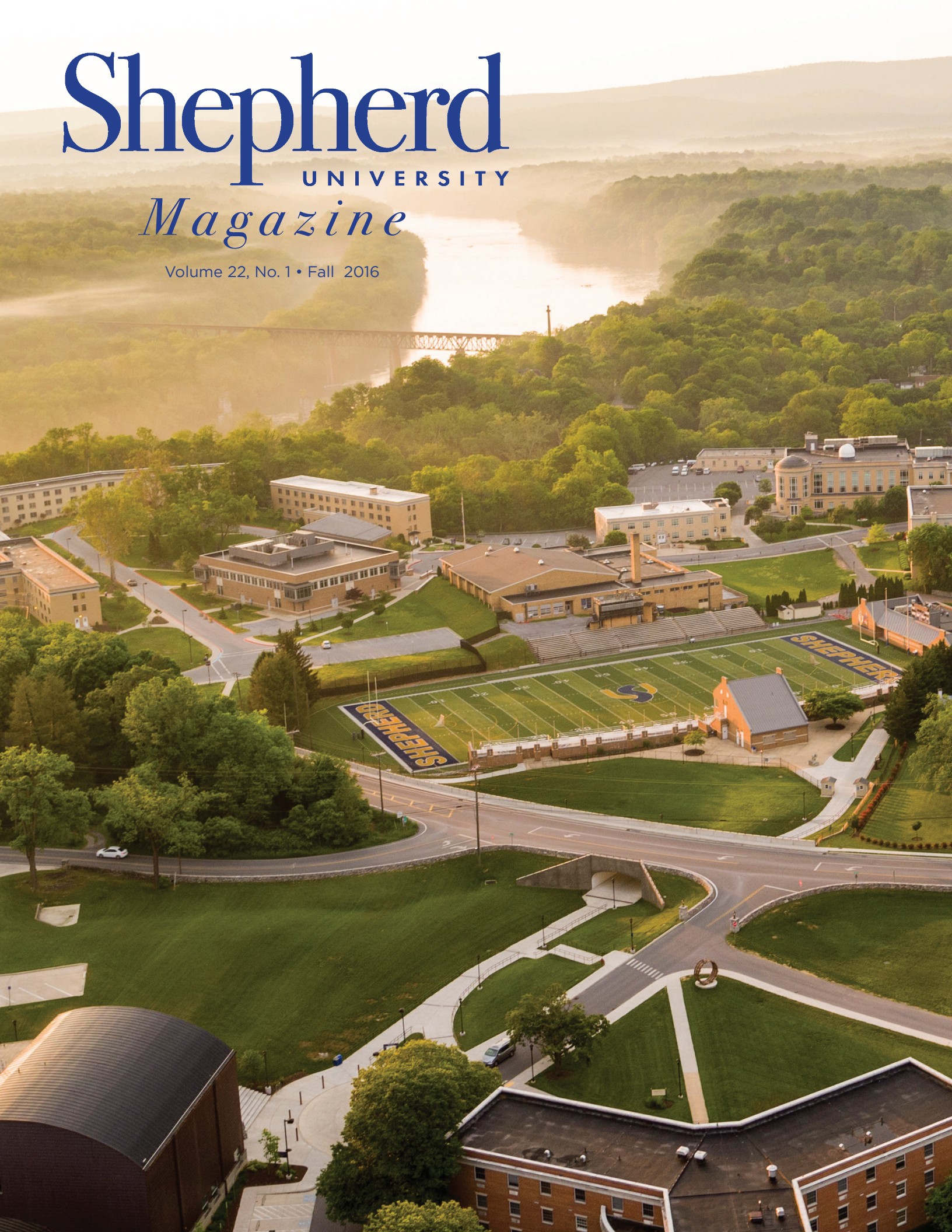


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## Mary J.C. Hendrix '74 inaugurated as 16th President of Shepherd University

Dr. Mary J.C. Hendrix '74 became the 16th President of Shepherd University during an installation ceremony held April 8. The two days of festivities featured an energy symposium, concert, Relay for Life torch lighting, ice cream social, and leadership summit which brought students, staff, faculty, alumni, and the community together to celebrate. In her inauguration address, President Hendrix stressed public-private partnerships, creative networking, and new collaboration as the way forward for Shepherd. In describing lessons she learned at Shepherd as a student, she said, "Service before self and excellence without arrogance."

*Clockwise, from top left: Members of the football team scooped ice cream for campus and community attendees at the ice cream social.*

*Michael Polsky, founder, president, and CEO of Invenergy LLC, was a participant in an energy symposium moderated by President Hendrix. Polsky announced the creation of the Invenergy-Shepherd University Beech Ridge Internship Program that will fund a Shepherd student every summer for a paid internship at the sustainable energy Beech Ridge project.*

*The culminating inauguration event was a Leadership Summit, "You Don't Need A Title to Be A Leader," presented by Mark Sanborn (l.) who joined President Hendrix and Student Alumni Council members Joshua Ferguson and Jack Younis (r.) at a post-lecture reception.*

*President Hendrix was surprised by a balloon drop as she entered the Wellness Center for a post-installation reception.*

*A noted cancer researcher, President Hendrix carried the Relay for Life torch to kick off the annual Shepherd fundraiser which supports finding a cancer cure.*



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## From the President

### Advancing Shepherd with the kindness of distinguished alumni and community partners

During the summer, a group of alumni and business leaders met to organize a group—the Business 2020 Committee—to raise funding for Shepherd's new School of Business. Led by alumnus Ray Alvarez '62, vice president of the Shepherd University Foundation, the committee was issued a challenge during its first meeting by Foundation President Mike Smith '89, who pledged \$250,000 toward the School of Business. As I write this, alumni and friends have risen to the challenge and pledged gifts. In August, Dr. Ben Martz joined us as the chair of the Department of Business Administration. His charge this year is to develop a plan for the School of Business, which he will lead as dean next July when the school is launched. With the commitment of the Business 2020 Committee, business leaders, and alumni, Dr. Martz has a firm foundation upon which to build Shepherd's new School of Business.

The amazing work that alumni, like Ray and Mike, do on behalf of Shepherd is not limited to Shepherd graduates—many, many community members have volunteered their time and talent to support Shepherd.

For example, a Friends of Popodicon group has volunteered to restore the gardens and to develop a plan for changes and improvements to the interior of this lovely and historic building on West Campus. We have formed partnerships or are strengthening old relationships with the town, merchants, local clergy, and others on initiatives and outreach.

Community leaders are using their personal connections to obtain access to key players in industry, government, and business, allowing Shepherd to initiate new projects and build stronger partnerships for educational opportunities for our students.

These public-private initiatives are providing new opportunities for advancement for the institution. One of the most visible and important partnerships is the one Shepherd has with the Shepherd University Foundation in building the new student residence hall on West Campus. The Foundation is borrowing the money through a West Virginia Economic Development Authority construction loan, which will be replaced with 40-year financing from the USDA Rural Development Office. Shepherd could not have undertaken this initiative without the assistance of the Foundation.

During the devastating flooding in other parts of West Virginia in June, Shepherd joined together with the town of Shepherdstown to serve as a drop-off point for urgently needed supply donations. Additionally, the university established a student emergency relief fundraising initiative to aid our students who live in the flood-ravaged areas. We thank the many community members who aided both of these relief efforts.

With the kindness of friends like these, Shepherd will be able to train the next generation of leaders and model citizens—who have the opportunity every day to witness the importance of giving back during times of need. ☛



President Mary J.C. Hendrix '74

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## President's Lecture Series

The President's Lecture Series, designed to showcase topics of interest to the Shepherd campus and local community, features community experts and Shepherd faculty. A reception sponsored by the Shepherd University Foundation will follow each event.

### Finding Your Money Mind

Have you ever made money decisions you've regretted and then repeated the same mistake again? Perhaps you are just one of those people who avoids talking about money altogether. We each have a dominant money mind that shapes our thinking every time we make a financial decision. While each of us has some aspects of all three—fear, commitment, happiness—we will revert to our dominate money mind when faced with important financial decisions.

This interactive event will give you a unique view on money and your relationship with money and important life relationships. Please join Rob Hoxton, managing director of United Capital, for this opportunity to change the way you think about your finances. Bring your smart device with you for the Find Your Money Mind exercise.

**Date:** Thursday, September 22

**Location:** Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History and Education

**Time:** 6:30-8 p.m.

**Cost:** Free and open to the public. Call Karen Rice at 304-876-5135 to reserve a seat.

### 2016 Nobel Prizes

Since 1901, the Nobel Prize has been honoring men and women from all corners of the globe for outstanding achievements in physics, chemistry, physiology or medicine, literature, and for work in peace. The foundations for the prize were laid in 1895 when Alfred Nobel wrote his last will, leaving much of his wealth to the establishment of the Nobel Prize.

Members of our faculty will discuss the importance of these Nobel Laureates' works, the nature of the prize in that discipline, the past recipients, and the impact it has on the world.

**Date:** Monday, October 17

**Location:** Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History and Education

**Time:** 6:30-8 p.m.

**Cost:** Free and open to the public. Call Karen Rice at 304-876-5135 to reserve a seat.



# Winbush '95 and '00 named vice president for athletics

Chauncey L. Winbush '95 and '00 is Shepherd's new vice president for athletics. Winbush, a former Shepherd football player and assistant football coach, began his duties August 22.

As vice president for athletics, Winbush is responsible for managing Shepherd's intercollegiate athletics program, with responsibility for planning, leading, coordinating, and evaluating all athletic programs and functions. The vice president for athletics is responsible for growth of external funding through development of relationships with various constituencies; negotiating, designing, and managing commercial relationships; managing and enhancing utilization of athletic facilities; ensuring compliance with all federal, division, conference, and university athletics regulations; and administering departmental funds and accounts in a fiscally responsible manner.

"As a Shepherd alumnus and former student-athlete, Chauncey Winbush knows the campus and the athletics department well," said President Mary J.C. Hendrix '74. "With his 15 years of Division I experience at the United States Naval Academy, Chauncey is poised to lead Shepherd's athletics program and advance its competitive success. We are pleased to welcome one of our own back to Shepherd."

Winbush was senior associate athletic director for business services at the Naval Academy Athletic Association in Annapolis, Maryland, where he worked since 2001. Winbush, who has extensive experience in the management and development of a \$45 million annual operating budget in support of 33 varsity sports and 1,500 student-athletes, served as the lead administrator and supervisor of the men's golf and water polo programs. He had day-to-day interaction with athletic programs and staff, addressing issues including compliance, budgets, player discipline, scheduling, recruiting travel issues, and facilities, as well as stewardship of donors in support of Navy athletics.

In the summer of 2012, the College Athletic Business Management Association (CABMA) selected Winbush to serve as president for the 2012-13 academic year. Winbush was named the CABMA Business Manager of the Year in 2014.

Before joining the Naval Academy athletics staff, Winbush was assistant director of operations for Emcee Sports, Columbia, Maryland; general ledger staff accountant for Phillips Business Information, Potomac, Maryland; and fund accountant for BT Alex Brown, Baltimore, Maryland.

At Shepherd, Winbush earned a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting and



*Chauncey L. Winbush '95 and '00*

economics in 1995 and a Bachelor of Science degree in sport management in 2000. He earned a master's degree in tourism administration with a concentration in sport management from George Washington University in 2002.

Winbush, who was inducted into the Shepherd University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2005, was a standout on the Ram football team from 1990-93. A converted defensive back, Winbush became one of the top wide receivers in school history. He was a member of the WVIAC title and NAIA Playoff teams in 1991 and 1992. He helped the Rams to their first NAIA Playoff win in a 6-3 win over Carson-Newman in 1993. Winbush led the Rams in receptions and receiving yards in his junior and senior years. He earned First Team All-WVIAC and Honorable Mention All-American honors as a senior.

"I am extremely excited for the opportunity to return to my alma mater to lead the athletic program," said Winbush. "I would like to thank President Hendrix and the search committee for entrusting me with this important role within the university. I look forward to working with our great coaches, student-athletes, and community to build on the tremendous success from recent years. Our goal will be to provide our student-athletes with an outstanding experience academically, socially, and athletically." ■



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## Signs celebrate Shepherd's achievements

*New signs celebrating Shepherd's academic and athletic accomplishments have been installed on Route 480 at the Potomac River bridge and on the Route 45 entrance to West Campus.*



## Shepherd, Foundation partner to finance, build new residence hall

Shepherd University broke ground on a new residence hall on June 22. The 80,866 square foot, \$22 million residence hall is slated to open August 2017 and is being built through a public-private partnership, a first for Shepherd.

The university, the Shepherd University Foundation Sustaining Organization, and EdR Collegiate Housing, a private company that has built and manages student housing in a number of states, are partnering to construct the residence hall on the West Campus near the Center for Contemporary Arts I. The architect for the project is Design Collective of Baltimore, Maryland, the same firm that designed Shepherd's Erma Ora Byrd Hall on East Campus. The construction company is Harkins Builders, of Baltimore/Washington/Philadelphia.

According to Vice President James Vigil, bond participation notes issued through the West Virginia Economic Development Authority are paying for construction of the building. Once construction is complete and Shepherd receives a certificate of occupancy, the Shepherd University Foundation Sustaining Organization (SUFSO) will use a 40-year USDA Rural Development Office loan to pay off the bond notes. SUFSO will own the building, and Shepherd will manage and maintain it.

"We felt in order for us to be competitive, we needed to have more modern and

current residence hall facilities on our campus," Vigil said. "I'm really excited. I think this is a game changer for the university. I think this is one of the pieces we need in order to grow our enrollment again."

"The Foundation board of directors considers this a new and exciting way to support the university in a unique and significant way," said Monica Lingenfelter, Shepherd University Foundation executive vice president. "Recruitment and retention of students is key to every strategic plan the university has ever had. The new residence hall will attract students and encourage them to stay and make the most of the on-campus experience."

The new air-conditioned residence hall will have 298 beds in a mix of double occupancy and private rooms with no more than two students sharing a bathroom. There will also be nine units for resident assistants and residence hall directors, laundry facilities, shared kitchen space, study and social lounges, classroom space, and a full service dining facility with an outdoor eating area.

"Students want amenities like they have at home," Vigil said. "A lot of students have private bathrooms at home or share with one other sibling, and they absolutely think AC is something that's inherently part of where they're going to live."

Shepherd also plans to make changes

to its existing residence halls to better accommodate students' expectation of more amenities and privacy. Vigil said there are plans to renovate Kenamond and Gardiner halls on the East Campus, which were built in the late 1960s. On the West Campus, Shaw and Thacher halls, which opened in 1970, will remain traditional residence halls. The six West Woods buildings, which opened in 1985 and 1990, and the apartments, which opened in 2006, will offer more private rooms and house fewer students.

"Right now they're primarily double occupancy rooms and what we found in surveying our students is they want more privacy especially as they mature in their college career," Vigil said. "It's OK when you're a freshman to have a roommate and share a bathroom down the hall with 25 other people on your wing, but as you begin to mature, you want more privacy, you may even want a kitchen, and you don't want to share a bedroom either. We're sensitive to that."

Vigil said the desire for more amenities is reflected in the occupancy rate of the various residence halls. During the 2015-16 school year, the occupancy rate in the less expensive East Campus halls that lack air conditioning—Gardiner, Turner, and Kenamond—was 72 percent. The more expensive air-conditioned halls on West Campus—Thacher, Shaw, and West Woods—had an occupancy rate of 88.8 percent, while the rate in the apartments—Printz and Dunlop, which are the most expensive housing on campus—was 89.5 percent.

"That gives you an example of the fact that students are making conscious choices to either not live on campus because we don't have what they want or to live in a more expensive residence hall because it's more comfortable for them," Vigil said.

Vigil said the new residence hall will not be the most expensive housing offered. At a proposed cost of \$3,300 per semester for a double room and \$4,800 for a single, it will cost slightly less than the Printz and Dunlop apartments. The new residence hall will also be available between semesters for conferences. ☛



*The new residence hall, under construction on West Campus between the Center for Contemporary Arts I and the Frank Center, will open August 2017.*



# A history of student housing at Shepherd

When Shepherd University first opened in September 1871, there was no student housing on campus. In fact, the campus consisted of just one building—McMurrin Hall.

The *Catalogue of the Officers and Students of Shepherd College for the Scholastic Year 1873-74* states, “Good board can be had in private families at from \$3 to \$4.50 per week. Students who board in town will be under the care of the teachers at all times, and families who board pupils will be required to report any misconduct on the part of the pupil, or any neglect of studies.”

Until 1915, students who didn’t live at home rented rooms in the college-approved houses of townspeople. By 1915, enrollment had increased to 240, making it necessary to build Shepherd’s first dormitory, now called Miller Hall.

The 1916 catalog offered a description of the building, which housed female students: “Our dormitory has just been completed and newly equipped. It is airy, roomy, sanitary, lighted with electricity, liberally supplied with baths. The rooms command a view of the beautiful Potomac and Blue Ridge. Fifty girls may be accommodated.”

The catalog describes the three-story Colonial-style building as modern in every detail, saying it offered “advantages that have been demanded by our patrons for some years,” including a dining room, kitchen, laundry room, library, and large reception room.

Male students who needed a place to live were still required to rent rooms in private houses. That changed in 1921 when Shepherd acquired the Entler Hotel to use as a men’s dormitory (Rumsey Hall). The 1923 catalog described the accommodations: “The building is of red brick, contains nineteen bedrooms, two reception rooms, and is equipped with bathrooms, lavatories, electric light, and steam heat. All meals are served in the dining room at Miller Hall.”

## Post WWII growth

The end of World War II and passage of the G.I. Bill brought growth and the need for more housing at college campuses, including Shepherd. The G.I. Bill paid to

build veterans’ hospitals, offered mortgage loans, and covered tuition. Dr. Tom Segar, vice president for student affairs, said many campuses, including Shepherd, built temporary housing, often reusing military buildings and materials because there was a surplus available.

“Schools that had not invested in building housing either bought land or re-purposed land or they bought homes in the surrounding community and converted those homes into residence halls,” Segar said.

Shepherd followed that trend. In 1945, a Federal Dormitory was erected behind Snyder Science Hall for veterans enrolled at the college. The Campus History Series book *Shepherd University* by Dr. Dorothy E. Hively ’12 M.A. says, “Recognizing the unique needs of nontraditional students, the Veteran’s Dormitory, erected by the federal government in 1945, housed 16 men. Returning World War II veterans increased the student population to 165 in 1945 and to 302 in 1946. The building was later used for storage and was eventually torn down.”

Camper travel trailers located behind Knutti Hall, known as Trailer Town, housed married veterans and their wives. Shepherd also purchased the T.B. Line House (Human Resources Building) on Princess Street in 1946 and the Boswell House (now demolished) at the corner of Princess and High streets in 1948 to use as men’s dormitories. The college also expanded the campus with the purchase of 19 parcels of land, extending the campus to the Potomac River.

With male students spread out in several different buildings, Shepherd found a need to build a new men’s dormitory. In 1952-53, Boteler Hall was constructed on the property that was purchased in 1948. Three more residence halls were eventually constructed there. Turner was dedicated in 1961, and Kenamond and Gardiner in 1966.

## Going coed

When Harry Young began working in student affairs as dean of men in 1969, Shaw and Thacher halls were under construction. Young said student life on campus

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*Rumsey Hall men’s dormitory on corner of German and Princess streets (now the Entler Hotel).*



*Federal Dormitory behind Snyder Hall, for returning WWII veterans (now demolished).*



*Temporary trailer housing (l.) behind Knutti Hall, for married World War II vets.*



*Boswell House men’s dormitory on the corner of Princess and High (now demolished).*

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# Shepherd Today

## A history of student housing at Shepherd

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was very different than it is today. There were almost always two students per room and the dorms were segregated for men and women.

“At that time, rules and regulations were quite different from what they are now,” Young said. “We had a dean of women who was prone to go into the lobbies of the residence halls where the women were and if there was a man and a woman sitting on a sofa, she would go up and make sure that they both knew that they had to have one foot on the floor. We didn’t have any visitation at that time. We had one Saturday or Sunday where there were two hours in an afternoon when men or women could go into the rooms of the opposite sex, but doors had to be open all of that time.”

Young said more restrictions were placed on female students. They were required to sign out of the residence halls and had to have a permission slip from their parents in order to do so. There were no restrictions on men.

Shepherd, like many colleges, loosened the rules to allow visitation between men and women and eventually made the transition to coed dorms.

### Thacher and Shaw

Thacher and Shaw halls were dedicated in 1970, and they represented a change in the approach to campus living. They offered air conditioning and were designed differently than the halls on the East Campus. Rather than having one long hall, there were three wings coming off a central hub and there were more lounge areas where students could congregate outside their rooms.

“There were studies done on living in residence halls where they talk about those kinds of things and it creates a little bit more group identity in the wings,” said Dr. John “Quincy” Adams ’71 and ’74, former assistant vice president for student affairs.

Adams came to Shepherd in 1966 as a student and took a job in student affairs right after graduating. “When I first came, Shepherd was very proud of the fact that there was a new men’s residence hall and a new women’s residence hall, which ended up being named Kenamond and Gardiner,” Adams said. “The whole West Campus we know today was just an orchard.”

### West Woods

The next major residence hall construction took place in the mid to late 1980s, representing an even larger departure from the traditional dorms on the East Campus. Burkhart, Moler, and Yost halls were dedicated in 1985. They not only had air conditioning but were configured like apartments. Each unit housed four students and had two bedrooms, a bathroom, a living room, and a door directly to the outside.

“We had students involved in the planning, and it was pretty much an all inclusive type of thing,” Young said. “The overall thought was to make them more like an apartment that students would live in downtown, to make them more attractive so students would want to live in them.”

Young said seniors and some juniors were guaranteed space in West Woods. Any rooms left over were awarded through a

lottery. Most underclassmen were assigned rooms in one of the traditional halls.

Adams said the design of West Woods was based on research showing that it’s good to bring pods of people together in a living arrangement, in this case having four people share a common living room.

“It’s designed to encourage students to congregate so that a lot of learning goes on,” Adams said. “They learn who they are and develop their identities by interacting with other people. There are lots of bonds that develop from that.”

Construction began on three more apartment-style West Woods buildings in 1989—Martin, Lurry, and Boteler (which replaced old Boteler on East Campus) halls.

### Dunlop and Printz

The last two residence halls built in 2005 on West Campus were Dunlop and Printz, and they took the concept of independent living even further, offering suites that included kitchens. Just like all new residence halls before them, they became the preferred place to live on campus.

“When Thacher and Shaw were built, everybody wanted to move there,” Adams said. “Once they built West Woods, it was the same thing. Then eventually the apartments became the ultimate thing for everyone.”

Adams said the apartment-style residence halls are intended to help young people develop more independence. And, he added, research shows students who live in residence halls also develop a stronger bond to the institution, leading to improved retention and graduation rates.

### The digital age

The design of the buildings was not the only thing that has changed over the decades that colleges went from offering rooms in private homes to on-campus living. “Among the greatest changes I’ve witnessed is around technology,” Segar said.

While there are still phone jacks in some residence halls at Shepherd, Segar pointed out most students have cell phones now. Since 2002, he has witnessed the transition from dial-up internet service, to wireless, to the expansion of the wireless network to accommodate increasing student demand.

“Students used to come to college with maybe one device that needed to be on the internet—their computer,” Segar said. “They usually came with a desktop that had to be plugged in. Now they bring laptops, phones, e-readers, tablets, gaming sys-

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Harry Young, Dean Emeritus  
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Dr. John Adams '71 and '74,  
Assistant Vice President for  
Student Affairs and Dean of  
Students Emeritus



Dr. Tom Segar, Vice President  
for Student Affairs



tems, and smart televisions. One student can have five to seven devices that need wireless access.”

The approach to residence life has also evolved over the decades. Segar said the main focus in the early years was on discipline and overall well-being. In the 1970s and '80s, the focus shifted to the concept of building community by offering events, activities, and programs that encouraged students to come out of their rooms to participate. The 1980s and '90s brought more decisions based on research that emphasized creating community. Segar said a major transition to the science behind student housing took place during the 1940s, '50s, and '60s.

“That’s when the research was intentional about how to design housing that would best support students,” he said. “Up until then, institutions were simply doing what they thought best to provide a place for students to live. The earliest residence halls really weren’t residence halls, they were just large spaces with beds in them for people to sleep.”

Segar said there was also a professionalization of residence life staff. He said up until the 1930s and '40s, faculty would live in residence halls and provide supervision. Then the trend was toward having housemothers, then dorm parents.

“We realized we need folks who have both the focus and the expertise to manage students, not just folks who have good hearts,” Segar said. “So in the 1960s you see colleges hiring residence hall or building directors, with that position becoming much more common. Then you see residence advisors. So we went from having just one person supervising a building to having what are called resident assistants or resident advisors who provide oversight.” *—Cecelia Mason*

## Frye '09 M.A. named to community relations post

Holly Morgan Frye '09 M.A., assistant vice president for student affairs, has been appointed as the director of community and congressional relations. Frye retains her assistant vice president duties while assuming the new outreach assignment.

As director of community and congressional relations, Frye works with community leaders to enhance and expand partnerships and to coordinate activities between Shepherd and the community to maximize opportunities and strengthen relationships. She serves as the liaison with members of the legislature and the U.S. Congress, working with legislative and congressional offices and staff members on Shepherd’s behalf. Frye is part of President Mary J.C. Hendrix’s executive leadership staff.



*Holly Morgan Frye '09 M.A.*

“As a Shepherdstown native and a product of Shepherd’s master’s program in college student development and administration, Holly is a visible and vital member of the community and the university,” said President Hendrix. “A 15-year employee of Shepherd who has served in alumni affairs, student community service, and student affairs, Holly is a recognized and well-known presence who will serve Shepherd well in outreach activities.”

Frye began her career at Shepherd as director of alumni affairs, moving to student community services in 2001. Ten years later she was named assistant vice president for student affairs. *—*

## 143rd Commencement



*Cecelia Mason*

*Commencement speaker James A. Leach, former Iowa Congressman and former chair of the National Endowment for the Humanities, was presented an honorary degree by President Mary J.C. Hendrix (r.) as Dr. Marcia Brand, chair of the Shepherd University Board of Governors, looks on. A total of 768 degrees—705 bachelor’s degrees and 63 master’s degrees—were awarded during the 143rd Commencement held May 7.*



*Cecelia Mason*

*Berkeley County resident Randy Smith flashes two thumbs-up after receiving his honorary doctorate in recognition of his philanthropic outreach in his community and state. He is shown with Dr. Brand and President Hendrix.*



*Cecelia Mason*

*President Hendrix (r.) presented the President’s Award to Dr. Sylvia Manning, who served as interim president for six months, and Manning’s husband, Thomas Blondell.*



## New business chair Ben Martz to create School of Business

Dr. William Benjamin “Ben” Martz, Jr., is the new chair of the Department of Business Administration. During the 2016-17 academic year, Martz will supervise the creation of a School of Business at Shepherd that will include the Departments of Business Administration, Economics and Finance, and Accounting. He will become dean of the newly created School of Business in July 2017.

“Ben Martz has the perfect combination of business experience and academic leadership in an AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) business program to work with our faculty, alumni, and local business community to advance innovation and excellence in contemporary business education,” said Provost Christopher Ames. “He is a creative thinker who knows how to bring people together over new ideas and turn

vision into reality.”

Martz was a professor and director of the Master of Science in Business Informatics Program at Northern Kentucky University. During his nine years at Northern Kentucky University, he also served as chair of the Department of Business Informatics.

Previously, he was a professor in the Department of Information Systems at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, and prior to that served as an associate professor in the Department of Accounting and Information Systems at California State University, Chico.

In the private sector, Martz served as co-founder, vice president of research and development, and president of Ventana Corporation, a technology spin-off company at the University of Arizona created to commercialize the electronic meeting

software GroupSystems. GroupSystems was awarded PC Magazine’s Editor’s Choice Award for best electronic meeting software in 1994, and Martz was nominated for Ernst and Young’s Entrepreneur of the Year in Arizona for managing the company’s financial turnaround.

He earned a B.B.A. in marketing from the College of William & Mary, and an M.S. in management information systems and a Ph.D. in business (management information systems) from the University of Arizona. ☛



Dr. Ben Martz, Jr.

## Sommers is new enrollment management VP

William E. “Bill” Sommers was named vice president for enrollment management in April. He brings nearly 25 years of higher education experience to the university, focusing on admissions and enrollment management.

“I am thrilled to be a new member of the Shepherd University community,” Sommers said. “I’m finding that the people here are really invested in this university, its success, and the students who attend this university.”

Sommers said he became interested in applying to Shepherd after reading the university’s strategic plan, progress reports, and other documents.

“When you work in higher education, it is really about the people, because we are still people serving people, and that’s what education really is about,” he said. “I was really impressed with the people and the collegiality and the collaboration that is taking place here on campus.”

Sommers said Shepherd is a good fit for him, and he looks forward to promoting the school to future students.

“Shepherd offers a quality education in a very personal environment in a cool, funky, eclectic college town,” he said “It’s about environment, it’s about location, and it’s about academic programs.”

Sommers comes to Shepherd from Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania where he had served as associate vice president for enrollment management since 2013. He also worked in Colorado at Colorado Mountain College, Parks College, and Colorado Technical University, and in Wisconsin at Ripon College and Apollo Group/Cardinal Stritch University.

Sommers earned a B.A. in speech communications from Ripon College and an M.S. in management from Cardinal Stritch University.

As vice president for enrollment management, Sommers oversees Shepherd’s admissions, financial aid, and registrar’s offices. ☛



William E. “Bill” Sommers

## Tony Major named finance VP

Tony Major was named Shepherd’s vice president for finance in August. As vice president, he is responsible for planning, implementing, managing, and controlling all of Shepherd’s financial activities. In addition, he is responsible for accounting, finance, payroll, budget planning and management, procurement, contract analysis and negotiations, and long-range forecasting.

“We are delighted to have Tony Major join us at Shepherd,” said President Mary J.C. Hendrix. “His extensive experience in finance, accreditation in higher education, and the private sector will serve Shepherd well.”

Major was the chief financial officer of Navajo Technical University in Crownpoint, New Mexico, a post he held for five years.

His experience in higher education includes stints as director of business operations at the University of New Mexico, Gallup; associate director of finance for the University of Arizona’s Flandrau Science Center; and accounting manager for the University of Arizona Bookstores. He also served as controller of the Loma Catalina Company in Tucson and assistant police planner for the City of New Haven, Connecticut, Department of Police Service.

Major earned a B.S. in accounting and business from DeSales University and an M.B.A. from Moravian College, both located in Pennsylvania. He earned certificates in leadership from the University of Arizona and the University of New Mexico, as well as certificates in supervision and financial administration from the University of Arizona. ☛



# Novelist Charles Frazier to be Writer-in-Residence in September

Charles Frazier, author of *Cold Mountain* and *Thirteen Moons*, is the 2016 recipient of the Appalachian Heritage Writer's Award and will serve as the Appalachian Heritage Writer-in-Residence (AHWIR) September 24-October 1. Frazier is working with the AHWIR committee to select the West Virginia Fiction Competition winners and will assist with preparation of Volume IX of the *Anthology of Appalachian Writers*.

Charles Frazier was born in Asheville, North Carolina, in 1950, and grew up in the heartland of the mountains. He received his B.A. degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1973, and went on to study at Appalachian State University, where he met his future wife

Katherine, whom he married in 1976. Frazier's first published book was a travel guide for the Sierra Club called *Adventuring in the Andes* (1985). The following year, Frazier completed his Ph.D. in American literature at the University of South Carolina. After a teaching stint at the University of Colorado, Boulder, he returned to North Carolina, where both he and Katherine taught at North Carolina State University.

It was his wife who convinced Frazier to devote all his time to writing, and the tale he wanted to write was a family story of his great-great uncle William P. Inman, a wounded Confed-

erate soldier who journeyed home, back to Cold Mountain and to his family, during the war. Frazier's friend and fellow author Kaye Gibbons sent the unfinished manuscript off to her agent, and *Cold Mountain* was published in 1997.

*Cold Mountain* was a huge success, both critically and commercially, winning numerous awards, including the National Book Award for Fiction (1997), landing on the *New York Times* Best Seller list for over a year, and receiving the Sue Kaufman Prize for First Fiction. In 2003, a film based on the book was released to critical acclaim, winning seven Academy Award nominations and an Oscar for Renée Zellweger. An opera based on the book premiered in Sante Fe, New Mexico, and in February 2016, Philadelphia hosted an East Coast premier. The story is framed in terms of the archetypal "journey" myth and is set not only in the midst of one of the most traumatic events of American history—the Civil War—but also in the Appalachian region, which was inexorably changed by the war and in some sense is still evincing the damage done to the region and its people from this conflict.

Random House picked up the option on Frazier's second book, *Thirteen Moons* (2006), a historical novel that tells a complex story associated with the Cherokee Removal from the region and its aftermath, the Native Americans who remained in Appalachia, and the struggle against a newly minted and racist American government. Another *New York Times* Best Seller, *Thirteen Moons* is principally a *bildungsroman* or coming of age

story, a tale that evolved from research while Frazier worked on *Cold Mountain*.

Frazier grew up near the Cherokee community of Snowbird, which still had a Cherokee-speaking population. He told the story from the point of view of "a fictionalized [version of] William Holland Thomas (Will Cooper in the novel), a white boy who was adopted by the Cherokee chief." The historical William Holland Thomas (1805-93), a North Carolina senator from 1848-60, was the only white man chosen as chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. As a young lawyer, Thomas negotiated with the government for his adoptive father Yonagaska and Cherokee neighbors to remain in North Carolina in the 1830s. Historical fiction at its best, *Thirteen Moons* brings together both a dramatic part of Cherokee and American history—the Trail of Tears and the American Civil War and the aftermath. The book was later translated into Cherokee, and Frazier worked with Cherokee elders and scholars to bring authenticity to that project.

His third novel, the literary thriller *Nightwoods* (2011), became another *New York Times* bestseller. This tale is a suspenseful story set in a fading and largely abandoned lodge in North Carolina. Murder, mountains, and two disturbed children drive this contemporary narrative of drugs, moonshine, and dysfunctional families, as Frazier stretches his storytelling talents to spin a story full of surprises, dramatic tensions, and modern themes.

Frazier is working on his fourth novel which is inspired by the life of Varina Howell Davis, the second wife of Confederate President Jefferson Davis, a woman whose haunting beauty, ambivalence about the war, and Philadelphia education make her a fascinating figure for a master storyteller to portray.

—Sylvia Bailey Shurbutt

## Frazier Residency Highlights

### Wednesday, September 28

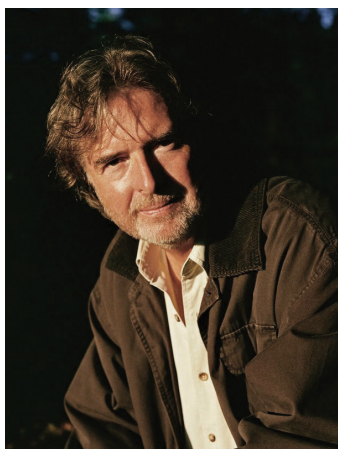
**7 p.m. "The Writing Life, A Conversation with Charles Frazier,"** Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History and Education Auditorium. Reception to follow. Sponsored by the Shepherd University Foundation.

### Thursday, September 29

**8 p.m. Scarborough Society Lecture and Awards Ceremony,** Erma Ora Byrd Hall. Sponsored by the Shepherd University Foundation, the West Virginia Humanities Council, and the West Virginia Center for the Book.

For a complete list of events, visit [www.shepherd.edu/ahwirweb/frazier/schedule](http://www.shepherd.edu/ahwirweb/frazier/schedule)

The residency events are made possible with financial support from the West Virginia Humanities Council, in partnership with the Shepherd University Foundation, the West Virginia Center for the Book, the Scarborough Society at Shepherd University, the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the Shepherdstown Film Society, the Martinsburg Public Library, Four Seasons Book Store, the West Virginia Division of Culture and History, the West Virginia Commission on the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Humanities.



Charles Frazier



# Alumni

## Class Notes

**'73** Dennis "Denny" Barron won the 2016 Distinguished Citizen Award and was honored on April 2 by the Mannahoac District of the Boy Scouts of America at its annual dinner. Denny has spent four decades volunteering around Jefferson County, including with the local 4-H, where he has served as a camp counselor for 25 years and as director and treasurer for the Jefferson County 4-H Club Foundation. He has also assisted with the Jefferson County Fair, where he currently serves as the entertainment chair. Denny is active with WVU Extension Development Council Service Committee, Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce Arts and Crafts Committee, Shepherdstown Elementary School's Improvement Council, and the Shepherdstown Fire Department. The fire station holds a special place to him as his parents donated a portion of their dairy farm so the department could build a fire department on Route 45 west of Shepherdstown. He attributes his affinity for volunteer work to his parents, who he says instilled the giving spirit in him, and to an early career mentor, Albert Kave, for giving him his first job delivering groceries and encouraging him to go to college and to work for Jefferson Security Bank, which he said gave him the opportunity to help people.

Dr. Vanda Wark '73, writer and professor, recently published *Juliana* (Volume 1: 1941-1944), the first in a series of novels about modern LGBT history.

*Kirkus Reviews* said this about the book: "Playwright Vanda (*The Forgetting Curve*, 2014, etc.) offers a well-researched, richly textured look at LGBT life in 1940s New York City, a time when women could get in trouble just for wearing trousers. She gives a good sense of the gay world's sub rosa signals, codes, secret celebrities, and in-jokes. Her dialogue, fittingly for a playwright,

is sharp and does much to aid in characterization and add historical flavor."

Vanda has spent the last 30 years as a playwright. Her play, *The Forgetting Curve*, has been optioned by Theatrum Mundi with an intention toward a Broadway production. She continues at Metropolitan College of New York as a full professor. Visit her website at [www.vandawriter.com](http://www.vandawriter.com).

**'81** Patti Richmond Saylor was named one of the 2016 Influential Marylanders by the editorial staff at *The Daily Record* because of her impact on Maryland and influence through her hard work. After tragically losing her son, who had Down syndrome, in 2013 due to an encounter with police who did not know how to deal with those with mental disabilities, Patti wanted to make sure it wouldn't happen again. After she petitioned and met with former Gov. Martin O'Malley, he issued an executive order establishing the Commission for the Effective Community Inclusion of People with Intellectual Disabilities. Patti also helped to pass legislation in 2015 that will prepare and support people with disabilities to be self-advocate trainers. As she turns her attention nationwide, she continues as owner of Health Link LLC, and serves on the board of the National Down Syndrome Society, the ARC U.S. National Center for Criminal Justice and Disability Advisory Committee, the Ethan Saylor Alliance Steering Committee, and the International Down Syndrome Coalition Advisory Board.

Mark E. Lewis '81, a McMurrin Scholar, completed a 30-year civilian career with the Department of Army and retired from federal service. He spent his entire career at Fort Lee, Virginia, home of U.S. Army Logistics training. Mark devoted the last 18 years to training basic and advanced logistics officers in effective writing and speaking skills. Twice selected as instructor of the year and recipient of the Commander's Award for Civilian Service, Mark finished his career at Army Logistics University as a distinguished instructor who trained more than 17,000 officers while at Fort Lee.



Mark E. Lewis '81

**'87** Dr. D. Mark McCoy was named DePauw University's 20th president and assumed his new role July 1. Mark served as the dean of the DePauw University School of Music since 2011, where he led the development of a new curriculum called 21st Century Musician Initiative and a community program, Music on the Square, which is a music space that offers lessons from early childhood to adult. He also partnered with Yo-Yo Ma to create a workshop which attracts musicians from across the world. Prior to his employment with DePauw, Mark taught at Texas Tech University, where he also received his doctorate in fine arts with a concentration in music composition, and served as chair of the Department of Music at Shepherd University, where he received his bachelor's degree. He received his master's degree from Peabody Conservatory. In his new role, he will oversee the college of approximately 2,200 students.

**'93** Brian K. Hammond was inducted into Shepherd's chapter of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society at a ceremony on April 12. He has worked for Shepherd for the past 28 years and is administrative analyst/budget officer in Information Technology Services.

**'97** Cindy Kitner was appointed the new president and CEO of Jefferson Security Bank (JSB) in March. A CPA with more than 18 years of experience in banking, Cindy said she is ready for the next step in her banking career. She joined the bank in 2005 and has held many titles, including executive vice president and CFO, senior vice president and CFO, risk management officer, compliance officer, customer information security program coordinator, commu-





nity reinvestment act officer, and corporate secretary. She has also been directly responsible for the oversight and management of the finance, risk management, and compliance departments. Cindy has provided mentoring and leadership for many departments, including human resources, information technology, and loan review.



Cindy Kitner '97

**'99** Jesse Shultzaberger, a professional drummer and music educator, has released a drum instruction book for beginner to intermediate students, titled *Foundation of Drumming: An Incremental Approach to the Drumset*. The book outlines progressive steps for learning basic drum fundamentals while developing a personal technique and style. Jesse is a Shepherdstown resident and holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Shepherd. A dexterous drum-

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Jesse Shultzaberger '99

## Dodson '01 named a CNN Hero for work with Richmond youth through bicycling

Craig Dodson '01 has been named a CNN Hero for work he's doing to help youth living in public housing in Richmond, Virginia. Craig, who has a B.S. in exercise science from Shepherd, founded the Richmond Cycling Corps (RCC), a nonprofit organization that uses bicycling to help young people get out of Fairfield Court and other public housing neighborhoods.

Craig, who grew up in Pasadena, Maryland, was a semi-professional bicycle racer until 2010. It was through bicycling that he discovered Shepherd.

"I came to the Shepherdstown area in 1995 to do some mountain biking on the Maryland side in some state parks," he said. "I was with a friend who had a friend who went to Shepherd, and I left a cycling jacket at her place. She mailed it to me with a Shepherd catalog because I was asking about the school."

Craig said his high school counselor did not encourage him to go to college, so he spent a year attending a community college. That proved to him that he could succeed in higher education and, because he still had the catalog, Shepherd was the only school to which he applied. After graduating from Shepherd, he earned a master's degree in movement science from Western New Mexico University, another school he discovered while training for bike races.

"My path to academia was certainly not orthodox," he said.

Craig landed in Richmond, Virginia, in 2005. He chose to set up a bike racing team there because it is conveniently located. He and members of his team went into the city's schools and recreation centers to talk to kids from the housing projects. But his generic message—that if they don't do drugs and worked hard they will do well in life—did not resonate with these kids.

"They were looking at me like I was a fool," he said.

In 2010, RCC began working with youth at Fairfield Court. Craig said the bike is a very effective tool to reach children who live in public housing.

"There's some very basic connection with a kid and a bike," he said. "Bicycling offers an element of risk. [In order for an activity to be effective] there has to be an element of risk, it has to push them and take them out of their comfort zone, and it has to be different."

RCC offers kids the opportunity to go on group rides and to race in mountain bike events throughout five states. RCC also offers lessons in bicycle mechanics through the RCC Youth Lab; Armstrong Bike Park, a 10-acre mountain bike park that has a 1.5 mile trail with 22 skill features; the Armstrong High School Cycling Team, which competes in National Interscholastic Cycling Association events; and the RCC Youth Artist Series, where young people can create bike-inspired art.

While he's uncomfortable with the publicity he's personally received, Dodson is glad that being a CNN Hero is bringing recognition to the work RCC does. "It's not about me, it's about the program," he said. "There's a war that we're trying to fight, one kid at a time, in that environment."

CNN chooses 25 heroes each year. The top 10 as chosen by an internal committee will be featured in a television show at the end of the year hosted by Anderson Cooper. ✎ *Cecelia Mason*



Craig Dodson '01



## Class Notes

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mer with a diverse musical palette, he has performed with countless bands and been on more than 20 studio albums. In addition to his recording and performance career, he has taught private drum lessons for 15 years. His new book is available through online sellers including Amazon, Bookbaby.com, and Barnes & Noble.

**'04** Dustin Lawyer received an M.F.A. in film production with a cinematography emphasis from Chapman University on May 21. Lawyer's thesis film, *Safe Harbor*, follows Lani, a young girl raised in foster care who has come to work in a domestic violence shelter in hope of keeping families together. She quickly befriends David, a boy living at the shelter with his mother. When she finds out about the abuse he faces at home, Lani must wrestle with her past and her ideals. Dustin said the opportunity to attend film school fulfilled a lifelong dream.

"I started out as an actor in film, TV, and theater at a young age," he said. "It was something I always wanted to pursue, but after making a few home movies with my buddies in high school, I decided I wanted to strengthen my skills behind the camera."

While at Shepherd, Dustin earned a degree in mass communications with a technical theater minor. "After college I worked as a video journalist for six years (at the *Hagerstown Herald-Mail* newspaper) while moonlighting as a professional wrestler," he said. "I then decided to take my video knowledge to another level, so I packed my bags and moved to California and started work on my master's at Chapman in 2013."

**'05** Graham Cullen, a photographer with the *Frederick News Post* in Frederick, Maryland, won several awards at the annual Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Press Association awards banquet in May. Graham took first place for 2015 in the categories of Photo Series; Multimedia Storytelling, News; Multimedia Storytelling, Sports; and Best Photo Gallery. Graham won second place in

Best Web Video and Sports Feature Story. Graham is a previous editor of the Shepherd's student newspaper, *The Picket*.

**'06** Drake Shelton has been named Oregon Vice Principal of the Year by the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators. Alliance High School is Portland Public Schools' only alternative high school, and Drake has only been there since 2014. He grew up playing football in Portland before moving onto Shepherd University for the same sport. After graduation, he started coaching football at Grant High School in the Portland Public School district.

At Alliance, Drake works with students ages 17-21 who are close to graduating but need an additional push to get there. Since becoming vice principal, he has created innovative systems that are credited with increasing attendance by eight percent in just one semester, and three times as many students are now showing up for classes. Drake, as well as school administrators across the state that gave him the standout award, attribute this to his exemplary leadership skills. Drake has also started a partnership with Portland Community College to give his students the opportunity to earn certificates in accounting, HVAC, computer applications, and client relations. Six students have already graduated this year, more than ever before.

Aubrey Pfau '06 has been named the director of volleyball operations for University of Maryland. She has spent the last seven years at Middletown High School in Maryland as a special education instructional assistant and varsity volleyball head coach, and spent six years as an assistant coach for the Metro Volleyball Club in Washington, D.C. Aubrey brings extensive knowledge and coaching experience of local volleyball to College Park. During her time at Metro, she served as assistant for the 15 Travel Team and helped guide them to winning the 15 Open Division at the Capitol Hill Classic in 2015. Aubrey graduated from Shepherd with a bachelor's degree in recreation and leisure studies and played Division II volleyball as a middle hitter for four seasons.

Daniel Marrs '06 received a promotion to associate publisher for Thomas Nelson Bibles with HarperCollins Christian Publishing. Daniel joined the publishing house in November 2015 as a senior editor for the Bibles team; he will now oversee the acquiring and developing of authors, product proposals, and editorial development of projects. His experience includes project management, copy editing, proofing, and writing, as well as being published in the *International Journal of Systematic Theology* and *Anglican Theological Review*. Daniel received his Bachelor of Arts degree in English literature from Shepherd, a master's degree in theology from Talbot School of Theology, and a Ph.D. in theology and ethics from Baylor University.

**'07** Amy M. Phelps received the prestigious Best of Show Award for her photograph *Subway Sweat* in the 2016 Cumberland Valley Photographic Salon. While at Shepherd, Amy studied art with a concentration in pho-



"Subway Sweat" by Amy Phelps '07

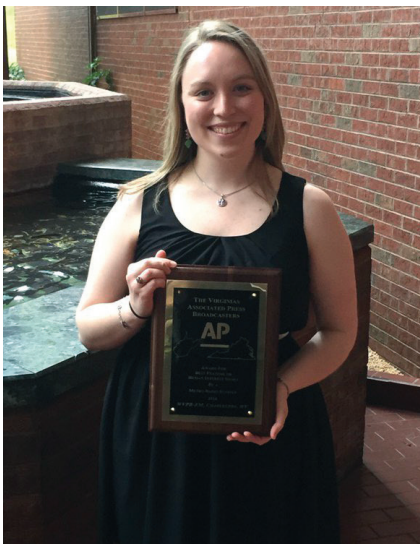
tography and computer digital imagery, graduating with a B.F.A. During her studies, she won several awards, including honorable mention for her installation piece *Bingo Mania* in the University Student Honors Show spring 2006 and was selected for the Student Competitive Gallery Exhibition in fall 2006 for a collaborative piece, *Beach Trash*, with fellow alums Trisha Landwehr '07, Amanda Teach-Wolfe '07, and Amanda Shank '07.





Jared A. Matlick '09

Jared A. Matlick '09 received his doctorate in physical therapy from Marshall University and was hooded at the ceremony held in May 2015. He graduated from Shepherd with a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental studies. Jared is an avid runner and has competed in the Boston Marathon several times. He is currently practicing with Pivot Physical Therapy.



Elizabeth McCormick '14

Elizabeth McCormick, the Eastern Panhandle reporter and producer for West Virginia Public Broadcasting, received the Virginias Associated Press Broadcaster's Superior Award for best feature or human interest story, as well as a regional Edward R. Murrow Award for best use of sound, both for her story, "A Civil War Christmas." This is one of seven AP Awards, and one of six regional Murrow Awards that West Virginia Public Broadcasting won this year. The station competed against more than 4,300 entries in RTDNA's Region 8, which includes Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and West Virginia.

## New Arrival

Jason Lutman '06 and Katherine Lutman '19, a daughter, Caroline Leigh, on March 1, 2016.

## Weddings



Emily Paige Greaser '12 and Jacob Gardner '14 were married October 24, 2015. Included in their wedding party were Jacob's Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) brothers Chris Berg '16, Steven Hopkins '16, Marcus Smoot '14, Mike Johnson '13, and Frank Schwartz '14 and Emily's Alpha Sigma Tau (AST) sisters Hanna Weaver '12, Caroline Cusack '13, Amanda Gardner '13, and Hanna Simane.



Clara McCrossin '09 and Justin Arner '09 were married August 1, 2015, at Heinz Chapel in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Jan Raney Lorber '96, '05, and '12 M.B.A. and E. Ray Unger, Jr. '00 were married on April 23, 2016. Jan and Ray are graduates of Shepherd's nursing program and are employed with the Department of Veterans Affairs as the nurse recruiter (Jan) and an emergency department R.N. (Ray).

## Obituaries

Bettie M. Wiltshire '42, of Shepherdstown, died December 30, 2015. She earned a degree in family and consumer sciences and was a loving wife, mother, and homemaker. She was a member of New Street United Methodist Church, Shepherdstown Women's Club, Women's Society, and American Legion Post 126 Auxiliary. She is survived by her daughter, Shirley Wiltshire '64, and two brothers and a sister.

Robert B. Brown '49, of Berkeley Springs, died December 14, 2015. He played basketball during college and earned his degree in English before serving in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He worked as a salesman for Peoples Life Insurance, sold recreational vehicles, and then retired from the sales department of Countryside Homes in Martinsburg. He was a member and elder of Berkeley Springs Presbyterian Church, a member of Alderton-Dawson American Legion Post #60, the Berkeley Springs Lions Club, and Deford Lodge #88 A.F. & A.M.

Jacqueline B. "Jac" Wilson '50, of Jefferson County, died January 18, 2016. She earned a B.A. degree from Shepherd and a master's degree from the University of Maryland in journalism and counseling. She taught high school English, history, speech, journalism, and worked with students on newspapers and yearbooks, as well as serving as chair of the guidance department at Wheaton, Maryland, High School, where she had a Quill and Scroll Chapter named in her honor. She and her late husband owned Owl Hollow Farm in Jefferson County where they raised beef cattle. She was member of Asbury United Methodist Church, and penned and patented approximately 30 songs. She is survived by her three children, including son Jay B. Wilson '92, along with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

George J. Ours '51, of Moorefield, died April 7, 2015. While at Shepherd, he was a member of the International Relations Club, Zeta Sigma fraternity, and served as the worship chair of the YMCA. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1951-55 and was discharged from the reserves

in 1959. Professionally, he was a cashier with the South Branch Valley National Bank and served on the public relations committee for the West Virginia Bankers Association. At the time of his retirement in 1989, he was employed with the Hardy County Board of Education as a special education teacher. He was a member of the Moorefield Presbyterian Church and a member of several duplicate bridge clubs, as well as a Life Master of the American Contract Bridge League. He was also an avid gardener. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Polly Williams Ours '56.

Alice A. Sperow '52, died December 14, 2015. She earned a degree in elementary education and taught at Bedington Elementary School. She later taught in private schools in Akron, Ohio, and Miami, Florida, before returning to Berkeley County where she retired after teaching at Tuscarora and Berkeley Heights elementary schools. She was a member of the Mt. Airy Winners 4-H Club, where she received both a Charting and an All-Star pin for her leadership.

Gardner W. (Bill) Pierce, Jr. '52, of Winchester, Virginia, died March 18, 2016. Before completing his bachelor's degree in business administration at Shepherd, he joined the Marines and fought in the South Pacific during World War II. He was a member of Zeta Sigma fraternity.

Herbert Ward "Bobby" Nicklin '53, of Hedgesville, died March 2, 2016. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science at Shepherd and a master's degree from the University of Maryland. He was a World War II veteran and served in the Pacific Theater. He was employed by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources for 35 years as assistant commissioner of operations for the state, as well as assistant commissioner for the state Medicaid program. He was instrumental in building the West Virginia Juvenile Detention Center and served a number of years on the State Council of Aging. He was awarded the Distinguished West Virginian award, given by three different governors. He was a past board member of the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, and Eastern Panhandle Training Center.

Ronald Moray Neff '57, of Hagerstown, Maryland, and Moorefield, died February 14, 2016. He received his bachelor's degree in education from Shepherd and his master's from Western Maryland College (McDaniel College). He began teaching at Middletown, Maryland, High School and later taught and was a counselor at Frederick High School. He was also a guidance counselor and principal at the Career Technology Center in Frederick, Maryland. After retirement, he enjoyed spending time with his wife, Doreen, and working on his family farm in Moorefield.

William R. Agee '58, of Martinsburg, died April 8, 2016. After serving as an officer in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict, he resumed his education at Shepherd and then attended American University in Washington, D.C., where he received his M.B.A. and Ph.D. He was an accountant for Interwoven Mills and a college administrator at Shepherd and American universities, but his true life's passion was teaching. He taught at Hood College where he was chair of the Department of Economics and Management and was named Beneficial Associate Professor Emeritus of Economics and Management upon his retirement. He continued as a substitute teacher for Berkeley County Schools. He enjoyed spending time at Canaan Valley and used his skills to tabulate records of bird migrations for the Allegheny Front Migratory Observatory at Dolly Sods. He is survived by his children, including Cheryl Agee Losh '75 and Daniel Lemen Agee '86, grandchildren including Eryn Agee Mills '07, a brother, and nieces and nephews.

Robert G. "Bob" Starkey '58, of Shepherdstown, died April 2, 2016. He earned his master's degree from West Virginia University and coached for more than 50 years. He taught and coached at Weirton High School, Oak Glen High School in New Cumberland, Shepherd (from 1968-88), Loudoun County High School in Virginia, South Hagerstown High School, and Jefferson High School. While at Shepherd, he was involved with the football, basketball, and swim teams. In November 2015, the Robert G. Starkey Skybox and Academic Support Center was dedicated in the Butcher Center. He was a member of the Shepherd Athletic Hall of Fame.



Maurice J. Sheehan '60, of Parksley, Virginia, died July 31, 2014. He earned a bachelor's degree in economics and did graduate work at American University. He served in the West Virginia National Guard and worked at Weaver Brothers in D.C. before moving to Virginia's Eastern Shore to establish Fox Grove Estates. His passions included building, history, politics, nutrition, and the environment.

Donald W. McCary '66, of Woodbridge, Virginia, died on December 29, 2015. He earned a degree in business administration before continuing his education at the University of Virginia, where he received his master's degree. He worked as an educator for 20 years before retiring from Old Dominion University as an education counselor for Fort Belvoir. He was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church where he sang in the choir for 30 years.

Shirley I. Vaughn '67, of Fayetteville, Pennsylvania, and formerly of Shepherdstown, died March 2, 2016. She earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education and taught physical education and coached at Boonsboro High School in Maryland until her retirement. She was a member of Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church and Shepherdstown Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, as well as professional organizations. She is survived by her four daughters, including Lynda Hart '69.

Cedric A. Sullivan '69, of Bakerton, died March 31, 2016. He earned a bachelor's degree in social studies at Shepherd, a master's degree from West Virginia University, and a degree from Washington Bible College Institute of Theology. He retired as principal of C.W. Shipley Elementary School in Harpers Ferry in 1989. He was pastor of Buck Hill Independent Bible Church from 1964 to 1984 and Bakerton Church of God for 25 years.

Kristie M. Grimes Gareis '73, of Charles Town, died June 11, 2016. She earned a bachelor's degree in education from Shepherd and a master's in education from James Madison University. She taught geography for 25 years at Harpers Ferry Junior High and attended St. Leo's Cath-

olic Church, where she volunteered. Her interests included going to the beach, watching the Steelers play at Heinz Field, and spending time with her family and friends.

Michael E. "Wags" Wagner, Sr. '74, of Bryantown, Maryland, died February 24, 2016. He was the first member of his family to attend college. During his time at Shepherd, he played varsity baseball and founded Shepherd's chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He graduated with a degree in business and entered an apprenticeship program with Local 26 IBEW to learn the electrical trade. He worked through the ranks for the next 41 years, becoming the vice president of operations of Freestate Electrical Construction Company before retiring in 2013. He successfully managed multiple complex projects, including the Capitol Visitor's Center at the U.S. Capitol. He enjoyed coaching his son's baseball and football teams, playing softball and golf, working on his cars and projects at home, spending time at his vacation home in South Carolina, and cheering on his beloved West Virginia Mountaineers. He is survived by his wife, Susan Miller Wagner '73, whom he met while attending Shepherd, as well as his two sons and their families, his sisters, and several nieces and nephews.

Brig. General (Ret.) Virgil Wayne "Speedy" Lloyd '78, died June 9, 2016. He was the chief of staff and commander of the West Virginia Air National Guard in Charleston from 1999-2004 and commander of the 167th Airlift Wing in Martinsburg from 1989-99. He received his Regents Bachelor of Arts degree from Shepherd, where he met his wife, Nancy Lloyd '67, who preceded him in death in February 2012. He logged more than 18,000 flight time hours and had flown around the world, over the North Pole, and landed at the South Pole. For his many efforts throughout his military career, he was awarded the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal and Bronze Star. He also earned the Legion of Merit, Air Medal, and West Virginia Distinguished Service Medal.

Valeria C. Breeden '81, of Charles Town, died February 15, 2016. She was a retired RN in the OB-GYN department at Jeffer-

son Memorial Hospital in Ranson, and was also employed with Panhandle Home Health. She also worked at the Naval Shipyard in New Hampshire. She was an active troop leader with the Girl Scouts of America and a member of the Charles Town Junior High and Jefferson High School Band Boosters. She is survived by her husband, Randy, four daughters, a son, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as her brother and numerous nieces and nephews.

William L. "Willie" Pindell, Jr. '86, of Ranson, died January 31, 2016. He attended Shepherd on a tennis scholarship and graduated with a degree in business management. He had been employed with Carlyle and Anderson and was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge #948 in Charles Town.

Danielle M. Harne Jones '88, of Chester, Virginia, died December 16, 2015. She graduated from Shepherd with a degree in accounting before attending the University of Alabama to pursue her master's degree in accounting. She was involved in many parenting and home-school groups, as well as teaching Sunday School.

Craig R. French '88, of Shenandoah Junction, died January 12, 2016. He worked at Dixon Valve in Winchester, Virginia, and was an avid sportsman and a member of the Leetown Isaac Walton League. He is survived by his wife, Lisa French '92, a daughter, a son, his mother, and a brother.

Elizabeth Ann Mansfield '97, of Charles Town, died May 13, 2016. She graduated with honors and was a member of Alpha Kappa Delta, Phi Alpha Theta, and listed in *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities*. She worked for Loudoun County, Virginia, government as a medical records technician and held a historic preservation specialist certificate. She was a member of Kabletown United Methodist Church.

Earl Garbison Wean Jr. '04, of Shepherdstown, died March 23, 2016. Before starting his professional and college career, Earl served in the U.S. Air Force and Air Guard for more than 19 years, participating in

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# Alumni

## Sandy Sponaugle '95 named Alumni Association president

**S**andy Sponaugle '95, founder of Platinum PR, has been elected president of the Shepherd University Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Sandy, who has been on the board since 2008, has served as a marketing and membership committee member and as chair of that committee.

"I've always, since graduating, tried to stay connected with Shepherd in some way," she said. "It helps having an office 15 feet from McMurrin Hall, but that wasn't always the case."

After graduating from Shepherd with a Bachelor of Science degree in economics and business administration, Sandy worked with the Jefferson County Economic Development Authority for four years where there were opportunities for collaboration with Shepherd.

In 2002, Sponaugle started Platinum PR, which she describes as a boutique public relations firm providing businesses and organizations with cost-effective solutions for their communications, marketing, and event publicity needs. The firm's focus is centered on Sandy's background in economic development. She and her team work with various economic development offices and tourism organizations throughout the mid-Atlantic region, while supporting a variety of small business clients in the Eastern Panhandle. Her involvement with Shepherd continues in the form of providing internships to more than 20 Shepherd students over the past 14 years. She is often also a guest speaker in various classes and participates in Professional Connections Day.



*Sandy Sponaugle '95*

While being on the Alumni Board is not as hands-on with the students as providing internships or speaking to classes, she said it makes her aware of other opportunities to help the university and its students.

"I like the idea of being a voice for other alumni who can't be here, who aren't in the area, or who haven't had an opportunity to participate," she said. "I feel like I'm representing this demographic—whatever my demographic is—whether it's the business major, the small business owner, or the communications company owner."

Sandy said she gets a lot out of working with student interns and she assumes other graduates would also, so one of her goals as association president is to find ways to get more alumni involved with students directly.

"I think that there's a sense of purpose that we get when we're engaged with the next generation," Sponaugle said. "There are things that can't be taught in the classroom that alumni may be able to share with students."

Other goals include seeing results from the association's new strategic plan whether it's through alumni helping recruit students or by mentoring students who are at risk of not graduating; engaging the board and alumni in participating in more activities; and encouraging more alumni to serve on the board.

*Cecelia Mason*



## Class of 1966 inducted into the Emeritus Club

*Members of the Class of 1966 who were inducted into the Emeritus Club in May are front row (l. to r.) Barbara Hampton Collins, Sally Ann Greenfield, and Sandra Hessenauer, back row, Suzanne Harsh Kershner, Robert Sperow, and Joe Walter.*

## Obituaries

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several campaigns including Vietnam. He then left the military and became a partner in Wean Insurance Agency before branching into real estate and home construction. He earned a Regents Bachelor of Arts degree.

Billie L. Barnhart '05, of Martinsburg, died June 12, 2016. She earned her Regents Bachelor of Arts degree from Shepherd. She had worked for Winchester Medical Center in the Radiation Oncology Unit for more than 30 years, retiring in December 2015. She enjoyed gardening, traveling, the beach, and attending her grandchildren's sporting events. ☛



# Alumni Association rolls out strategic plan, marketing campaign

**T**he Shepherd University Alumni Association (SUAA) has rolled out a five-year strategic plan and a marketing campaign designed to encourage more participation in the organization by current and future alumni. The plan is the result of a collaborative, focused, eight-month process involving university and SUAA representatives, as well as advancement staff, according to Chris Sedlock, vice president for university advancement.

"The Strategic Planning Task Force did a fantastic job of identifying opportunities for SUAA's growth and impact," Sedlock said. "Now we need to take this great plan and make it a reality."

Sedlock noted that the success of SUAA is crucial to Shepherd's future.

"There are no great universities without great alumni support," Sedlock said. "This strategic plan will ensure that our Alumni Association's goals advance university priorities and serve us well as we approach Shepherd's milestone 150th anniversary in 2021."

Alexis Reed '06 and '13 M.B.A., director of alumni affairs, said SUAA's strategic plan includes a number of key components organized to have a broad impact.

"We want to build quality and lasting relationships among the university, its alumni, students, and the community," Reed said. "We realized that not only do we need to focus on alumni, but we also need to make sure that current students and prospective students are aware of the Alumni Association, what we do, and the benefit that it can provide if they decide to go to Shepherd. We want prospective students to know they can take advantage of benefits while they're here and after they graduate."

Reed said the strategic plan, which went into effect July 1, has four goals:

**1 Integration:** encouraging more collaboration among the Alumni Association, the university, and the community. Reed said two ways to achieve this are by having the Alumni Association represented on various campus planning committees and encouraging alumni to participate in more on-campus events.

**2 Engagement:** building stronger relationships through opportunities that provide connections locally and across the region. One goal is to develop more regional clubs and to encourage alumni to help students by offer-

ing career shadowing and to share information through professional and social networks.

**3 Growth:** encouraging more alumni to become sustaining members. While every graduate is automatically a member of the association, sustaining members pay \$35 a year and receive extra benefits. Reed said the money raised helps the association provide programs and activities for both students and alumni. "We hope to increase sustaining membership and grow it by 10 percent every year," Reed said. "That way we can provide more opportunities for students and for alumni and provide more support for scholarships and campus programs."

**4 Impact:** encouraging alumni to support the university's core values, which are learning, engagement, integrity, accessibility, and community, by helping to recruit new students and being involved in open houses and accepted student days. "More engagement from alumni, more volunteers, and more sustaining memberships will result in more of an impact on the university, on our goals, the community, and helping more students," Reed said.

The marketing campaign, which includes the creation of six postcards featuring Shepherd's mascot, Rambo, focuses on the needs of alumni at various stages of life.

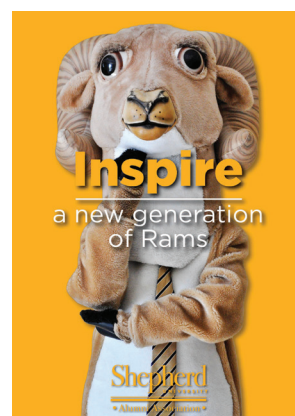
"We realize that why alumni want to get involved and how much they can get involved is different with recent grads who are one to 10 years out versus those who are 10 to 20 years out," Reed said. "People are at different points in their lives. One of our biggest goals is to get them invested, whether it's their time, or their talent, or their treasure. We want them to realize we are the Alumni Association, we're relevant, and there's a place for them somewhere."

— Cecelia Mason

## Join the Alumni Association today!

- **Text** "SUALUMNI" to 41444
- **Pay** online at [shepconnect.shepherd.edu](http://shepconnect.shepherd.edu)
- **Call** 304-876-5378
- **Mail** a check to:  
Office of Alumni Affairs  
Shepherd University  
P.O. Box 5000  
Shepherdstown WV 25443  
Memo line: SUAA Membership

**Sustaining Membership is just \$35 a year.**



# Athletics

## Three alumni, 1955 football team added to Hall of Fame

Shepherd's Athletic Hall of Fame will induct three new members this fall at the annual induction banquet on Friday, September 16 at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Shepherdstown. Swimming standout Kim Davis Mercier '78 and Mike Essis '81 (football) join Gary Phalen '11 (men's basketball) as the 31st class to be inducted. The "terrific three" bring the total number of inductees in the Shepherd Athletic Hall of Fame to 143. Additionally, the undefeated 1955 Shepherd football will become the first team to be inducted.

The trio and team will also be honored at the Shepherd-UVa-Wise football game on Saturday, September 17 as part of Hall of Fame Weekend festivities.

A 1974 graduate of Catonsville High School, Kim Davis Mercier, of Baltimore, Maryland, was a four-year standout and three-year team captain on the swimming team from 1974-78. She set numerous school records as a sophomore and qualified for the NAIA regionals. She qualified for the AIAW Division II national swimming and diving championship both individually and as a member of the medley relay team as a junior. Mercier became the first Shepherd woman to compete at the nationals as a senior when she competed in three events. Mercier left Shepherd with 10 individual records and was a member of a pair of record-setting relay teams. Mercier garnered Outstanding Senior award honors for being a national participant.

A 1977 graduate of Central Dauphin High School, Mike Essis, of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, was a four-year player and three-year starter on the football team from 1977-80. The Rams posted a 28-13-1 (.678) mark over his career with a pair of appearances in the Coal Bowl. A three-year starter, Essis was a two-time All-WVIAC choice and gained first team honors as a senior. He was named an NAIA honorable mention All-American as a senior. Essis completed his career with 307 total tackles (111 solo), 19 sacks, four fumble recoveries, and a blocked kick. His 307 career tackles rank him eighth on the Shepherd all-time list.

Gary Phalen, of Shepherdstown, a 1962 graduate of Martinsburg High School, was a standout on the men's basketball team from 1963-66. He finished his three-year career with 1,068 points with an 18.1 scoring average. He holds the Shepherd rebounding records for most rebounds in a season (449), rebounding average (14.2) and most rebounds in a game (29). Phalen garnered All-WVIAC first team honors as a team captain in 1965-66. Phalen ranks sixth on the Shepherd all-time rebounding list with 839 boards.

The undefeated 1955 team posted an 8-0-0 mark to become the first Shepherd team to win a conference title. The squad scored 299 points and allowed only 31. The Rams posted four shutout wins and allowed only one score in three other contests.

The Athletic Hall of Fame banquet will begin with a social hour at 6 p.m. followed by the dinner and induction ceremony at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$40 and are available for purchase through the Shepherd University Office of Advancement by calling 304-876-5524. **Chip Ransom**



## Shepherd University HOMECOMING

Thursday-Saturday, October 20-22

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### Founders Day Celebration

3 p.m. | McMurrin Hall

The parade will start at McMurrin Hall and end at the Butcher Center.

### Outstanding Alumni of the Year Reunion

Time | Location TBA

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OCT.

### 25th Annual Alumni Association Golf Tournament

10 a.m. | Cress Creek Golf and Country Club

For more information on registration or sponsorships, please contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at [alumni@shepherd.edu](mailto:alumni@shepherd.edu) or 304-876-5524.

### 1950s Decade Reunion Dinner

Time TBA | Lower level of the Dining Hall

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OCT.

### Alumni Breakfast

9 a.m. | McMurrin Hall front lawn

Complimentary breakfast hosted by the Shepherd University Foundation and Shepherd University Alumni Association. A 1950s Decade Reunion group photo will be taken during the Alumni Breakfast. Reunion group seating to watch the parade will be provided.

### Bookstore Open

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. | Student Center

The Bookstore is pleased to offer SUAA sustaining members a 10 percent discount on regular priced items when they present their SUAA sustaining membership card at the time of purchase. Visit online at [www.shepherdbook.com](http://www.shepherdbook.com).

### Homecoming Parade

10:15 a.m. | German Street

### Rams vs. Concord

Noon | Ram Stadium

SUAA members: Only sustaining level members will receive complimentary homecoming football game tickets. Call for ticket pick-up times 304-876-5524.

### Introduction of the 2016 Homecoming Court

Halftime | Ram Stadium

Recognition of the 2016-17 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year recipient Larry Strite '60, as well as a special recognition of those in attendance from the 1950s decade classes.

### Ram Band Reunion Meet-and-Greet

3rd Quarter | Behind the Kenneth Boone Field House

If you would like to play with the band in the stands during the game, please contact Dr. Scott Hippensteel at 304-876-5129.

### Shepherd University Alumni Association Homecoming Post-Game Party

3 to 9 p.m. | King Street in front of Town Hall

Enjoy music, concessions, and socializing with fellow alumni. No admission fee. Must be 21 to drink. IDs will be checked at the gate. Rain or shine.

### Class of 1961 Reunion Dinner

Time and Location TBA | By invitation only

Contact Dale Hicks '61 at 304-676-6969 or 304-263-5893 for more information.



# Athletics Department award winners announced

The annual Athletics Department award winners for the 2015-16 year, who were nominated and voted upon by coaches and administrators of the Shepherd University department of athletics, were announced in the spring.

Junior quarterback Jeff Ziemba, Newark, Delaware, of the football team, was named Male Athlete of the Year, while sophomore pitcher Kaitlin Munda, Nokesville, Virginia, of the softball team, took Female Athlete of the Year honors.

Ziemba, a Harlon Hill award finalist and MEC Offensive Player of the Year, completed 235-of-373 passes for 3,414 yards and 30 touchdowns and was intercepted only five times. He was ranked fifth nationally in passing efficiency (163.7), 12th in passing touchdowns (30), 21st in passing yards per completion (14.53), and 24th in points responsible for (188).

Munda helped lead Shepherd to the 2016 MEC North Division title as the Rams finished with a 34-16 overall mark with a 24-7 record in conference play. Munda posted a 21-5 mark with a 2.41 ERA. She fanned 103 in 171.1 innings. Munda also led the team with 12 complete games, three shutouts, and two combined shutouts. Her 33 appearances and 18 relief appearances this season established new Shepherd single season marks.

Defensive lineman Shaneil Jenkins, Temple Hills, Maryland, of the football team, gained Male Senior Athlete of the Year honors, while midfielder/attacker Erin Phelan, Thurmont, Maryland, of the women's lacrosse team, gained Female Senior Athlete of the Year honors. The awards are given to the male and female senior athletes who have done the most over their career to promote Shepherd athletics.

Jenkins amassed 100 tackles (60 solo) with

41.5 tackles-for-loss and 27 sacks over his career. Jenkins is a two-time first Team All-MEC selection who garnered MEC Defensive Player of the Year honors in 2015. He helped the Rams to a 40-7 (.851) overall mark in four seasons with a 34-3 (.919) record in conference play. Shepherd won three conference championships, won a Super Region One title, and advanced to the NCAA II Championship game over that period.

Phelan is the program's all-time leader in draw controls (203), while ranking second in goals (182) and third in points (251). She is a two-time first team All-MEC and MEC Tournament MVP selection as she led the Rams to the regular season and tournament championship in 2015 and the tournament championship in 2016. Phelan gained first team Division II All-Independent Team honors as a sophomore and was named to the All-Independent All-Freshman Team in her first year with the Rams.

Phelan led the Rams in goals (54), assists (22), points (75), and draw controls (51). She also added 21 ground balls and six caused turnovers. She helped the Rams win the MEC Tournament as the Tournament MVP. She recorded 10 goals and an assist in the tourney, including a six-goal, one-assist effort in a semifinal win over UVA-Wise.

Senior wide receiver Kevin Cook, Severna Park, Maryland, of the football team, was named the male MEC Senior Scholar-Athlete, while senior outside hitter/opposite Anna Roper, Chesapeake Beach, Maryland, of the volleyball team, garnered female MEC Senior Scholar-Athlete accolades.

John and Pam Boyle were the co-recipients of the Ram Award. The Boyles serve as unofficial photographers of Shepherd athletics and host the shepherdramfans website. Additionally, the Boyles sponsor the BOYLE FAMILY FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP at Shepherd. The Ram Award is given to those who exemplify the ideals of the NCAA II (Passion-Balance-Resourcefulness-Service-Learning-Sportsmanship).

Head football coach Monte Cater, who led the Rams to a 13-1 overall mark, gained Coach of the Year honors. He guided the Rams to the MEC and Super Region One titles while advancing to the national championship game for the first time. Shepherd was also named the recipient of the Lambert Meadowlands Award for Division II. This is the first time Shepherd has won this prestigious award that is symbolic of supremacy in Eastern college football.

Chip Ransom



Jeff Ziemba



Kaitlin Munda



Erin Phelan



Anna Roper



Monte Cater



Pam and John Boyle  
Recipients of the Ram Award

# Athletics

## Spring sports recaps

### Baseball

The baseball team completed the 2016 season with a 39-15 overall mark, with a 24-8 record in conference play. The 39 wins tie the mark for most wins in a season. Shepherd won both the MEC North Division crown and MEC Tournament titles.

Nine members of the baseball team were named to the 2016 All-MEC Team. Senior shortstop Tre Porter, of Stephens City, Virginia, senior pitcher Sam Crater, of Dillsburg, Pennsylvania, and junior outfielder JJ Sarty, of Purcellville, Virginia, gained first team honors. Junior first baseman Mike Brown, of Brandywine, Maryland, sophomore designated hitter Daniel Heleine, of Hedgesville, and freshman catcher Christian Hamel, of Pasadena, Maryland, were second team selections, while junior pitcher John Bentley, of Stephens City, Virginia, junior outfielder Ron Farley, of Cockeysville, Maryland, and junior outfielder Jacob Carney, of Stephens City, Virginia, garnered honorable mention honors. Additionally, Porter was named MEC Player of the Year and Crater grabbed MEC Pitcher of the

Year honors for the second consecutive season.

Porter led the MEC in seven offensive categories this past season: slugging percentage (.793), on-base percentage (.496), runs scored (66), triples (6), total bases (142), walks (43), and home runs (19). He hit .369 for the Rams and had a .947 fielding percentage at shortstop.

Crater was selected as the league's Pitcher of the Year for the second-consecutive season. He went 9-1 on the season and posted a 3.16 ERA. He tossed five complete games and struck out 50 in 62.2 innings pitched.

Sarty led the Rams in hits (80), runs batted in (62), and stolen bases (38), while his batting average (.367) was second on the team. His 38 stolen bases on the year set a new Shepherd season mark. He also stole five bases in a game against Fairmont State to establish a new Shepherd single game record.

Brown, who battled his way into a starting spot midway through the season, had a .321 batting average with 35 hits in 109 at-bats. He drove in 19 runs and scored 20 more. Brown added 11 doubles and a pair of home runs.

Heleine had a .303 batting average with 61 hits in 201 at-bats. He led the

team with 14 doubles, while he was second on the team in home runs (14), runs batted in (51), and extra-base hits (29). Heleine was a two-time MEC Player of the Week honoree in 2016.

Hamel had a .326 batting average with 59 hits in 181 at-bats. He drove in 42 runs and scored 37. Hamel added 11 doubles, a triple, and six home runs.

Carney had a .364 batting average with 76 hits in 209 at-bats. He has 27 RBIs and 53 runs scored. He added seven doubles and a home run. Carney was 14-of-18 in stolen bases.

Farley had a .356 batting average with 72 hits in 202 at-bats. He drove in 40 runs and scored 43. Farley added nine doubles, two triples, and three home runs. He was 11-of-12 in stolen bases.

Bentley had a 7-3 mark with a 4.29 ERA. He led the team in innings pitched (86.0) and strikeouts (66). His seven wins and five complete games are second on the team.

### Softball

The softball team recorded a 34-16 overall mark with a 24-7 record in conference play. The Rams won the MEC North Division title and nearly gained a regional bid. Shepherd also set a new program record with a 13-game winning streak.

Three team members were named to the All-MEC Team. Sophomore shortstop Courtney Clemons, of Thurmont, Maryland, and sophomore pitcher Kaitlin Munda, of Nokesville, Virginia, were named to the first team, while freshman first baseman Connor Gilligan, of Medford, New Jersey, was a second team selection.

Clemons, a two-time first team choice, leads the Rams in batting average (.385), hits (62), runs scored (51), walks (29), and stolen bases (17). She added seven doubles, two triples, a home run, and 19 runs batted in.

Munda posted a 21-5 mark with a 2.41 ERA in the circle for the Rams. She has fanned 103 and walked 45 in 171.1 innings. Munda tossed 12 complete games on the year. She also batted .360 with 49 hits in 139 at-bats. She drove in 30 runs and scored 31. She added 11 doubles, a triple, and a team-high five home runs.

Gilligan had a .324 batting average



Chip Ransom

Shepherd baseball team members celebrate their 2016 MEC championship.



with 14 doubles, two triples, and three home runs. She drove in 31 runs and scored 29.

Junior outfielder Paige Buckworth, of Elkton, Maryland, batted .444 in tournament play and was named to the MEC All-Tournament Team.

## Women's Lacrosse

The women's lacrosse team used a strong finish to record a 9-9 overall mark with a 5-1 in conference play. The Rams ended the season on a five-game winning streak and captured the MEC Tournament title with wins over UVa-Wise (15-9) and regular season champion Wheeling Jesuit (17-10).

Five members of the Shepherd University women's lacrosse team were named to the 2016 All-MEC Team as announced by the league office. Senior midfielder/attacker Erin Phelan, of Thurmont, Maryland; junior midfielder Haley Price, of Eldersburg, Maryland; and senior defender/midfielder Kelsey Phelan, of Thurmont, Maryland, gained first team honors. Senior defender Taylor Hicks, of Baltimore, Maryland, garnered second team accolades, while junior attacker Brooke Hunley, of Monrovia, Maryland, was an honorable mention selection.

Erin Phelan led the Rams in goals (54), assists (22), points (76), and draw controls (51). She also added 21 ground balls and six caused turnovers. Phelan also gained MEC Tournament MVP honors for the second consecutive year.



Chip Ransom

*The Rams ended the season on a five-game winning streak and captured the MEC Tournament title with wins over UVa-Wise (15-9) and regular season champion Wheeling Jesuit (17-10).*

Price had 46 goals and four assists for 50 points on the season. She added 35 ground balls, 18 caused turnovers, and 13 draw controls. Price was also named to the MEC All-Tournament Team.

Kelsey Phelan was a key component for the Shepherd defense with 26 ground balls, 25 caused turnovers, and 19 draw controls. She also added five goals and three assists. Phelan was also named to the MEC All-Tournament Team.

Hicks was a main cog on the Shepherd defense in her first year as a starter. She had 23 ground balls, 18 caused turnovers, and three draw controls. Hicks added a goal and an assist.

Hunley was one of the team's top scoring threats with 28 goals and four

assists for 32 points. She added 17 ground balls, 14 draw controls, and five caused turnovers.

Senior goalkeeper Savannah Shores, of Trappe, Maryland, was named to the MEC All-Tournament Team.

## Men's Tennis

The men's tennis team recorded a 8-10 overall mark with a 2-5 record in conference play.

Junior Grant Davis, of Harpers Ferry, was named to the All-MEC Team. Davis, who gained MEC Player of the Week honors for March 22, was a second team selection. 🐾 *Chip Ransom*

## Porter, Sarty gain All-American honors

Senior shortstop Tre Porter, Stephens City, Virginia, and junior outfielder JJ Sarty, Purcellville, Virginia, of the baseball team, gained 2016 All-American honors. Porter gained third team honors from ABCA/Rawlings, D2CCA, and National Collegiate Baseball Writers (NCBWA), while Sarty was an honorable mention choice by the NCBWA.

Porter led the Rams with a .369 batting average. He also paced the team in triples (6), home runs (19), extra base hits (32), runs scored (66), walks (43), slugging percentage (.793), and on-base percentage (.496). His 21 stolen bases were second on the team.

Sarty was second on the team with a .367 batting average. He topped the team in stolen bases (38) and hits (80). He was second in runs scored (53), third in home runs (11), and fifth in doubles (10). His 38 stolen bases established a Shepherd single season mark. 🐾

## Cater named MEC Men's Coach of the Year

Shepherd's Monte Cater was named the Mountain East Conference Men's Sports Coach of the Year for 2015-16.

Cater led Shepherd to its finest season in school history as the Rams went 13-1 and made their first appearance in the NCAA Championship game. By virtue of its unbeaten regular season and MEC championship, Shepherd earned the top seed in Super Region I in the NCAA Playoffs, and then knocked off Indiana (Pennsylvania), Slippery Rock and perennial national power Grand Valley State on its way to the finals. Shepherd became just the third school to represent Super Region I in the NCAA Championship game since 2000. Shepherd finished second in the AFCA poll and earned the NCAA Division II Lambert Award as the top team in Eastern college football.

Cater was named the MEC Coach of the Year and American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Region Coach of the Year. He was also given the Fufari Award for the top collegiate coach in West Virginia as selected by the West Virginia Sportswriters Association. 🐾



# Foundation

## McMurren Scholars celebrate 55th Convocation with anniversary dinner

Following the 55th McMurren Scholars Convocation on April 22, the McMurren Scholars Association, in partnership with the Foundation, hosted a dinner reception in the atrium of Erma Ora Byrd Hall for McMurren Scholars and their guests. To mark the 55th anniversary of Shepherd's highest academic honor, the McMurren Scholars Association leadership issued a challenge to permanently endow the MSA Scholarship with a goal of \$25,000. Designated for McMurren Scholars pursuing a graduate degree at Shepherd, the scholarship was established in 2011 as part of the 50th anniversary celebration of Shepherd University's prestigious McMurren Scholar Award. It was created in honor of the first recipients of the award: Sandra Osbourn '62, Garland Ott '62, and Nicholas Pappas '63. Ott was in attendance at this year's event as well, during which he conducted a nostalgic 55-year look back in time at Shepherd University.

All McMurren Scholars are welcome and encouraged to assist the McMurren Scholars Association in planning the organization's future endeavors. To learn how to become involved, contact BreAnne Rugh at 304-876-5195 or [brugh@shepherd.edu](mailto:brugh@shepherd.edu). Visit the McMurren Scholars Association on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/McMurrenScholars](http://www.facebook.com/McMurrenScholars).



Former Shepherd McMurren Scholars celebrated the award's 55th anniversary following the annual McMurren Scholars Convocation on April 22.

### New address? New email?

To update your Shepherd University record, please contact BreAnne Rugh at 304-876-5195 or [brugh@shepherd.edu](mailto:brugh@shepherd.edu)



BrickStreet Scholar Alicia Napier, a nursing major, is shown with Dr. Virginia Hicks (l.), dean of the School of Education and Professional Studies, and Dr. Sharon Mailey (r.), chair of the Department of Nursing Education.

## BrickStreet Mutual Insurance endows BrickStreet Scholars Program

On March 24, President Mary J.C. Hendrix '74 hosted a reception to honor and thank BrickStreet Mutual Insurance for the significant gift made through the BrickStreet Foundation to permanently endow BrickStreet's academic award program, which will provide 10 academic scholarships each year in perpetuity. Attending the event as President Hendrix's personal guest was Greg Burton, BrickStreet CEO.

In honor of BrickStreet's generous gift, the Shepherd University Foundation chose to fund the first three awards to symbolize the countless scholarships to be funded by the organization's endowment. Michael A. Smith '89, Foundation president, presented the program's first scholarship awards to Alicia Napier, a nursing major from Frankford; Devin Sperry, a math major from Bunker Hill; and Shawn Winpiger, an education major from Frederick, Maryland. Following the campus reception in the atrium of Erma Ora Byrd Hall, the three students joined Burton and a small group of Shepherd University faculty and Board of Governors members as President Hendrix's guests at a private dinner party held at the Bavarian Inn.

"This scholarship means so much more to me than money," said Alicia Napier, who was personally selected to be a BrickStreet scholar by Dr. Sharon Mailey, chair of Shepherd's nursing department, because she held the highest GPA in the university's nursing program. "It means that I have people out there who believe in me, and I want to show my appreciation for their support by striving to do my best in nursing school."

Created after the privatization of West Virginia's workers' compensation program, BrickStreet Mutual Insurance Company assists West Virginia workers and employers by improving the medical and compensation benefits for workers who are injured on the job while reducing costs for employers.

"Helping families of injured workers in West Virginia is something our board feels very strongly about, and we want to give back to the communities in which we live and work," said Burton. "This is a fundamental part of our core values at Brickstreet."



## Women for Shepherd University 2016-17 Schedule of Events

**Thursday, October 27, 7-9 p.m.**

*The Bodice Project Exhibit and Reception  
Popodicon, West Campus*

This event will feature the Bodice Project, an exciting and sensitive sculptural exhibit that focuses on breast cancer awareness and inner healing. Cynthia Fraula-Hahn and some of the sculpture artists will be on hand to share their stories and President Mary J.C. Hendrix '74 will speak about her dedication to cancer research. The reception will feature wine and hors d'oeuvres. The event is free and open to the public. RSVPs are requested by Friday, October 21 to Meg Peterson, [mpeterso@shepherd.edu](mailto:mpeterso@shepherd.edu), 304-876-5021. The exhibit will open to the public on Friday, October 28, from 5-7 p.m. and Saturday, October 29, from 1-4 p.m. For more information on the Bodice Project, visit [thebodiceproject.org](http://thebodiceproject.org).

**Wednesday, May 3, 2017, 6-8 p.m.**

*WSU Night Out at Big Cork Winery  
Boonsboro, Maryland*

Shepherd alumnus Randy Thompson '93 and his wife, Jenny, owners of Big Cork Winery, welcome Women for Shepherd and their guests to share an evening out. The event will feature an up-close and personal look at the vineyard, including a tasting of Big Cork wines and a presentation by the vintner. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be offered. The event costs \$30 and is open to the public. RSVPs are requested by Wednesday, April 26, 2017 to Meg Peterson, [mpeterso@shepherd.edu](mailto:mpeterso@shepherd.edu), 304-876-5021. For more information on Big Cork Winery, visit [www.bigcorkvineyards.com/](http://www.bigcorkvineyards.com/).

## Scarborough Society Gala thanks sponsors

Inspired by L. Frank Baum's novel *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, the 15th annual Scarborough Society Gala transported guests over the rainbow and down the Yellow Brick Road to the enchanted Emerald City for an evening of dinner and dancing. The event was held on Friday, August 12 at the Bavarian Inn in Shepherdstown.

Presenting sponsors for the event were BB&T Wealth Management, Jefferson Security Bank, Valley Proteins, Inc., and United Bank. Jerry Williams '71, State Farm Insurance, sponsored the band, Souled Out. John Wolff '88, of Capital Fiduciary Advisors, served as a program sponsor. Other theme sponsors included Bowles Rice Attorneys at Law; Skinner Law Firm; Smith Elliott Kearns & Co.; PriceRomine, PLLC; Ours, Lawyer, Lewis & Co., PLLC; and McMorgan & Company. The Foundation gratefully acknowledges these generous sponsors, without whom this popular summertime event enjoyed by alumni and community members alike would not be possible.



Cerella Mason

*West Virginia Professor of the Year Sonya Evanisko will use living plant kokedamas from her recent exhibit at Shepherd University in her November 2 presentation on the art of living sculptural kokedama as part of the 2016-17 Scarborough Society Art and Lecture Series.*

## Scarborough Society Art and Lecture Series announces 2016-17 season

The Scarborough Society of Shepherd University has planned an invigorating new Scarborough Art and Lecture Series featuring unique topics and speakers relevant to the academic and cultural community. All events are free and open to the public, and will take place in the Scarborough Library Reading room with a reception to follow.

☞ The Shepherd University art department will present its annual Faculty Art Show September 8-22, with an opening night reception on Thursday, September 8, from 4-6 p.m.

☞ On Tuesday, October 18, Alan Gibson, proprietor of Ridgefield Farm and Orchard and Shepherd adjunct instructor, will discuss the inspiration behind his thriller, *The Dead of Winter*, which takes place on a fictionalized version of his beloved Jefferson County farm known for its plethora of fall festivities. The presentation will take place at 7 p.m.

☞ On Tuesday, November 1, Shepherd art professor and West Virginia's Professor of the Year Sonya Evanisko will present "Like Moss Between the Cracks" on the art of living sculptural kokedama. The presentation will take place at 6 p.m.

☞ On Thursday, April 6, 2017, join Patricia Stephenson of Moon on the Mountain Farm in Kearneysville, Rob Young of Claymont Community Farm in Charles Town, and others from the local farming community for a panel discussion on the culture of sustainable farming and benefits of a farm-to-fork lifestyle. Panel participants will also offer a collaborative compilation of delectable recipes featuring local, sustainably grown ingredients. The event will take place at 6 p.m. and will be catered by Domestic restaurant of Shepherdstown. Dedicated foodies won't want to miss this!

For a full calendar of Foundation-sponsored events, visit [www.shepherduniversityfoundation.org](http://www.shepherduniversityfoundation.org).

# Foundation

## Leave a legacy

**K**en Harbaugh has been a part of nearly every meeting of Shepherd University's Classified Employees Council since its formal inception in 1982. He has served on the Board of Governors and is a longstanding member of the Shepherd University Foundation's Board of Directors. He is the creator of three Foundation scholarships and a member of the exclusive Joseph P. McMurren Society which recognizes those who have chosen to honor Shepherd through an estate or other planned gift. On campus, he facilitates improved communication among employees, supervisors, and administration, and he is a respected advocate at the state level for the care of university employees and other matters pertaining to higher education.

It's an impressive résumé for a guy who was hired to run the university's print shop 44 years ago.

"My most rewarding work at Shepherd has been running the print shop," said Ken, who credits his high school graphic arts teacher, Richard Linn, with recognizing and fostering his natural affinity for printing and the graphic arts. During his junior and senior years at North Hagerstown, Maryland, High School, Ken worked for Linn in the

school's print shop, overseeing event programs, tickets, and other school projects. "Richard Linn once told me, 'You'll always print; you've got ink in your blood,'" said Ken. "That always stuck with me."

After graduating from high school in 1967, the Hagerstown native honed his craft working for three regional print shops for two years before entering the U.S. Army. After fulfilling a three-year enlistment that included one tour in Vietnam, Ken returned to civilian life and the printing industry. In June 1972, he was hired by Shepherd to oversee the university's print shop, as well as its postal services and office supply network, a position in which he would remain for the next 42 years.

In 2014, state budget cuts forced the closure of the print shop, but Ken has remained at Shepherd as an art department safety technician while he continues to fulfill his duties to the Classified Employees Council (CEC).

In 1978, he was appointed to an informal grievance committee, which evolved into the CEC in 1982. Currently, as one of three governing bodies on campus serving students, faculty, and staff, the CEC advocates for the concerns of university classified employees. Ken serves as the group's elected representative to the Advisory Council for Classified Employees (ACCE), which represents the CEC at the state level on the Higher Education Policy Commission (HEPC) and actively works with top legislators on key issues pertaining to higher education. Ken feels his involvement with the CEC and ACCE is the most important work he has performed at Shepherd.

"What we want to do is put in place a system of compensation, classification, and personnel management that mirrors the best practices throughout the country for institutions like ours," he said.

In addition to his work at the state level, Ken also uses the experience he has gained through his involvement with



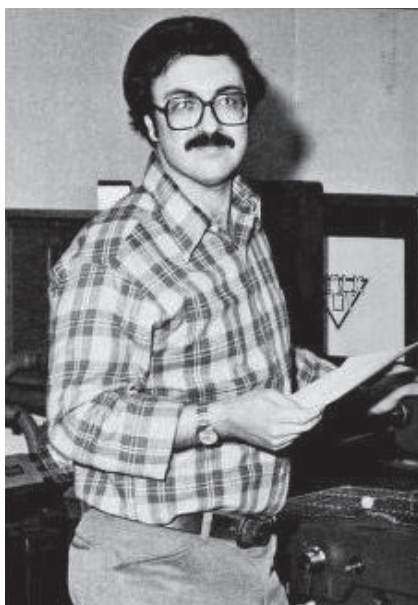
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*Ken Harbaugh*

the CEC to assist with personnel issues on campus. Improving relationships between employees and administration through open communication is a particularly important cause to him, and he has earned his colleagues' respect as a fair and balanced mediator in matters of personnel concerns.

"Ken Harbaugh is passionate about Shepherd University, and he exhibits that passion through his work on behalf of the university's classified employees and through his financial support of the university itself through the Shepherd University Foundation," said Valerie Owens '76 and '86, executive director of university communications at Shepherd and a longtime friend and colleague. "He is an outspoken advocate on behalf of the university and the voice, heart, and soul of the classified employees."

In addition to encouraging and supporting university employees, Ken seeks to inspire them as well. In 2004, he and his wife, Kitty Nye Harbaugh '74, joined the Joseph P. McMurren Society through a bequest designated in support of a privately funded scholarship created in their name. "Part of the reason we joined [the McMurren Society] is because we wanted to set an example for other employees and alumni," said Ken, noting how crucial it is to bring attention to the need for privately funded gifts given the steady decline in state funding for higher education.



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*Ken Harbaugh pictured in Shepherd's print shop, circa 1974-75.*



Ken acknowledges that his work with the Shepherd University Foundation has been yet another highlight of his career. In addition to the KEN AND KITTY HARBAUGH SCHOLARSHIP, which supports education majors in honor of Kitty's chosen major, Ken also spearheaded the creation of the SHEPHERD UNIVERSITY CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES SCHOLARSHIP. Funded and endowed by university employees, many using payroll deductions, the scholarship has awarded more than \$80,000 in financial aid to dependents of classified staff members over the past 25 years.

The final scholarship established by Ken through the Foundation also provided him with some of his best memories from his time at Shepherd. The SHEPHERD UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION TOURS SCHOLARSHIP is an endowed general academic award created to provide student scholarships from surplus funds generated through European tours organized by Ken and Kitty with help from their friends, Jim '75 and Pam '75 Lockard. Together the two couples planned a total of five trips—promoted as “purely fun and gently-paced”—for groups of Shepherd alumni and friends. The final trip, a 13-day tour of Italy, took place in the summer of 2001, just months before 9/11 would forever alter the travel landscape.

“That was one of the most satisfying things I ever did at Shepherd,” said Ken, who looks back on the tours with a fond sense of nostalgia. “I completely enjoy working with the Foundation. Knowing we can give out almost two million dollars in scholarships and awards each year is a big charge to me. It’s fun to help give away money!”

Looking ahead, Ken plans to remain involved in campus life after his current CEC and ACCE terms end in 2017, and believes his support of higher education at the state and local levels will always be a hobby. But he demurs when asked what he believes will be his one true legacy after such a long and storied career.

“Well...,” he begins, pausing for a long moment before continuing, “maybe I had just a little bit to do over the years with Shepherd being so respected at the state level. I’m just one little part of a big pie. But I hope that someday people will say that I was a good part of it.” ✎ **Kristin Alexander**



*Ken Harbaugh at the Foundation's 2009 Donor-Scholar Reception with Jason Smith '11, recipient of the Harbaugh Scholarship.*



*Members of the Joseph P. McMurren Society convened at the organization's annual dinner reception on May 14.*

## President Hendrix hosts McMurren Society

President Mary J.C. Hendrix '74 hosted her first Joseph P. McMurren Society Dinner Reception on Saturday, May 14 in the atrium of Erma Ora Byrd Hall on East Campus. Sponsored by the Shepherd University Foundation, the annual event brings together society members and their guests, along with Shepherd University faculty and administrators, to honor those who have chosen to share their lifelong financial achievements with Shepherd through estate and other planned gifts.

Guests were treated to a four-course meal exclusively prepared by Chef Scott Anderson and Shepherd University Catering, as well as a performance by flutist Melissa McKay '16, who performed *Sonate pour Flute et Piano* by Francis Poulenc, accompanied on piano by Dr. Yu Hsuan-Liao, an assistant professor with Shepherd's Department of Music. A recent Shepherd graduate with a B.A. in music, Melissa is also a recipient of the CARL K. RAUCH ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FOR FINE ARTS, originally established as a planned gift through the Shepherd University Foundation.

To view all photos from our 2016 McMurren Society Dinner, visit [www.shepherduniversityfoundation.org](http://www.shepherduniversityfoundation.org) and click on Foundation Photos under News and Events. ✎





BreAnne Rugh

The advancement of Shepherd University is made possible by remarkable individuals who offer their time and talents as volunteers. These alumni and community members serve on boards and various committees, lead affinity groups, and support Shepherd University functions and events. Here eight volunteers share their stories on what motivates them to contribute in such a vital way.

## ▲ Kevin Wilson '84, Sara Lueck '67, and Jody Carter '75 Scarborough Society of Shepherd University Gala Committee Members

The Scarborough Society of Shepherd University is able to raise tens of thousands of dollars of support each year for the Scarborough Library, much of which comes from the annual gala fundraiser held every August. The Gala's success stems largely from committee chair and Society board member Sara Lueck '67, who has spearheaded the event since its inception in 2002.

Sara, a Lewisburg native who has spent her entire career as a librarian and media specialist since her college graduation, has devoted her time, talent, and treasure to giving back to the community, and the Gala is an annual showcase of that devotion.

"The Gala has been so rewarding," she said. "It's challenging to brainstorm and execute unique ideas that will engage people to attend year after year, but chairing a committee of fantastic people and working with wonderful host couples has helped make the event so successful."

It's the testament of friendship with Sara that two of those committee members, Jody Carter '75 and Kevin Wilson '84, attribute their own volunteer service. Jody, who taught in the Jefferson County school system for 40 years as the homebound coordinator, and Kevin, who has owned Magnolia Tree Florist and Catering in Charles Town for 22 years, are both the right- and left-hand volunteers for decorations and day-of-event set-up.

"Sara and I have worked on projects together forever," said Jody, who served on the Shepherd University Hall of Fame committee with Sara for 12 years. "Helping her with the Gala has been so much fun and so rewarding. I feel like I owe my career to Shepherd, so it's nice to give back."

Kevin, who was one of Sara's students before attending Shepherd, agrees that while it is challenging to create a unique atmosphere for such a large event in such a short time frame, it has been fulfilling to see a theme fully realized each year.

"The Gala raises a significant amount of money for the library, so it's a worthwhile endeavor," he said. "In the world, you have to have volunteers—or a lot of things we want to see happen won't."



## Tony Price '92 ▶

Shepherd University Foundation Board of Directors  
Investment Committee Chair

After working for several large international public accounting firms in Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C., Shepherdstown resident Tony Price '92 decided to return to his Eastern Panhandle roots. Approached in 2009 by Shepherd University Foundation President Ramon Alvarez '62 to fill a vacated directorship position on the board, Tony was able to utilize his professional skills while volunteering as the board's Investment Committee chair.

Serving in this position has afforded Tony many challenges, including managing expectations of different interest groups of the organization while serving the best interest of the Foundation in a volatile and often unpredictable market. However, with great risks have come great rewards.

"It has been wonderful to be a part of the Foundation's growth," said Price, who opened PriceRomine PLLC in Shepherdstown in October 2013. "If people have the time and energy to dedicate, I wholeheartedly encourage them to volunteer. The benefits of working with alumni and community members responsible for the University's success are immeasurable."



BreAnne Rugh

## ◀ Bonnie Bailey '15

Women for Shepherd University  
Planning Committee Member

For Bonnie Bailey '15, who lives in Falling Waters with her husband and two children, volunteering is the perfect venue to pay forward the opportunities afforded her while she attended Shepherd University. Several Shepherd University Foundation scholarships helped Bonnie fund her education. Through an internship with Capital Fiduciary Advisors, Inc. during her senior year, she was able to land her current position as a wealth management associate for the Shepherdstown branch of the company.

It was through her employer John Wolff '88, CEO of Capital Fiduciary Advisors and investment advisor to the Shepherd University Foundation, that Bonnie learned of the Women for Shepherd University Planning Committee. Since joining in 2015, she has served as a lead volunteer for several events, including the WSU Backyard Tea Party and Garden Demonstration held at the Historic Entler Hotel in April 2016.

"It's challenging to balance volunteer duties with other work and home responsibilities," said Bonnie. "However, the reward of seeing an event's success and the joy of getting to meet other people at the university and in the community... it's a great way to keep informed and make a difference. Volunteering helps us develop the kind of community in which we want to live."



BreAnne Rugh



# Foundation

## ▼ Berniece Collis '77 and Garland Ott '62

McMurrin Scholars Association

Advisory Committee Members

When the McMurrin Scholars Association, an organization that unites past recipients of Shepherd University's most prestigious award, was formed in 2011 as part of the 50th anniversary celebration, Berniece Collis '77 and Garland Ott '62 answered the call to serve on its planning committee. Though neither of them had been back to campus since graduation for more than a handful of occasions, Berniece and Gar were compelled to offer their time and talents.

They are not strangers to volunteerism. Berniece, who taught students with learning disabilities at Hedgesville Middle School before taking her current position at Minghini's General Contractors, Inc. in Martinsburg, helped spearhead the Berkeley 2000 Initiative through the Martinsburg Chamber of Commerce and served two terms on the Berkeley County Board of Education. Gar, who worked for the United States Navy before his retirement, coaches a middle school tennis team in Jefferson County and tutors middle school, high school, and college-age students. Both played significant roles in the planning of the McMurrin Scholars Association 50th and 55th anniversary celebrations.

"It's been so rewarding to connect back with people who were scholars at the same time I was in school," said Gar, who was one of the first three students awarded the prestigious honor. "However, by volunteering you can also connect with current students and encourage them to become interested in activities outside their studies."

Berniece, who has been instrumental in the McMURRIN SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT campaign, agrees that while there are definitely challenges involved with compelling former scholars to become more involved with Shepherd, witnessing her colleagues' generosity is just one of the innumerable benefits to volunteering.

"These opportunities help keep us young," she said. "McMurrin Scholars and alumni in general have a lot to offer Shepherd through their time, resources, and knowledge, so don't be afraid to step up!"



Lisa Wooten



## ▲ Christopher Wooten '87

Shepherd University Alumni Association

Director Emeritus

As the son of a reverend, Christopher Wooten '87 was raised in a household where volunteerism was a way of life. An Eagle Scout and three-sport athlete, Chris commuted back and forth during his time at Shepherd to serve as an assistant coach in his hometown of Silver Spring, Maryland. Now, residing in Fallston, Maryland, with his family, Chris still coaches youth sports, serves as a fundraiser for Johns Hopkins Hospital, and teaches a personal finance class at Towson University alongside his duties as vice president and controller at Eastern Savings Bank.

Approached in 1987 to serve as a director on the Shepherd University Alumni Association Board, Chris quickly stepped into the role of treasurer before transitioning into a newly created financial consultant position. In both this role and as director emeritus, Chris has worked with the Alumni Association staff on financial reporting and investments for more than 20 years.

"You really don't know how many lives you'll touch by simply being willing to lend a hand," said Wooten, who was named the Outstanding Alumnus in 2005. "Your time at Shepherd, or college in general, is a formative and wonderful experience. By volunteering, we are helping to enhance that experience for future generations." ✦ *Meg Peterson*

Are you interested in volunteering your time and talents at Shepherd University? Please visit [shepherduniversityfoundation.org/get-involved/volunteer-opportunities/](http://shepherduniversityfoundation.org/get-involved/volunteer-opportunities/) or [shep-connect.shepherd.edu](http://shep-connect.shepherd.edu) and click on the "Volunteer Form." You may also text the code RAMSDO to 41444 to fill out the form over your phone.

If you have any questions, please contact Meg Peterson, Shepherd University Foundation, at 304-876-5021, [mpeterso@shepherd.edu](mailto:mpeterso@shepherd.edu) or Katie Swayne, Office of Advancement, at 304-876-5524, [kswayne@shepherd.edu](mailto:kswayne@shepherd.edu).

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## Your gift makes a difference

Senior Joshua Ferguson was still fairly new to Facebook in January 2016 when he suddenly found himself thrust into the online spotlight—the Scholar Spotlight, that is. On January 27, the political science major from Bunker Hill was the focus of the Shepherd University Foundation’s popular Facebook feature that highlights deserving students who have benefited from privately funded scholarship awards established through the Foundation.

As word spread that Josh had surfaced on Facebook, he found himself reconnecting with everyone from long-lost friends to his former kindergarten teacher from Inwood Primary School. In the end, the post received 376 likes, 73 comments, 85 shares, and reached more than 17,000 people.

“I got to talk to so many people I hadn’t seen in years,” he laughed. “I was like, ‘Wow, this is amazing!’”

Josh is the recipient of the LOUISE LEONARD NELSON SCHOLARSHIP, established in 2000 by the former West Virginia state senator. The endowed award is designated in support of West Virginia residents majoring in political science, and Josh credits it with helping him stay focused on his studies.

“It’s given me the opportunity to focus more on excelling in the classroom, and less on financing my education,” he said. Indeed, Josh’s top priority at Shepherd is academic excellence. “I’ve always been competitive, in both sports and academics. I wanted to be number one in everything I did,” he admitted, noting

that while his parents supported his participation in various sports throughout high school, they steadfastly emphasized the importance of academics. This gentle guidance ultimately resulted in Josh’s decision to forego a track and field career at a Division I university in favor of attending Shepherd like his mother and grandparents, all of whom are Shepherd alums.

“They spoke highly of Shepherd,” said Josh, who noted that any concerns he had over attending college so close to home evaporated once he became immersed in campus life. “I noticed that you don’t have to go to the big-time schools to get the big-time opportunities. All you need are professors who take their job seriously and focus on engaging their students.”

Josh cited two professors who have enhanced his learning experience at Shepherd. Dr. Max Guirguis, professor of political science, and Cinda Scales ’81, an associate professor of business administration and practicing attorney in Martinsburg, have served as both mentors and role models for the aspiring attorney, at once guiding and challenging him on his quest for a successful legal career.

“I remember the first paper I submitted to Dr. Guirguis—I saw so many red marks,” he said. Josh credits Guirguis with helping him refine his legal writing skills and recalls the sense of accomplishment he felt when a 12-page case brief he submitted as part of a group project for the professor’s Criminal Constitutional Law class was returned without a single red mark on it. Notoriously meticulous in grading case briefs, Guirguis commended Josh for the effort he had put into his classes because it showed in the work he was producing. Going forward, the writing skills he honed in Dr. Guirguis’s classes

served Josh well in his role as a legal intern in the Martinsburg law office of Shepherd alumna Heather Dern Myers ’77 throughout his junior year.

“I just cannot leave out Professor Scales,” said Josh. “She taught me how to examine particular laws through the eyes of an attorney. She’s a well-versed and thorough professor, and she has given me useful advice in regards to preparing for my future.”

That future, he hopes, will include a career in environmental law, a path he became interested in while working for Global Environmental & Remediation, LLC, a Kearneysville-based company owned by Josh’s grandfather. Having earned various licenses and certifications for the removal of hazardous materials, Josh is particularly interested in working in a corporate or government environment to ensure that organizational practices are in compliance with environmental regulations. And proving that no dream is off-limits, he would like to argue a case in front of the U.S. Supreme Court someday.

For now, Josh is focused on graduating in 2017 before taking time off from his studies to work and study for the LSAT. At Shepherd, Josh aspires to serve as a role model for other students. “My goal in life is to inspire my own generation and the next generation to come,” he explained. As a Foundation scholar, he puts this philosophy to practice by actively encouraging fellow students to seek out privately funded scholarships through the Foundation.

“You always have expenses as a college student, so it’s great to receive a scholarship that will help ease those financial burdens,” he said. “And it’s an honor. It really validates all that advice I got from my parents and professors.”

If you would like to make a gift of any size to Shepherd University and 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 [mlin-genf@shepherd.edu](mailto:mlin-genf@shepherd.edu). ✦ Kristin Alexander

*In a photo that reached more than 17,000 people on Facebook, Foundation scholar Joshua Ferguson, a senior political science major from Bunker Hill, poses with a set of legal scales. A recipient of the Louise Leonard Nelson Scholarship, Josh plans to attend law school and pursue a career in environmental law.*

Sarah Brennan





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The groundbreaking ceremony for the new five-story \$22 million residence hall on West Campus took place June 22. The new hall will open in August 2017. Participants in the ceremony included (l. to r.) Tom Trubiana, president of EdR; Christine Hewett, representing Senator Joe Manchin; Chancellor Paul Hill, West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission; President Mary J.C. Hendrix '74; Dr. Marcia Brand, chair of Shepherd's Board of Governors; James Vigil, vice president for administration; and Timothy McShea '80, Shepherd University Foundation Board of Directors member.