From the Dean

Greeting Graduate Students, Faculty and Shepherd community,

We hope that you are having an enriching and productive semester! We’re excited about all the opportunities our graduate students have had to participate in the university organizational structure, from the Budget Advisory Council, Student Life Council, Deans’ Student Advisory Council, Bookstore RFP, and other bodies! We also hope you’ll take the opportunity to participate in upcoming events:

2/21: Deans’ Student Advisory Council Meeting
3/18: MBA Summit: Re-inventing West Virginia
4/8: Graduate Research Day
5/6: Commencement

We’re also excited to offer a separate graduate commencement ceremony to elevate and celebrate the accomplishments of our outstanding graduate students. Graduate student and faculty awards will also be recognized in the commencement program.

Information on the award nomination and submission information can be found here:


We look forward to hearing some exciting presentations at the Graduate Research Day on April 8th!

On behalf of the University, I extend a sincere congratulations and best of luck to the Class of 2017. You have been exceptional representatives of our graduate programs, and I know you will continue to serve as worthy ambassadors for Shepherd and the importance of graduate study.

Graduates, regardless of your chosen area of focus, have the opportunity to enrich the lives of those around you. As you embark upon and progress through your careers, I urge you to always remember why you chose your respective field and the sacrifices you endured to make it happen!

I would also like to give special thanks to the parents, spouses, children and friends of our graduates for their patience, understanding, sacrifices and support. I know that they, like me, share the feeling of pride in what you’ve accomplished and the abundant opportunities that lie ahead.

In the coming years, I would ask that you not forget your Shepherd, your former professors, and fellow and future Rams! I encourage you to not only give back to the college by supporting college activities, programs and scholarships, but also by keeping us updated on the many achievements you will experience in your careers and personal lives. We will always take great pride in your achievements.

Take care, and stay in touch.

Dr. Scott Beard, Associate Provost
Dean, Graduate Studies & Continuing education
Graduate Commencement:

Dear Graduating and Continuing Graduate Students,

We are excited to share with you that this year, in order to elevate and recognize the outstanding achievements of our graduate masters degree candidates, we are hosting a separate ceremony to celebrate your accomplishments.

For this year, the ceremony will take place on the same day, but at a separate time, as the undergraduate ceremony, which will be: Saturday, May 6th at 11:00 a.m. in the Frank Center Theater. Students will be able to receive 5 tickets each for the ceremony (higher than the undergraduate number of tickets) and also have the opportunity to request additional tickets from the “pool” of ticket returns.

The ceremony will include a number of the same elements as the undergraduate ceremony: processional, national anthem/alma mater, guest speaker, honorary degree recipient, hooding of candidates by their graduate program coordinator, awarding of degrees and recognition of graduate faculty and student award recipients.

The proceedings will be included in the overall commencement booklet that all students and guests will receive.

In future years, this ceremony will move to Thursday evenings and will take the place of the graduate banquet.

Thank you for choosing Shepherd University. You are the first class to experience this exciting new graduation opportunity!

Sincerely,

Dr. Mary J.C. Hendrix, President
Dr. Scott Beard, Associate Provost and GSCE Dean

Hooding instructions for commencement:

- Please bring your hood and carry it over your left arm onto the stage. You will present your hood to your graduate program coordinator (GPC) with the back of the hood (longer portion) facing the GPC.
- They will hood you onstage prior to receiving your degree.
- Please make sure you have the correct hood color and present in the following degree presentation:
  1. MA-CI (blue hood)
  2. MBA (drab hood)
  3. MAT (blue hood)
  4. MMME (pink hood)
  5. MA-CSDA (white hood)
- The degree procession will be created when you link up prior to the procession.
- Please consult the commencement webpage for more information: www.shepherd.edu/commencement

Dr. John Adams to be keynote speaker at graduate commencement

Dr. John E. Adams began his career at Shepherd in 1971 with the position of residence director/admission counselor in Thacher Hall. Over the next 40 years, he assumed several titles including retention specialist, housing director, director of counseling and career services, director of Washington Gateway, assistant and associate dean of student affairs, assistant vice president for student affairs and dean of students, and interim vice president for student affairs. In 2013, he finished his Shepherd career as a University Professor teaching for the College Student Development and Administration program, Teaching, Learning, and Instructional Resources, and the Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Sport.
Throughout his career, Dr. Adams actively participated in and presented at regional, state and national organizations. His accomplishments include the creation of the Career Development Center, acquisition of a $570,000 co-op federal grant, implementation of the Washington Gateway Program, and team writer for the College Student Development and Administration curriculum and proposal. In 2012, he received Shepherd’s Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award, was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi honor society, and recognized by the National Career Development Association as a Master Career Counselor for his life work in career development. Dr. Adams was also a founding faculty member in Shepherd’s signature Master of Arts, College Student Development and Administration degree program, teaching core courses and supervising graduate assistants in the program.

Dr. Adams began his education at Shepherd in 1966 and completed two bachelor’s degrees in history and secondary social studies education in 1971 and 1973 respectively. He ventured north in 1976 to complete his master’s degree in student personnel/counseling at Shippensburg University and then south to earn his Ph.D. in educational administration/community college education at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1997. His dissertation, “A Study to Determine the Impact of a Precollege Intervention on Early Adolescent Aspiration and Motivation for College,” was focused on Shepherd’s Junior High Washington Gateway Academy. His research explored the impact of precollege intervention programs on aspiration and motivation in middle school children.

Upon retirement, he was conferred the title of Assistant Vice President Emeritus for Student Affairs by Dr. Suzanne Shipley, president of Shepherd University. In addition to his teaching roles at the undergraduate and graduate levels, Dr. Adams also works as a licensed and certified career counselor/coach with nontraditional graduates and transitioning military veterans throughout the United States.

Congrats to Mark Adelsberger and Claire West for winning first place in the Maryland Student Affairs Case Study Competition!!

CSDA Graduate Students Mark Adelsberger and Claire White win 1st place in the Maryland Student Affairs Case Study Competition

The Maryland Student Affairs Conference hosted a case study competition on February 10, 2017. Upon registering, the students were given a specific case study, which this year was sexual assault on college campus. They then had to do extensive research and answer the issue. Mark and Claire were initially chosen as one of the 3 finalists from the initial submissions. They then attended the conference and presented their case findings and provided a defense in front of a set of panelists where they had 30 minutes to defend their case analysis and answer question from the reviewers during the conference. Mark and Claire were awarded first place in the competition! Congratulations to both of them as they proudly represented Shepherd University’s CSDA program.
**Graduate Student Advisory Council**

Students, please feel free to contact your programmatic representative for feedback on new initiatives, assistance or other concerns.

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[https://www.facebook.com/ShepherdUniversityCSDA](https://www.facebook.com/ShepherdUniversityCSDA)

**Graduate Research Day** – Saturday, April 8, 2017 – Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History and Education - Graduate students must participate in Research Day to be eligible for Graduate Awards. (Deadline for Abstract Submission: Friday, March 31, 2017)

For Information click [HERE](#).

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Next MBA Testing Date

The next MBA MFT exam will take place on Wednesday, April 12th at the Martinsburg Center from 5:30-8:00 pm.

Capstone Students in MBA 590 & 591 may register with Sherry Donovan for the MBA Major Field Test (MFT).

Those requiring a standardized test to complete their admissions requirements should sign up with Sherry Donovan for the undergraduate business MFT.

EDPD Spring 2017 Schedule click HERE

Graduation Application click HERE

Graduate Faculty Awards Application click HERE

Graduate Student Awards Application click HERE

Future MBA 591 Students:
Please note that the MBA 591 course requires instructor permission to register. Students must secure their internship site the semester prior to taking MBA 591.

Tuition Waiver Due Dates

Summer 2017 Tuition Waivers due March 1, 2017
Fall 2017 Tuition Waivers due June 1, 2017

Student Tuition Waiver Form

Employee or Graduate Student Researcher Tuition Waiver Form

The Shepherd University MBA Program will host a day-long Summit: “Re-Inventing West Virginia: Respecting the Heritage and Realizing the Future” on Saturday, March 18, 2017 on the campus of Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, WV.

This Summit will discuss and analyze ways to overcome traditional challenges to the State in order to position and brand West Virginia as a State that is attractive, beautiful and successful. This Summit will address West Virginia’s economy as it is impacted by education, technology, energy, tourism, and marketing. Finally, utilizing these discussions and analyses, a branding forum will summarize the highlights and provide a plan for the future success of Almost Heaven, West Virginia!

Four one-hour long forums will be held.

- Education and Technology’s Role in Re-Inventing WV
- Energy’s Role in Re-Inventing WV
- Marketing’s Role in Re-Inventing WV
- Tourism’s role in Re-Inventing WV

Registration for this event is required. Click here to register today!
Lifelong Learning program offers free events

SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV — Shepherd University’s Lifelong Learning Program has announced a full slate of classes, brown bag lectures, and film showings for the spring semester, including several events that are free and open to the public.

The Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History and Education is teaming up with the Lifelong Learning Program to offer a monthly film series that includes post-film discussions. These events, which take place at 6:30 p.m. in the Byrd Center’s auditorium are free and open to the public, but advanced registration is required. To reserve a seat, contact Jody Brumage, Center archivist, at jbrumage@shepherd.edu. Films scheduled this spring are:

- **“Dr. Strangelove or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb”** — March 1. Stanley Kubrick’s classic 1964 film was the first commercially successful political satire about nuclear war and Cold War politics. “Dr. Strangelove” touched on rising popular fears about technology and nuclear war in the aftermath of the Cuban Missile Crisis and as the arms race between the United States and Soviet Union continued. As our national conversations about politics, technology, and nuclear power continue, the film’s biting commentary remains as relevant and thought provoking as ever.

- **“In Pursuit of Justice”** — April 5. As a U.S. Congressman, West Virginia Secretary of State, university professor, author, and environmental activist, Ken Hechler, who died December 10, 2016 at age 102, changed the face of West Virginia politics. This West Virginia Public Broadcasting documentary traces the evolution of Hechler’s political philosophy to the progressive movement of the early 20th century and documents his commitment to public service and political office. With added insight from U.S. Senators Tom Harkin, George McGovern, and Robert Dole, and U.S. Representatives John Brademas and James Symington, the film highlights Hechler’s lifelong devotion to helping the citizens of the West Virginia and the nation. Russ Barbour and Chip Hitchcock, producers of the documentary, will participate in a discussion after the viewing.

- **“Command and Control”** — May 17. This film illustrates the long-hidden story of a deadly 1980 accident at a Titan II missile complex in Damascus, Arkansas. Based on the critically acclaimed book by Eric Schlosser, the documentary exposes the truth about the management of America’s nuclear arsenal and shows what can happen when the weapons built to protect us threaten to destroy us. Woven through the Damascus story is a riveting history of America’s nuclear weapons program from World War II through the Cold War, much of it based on recently declassified documents. “Command and Control” asks the question—how do you manage weapons of mass destruction without being destroyed by them?

The brown bag lunch lectures, which take place from 12:30-2 p.m. in the Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History and Education multipurpose room, are:

- **“Birds of Summer by Sight and Sound”** — March 29. Kathryn Henry, a volunteer with the Potomac Valley Audubon Society, will present stunning photography and recordings by local naturalist Wil Hershberger. This program will help participants learn to identify several summer birds most commonly seen and heard in local backyards and parks.

- **“A White Historian Confronts Lynching”** — April 5. Dr. Susan Strasser, Richards Professor Emerita of American History at the University of Delaware and a distinguished lecturer for the Organization of American Historians, will delve deeper than usual into the crucial chapters of American history surrounding the Civil Rights Movement. While in high school in Pittsburgh,
Strasser picketed the Woolworth’s store to support the sit-ins at Southern lunch counters. As a 15-year-old white girl, Strasser stood on the National Mall in 1963 and heard Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. describe a dream that was hers, too. Her response to shootings in a Charleston, South Carolina, church, to police shootings, and to #BlackLivesMatter was to develop a series of illustrated talks titled “A White Historian Reads Black History.” This lecture is one of those talks.

- “Liberation of Mauthausen Concentration Camp” – April 12. Dr. William Zimmer. This presentation will feature photographs and maps describing the liberation of Mauthausen Concentration Camp near Linz, Austria, by the 11th Armored Division on May 6, 1945. Much of the information will be from first-hand knowledge, observation, and participation from the memoirs of the late PFC Robert S. Zimmer, Company A, and 22nd Tank Battalion, 11th armored division’s third army.
- “From Unspeakable Horror to Simple Murder: Write What You Know” — May 3. Author Alan Gibson, adjunct English and modern languages professor at Shepherd, will talk about the inspiration for the settings, characters, and plots of his two novels. The first, “The Dead of Winter,” was a cheesy horror story and the second is a more sophisticated murder mystery. Gibson will speak about the transition from the horror genre to mystery and what he’s learned after writing two books. There will be ample time for questions from budding and seasoned authors.

The Lifelong Learning Program at Shepherd University is a volunteer, member-driven program dedicated to offering stimulating academic courses and activities to the community. Membership is open to all mature adults. For more information about membership and other classes, brown bag lunches, and tours offered by Lifelong Learning, visit www.shepherd.edu/lifelonglearning or contact Karen Rice at 304-876-5135 or krice@shepherd.edu

New Graduate Studies Program - Master of Science in Data Analytics and Information Systems

A new graduate studies program and the first Master of Science degree will begin this Fall 2017, pending HEPC and HLC approval.

Shepherd University’s M.S. in Data Analytics and Information Systems is a 36 credit-hour program that is interdisciplinary in nature, and is designed for students to utilize their understanding of data in the field of data analytics and in the computer-oriented study of information systems. The program will develop students who have advanced capacity to derive knowledge from data, communicate an understanding of that knowledge, and to develop and manage computer information systems that are used in data analytics and other areas. This includes skills in data collection, preparation (‘munging’), representation using mathematics, data analysis using custom or developed software, as well as storage and retrieval. This process involves selection of and processing with appropriate methods, development and analysis of algorithms in a modern distributed and cloud-based computing environment, and implementation in computer programming languages.

All students in the M.S. in Data Analytics and Information Systems program take a 12-credit Data Science core and a 12-credit Information Systems Requirements core. The remaining 12-credit electives and special topics courses provide the students with opportunities to conduct research projects with their mentoring Professors or internship projects to gain real-world experiences.

If you are interested in more information about or applying to the M.S. DAIS program, please contact the Graduate Studies office in Byrd 212, or 304-876-5313.
Wendle starts as new dean of students

SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV — Shepherd University has started the spring semester by welcoming a new dean of students. Dr. Ann Wendle, who started on Monday, January 9, comes to Shepherd from Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania where she served as an assistant dean, director of drug and alcohol services, and co-director of veteran services.

In her new position at Shepherd, Wendle will oversee disability support services, the counseling center, the health center, multicultural student affairs, international students, veterans support services, the student conduct board, and Title IX compliance. Title IX is the federal law that prohibits federally funded universities from discriminating on the basis of sex.

Wendle, who has been teaching as an affiliate graduate faculty member since last August for Shepherd’s Master of Arts degree in college student development and administration, said she is happy to be on campus full time.

“Every bit of interaction I’ve had with Shepherd has just been so pleasant, welcoming, professional, and kind,” Wendle said. “I think that Shepherd is a good fit for me because, in my experience, people here are very forward thinking and collaborative and there’s not a campus-community line. It’s like the town and the university have similar goals and you feel like you belong.”

Wendle, who is a U.S. Army veteran and served in Operation Desert Storm, has a Doctor of Philosophy from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, in higher education with concentrations in law and cultural competency. She also has a B.A. in English with a concentration in secondary education and an M.S. in counseling with a concentration in college student personnel from Shippensburg University. She previously worked at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville as resident director of family housing and Alpha Phi Alpha and at Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, in various positions, including director of student activities, interim assistant dean in multicultural affairs, and acting dean of students.

Wendle’s research has focused on topics such as women’s experiences in higher education, the experiences of graduate student resident directors and resident advisors, and how well first-year students transition to college and socialize.

“If we understand students better socially and transitionally, then we can help them take their college experience and apply it to their regular life after college. It contributes to their success, our retention, the attrition rate, and their development,” Wendle said.

Shepherd ranks nationally as a most promising place to work in student affairs

Shepherd University is one of 18 colleges and universities on the 2017 Most Promising Places to Work in Student Affairs list. This is the third time in four years that Shepherd has made the list, which examines the administrative structures, commitment to diversity, and workplace and staffing practices of the student affairs department through a study conducted by the Center for Higher Education Enterprise at Ohio State University in partnership with the American College Personnel Association (ACPA) member institutions.
MAT Graduate Recognized with Two WV Honors!

MAT graduate Jessica Salfia won the West Virginia Fiction Writers’ Award and was also named Berkeley County Teacher of the Year!

Graduate Student Mindy Sizemore Presents a Session at the Appalachian Studies Conference

Mindy Sizemore, a graduate student in the MAT program and the APST certificate program will be presenting a session at the 40th annual Appalachian Studies Association conference, held March 9-12, 2017, at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA. The title of the session is *Yonder: Contemporary Paintings that Explore West Virginia Industrial Disasters*. This is a series of paintings that depicts various industrial disasters in the state of West Virginia throughout its history. Some of the events include the Hawks Nest tunnel disaster, 1931, the Farmington Mine disaster, 1968, the Buffalo Creek disaster 1972, the Sago Mine disaster 2006, and the Freedom Industries chemical spill, 2014. The series aims to inform the viewer about the long, dark history of extraction in West Virginia. While most disasters are presented to the public by outside reporters who depict bleak and pitiful communities, Ms. Sizemore’s paintings aim to engage the viewer in a different way. By using bright colors and materials such as glitter, she emphasizes the bright and thriving communities that these horrible disasters affected. Ms. Sizemore wants the viewer to walk away with a new understanding of how frequently communities have been and continue to be abused by the extraction industries in this state.

Mindy Sizemore’s painting about the Farmington Mine disaster, titled "These Cars Belong to Dead Men"
CSDA students to attend ACPA 2017 conference
CSDA students, Mark Adelsberger, Megan Ball, Amelia Carte, Richard Goodman, Charles Martino, Andrew McLaughlin, Rose Tribby, Kayla Turner, Alexandra Vogl, Claire West and Isabella White will be attending the American College Personnel Association (ACPA) 2017 Annual Conference in Columbus, Ohio on March 26 through 29th, 2017. According to the conference website (http://convention.myacpa.org/columbus2017/),

“ACPA17 will strive to compile the collective knowledge of our students, members, and participants to tackle major issues in higher education, and then continue to do the hard work to make positive and sustainable change.”

Dr. Beard featured in Meet the Pets of Shepherd 🐾

Jack and Dr. Scott Beard, Dean of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education and Associate Provost

“Jack is a rescue dog (purebred pug) that we adopted at Briggs Animal Adoption Center in Jefferson County. We had recently lost two of our senior dogs (also rescue animals) and were looking to adopt a new dog. Rescue dogs are so grateful, and being a pet owner is one of the most gratifying experiences of my life! Jack is a regular part of the family, greeting me each morning, when I return from work, sitting in on piano lessons, and even occasionally visiting my office and other offices at Shepherd. Although we rescued Jack, he has given us so much more in return!”

Congratulations to Olivia Staubs

Olivia Staubs, MBA student, was proposed to by her finance’, Travis Turner in June 2016. They are planning their wedding for April 2018. Best wishes to Olivia and Travis as they plan their future together.
Student Peace Award for Jefferson County
Keola Raiser and Mary Lewis of the MAT program at Shepherd University are working on the first annual Student Peace Award for Jefferson County High School juniors and seniors. They are collaborating with other community members to create an award recognizing high school students for leadership in promoting peace, inclusion, or conflict resolution. They are organizing an award ceremony at Shepherd University in May 2017. We would like to have a celebration with art, music, and poetry to honor these students and encourage them to continue peace activism in their lives.

If anyone is interested in volunteering for this event, contributing to the award or the ceremony, or would like further information, please contact Keola Raiser at keolaraiser@gmail.com. Also, if someone is doing or has done significant peace-promoting activity for an organization and would like to be considered as a guest speaker for the award ceremony, contact Keola by March 15th.

DNP faculty & student to present poster at summit

Congratulations to Dr. Laura Clayton and Ms. Cara Burker (DNP Student) for being chosen to present a poster at the 2017 NLN Education Summit in San Diego in September. Interprofessional Collaborative Practice is where healthcare is moving and Shepherd is at the tip of the spear with the HRSA grant and our student experiences.

Dr. Doris Burkey reappointed to state Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses

Dr. Doris Burkey, assistant professor of nursing education, has been reappointed to the state Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses. Her new term ends June 30, 2021. The board’s main objective is to protect the public by regulating registered nurses and advanced practice nurses such as nurse practitioners, midwives, and nurse anesthetists.
More than 50 business and community leaders attended a Shepherd University Center for Regional Innovation reception on Thursday, December 15, to hear presentations from Fred White, senior director public sector at ABS Consulting, about partnering with Shepherd for economic development and innovation, and Kurt Gehlsen, vice president and chief scientific officer of Research Corporation Technologies, about translating innovation to practice.

Shepherd President Mary J.C. Hendrix announced the establishment of the Center for Regional Innovation in September. Her vision is for the center to become an economic engine for the community and the state while at the same time providing hands-on experience with innovative projects for Shepherd students in all disciplines—from the liberal arts and humanities to professional studies and the sciences.

“The Center for Regional Innovation provides the physical space and the collaborative environment for strategic growth of an innovation-based economy and allows our students to apply concepts learned in the classroom to address real-world problems—in collaboration with leading experts in business, the sciences, and humanities,” said Hendrix.

The center, currently housed in the lower level of the dining hall, will be moving in summer 2017 to the first floor of Turner Hall, where Thursday night’s event was held. Co-directors of the Center for Regional Innovation are Dr. Scott Beard, dean of graduate studies and associate provost; Dr. Ben Martz, dean of business school development; and Dr. Colleen Nolan, dean of the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

Earlier in the day, representatives from four companies—ABS Consulting, Crisis 1, Harkcon, Inc., and Potomac Wave Consulting—were at Shepherd to discuss partnership opportunities for student internships in conjunction with Shepherd’s Center for Regional Innovation.