria (which was then Lurry Hall nursing building building) was torn down in 1993-94 to make room for the Byrd Science and Technology Center. In 1977 the program moved to the newly built Stutzman-Slonaker Hall, where it remains today.

A place to practice their craft

For many years Shepherd also had a "lab," or home management house, where women could learn first-hand how to become a successful homemaker. Between 1927 and 1942 the Yellow House next to Snyder Science Hall served this purpose. From 1954 until the late 1980s the red brick house on Princess Street where human resources is located became the home management house.

"Women would live in the home for a semester and they learned how to manage it properly. They learned a lot about etiquette. The role of a lot of women was to support their husbands for the most part," Corpus said.

Another name change and expanding job opportunities

The 1997-1999 catalog lists the program as part of the Department of Business/Family and Consumer Sciences. The current 45 FACS students still take classes in food preparation, marriage relations, and clothing construction. But Corpus said the degree is much more eclectic than it used to be, and students who earn it are qualified for a wide variety of jobs.

"For example, consumer services—every large company has a consumer division," Corpus said. "Cooperative extension is one area that's really gotten big. There's a co-op extension agent in every county in the United States and some counties actually have more than one family and consumer sciences agent if they have a general family and consumer sciences position and then a 4-H position. I have had students who have gone into the travel business, we have a hospitality program, and we have students who are looking at going on for dietetics programs."

Corpus added that students from the program still become family and consumer science teachers, but they've also become credit counselors and found jobs with banks and insurance companies.

Shepherd offers a general degree, so students have to take classes in all areas—including fashion, consumer economics, child development, nutrition, food science, and technology.

"I think one of the advantages of having a general degree is it gives you the background to expand where you want to and contract where you want to," Corpus said.

Looking forward to the next 100 years

Corpus believes family and consumer sciences will remain strong at Shepherd for the next 100 years. She said the program has developed minors in nutrition. In the near future students might also have the option of taking more classes in personal and family finance and nutrition.

"We have a great demand for fashion and textiles," she said. "People who go into textiles, if they have a strong chemistry background, can make six figures." 🐾 *Cecelia Mason*

IDEA Network awards Shepherd \$431k grant for cancer research

The West Virginia IDEA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence awarded Shepherd a three-year, \$431,762 grant to continue a multidepartment project that is developing and testing mathematical models to determine how to treat cancer tumors.

Dr. Qing Wang, associate professor of mathematics, said the grant supports a project that involves math, computer science, and science students who help do research on using computer modeling to determine how immunotherapy and chemotherapy impact tumor growth. The goal is to determine what frequency and dosage of the combination of therapies have the maximum benefit to cancer patients.

“We hope this can provide a direction to help doctors make decisions on how to combine the therapy, and at what frequency and dosage, to reduce or eliminate the tumor,” Wang said.

The project involves using data found in published studies and studies that are currently underway to create computer models that determine what combination and amount of immunotherapy and chemotherapy are needed to treat a specific tumor.

The three-year grant will allow Shepherd to hire students to work alongside professors to conduct the research. Wang said this year about seven students will participate. Dr. Robert War-

burton, professor of biochemistry, is the biology consultant for the project, and Dr. Zhijun Wang, associate professor of computer science, is the computer science consultant. Dr. David Klinke, West Virginia University associate professor of chemical engineering, is the mentor.

The IDEA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence is a National Institutes of Health program that provides grants for biomedical research to 23 states and Puerto Rico. The goal of West Virginia’s program is to develop and enhance a network of multidisciplinary statewide biomedical research, provide opportunities for undergraduate students to participate in research, and to enhance the science and technology knowledge of the state’s workforce.

The research network includes 13 other institutions throughout the state. Wang said the grant gives Shepherd students the opportunity to spend part of their summer helping with research in labs at WVU. ♡ Cecelia Mason



Dr. Qing Wang

Professors DiLella, Vila receive \$40k equipment grant

Two Shepherd science professors have received nearly \$40,000 in grant money from the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission’s Research Challenge Fund to purchase equipment for use in their classes.

Dr. Dan DiLella, professor of chemistry and chair of the Department of Chemistry, received a \$20,000 grant to help pur-

used on a daily basis for both undergraduate research and for teaching.

DiLella said use of the NMR spectrometer is usually introduced and is used extensively in the sophomore-level organic chemistry class for routine analyses. For most samples, the instrument is relatively simple to operate and a student can be trained fairly quickly. More sophisticated uses of the instrument will be examined in other upper-level courses and in research projects.

“For the last several years our students have not had the opportunity to operate an NMR instrument,” DiLella said. “With this instrument they will gain practical hands-on experience that will be useful in their future careers.”

The other grant, in the amount of \$19,242, went to Dr. Peter Vila, assistant professor of environmental and physical sciences. It will be used to purchase a Eureka Manta 2 multiparameter water quality instrument that monitors the physical, chemical, and biological attributes of aquatic systems.

Vila said having this instrument will help students prepare for future careers because it is widely used by professionals in the environmental science field.

“Students will learn to calibrate multiparameter probes in the laboratory, utilize and/or deploy them in the field to obtain data, and retrieve and analyze the data from the instrument for subsequent analysis, interpretation, and presentation,” Vila said. “This instrument is a critical component in many environmental and ecological applications and would expose Shepherd students to current technology and facilitate future employment or graduate education.” ♡ Cecelia Mason



Dr. Dan DiLella and Dr. Peter Vila

chase a nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer, which is one of the most important tools used by chemists for determining the structures of molecules. DiLella said the instrument will be

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Leadership gifts made by the members of the Leadership Circle have a sustained impact on Shepherd University. In just its first few years, the Leadership Circle has provided vital resources that have provided the foundation for an initiative to increase the stature of Shepherd's business programs, which are crucial to Shepherd's ability to attain

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Many thanks for your continued support!



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Class Notes

'68 JANE BAKER was named interim dean of Missoula College in Montana and will serve in the post until July 1 when a permanent dean is named. Jane recently served as interim president of Dawson Community College in Glendive, Montana, and as dean of Montana Tech College of Technology.

'93 SHEILA LAMB has published *Fiery Arrow*, the second novel in the Brigid of Ireland historical fantasy trilogy. The book is published by Solstice Publishing. Sheila said, "I became fascinated by Brigid in Irish myth and legend. I ended up writing a trilogy based on each facet of her story. I tend to get sidetracked by the research process. Spending hours in a library is just as fun as making up the rest of the story." For more information, visit www.sheilarlamb.com.



Photo courtesy Sheila Lamb

Sheila Lamb '93

September 2014 at the annual Principals' Institute for 2014 state winners. Ron has been at Hedgesville High since 1996, serving first as a social studies teacher and assistant principal before assuming his current post four years ago.

'97 HEATHER CROSBY, of Shepherdstown, had her first book, titled *Yum Universe*, published in October 2014. The cookbook features plant-based, gluten-free recipes. More information on her book and recipes can be found at www.yumuniverse.com.



Photo courtesy Heather Crosby

'01 JENICA BROWN was inducted into the Loudoun County, Virginia, High School Athletic Hall of Fame in September 2014 as part of the inaugural class. Jenica had 12 years (2002-2014) with the program which included six Virginia state titles. She was a five-time Virginia Coach of the Year and a two-time all-MET Coach of the Year. 🐾

McNeel '01 heads to City Theatre



Photo courtesy CATF

James McNeel '01

JAMES MCNEEL '01, managing director of the Contemporary American Theater Festival, accepted the same position at City Theatre Company in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in January. James began his professional career in the arts as a CATF intern in 1998.

He studied arts management at American University in Washington, D.C., and worked for more than four years as a literature specialist at the National Endowment for the Arts.

In 2005, he moved to New York City

where he served as an arts consultant with the Center for Creative Resources and later as the director of development and marketing for Cherry Lane Theatre in Greenwich Village.

At CATF, James was responsible for all administrative operations including fundraising, marketing and publicity, budgeting and finances, personnel, and general management. During his tenure, CATF attendance increased by 22 percent (to more 14,000 in 2014), resulting in box office growth of more than 30 percent; additional grant income increased from institutional funders; and the organizational budget increased by nearly 20 percent. 🐾

Horse named for Shepherd yearbook and owned by Ken Lowe '71 wins first race

A three-year-old thoroughbred owned by KEN LOWE, JR. '71, of Shepherdstown, and named in honor of Shepherd's yearbook *The Cohongoroota*, easily won his first race by five lengths at Charles Town Races July 23, 2014.

The yearbook's title was adopted from the Native American name for the Potomac River—Cohongoroota which means river of the wild goose, according to Dr. A. Gordon Slonaker's *A History of Shepherd College*. *The Cohongoroota* yearbook was published from 1910 to 1983 (except between 1916-1919 and 1930-1948). 🐾



Photo courtesy Ken Lowe

Ken Lowe '71 (l.) and the yearbook's equine namesake upon his first win.

Barker '82 named VP for finance

ANNA BARKER '82 was named vice president for finance at Shepherd University in September 2014. She spent 25 years at Hagerstown Community College where she served as director of accounting services and then vice president for administration and finance.

Anna earned a master of business administration degree from Frostburg State University and a bachelor of science in business administration from Shepherd.

"I'm just so glad to be back," she said of her return to her alma mater. "I've always enjoyed higher education and believe in education."

Anna believes the education she received at Shepherd helped launch her career. "After I graduated from Shepherd, I went right into the workforce," she said. "But I did go back and get my master's degree at Frostburg and felt like my education and my work experience really played into helping me be successful with that program."

Anna's family members who graduated from Shepherd include sister CARA CERAVALO HARDING '00, son EVAN BARKER '12, and daughter-in-law ARIN LEE BARKER '11. 🐾



Anna Barker '82

Cecelia Mason



Cecelia Mason

Carney '99 featured in ArtVoiceWV

Artist Susan Carney '99 was featured on ArtVoiceWV (<http://youtu.be/GTy307G-BsDQ>), a web series that highlights local artists. Susan was the fall 2014 artist-in-residence at Shepherd. On October 14, 2014 ArtVoiceWV producers Jack Kelly and Marla Carr shot an interview with Susan in the printmaking studio at Shepherd. She is pictured above (r) with ArtVoiceWV producer Carr.

Lorenz '10 named admissions director

KRISTEN LORENZ '10 was named director of admissions at Shepherd University in August 2014. Kristen had served as an admissions counselor at Shepherd since 2012 and most recently was senior admissions counselor.

Previously she worked in the marketing and customer service industries in Hagerstown, Maryland, and Dillon, Colorado.

She earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration with a concentration in marketing. She is currently working on her master of business administration degree at Shepherd. 🐾



Cecelia Mason

Kristin Lorenz '10

Davis '14 organizes Civil War event



Cecelia Mason

Marianne Davis '14

MARIANNE DAVIS '14 served as the event coordinator for A Civil War Christmas at Shepherd University, a four-day event held in December 2014 that featured lectures and panel discussions by history faculty members as well as guided tours of the George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War led by students in period costume. The event was sponsored by the Department of History and Shepherd University Foundation. 🐾



Cecelia Mason

Alumni serve as business plan judges

Alumni serving as judges during the West Virginia Business Plan semifinals held at Shepherd in November 2014 were (l. to r.) Matthew Richards '12, event organizer Dr. Caroline Glackin, Salle Mickey '13, Heather Boulware '14, Stephanie Crum '13, and Elizabeth Montgomery '12. Not pictured was alumna judge Laura Neal '85.

Outstanding Alumna Betty Lowe '52 honored at homecoming

Homecoming this year was an extra special time for BETTY LOWE '52, the 2014 Outstanding Alumna, who said she was speechless when she learned she was chosen for the honor.

"I couldn't believe it," she said. "It just makes me so proud."

For many years, Betty has been deeply rooted in Shepherd and all the university's activities, whether it's serving on the Alumni

herd during her teenage years. "The high school upper classes were invited to dances because Shepherd only had about 125 or 150 students, and they couldn't afford the band unless they invited the high school students to come to pay to get in," she said. "So we were always going to college functions when we were in high school."

Betty said the dances took place in the elaborately decorated White Gymnasium, which stood where White Hall is currently located. Having the opportunity to attend dances encouraged her to pursue a degree at Shepherd.

"It was our life. We loved being at Shepherd and couldn't wait to go," she said. "The social life was just wonderful. We had a little den in the bottom of the science building. My sister-in-law ran the food counter. It was the place to hang out. They had a jukebox and we danced. Every time we wanted a social life on campus that is where it took place."

A big part of Betty's campus social life included her sorority, Phi Sigma Chi, which she's still involved in today. For more than 44 years she has served as president of the Phi Sigma Chi alumnae of Shepherd, who meet once a year during the summer. She has played a key role in helping preserve the Yellow House, also known as the Entler-Weltzheimer House, which is located on High Street behind Snyder Science Hall.

The Yellow House served as the Phi Sigma Chi sorority house during Betty's time at Shepherd. The buildings and grounds supervisor and his wife lived in the house, and every Tuesday from the late 1940s until 1960, the sorority had its weekly meeting there.

Betty maintains a scrapbook with the history of the sorority, and her face lights up when she talks about the activities she and her sisters participated in. She remembers as a pledge cleaning the steps of McMurran Hall with a toothbrush.

"It was not bad stuff, it was cute stuff," she said.

Every year sorority members created an elaborate float for the homecoming parade made of farm wagons and chicken wire.

"We would stuff Kleenex in every hole of that chicken wire all the way around that float," Betty said. "It took us days to get it together but we had a beautiful float."

Then there were the pajama parties. About once a year one of the sorority sisters would host a slumber party attended by a dozen or so members.

"We stayed up all night, played canasta, talked and talked, and ate," she said.

Because the sorority had its weekly meetings in the Yellow House, Betty has worked with Dr. Keith Alexander, assistant professor of history, to find resources to renovate the house, which according to a history by the Scarborough Library was built in the late 1700s or early 1800s. In 2011 Alexander received a West Virginia Division of Culture and History renovation grant for \$34,419 that Shepherd matched with \$68,838.

"He (Alexander) has been our life saver," Betty said. "He got a grant to put the roof on, and the foundation's been stabilized."

Betty's sorority contributed by raising \$4,000 to pay for the iron railing along the front of the house that includes the soror-



Cecelia Mason

Outstanding Alumna Betty Lowe '52

Association board of directors, establishing scholarships, or taking Lifelong Learning classes.

Betty's association with Shepherd started long before she entered the college in 1948 to pursue an elementary education degree. She's a lifelong Shepherdstown resident, a 1947 graduate of Shepherdstown High School, and a third-generation Shepherd graduate. Her grandfather, Daniel Henry Folk, graduated from Shepherd in 1880 and her mother, Sara Folk Snyder, was a 1913 graduate.

Betty also has fond memories of attending dances at Shep-

ity's name and the dates it met in the house. Local blacksmiths Frank Graves and Dan Tokar made the railing and it is attached to the house by anchors shaped like a ram's horns. Betty has seen old photos showing the Yellow House with shutters and her next goal is to see shutters on it again.

Betty's involvement as an alumna also includes memberships in the Emeritus Club, Shepherd University Foundation board of directors, Scarborough Society, Friends of Music, and Women for Shepherd University. She received an honorary doctorate of humanities degree from Shepherd during the 2007 commencement ceremony, which she considers one of the highest honors she's received.

She also funds three scholarships: The VIRGINIA LOWE RAMSBURG SCHOLARSHIP for West Virginia nursing students, named after her sister-in-law who was a nurse, and the ELIZABETH S. LOWE SCHOLARSHIP for juniors and seniors studying historic preservation or history, named for herself, through the Shepherd University Foundation and the John D. Lowe '53 Scholarship for secondary education majors in honor of her husband and offered through the Shepherdstown High School Alumni Association.

"It's for students who need help with tuition so if I can just help with a little something I'm glad to," she said. "I don't often hear from those who get the scholarships but recently someone wrote me a nice letter. I'm just so glad that they can use what little it is."

Betty Lowe has also been active in the business community. In 1972 she and her husband started Lowe Products, a mulch and soil producer and nursery, headquartered in Shepherdstown that today is run by two of her sons, JOHN D. LOWE III '79 and SCOTT M. LOWE '81, and for 23 years she worked as a substitute teacher in Jefferson County schools.

When she wasn't raising her four children, teaching, or helping run the family business, Betty spent much of her time researching local history and genealogy. In 2003 she was recognized as a History Hero by the West Virginia Division of Culture and History for, among other things, the extensive work she's done researching her own family history and the genealogy of



Cecelia Mason

Betty Lowe (center) was honored at the beginning of the fourth quarter of the homecoming game and was escorted to the field by President Suzanne Shipley (r.) and Monica Lingenfelter, executive vice president of the Shepherd University Foundation.

many other Shepherdstown families. Betty has written or helped write four books, including three that focus on branches of her family tree.

No matter what activities she's involved in—whether it's on or off campus—Betty continues to pursue some kind of education by constantly attending lectures and concerts and taking classes. "My philosophy is there is so much to learn. You never stop taking classes someplace, somewhere to learn something," she said. ♡ Cecelia Mason



Photos by Cecelia Mason

Above: Betty Lowe's sorority Phi Sigma Chi contributed \$4,000 to pay for the iron railing along the front of the Entler-Weltzheimer House that includes the sorority's name and the dates it met in the house. Local blacksmiths Frank Graves and Dan Tokar made the railing.

Inset, right: The railing is attached to the house by anchors shaped like a ram's horns.



Obituaries

EDNA MASON SNYDER '37, Shenandoah Junction, died November 22, 2014. While at Shepherd she was a member of Phi Sigma Chi sorority, serving as secretary, vice president, and president, and Kappa Delta Pi honorary society. Graduating with a B.A. in English, she began her teaching career in a one-room school in Berkeley County and later taught at Hedgesville and Charles Town high schools. After retiring from teaching, she worked with her husband of 60 years, the late **HENRY M. SNYDER '36**, at their Montgomery Ward catalog store in Charles Town. She served as secretary for Shepherd's Emeritus Club and was active in alumni activities.

JANE KOTTLER ARNOLD '46, of Estes Park, Colorado, died December 30, 2014. She earned a B.A. from Shepherd and taught biology for three years at Boonsboro High School in Maryland. She earned an M.A. from West Virginia University in early childhood education and taught kindergarten at Boonsboro Elementary for 21 years.

THE REV. HAROLD M. FUSS '47, of Chatham, Virginia, died September 17, 2014. He graduated from Shepherd, attended Western Maryland College, Westminster Theological Seminary, and Union Theological Seminary of Virginia. He served 44 years as a United Methodist minister in the Virginia Conference and retired in 1990.

CLYDE LEE FEARNOW '50, of Williamsport, Maryland, died November 26, 2014. He received a bachelor's degree from Shepherd. He retired in 1987 after 34 years with CSX Transportation, where he was a manager of Test and Laboratory Services.

BETTY GENEVA ENGLE KIDWILER '55, of Engle, died October 23, 2014. After graduating from Shepherd, she began her teaching career at Harpers Ferry Grade School. She later taught at Grand View and C.W. Shipley, retiring in 1995. She continued to volunteer at Shipley until June 2014.

DR. JOHN E. HANSON '60, of Martinsburg, died September 1, 2014. He earned a doctor of dental surgery degree from the University of Maryland, Baltimore College of Dental Surgery in 1963 and subsequently opened a practice of general dentistry in Frederick from which he retired in 2000. He held memberships in the American Dental Association, the Maryland State Dental Association, and the Frederick County Dental Society. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army during the Korean War, stationed in Germany.

PHILIP LINWOOD POFFENBERGER '60, of Hagerstown, Maryland, died November 18, 2014. He attended Peabody Conservatory of Music before enlisting in the Army Security Agency, serving from 1952-1955. After returning home from Germany, he attended Hagerstown Junior College and then completed his undergraduate studies in accounting and English at Shepherd. He received his master's degree in psychology at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater and his advanced degree at Oregon State University

Portland. He was a teacher, guidance counselor, and an administrator in the Washington County school system for 30 years.

MAURICE JOSEPH SHEEHAN '60, of Parksley, Virginia, died July 31, 2014. He earned a B.S. in economics from Shepherd and did graduate work at American University. He served in the West Virginia National Guard and worked at Weaver Brothers before relocating to Virginia's Eastern Shore to establish Fox Grove Estate.

WILLIAM JAMES "BILL" SKELTON II '60, of Smyrna, Delaware, died June 4, 2014. He earned a bachelor's degree in education from Shepherd. He spent his career in purchasing, rising to vice president of purchasing with Owens-Illinois Glass Co. and subsequently with the company's subsidiary, Brockway Glass.

ROGER LORING SHERMAN '61, of Moorefield, died November 20, 2014. A graduate of Shepherd and West Virginia University, he taught in Hardy County Schools for more than 30 years and was honored as teacher of the year in 1987. He began his teaching career as teacher/principal at a one-room school in Peru, West Virginia, and finished his career at Moorefield Elementary. In his retirement, he remained active as a part-time employee at American Woodmark and Fraley Funeral Home.

BERNARD FRANKLIN "BERNIE" TONALLI '63, of Martinsburg, died December 18, 2014. He was choir director for more than 47 years at Trinity United Methodist Church. He was a retired teacher with 33 years of service and coached golf at Hedgesville High School. He received his bachelor's degree at Shepherd and his master's degree from James Madison University. He is survived by his wife, **LANA TALLENT TONALLI '63**.

MARY KATHRYN STOTTLEMYER WEAVER '67, of Boonsboro, Maryland, died July 5, 2014. She earned a B.A. in elementary education from Shepherd and a master's degree with honors from Shippensburg. She began her teaching career at Maugansville Elementary School, then taught at Smithsburg Elementary School, from which she retired after 25 years.

PAULA GAIL NESMITH '68, of Capon Bridge, died November 11, 2014. She earned a master's degree in library science at West Virginia University in 1972. She was a librarian for Capon Bridge Junior High School for three years and at John Handley High School in Winchester, Virginia, for 41 years.

ANNA MARIE HOGBIN '69, of Martinsburg, died September 2, 2014. She earned degrees from Shepherd and Shippensburg University and served as a guidance counselor for many years in Clarke and Frederick counties, Virginia, and Berkeley County. She was a member of the West Virginia Watercolor Society and the Baltimore Watercolor Society.

TIMOTHY L. BALDWIN '70, of Frederick, Maryland, died May 25, 2014. While at Shepherd, he was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He was an English teacher, football coach, track coach, and wrestling coach at Linganore High School in Frederick.

ick County. He then became a guidance counselor and transferred to Governor Thomas Johnson High School, retiring from Frederick County Public Schools in 2002. He went on to become an adjunct admissions counselor at Frederick Community College.

DR. MICHAEL LEVI TEETS '70, of Kingwood, died May 5, 2014. He spent his career serving Preston County as a teacher, coach, and principal, retiring in 2011 as the assistant superintendent of Preston County Schools. He earned his master's and doctorate of education degrees from West Virginia University. He was instrumental in starting the Preston County Sports Museum, was a founding member of the Ougabus Society, and was an author of local sports history books and newspaper columns.

TERRENCE WILLIAM HIETT '73, of Martinsburg, died August 11, 2014. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he retired from Schmidt Bakery Company.

DAVID L. LEWIS '73, of Shepherdstown, died December 9, 2014. He earned an education degree from Shepherd and was a member of the football team. He left school in 1968 to join the Army Reserves, served seven years, and finished his degree at Shepherd while serving. He worked at General Motors in Martinsburg for 19 years. He started D.L. Lewis Construction Company in 1976, and in 1989 his close friend **PAUL WILMOTH '74** joined him and together they built D.L. Lewis Construction into a premier local custom home building company.

AUDREY MAE BUSSARD '74, of Sharpsburg, Maryland, died December 5, 2014. She worked at the Washington County Board of Education. She taught English at South High in Hagerstown and held degrees from Shepherd and Shippensburg University.

STEVEN CHARLES DAWSON '74, of Romney, died April 22, 2014. He was employed by the West Virginia Department of Health

and Human Resources and retired as a counselor from West Virginia Rehabilitation Services. He was a well-known fiddle player and member of the Millbrook Boys.

GREGORY MARSHALL LLOYD '78, of Shepherdstown, died November 13, 2014. He earned a B.A. in music education from Shepherd. He was a member of numerous local bands since the early 1970s, including the E.Z. DuzIt Band, The Fit, Spare Change Band, Jeanne Mayle Trio, TreeHouse, and Harlan Springs Band. He was a chimney sweep for many years and also had a long career as an environmental health specialist, working in both Winchester and Berryville, Virginia. He is survived by his wife, **MARY ELLEN WRIGHT LLOYD '89**.

STEVEN ROBERT BOYER '79, of Hagerstown, Maryland, died November 24, 2014. He earned a B.A. degree in business from Shepherd. He was an insurance agent for State Farm Insurance in Thurmont, Maryland, for 34 years.

ROBERT E. BRADFORD '87, of Apopka, Florida, died December 12, 2014. He played football at Shepherd and was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame. He worked as an RVP for Crothall Healthcare for more than 22 years. After his diagnosis with multiple myeloma, he started Coach Rob's Benefit Bash in 2005, a nonprofit organization which has raised more than \$410,000 for both research and patient care.

TERESSA GAIL BLICKENSTAFF-KITTS '91, of Shepherdstown, died December 13, 2014. She earned her B.A. in secondary education from Shepherd and her M.F.A. from Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore. She was a photography teacher at Brunswick High School in Maryland for 23 years and served as the chair of the art department. She is survived by her husband, **JOHN KITTS '98**. 🐾



Homecoming Breakfast

Shepherd University Alumni Association

has contributed almost \$45,000 to Shepherd University and the community during the last fiscal year.



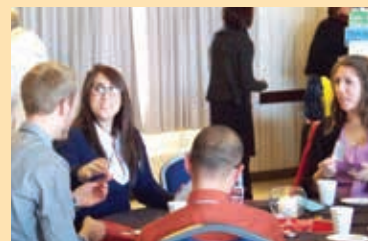
Commencement Reception



Accounting Alumni Dinner



\$32,000 to Athletics



Faculty-Staff Luncheon

Alumni

Alumni Association launches career speaker series through Talent Marks

The Shepherd University Alumni Association has been working to add benefits for all alumni following the association's transition from a dues paying organization to an organization that includes all alumni. You talked, and we listened. Alumni Career Community and Career Webinar series by Talent Marks will provide the SUAA with the foundation to build a new category of services, programming, and tools for alumni and current students.

This program will benefit current students, recent grads, unemployed alumni, and alumni who are planning job changes within the next few years. Topics include networking, interviewing, building a credible résumé, and how to use Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn to find jobs and expand personal networks.

"If just one person is hired after participating in this series, it will have more than paid for itself," said ALEXIS REED '06 and M.B.A. '13, director of alumni affairs.

How the program works:

All participants need is a computer, smart phone, or tablet in order to visit alumnicareerservices.org/shepherd or the Services section of shepconnect.shepherd.edu. They also can join an ongoing discussion about careers, career opportunities, and other ideas with fellow alumni.

This benefit is free for alumni and current students. Can't make the live webinar? This program offers both live and recorded webinars to fit a variety of schedules.

Looking for something specific? Participants can create a personal profile, and career webinars will be suggested for them based on their criteria.

All events are held the first Wednesday of each month, October through June. The SUAA and Talent Marks will send you a reminder to register.

This year's upcoming Career Speaker Series:

| Date | Presenter | Title |
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| April 1 | Tom Rath | <i>Use your strengths for a rewarding and satisfying career</i> |
| May 6 | Beth Bridges | <i>Five steps to build a powerful and profitable network</i> |
| June 3 | Carole Martin | <i>What you don't know or say in a interview will hold you back</i> 🐾 |

Save the date

Upcoming events sponsored by the Alumni Association include:

Professional Connections Day: April 7

Emeritus Luncheon: May 7

Post-Commencement Reception: May 9

Engagements

ANNA ZAWACKI '10 and Jonathan Skinner were engaged August 30, 2014 and will be married at The Mansion at Valley Country Club in Towson, Maryland, on July 25, 2015.



Anna Zawacki '10 and Jonathan Skinner

Weddings

REBBECA MORRIS '14 and TYLER MARTIN '13 were married May 24, 2014 at Camp Washington Carver in Clifftop. Rebecca is the director of activities at Somerford Place, and Tyler is a teacher with Jefferson County Schools.

New Arrivals

DANA SALAS NORRIS '08 and husband Drew, a son, Wade Alan, born September 15, 2014. 🐾

Accounting alumni dinner scheduled April 20

The Accounting Club will host an alumni dinner in the Storer Ballroom on Monday, April 20, from 6-8 p.m. This event provides an opportunity for networking with other alumni working locally in the accounting field, meeting current Shepherd students, and sharing insights with these future accountants.

To receive communications and invitations to accounting alumni events, send your updated contact information to cvance@shepherd.edu and include "Accounting Alumni" in the subject line.

To stay up to date on the club's latest activities and events, "Like" the group's page on Facebook, Shepherd University Accounting Club. 🐾

Annual alumni golf tournament raises \$11k

The Alumni Association hosted another successful alumni golf tournament Friday, October 31, 2014 at Cress Creek Golf and Country Club, Shepherdstown. The tournament raised more than \$11,000 which will support various alumni and student programs and events for the university and the Alumni Association.

The Alumni Association thanks sponsors, players, volunteers, and golf committee members who contributed to the success of the event.

Members of the winning team were ROB BELL '00, SHANE LANHARDT '02, DAVE SMITH '97, and RYAN BYRD '98. 🐾



Hall of Fame inductees, medallion winner honored

The Shepherd University Athletic Hall of Fame inducted three new members at the annual induction banquet October 10, 2014 at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Shepherdstown. Pictured above are (l. to r.) CHRIS FIELD '04 (football), Bob Haley

(football assistant coach), MIKE SPRY '09 (baseball), and medallion recipient TERESA TAYLOR '90. The three new members bring the total number of inductees in the Shepherd Athletic Hall of Fame to 136. ♡ Chip Ransom



Ram Band alumni reunite during Homecoming

The Department of Music and the Ram Band hosted a Ram Band Reunion during Homecoming 2014. Plans for next year's reunion are in progress.

Alumni assist Admissions with recruiting

Alumni are helping the Office of Admissions in recruiting students for Shepherd through the C.A.R.E. (Council on Alumni Recruitment and Engagement) Team, a volunteer-based program.

The program gives the Shepherd alumni community the opportunity to be engaged in the recruitment of prospective students. The college selection process is more competitive than ever. A key component in setting a school apart from others is making the process more personal. A student can be directly impacted by individuals affiliated with the institution, and alumni have the unique ability to showcase the university to prospective Shepherd students while conveying the value of a Shepherd education and serving as personal success stories.

On November 15, 2014, the members of the Delaware alumni club visited campus and participated in the first C.A.R.E. recruitment training.

If you are interested in participating or would like more information on the C.A.R.E. program, please contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at alumni@shepherd.edu or 304-876-5157. ♡

Athletics

Fall sports round-up

Football

The football team finished the season with an 8-2 overall and conference mark. A one-point loss to Notre Dame College (35-34) and an overtime setback to conference champion Concord (29-20) were the only losses on the year.

Shepherd led NCAA II in rushing defense for the fourth consecutive season with a 44.3 mark. The Rams also ranked first in first downs defense (115) and third down conversion percentage defense (.232), second in total defense (225.7), third in scoring defense (13.0) and in time of possession (35:29), and sixth in team passing efficiency (166.84).

Seventeen team members were selected to the 2014 All-MEC Team. Redshirt-freshman linebacker James Gupton, Waldorf, Maryland, was named Defensive Freshman of the Year. Gupton led the Rams in total tackles (69) and solo tackles (36). He added 3.5 tackles-for-loss and 0.5 sacks. He also had three pass breakups and an interception.

Senior offensive tackle Isaiah Shelton, Temple Hills, Maryland; senior center Hussam Ouri, Annapolis, Maryland; senior outside linebacker Levi Barber, Alexandria, Virginia; sophomore linebacker Octavius Thomas, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; sophomore defensive end Shaneil Jenkins, Upper Marlboro, Maryland; and sophomore cornerback CJ Davis, Hagerstown, Maryland, were named to the first team.

Shelton and Ouri anchored an offensive line that helped Shepherd average 38.2 points per game and rank third nationally in time of possession (35:29).

Barber recorded 43 tackles with 29 solo tackles. He had nine tackles-for-loss and a sack. Barber added three pass breakups and a team-high three forced fumbles.

Thomas had 51 tackles with 28 solo stops. He had 4.5 tackles-for-loss and 1.5 sacks. Thomas added three pass breakups, a fumble recovery, and an interception.

Jenkins recorded 29 tackles with 20 solo tackles. He had 10.5 tackles-for-loss and 7.5 sacks. Jenkins added two pass breakups and a pair of forced fumbles.

Davis recorded 38 tackles with 30 solo stops. He added two tackles-for-loss. His 12 pass breakups and five interceptions led the team.

Sophomore quarterback Jeff Ziemba, Wilmington, Delaware; senior offensive guard Dameon Hairston, Martinsville, Virginia; junior running back Allen Cross, Elkridge, Maryland; sophomore running Jabre Lolley, Wilmington, Delaware; sophomore wide receiver Billy Brown, Gaithersburg, Maryland; junior full-back Jon Hammer, Jarrettsville, Maryland; redshirt-freshman Myles Humphrey, Upper Marlboro, Maryland; senior defensive lineman Bernard Wolley, Germantown, Maryland; senior out-



William Ransom

Redshirt-freshman linebacker James Gupton, pictured above during the Glenville State game, was named Defensive Freshman of the Year.

side linebacker De'Ontre Johnson, Upper Marlboro, Maryland; senior defensive back David Carter, Winchester, Virginia; and Gupton were second team selections. CJ Davis also garnered second team honors as a return specialist.

Ziemba completed 162-of-247 passes for 2,248 yards and 18 touchdowns. He tossed only two interceptions on the year. His 2,248 passing yards this season are the second most in school history.

Brown recorded team-bests of 36 receptions for 676 yards and six touchdowns for the Rams this season.

Hammer, a key blocker for the Rams, had eight receptions for 115 yards.

Cross rushed 142 times for 601 yards and eight touchdowns. He added 19 catches for 213 yards and a touchdown.

Lolley rushed 142 times for 762 yards and 12 touchdowns. He added 12 receptions for 66 yards.

Hairston, a three-year starter for the Rams, gained All-Conference honors for the first time in his career.

Humphrey recorded 27 tackles with 15 solo stops. He had team-bests of 13 tackles-for-loss and 8.5 sacks.

Wolley had 35 tackles with 15 solo tackles. He added 5.5 tackles-for-loss and 5.0 sacks. He also added two pass breakups, a pair of forced fumbles, and a fumble recovery.

Johnson recorded 49 tackles with 27 solo stops. He added five pass breakups, four tackles-for-loss, and a pair of interceptions.

Carter had 27 tackles with 10 solo stops. He added four pass breakups and 1.5 tackles-for-loss. His four interceptions were second on the team.

Davis had 22 punt returns for 287 yards (13.0 average) and a touchdown. He added 16 kickoff returns for 357 yards (22.3 average) and a touchdown.

Volleyball

The volleyball team completed the season with an 18-13 overall mark with a 10-6 record in conference action. The Rams advanced to the MEC Tournament semifinals before falling to Fairmont State.

Senior outside hitter/right side Valerie Bour, Willoughby Hills, Ohio; freshman opposite Kayleigh Helgesen, Oceanside, California; senior middle hitter Kayla Motheral, Sterling, Virginia; senior setter Taylor Belella, Smithsburg, Maryland; and junior libero Samantha Scroggins, Plainfield, Illinois, gained Mountain East Conference honors.

Bour, a first-team selection, led the Rams in kills (333), kills per set (3.08), points (392.5), and points per set (3.63). She ranked second in digs (320) and aces (32). Bour ranked seventh in the MEC in kills per set.

Helgesen, a second-team choice who was also named to the MEC All-Freshman Team, recorded 268 kills with an impressive .299 attack percentage. She is second on the team in points (326), points per set (3.08), blocks (78), and third in blocks per set (0.74). She ranks fourth in the MEC in attack percentage.

Motheral, a second-team selection, led the Rams in block solos (35), total blocks (104), and blocks per set (1.06). She also added 201 kills, 23 digs, six assists, and two aces. Motheral was second in the MEC in blocks.

Belella, an honorable mention choice, topped the Rams in assists (1,019) and assists per set (10.19). She added 191 digs, 51 kills, 13 aces, and 12 blocks. She ranks third in the MEC in assists.

Scroggins, an honorable mention selection, led the Rams in digs (406), digs per set (3.98), aces (56), and aces per set (0.57). She added 23 kills, 26 assists, and six blocks. Scroggins ranks second in the MEC in aces and seventh in digs.

Men's Soccer

The men's soccer team finished the season with a 6-11-1 overall mark with a 3-9-0 mark in conference action.

Senior midfielder Kyle Ransom, Shepherdstown; senior defender Max Psillas, Hagerstown, Maryland; and junior defender Chris Mashinski, LaPlata, Maryland, were named to the 2014 All-Mountain East Conference Men's Soccer Team. Ransom gained first team honors, while Psillas and Mashinski were honorable mention selections.

Ransom, a second-team selection last year, led the Rams in goals (4), assists (3), and points (11). He had three game-winning goals on the season.

Psillas, a four-year starter for the Rams, helped anchor a Shepherd defense that posted three shutouts and surrendered only one goal on four occasions. He recorded one goal for two points this season.

Mashinski, an honorable mention All-Conference choice as a freshman, was also a stalwart on defense for the Rams this season. He had one goal for two points on the year.

Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team finished with a 9-9-1 overall mark with a 7-7-0 record in conference play. The Rams advanced to the MEC Tournament semifinals before falling to eventual champion Notre Dame College.

Senior defender Kelsey N. Smith, Hagerstown, Maryland; senior midfielder Kelsey J. Smith, York, Pennsylvania; and freshman defender Regan Stout, Williamsport, Maryland, all gained MEC All-Conference honors.

Kelsey N. Smith played and started in 19 games. Smith was
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Valerie Bour

Bour named to All-Region Team

Senior outside hitter/right side Valerie Bour, Willoughby Hills, Ohio, of the volleyball team, was named to the 2014 Daktronics Atlantic Region Volleyball Team. She is the first Ram to gain All-Region honors since Amanda Hall in 2009.

A second team selection, Bour helped Shepherd record a 18-13 mark this season. She led the Rams in kills (345) and kills per set (3.08) and was second in digs (329) and aces (33). Bour ranked seventh in the Mountain East Conference in kills. 🐾

Chip Ransom

Athletics

Fall sports round-up

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second on the team in goals (3) and points (6). She had a team-best two game-winning goals, including a free kick score in a 1-0 win over Urbana.

Kelsey J. Smith played and started in 18 games for the Rams. She recorded two goals and an assist for five points. Smith tallied the game-winning goal in a 2-1 win over Wheeling Jesuit.

Stout started in all 19 games for the Rams. She anchored a Shepherd defense that posted six shutouts and allowed just one goal on seven other occasions.

Additionally, freshman midfielder Stephanie Cox, Damascus, Maryland, was named to the All-Freshman Team.

Cox appeared in 19 games with 11 starts. She led the team in goals (5) and points (11).

Women's Tennis

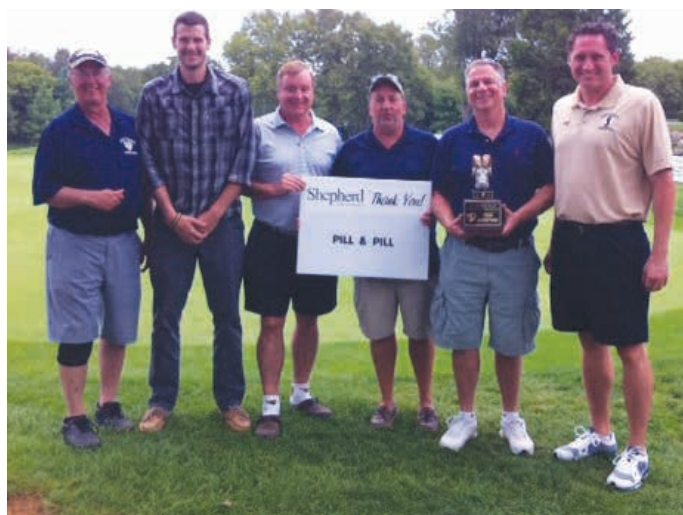
The women's tennis team finished the season with a 3-9 overall record with a 2-5 conference mark. The Rams recorded wins over Fairmont State (7-2), Alderson-Broaddus (4-3), and Concord (5-0).

Senior Katelyn Mumaw, Charles Town, gained second team All-MEC honors.

Men's Golf

The men's golf team finished third at the MEC Championship in a 12-team field.

Shepherd also placed second in a 10-team field at the Shenandoah University Invitational. Sophomore Joey Burkinshaw, Germantown, Maryland, won medalist honors with a two-round total of 142. He earned MEC Player of the Week honors for his performance. 🐾 *Chip Ransom*



Head basketball coach Justin Namolik (r.) and Big Horn Golf Tournament chair Hank Walter (l.) are shown with members of the winning foursome representing Pill & Pill during last September's tournament at Cress Creek.



Chip Ransom

Ransom gains All-Region and Academic All-District soccer honors

Senior midfielder Kyle Ransom, Shepherdstown, pictured above, center, was named to the 2014 Daktronics NCAA Division II All-Atlantic Region Team. Additionally, Ransom was named to the 2014 NCAA Division II Capital One Academic All-District II team. Both teams were selected by the region's sports information directors.

Ransom, a first-team Academic All-District choice, boasts a 3.45 grade point average as a biology major.

A second-team All-Atlantic Region selection, he led the Rams in goals (4), assists (3), and points (11) this season. 🐾

Big Horn golf tournament nets \$9,500

The Big Horn Club Golf Tournament, held September 15, 2014 at Cress Creek to benefit the men's basketball team, raised more than \$9,500 for the basketball scholarship fund.

Gold sponsors were Jefferson Security Bank and United Bank. Blue sponsors were Center for Orthopedic Excellence, Holtzman Propane, Pill & Pill, and Whale of a Wash. Jefferson Distributing and Shepherd University Dining Services were beverage sponsors.

Coach Justin Namolik recognized Hank Walter, chair of the Big Horn Club, as the driving force behind the annual tournament. Since 2007 the Big Horn Club Golf Tournament has grossed more than \$120,000. All proceeds from the tournament pay for room and board expenses for men's basketball student-athletes.

The winning foursome was Pill & Pill, whose members included Gene Linaburg, Rick Pill, John Taylor, and Tony Zelenka. The winning foursome received four gift certificates to the pro shop at Cress Creek, and the name Pill & Pill was displayed on a banner in the Butcher Center this season. The winning team was presented with the Big Horn Trophy in January.

The second place finisher was United Bank, whose members included Devin McCreery, Ethan Osbourne, Tim Pownell, and Joe Sturm. They received four gift certificates to the pro shop at Cress Creek.

This year's tournament will be held in early September. For more information, please contact Hank Walter at hwalter@frontier.net or Coach Namolik at 304-671-2319 or jnamolik@shepherd.edu. 🐾

Tripp Lowe



William Ransom

Shelton named to AFCA Division II Coaches' All-America Team

Senior offensive lineman Isaiah Shelton, Temple Hills, Maryland, above, center, has been named to the 2014 American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Division II Coaches' All-America Team. Shelton joins James Rooths (2000) and Dervon Wallace (2007) as the only Rams to earn this honor.

Shelton, a team captain, keyed an offensive line that helped Shepherd average 38.2 points a game and rank third in NCAA II

in time of possession (35:29). A three-year starter for the Rams, Shelton helped lead the Rams to a 36-8 mark over his career.

The AFCA has selected an All-America team since 1945 and currently selects teams in all five of its divisions. What makes these teams so special is that they are the only ones chosen exclusively by the people who know the players the best—the coaches themselves. 🐾 *Chip Ransom*



Chip Ransom

K. N. Smith earns All-Region soccer honors

Senior defender Kelsey N. Smith, Hagerstown, Maryland, of the women's soccer team, was selected to a pair of All-Region teams. Smith was a second-team choice on the 2014 Daktronics NCAA Division II All-Atlantic Region Team and a third-team selection on the NSCAA/ Continental Tire NCAA Division II Women's All-Atlantic Region Team.

Smith started in all 19 games for the Rams. She recorded three goals for six points on the year. Smith anchored a Shepherd defense that has posted six shutouts and allowed just one goal on seven other occasions. 🐾 *Chip Ransom*

Kelsey N. Smith

Development

From the Foundation

The 'Circus' is coming to 14th Annual Scarborough Society Gala

The Shepherd University Scarborough Society's 14th annual gala will invite guests into the magical world of enchantment and fantasy depicted in Erin Morgenstern's novel *The Night Circus*. This year's event, to be held Friday, August 14 at the Bavarian Inn in Shepherdstown, will feature a black and white theme offering a glimpse of the surreal and delightful world of Le Cirque des Rêve.

For more information about the gala, visit www.shepherduniversityfoundation.org. To receive an invitation, contact the Foundation office at 304-876-5397.



Annual Joseph P. McMurran Society dinner to be held Saturday, April 25

Each spring, members of the Joseph P. McMurran Society and their guests are honored at the organization's annual dinner reception. Hosted by President Suzanne Shipley and sponsored by the Shepherd University Foundation, the event features a four-course dinner prepared by Chef Scott Anderson and Shepherd Catering.

This year, the Joseph P. McMurran Society dinner reception will be held Saturday, April 25 at 6 p.m. in the atrium of Erma Ora Byrd Hall. If you would like to receive an invitation, please contact Monica Lingenfelter at 304-876-5397 or mlingenf@shepherd.edu. For more information about the Joseph P. McMurran Society, visit www.shepherduniversityfoundation.org.

Interactive planned giving website debuts

The Shepherd University Foundation is proud to debut a new planned giving website boasting interactive resources for donors and advisors alike, as well as the latest finance news, savvy living tips, and inspiring donor stories from Shepherd alumni and friends. Donors may utilize our planned gift calculator, request a *Wills Guide*, or learn more about wills and bequests through a number of helpful tutorial videos. For advisors, we now offer a complete tax update service and deduction calculator, as well as helpful articles and case studies. To discover all the new site has to offer, visit <http://shepherdlegacy.org>.

Foundation welcomes five new members to its board of directors

The Shepherd University Foundation welcomed five new members to the board of directors at its annual meeting September 18, 2014. The new directors, all of whom are alumni, represent the Foundation and their alma mater from locations nationwide. BRIAN K. JACKSON '87, of Toluca Lake, California, is the Alumni Association's appointed alumnus representative, while ROBERT H. JENSENIUS '72, of York, Pennsylvania; JULIE E. ST. MARIE '84 AND '85, of Edgewater, Maryland; and ERIC J. LEWIS '95, of Shepherdstown, were each elected to the board. Additionally, Dr. Jason Best rejoined the board, having been appointed once again as Shepherd University's faculty representative recommended by President Suzanne Shipley.



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Unique in-kind gift of handmade quilt illustrates Appalachian folk songs origins

The Shepherd University Foundation was pleased and honored to accept a unique gift of a handmade quilt illustrating 25 English and Scottish ballads that are the basis of many Appalachian folk songs.

The double-sided quilt was given to Shepherd's Appalachian Studies Program and Scarborough Library by Dr. Martha Dolly, a professor at Frostburg State University, whose mother, Phyllis Nichols Rowe, created it based on her passion for Appalachia culture. It features 25 ballads from the Child collection, with 24 scenes on the front and one on the back, which is exclusively devoted to the ballad of King Orfeo. The quilt is entirely handmade without a quilting frame from a design created by Rowe.

"The ballad quilt reveals Phyllis Nichols Rowe as a teacher, master storyteller, and artist," said Dr. Sylvia Shurbutt, professor of English and coordinator of Shepherd's Appalachian Studies Program, adding, "Rowe accomplished what Thoreau charged us all to do—live life artfully."



Zi Wang

A handmade quilt by Phyllis Nichols Rowe illustrating 25 English and Scottish ballads was donated to Shepherd's Appalachian Studies Program and Scarborough Library.

Social work program's four decades of success

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Horner among the reasons for this growth are the aging of society and a greater need for help in health care and substance abuse.

Shepherd's social work program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education and graduates must pass a licensing exam. Horner said 100 percent of the students passed the exam in 2013, and over the years the percentage of students passing is above 90 percent. That's compared to about a 76 percent national average.

The accrediting body requires students to complete 400 hours of field placement in order for the program to maintain its accreditation. Shepherd requires more than that, so students have to put in 600 hours in order to graduate. They work at a variety of agencies across the tri-state area, including in public welfare, adult and child protective services, area hospitals, and the correctional system.

Crawley-Woods said this extra real-life experience is a huge benefit to graduates. "Our interns do 200 hours above the national standard which is one of the reasons I think we're recognized as a program of distinction," she said.

Both Crawley-Woods and Horner think it's particularly important for students and professors from the social work program to be involved in community projects.

"It gives legitimacy to our education program in the community," Horner said. "Our students have the opportunity to engage in these projects so they see that learning is classroom and field, classroom and field, back and forth."

"Our motto is Social Welfare Through Social Change, and I think it's really evident on the B.S.W. level," Crawley-Woods said. "We are trying to create agents of change who are going to transform lives not just on the individual level but for communities and nations and internationally, too. We have a global perspective that we offer our students."

"It's a great source of generative joy for us that we have been able to create a program that has nurtured hundreds of young professionals and maturing professionals," Crawley-Woods added.

✶ Cecelia Mason

Help us plan upcoming Women for Shepherd events

Women for Shepherd University invites any interested individuals to attend its planning committee meeting on Wednesday, May 20 for events to be held in fall 2015 and spring 2016.

The group has offered many unique opportunities in its three year existence: a Women and Wellness event; a tour of the new Center for Creative Arts building and a presentation on inspired philanthropy from Impact Austin Founder Rebecca Powers; an Embracing Change with Style and Grace panel discussion, fashion show, and tea; and a Haute Holiday Hostess Extravaganza.

This spring's event, titled Leaving a Legacy, will be held Sunday, April 19, 2-4 p.m., at the Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies. Don Watts, a professional researcher, will give a genealogy presentation. A pictorial presentation on historical architecture of Jefferson County by John Allen, author of *Uncommon Vernacular*, will follow.

The WSU is always looking for new ideas in connecting Shepherd with its alumnae and friends. Please contact Meg Peterson at the Foundation at 304-876-5021 or email mpeterso@shepherd.edu by May 1 if you would like to attend the planning dinner.

Development

Foundation announces new named funds

The Shepherd University Foundation is always pleased to announce the establishment of new named funds which recognize donors for their contributions to Shepherd University or offer them the opportunity to honor or memorialize a loved one. The awards provided through these funds will support the educational future of Shepherd students.

Mary E. Roberts Scholarship

After completing their undergraduate and graduate studies at West Virginia University in 1998, Beth Roberts and Brian Peterson chose to settle in the Eastern Panhandle because they thought it seemed like a nice place to raise a family. They soon fell in love with Shepherdstown and its eclectic combination of small-town charm and urban connectedness to Washington, D.C.

Having grown up in the economically depressed Appalachian region of McDowell County, Beth, a counselor with Berkeley County Public Schools, became inspired to help the citizens of her home county after learning about the Reconnecting McDowell project, which aims to bring a brighter economic future to McDowell County through educational improvements.

She and Brian, an attorney for Bowles Rice, LLP, and advisor to the Foundation, chose to establish a scholarship through the

Shepherd University Foundation to promote the value of a Shepherd education. The MARY E. ROBERTS SCHOLARSHIP was named after Beth's paternal grandmother, a hard-working widow and single mother to five children.

"She taught each of her children the value of higher education, even though she herself only had a 6th grade education," said Beth, whose own father graduated from college with a



Claude Roberts

Beth Roberts talks about Shepherd University to seniors from River View High School in McDowell County. Roberts and her husband, Brian Peterson, created the Mary E. Roberts Scholarship, in part, to promote Shepherd and the Eastern Panhandle to students in the southern part of West Virginia.

Dr. James Pantle Music Education Scholarship

Dr. James Pantle enjoyed a 36-year career at Shepherd University as a professor of music and coordinator of music education. He was also one of five founding members of the Millbrook Orchestra of Shepherdstown in 1979 and served on its board throughout its 22-year existence. A longtime resident of Shepherdstown, Pantle, who was born and raised in Kansas, returned to his love of farming during his twilight years, lovingly tending to his 20-acre home along Opequon Creek.

During Founder's Day 2014, Pantle was posthumously honored by the Shepherd University Department of Music with the dedication of a music education classroom in his name. During the ceremony, numerous colleagues and friends shared memories of the beloved professor and his kindness, sincerity, and dedication to his students and colleagues. Subsequently, the music department created the DR. JAMES PANTLE MUSIC EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP in his honor.

"Dr. James E. (Jim) Pantle was a remarkable teacher, mentor, artist, and friend to many people," said Dr. Robert Tudor, chair of Shep-

Photo courtesy Department of Music



Dr. James Pantle

herd's music department. "His influence and work as an educator now spans generations. While preparing for the dedication of our music education classroom, I spoke with many of Jim's colleagues, friends, and former students. He was treasured by countless people for his deep love of music, commitment to helping his colleagues, and his quiet and sincere manner. We've established this scholarship in Jim's name, and my colleagues and I have been touched by the kindness expressed in his honor by others. Their gifts will combine to create opportunities for future music students to pursue their passions." The DR. JAMES PANTLE MUSIC EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP is designated in support of deserving Shepherd students majoring in music education.



degree in education and went on to become a teacher and principal in McDowell County.

In addition to creating this scholarship, Beth has undergone training with Shepherd's Office of Admissions to attract and recruit students from McDowell County. In October 2014, she spoke to seniors at McDowell's River View High School on an official recruiting trip. "I feel like this is what admissions should look like," said Beth. "Someone to serve as that bridge."

The MARY E. ROBERTS SCHOLARSHIP is designated in support of incoming freshmen to Shepherd University who are graduates of River View High School in McDowell County.

James and Frances Flagg Wilson Endowment

Some might say fate brought JAMES (JIM) WILSON '50 and Frances Flagg Wilson together when they met as undergraduates at Shepherd. A native of Youngstown, Ohio, Jim began his college career at Kent State University but soon transferred to Shepherd to play baseball. It was there that he met Frances, who had grown up in Martinsburg. The couple raised three children and remained happily married for 64 years before Frances passed away at the age of 83 on September 2, 2012; Jim followed her exactly one year later on September 2, 2013 at the age of 86.

Prior to their deaths, Jim and Frances made the decision to invest in the future of Shepherd University through a charitable remainder unitrust. The JAMES AND FRANCES FLAGG WILSON ENDOWMENT is designated to fund non-restrictive scholarships in support of student athletes, reflecting both the couple's appreciation for their beloved alma mater, as well as Jim's love of sports. He remained an avid golfer into his early 80s and played football in addition to baseball during his time at Shepherd.

"Dad just wanted to give back, and he felt very strongly about Shepherd's student-athletes," said one of the couple's two daughters, Mary Jane Messick, of her father, who rose to the position of vice president of marketing at Lockheed Martin Marietta Corporation after graduating from Shepherd. A World War II veteran who served in the Navy, Jim felt blessed that he was able to attend college on the GI Bill according to Messick, who added, "He wanted to pay that opportunity forward to other students."



Photo courtesy Mary Jane Messick

Jim '50 and Frances Wilson

Mary Sue Eldridge Endowment Fund

Mary Sue Eldridge spent the majority of her adult life in Shepherdstown, where she immersed herself in the local community. She was a dedicated member of Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church for 35 years and served on the faculty of Shepherd University as a professor of elementary education before moving on to a 20-year career as an elementary school guidance counselor with Montgomery County Public Schools in Maryland.

Born and raised in Ohio, Mary Sue eventually earned her Ph.D. in elementary guidance and counseling from Ohio University. She and her late husband, Dr. David Eldridge, former Shepherd University registrar and professor emeritus of physics, raised two sons, David and Jonathan, who chose to establish a scholarship in their mother's name after her death in February 2014. The MARY SUE ELDRIDGE ENDOWMENT FUND is designated as program support for the Shepherd University Nursery School.



Photo courtesy Jonathan Eldridge

Mary Sue Eldridge

Raymond and Ceil Frazier Music Scholarship

For more than 50 years, Raymond and Ceil Frazier were synonymous with music at Charles Town Presbyterian Church. After graduation from a North Carolina college, Ceil accepted a position as the music director for the Charles Town Presbyterian Church. She took the train to Washington, D.C., where the pastor picked her up and drove her to Charles Town. Since that time more than five decades ago, Ceil Frazier has led the church's music program.

Her husband, RAYMOND FRAZIER '59, a former music teacher and band director who died this past November, shared her love of music and faithfully sang in the choir, supporting the music program in many ways. In recognition of her retirement as music director, church friends and family honored both Ceil and Raymond by making gifts to endow the RAYMOND AND CEIL FRAZIER MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP in their names.

Development

Foundation announces new named funds

Mary Jane Shipley Scholarship

President Suzanne Shipley knows how a philanthropic contribution can change the course of lives. Every May, she shakes the hands of hundreds of students as they receive their diplomas. She knows that many of these students would not be crossing the stage on that day if it had not been for alumni and friends over the years who gave of their personal resources to fund scholarship awards. In this way, people they may never meet could pursue their education and thus achieve their aspirations. She also knows that every student brings with them unique talents and interests that provide opportunities to grow exponentially. And in a very personal way, she knows that for many students, it is through athletics that students are given opportunities to apply those talents while learning the skills they will need to excel in their professions and contribute to their communities.

When thinking of a way to honor her mother on the occasion of her 90th birthday, Shipley decided to start a scholarship in her mother's honor. She spoke with husband Randy Wadsworth and her brother and sister-in-law, Wes and Kathleen Shipley, and they immediately agreed that this was the perfect way to acknowledge their mother's life story. Mary Jane Shipley grew up in Texas at a time when it was unusual for women to participate in athletics. It was also unusual for women to pursue mathematics, especially at the college level.

"My mom taught mathematics at Texas Tech University and was a tremendous role model for us as we were growing up," said Suzanne. "But it was through tennis that she really expressed her competitive nature. Her work with us on the court demonstrated how practice and persistence could turn into results. In fact, Wes and I got really tired of hearing her favorite saying, 'Where there's a will, there's a way.'"

The Shipley family has joyfully endowed the MARY



Photo courtesy Wes Shipley

President Suzanne Shipley and her brother, Wes Shipley, endowed a named scholarship in honor of their mother, Mary Jane Shipley, on her 90th birthday.

JANE SHIPLEY SCHOLARSHIP to benefit talented women athletes engaged in the Shepherd University athletics program. By starting the endowment and making an immediate gift to fund the first awards, the family has enabled their mother to enjoy meeting the beneficiaries of her fund beginning this fall.

Boyle Family Football Scholarship

The BOYLE FAMILY FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP was created by John and Pam Boyle of Ashburn, Virginia, and was named in honor of their fathers' service to their nation and their communities.

The couple previously established a scholarship for marching band members in appreciation of the positive experience John's daughter had as a student at Shepherd. John and Pam regularly attend Shepherd football games and John administers the Shepherd Ram Band and Shepherd Ram Football Fan Facebook pages. The couple has grown to love Shepherd's community-based culture.



Rob Shaw

Senior Isaiah Shelton of Temple Hill, Maryland, (left) is the 2014-15 recipient of the newly funded Boyle Family Football Scholarship.

John David Russell Scholarship Fund

Leave a legacy

“CARVE YOUR NAME ON HEARTS, NOT TOMBSTONES. A LEGACY IS ETCHED INTO THE MINDS OF OTHERS AND THE STORIES THEY SHARE ABOUT YOU.”

Author Shannon Alder may not have been speaking about the late JOHN DAVID RUSSELL '75 when she penned that quote, but she might well have been. Sports writer BOB MADISON '82 tagged Russell as the “most memorable area athlete in some 35 years” in a 1999 *Spirit of Jefferson* article—two decades after Russell’s life was tragically cut short in a car accident while playing in the European basketball league.

Madison’s statement was not mere hyperbole. Dave, or Russ as he was known to friends, family, and coaches, is still one of the most prolific athletes to play at Shepherd University. His name tops numerous records for men’s basketball, including the all-time scoring title with 2,761 career points. Though not gifted with the most natural athletic ability, Russell’s success stemmed from his unmatched competitive spirit. His slight frame housed a man whose greatest desire was to be the most successful basketball player he could be, no matter how big or tough the opponent thrown his way. Known for riding his bicycle from Hagerstown to Shepherdstown so he could work out at the gym, Russell was almost sadistic in his desire to better himself on the court.

“I don’t think there is any question about his legacy,” said BOB STARKEY '58, head men’s basketball coach from 1968-88. “I equate having Dave Russell on the team with going to the tough end of town but having your big brother along. With Russ, I wasn’t worried about who we played and where we played them.”

Russell was drafted by the Milwaukee Bucks in 1975, but he was ultimately cut from the team to make room for bigger name talent. Instead of letting that deter his dreams, Dave went to Europe to play for Spain and France, with hopes of eventually returning to the NBA. It was during his tenure in France that he suffered fatal injuries in an automobile accident, sadly ending his life—and his career—much too soon.

Thanks to an endowment established by his parents Junior and Marlene Russell in 1978, Dave’s story has continued to perpetuate success some 40 years after he played. Current head men’s basketball coach Justin Namolik has dedicated time and resources into not only utilizing and expanding the scholarship monies the fund provides, but educating his players on the man for whom it’s named.

“Our MVP award is named for Dave Russell, and every year when I present the award, I share all the things that he accomplished on the basketball court,” said Namolik. “I always share how hard he played, the tenacity he played with, and how he died at a young age. I want to make sure our guys really appreciate the opportunity they have, as he did, and that they make the most of it.”

Gifts to the JOHN DAVID RUSSELL SCHOLARSHIP FUND will help the basketball program reach its goal of becoming a fully



John David Russell '75 receiving the George C. Springer Award for Outstanding Sportsmanship during the WVIAC tournament.

funded program and provide opportunities—both on and off the court—to Shepherd student-athletes like Dave. Madison wrote in that 1999 article that “even in death, Dave Russell is remembered by many who saw him perform as if it were yesterday.” His story, still shared by the countless number of fans that saw him play, is made more poignant through the lives he continues to touch. It’s those memories that make gifts to his endowment so important.

“All I’ve heard about him—how hard he played, the preparation he put in, the tenacity he played with, the physicality he played with—you hear those stories and know that he wasn’t just this gifted basketball player,” said Coach Namolik. “He made himself into a great basketball player. The unfortunate situation of how he passed away at a young age—I share that story to make sure it doesn’t get lost, that he doesn’t get forgotten. Having this endowment keeps him remembered, and it gets people to step outside the box and realize this is in memory of someone whose life meant a great deal.”

If you would like to donate to the JOHN DAVID RUSSELL MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT, please contact the Shepherd University Foundation at 304-876-5397, email Meg Peterson at mpeterso@shepherd.edu, or give a gift online at shepconnect.shepherd.edu.

☞ Meg Peterson

Scenes at Shepherd

Shepherd University offers more than 75 majors, minors, and concentrations over a wide range of disciplines encompassing the liberal arts, business administration, education, and the social and natural sciences, making it an ideal institution for career-minded individuals. But with the ever-rising cost of college tuition, many deserving students depend

on privately funded scholarship awards to pursue and achieve higher education. Here five Foundation scholars and one faculty member take you on a tour of their favorite places on Shepherd's diverse campus and explain what most excites them about the work they're doing here and how your private gifts make a difference. 🐾 *Kristin Alexander*



A senior from Martinsburg majoring in social work, **Elizabeth (Ellie) Johnson** (above) said receiving the JAMES AND KATHERINE MOLER SCHOLARSHIP has allowed her to continue her education with a focus on leadership and growth.

"I have been so excited and inspired by all of the leadership opportunities I've been granted at Shepherd, from my involvement with the Student Government Association to being elected the 2015 senior class president," said Ellie. "If it weren't for the many opportunities Shepherd has to offer outside the classroom, I would not be the solid, passionate leader I am today. I feel prepared to tackle any obstacle in my future!" Ellie is pictured in the lobby of Kenamond Hall, where she has served as a resident assistant for three years.

As a professor of biochemistry and the assistant dean of teaching, learning, and instructional resources, **Dr. Robert Warburton** (below) wears several hats at Shepherd. But as he says, "The main thing I do is help students succeed and provide resources for them so that they can succeed." This is the role of the Advising Assistance Center, part of Shepherd's Center for Teaching and Learning, where Bob is photographed. The small but mighty staff of the CTL helps to provide a link with the students, their majors, and the careers that they want to follow upon graduation. Resources utilized by the AAC include the recruitment of peer tutors, several of whom are Foundation scholars who wish to give back to the Shepherd community by supporting their fellow students.

Said Bob, "I gauge my success by seeing the students I worked with as first-years walk across the stage at commencement as Shepherd University graduates."



A freshman biology major on a pre-med track, **Roosevelt Boh** (above), of Hedgesville, conveys deep gratitude for having been awarded the THOMAS AND SHERRY LURRY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. "Education is important in my family and community," he said. "I am determined to get the best education and stress my commitment to use whatever education I am blessed with to bless others. God has blessed me with a passion to do whatever I can to bequeath a better world to generations yet unborn."

Roosevelt is pictured on German Street in Shepherdstown, a natural and charming extension of the Shepherd University campus.

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For **Marci Howes** (left), of Boonsboro, Maryland, the opportunity to return to college after a 20-year hiatus was a dream come true—one she says would not have been possible without the help of the RALPH AND MARGARET BURKHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. A member of Shepherd's Regents Bachelor of Arts program who is also working toward her master's in art education, Marci is seen here in the printmaking studio of the Center for Contemporary Arts. "It excites me that the work I'm doing at Shepherd has my brain turned on and engaged, and I can't wait to find out what I'm going to learn next!"

For sophomore **Matthew Henshaw** (right), of Kearneysville, receiving the MERLE AND JOSEPHINE SHULTZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP meant being able to worry less about the financial burdens of college and focus more on academics. Pictured in front of the Robert C. Byrd Science and Technology Center, where he "pretty much lives," the chemistry major says he's impressed with the many opportunities Shepherd presents, both academically and from a civic-minded perspective. "Shepherd offers me the chance to pursue my ultimate goal of becoming a dentist by obtaining a degree in chemistry with a concentration in biochemistry," he said, adding that he was also excited to be selected to be a resident assistant this year and become involved in Shepherd's residence life program.



As a recipient of the RALPH BURKHART LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP for members of Shepherd's Honor Program, freshman **Devyn Nickerson** (left), of Wheeling, is grateful for the opportunities it presents—such as living in prestigious Martin Hall, the Honors residence hall pictured here. "Shepherd is the first step of my adult life and the perfect place to build a strong foundation for my future," said Devyn, a biology and psychology double major who plans to attend medical school. "I love the value that Shepherd places in a well-rounded education. Through my honors core requirement classes, I am gaining an enhanced grasp on national and global perspectives. This will not only help me become a better doctor, it will help me become a better person—a more understanding and respectful individual. For that, I will be eternally grateful to Shepherd University."

Your gift makes a difference

KELLY PANNILL '05 arrived at Shepherd University her freshman year as a music major with aspirations of becoming a vocal performer. Thirteen years later, she's enjoying a rewarding career in higher education at her alma mater. Attributing her change



Kelly Pannill '05

in career path to the experiences she had as a student at Shepherd, Kelly gratefully acknowledges that many of them were made possible by the Foundation scholarships she received.

Growing up in Washington County, Maryland, just across the Potomac River from Shepherdstown, Kelly had originally planned to go a bit farther away for college. But during a visit to Shepherd's campus for a high school vocal competition, she and her mother took part in an admissions open house, during which Kelly became interested in the Honors Program.

"I don't think I realized the different college experiences I could have this close to home," she said. "I didn't fully comprehend all that was available to me, and that open house opened my eyes."

Kelly would go on to receive six privately funded Foundation scholarships over the course of her college career. These included the THOMAS AND SHERRY

LURRY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, the RALPH AND MARGARET BURKHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, the C. THOMAS BAXTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, the FLORENCE AND VELMA SHAW MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, the RUBY CLYDE MCCORMICK SCHOLARSHIP for students in the Honors Program, and the CLASS OF 2000 HONOR FUND.

The financial cushion provided by her scholarships allowed Kelly to live on campus—something she said transformed her college experience from a social standpoint. "It was important to my family and to me to get away and have that college experience," she said. "I think [living on campus] made a difference. I know that I was more involved."

And involved she was! In addition to holding work-study positions in the Office of Student Affairs and Disability Support Services, the naturally effervescent Honors student, who was also named a McMurrin Scholar—Shepherd's highest academic honor—served as both an A-Team leader and Washington Gateway camp counselor, and was involved in numerous activities and organizations, including *The Picket*, Relay for Life, Alternative Spring Break, Sistaz, Masterworks Chorale, and several theater productions.

Kelly also took part in the Semester at Sea program her junior year, which allowed her to travel around the world visiting 10 countries. The experience was a direct result of the money she received through her Foundation scholarships. "They were essential to my study abroad experience," she said.

After graduation, Kelly acquired the position of coordinator for residence life at Penn State Mont Alto. It was a natural progression for the 2005 grad, who switched majors from music to mass communications early in her freshman year.

"Glimpsing what a career in higher education looked like was really appealing to me, and I felt the skills I had learned in the classroom in terms of marketing and effective communication could be valuable in that type of career," said Kelly.

Kelly welcomed the opportunity to return to Shepherd when she was hired

as an admissions counselor. In 2012, she assumed her current position as a career advisor at the Center for Teaching and Learning, where she serves as an overall academic advocate for Shepherd students. It's a role in which her own student experiences, as well as the networking connections she made as a campus leader, prove to be a tremendous asset.

"I know how [campus life] functions because I've lived through it as a student, and now I've also seen it on the back-end as an administrator," she said. "So, I understand both sides and feel like that helps when I'm working with students so that I can be a good advocate for them."

Kelly said that such insight may not have been possible had her privately funded scholarships not provided her with the financial means to live on campus as a student. "I don't know that I would have been as successful," she said. "I would have stayed home more and I wouldn't have been building the connections outside of the classroom that I think are so important for students' success."

Though Kelly never had the opportunity to meet the donors behind her scholarships, she knows exactly what she would say to them if she ever did. "I would just want to thank them and convey my appreciation," she said. "I work with students in dire financial straits all the time. I know that when they are able to get scholarships, it really does make a huge impact on their ability to succeed."

"There are so many deserving students on our campus," Kelly said. "And so the people who have the means and make the decision to create student scholarships—I just have tremendous respect for them." Pausing for a moment, she smiled and said, "And I'm so grateful that I was one of those students." ❖ *Kristin Alexander*

If you would like to make a gift of any size to Shepherd University to help make a difference in the lives of deserving Shepherd students, the Foundation stands ready to help. Please contact Monica Lingenfelter, executive vice president of the Foundation at 304-876-5397 or mlingenf@shepherd.edu.



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University retirees with emeritus designation attend reunion

Emeriti faculty and staff gathered for a reunion luncheon on Founders Day, October 31, 2014. They are (front row, l. to r.) Jay Stenger, Dr. Charlotte Anderson, Dr. Walter Hanak, Jean Elliott '54, Anne Kerfoot '66, Dr. Denis Woods, Harry Young, Dr. Jerry Thomas, Dr. Betty Myers, Joan Pope '73, back row, Dr. Richard Latterell, Dr. Dan Starliper '69, Melinda Landolt '75, Dr. John Landolt, Dr. John "Quincy" Adams '71 and '74, Dr. Rick Gibson, Dr. Mike Jacobs, and Karl Wolf '70. The emeritus designation is awarded to faculty and staff with at least 10 years of service to Shepherd upon retirement.