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### Potomac Place:

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# 144th Commencement

Shepherd's 144th Commencement on May 6 marked the first time a separate ceremony was held for graduate students. Sixty-four graduate degrees were awarded during the Saturday morning ceremony held in the Frank Center Theater. DR. JOHN E. "QUINCY" ADAMS '71 AND '73, who was instrumental in the creation of Shepherd's Master of Arts degree in college student development and administration, was the speaker for the graduate ceremony. Adams was awarded a Doctor of Pedagogy honorary degree.

The Butcher Center arena was the site of the undergraduate commencement ceremony where 748 undergraduate degrees were conferred. The ceremony featured business leader and former Coast Guard officer Fred T. White as the speaker. White was awarded a Doctor of Business honorary degree. Also honored during the ceremony was alumnus MICHAEL A. SMITH '89, president of the Shepherd University Foundation, who received the President's Award in recognition of his extensive leadership and philanthropic contributions to Shepherd University.

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**Above:** Graduate commencement speaker Dr. John E. "Quincy" Adams '71 and '73 (second from right) receives his honorary degree. Also pictured (l. to r.) are Dr. Chris Lovelace, president of the Faculty Senate; Dr. Marcia Brand, chair of the Shepherd University Board of Governors; and Shepherd President Mary J.C. Hendrix '74.



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**Above:** Shepherd University Foundation President Mike Smith '89 receives the President's Award from President Hendrix.

**Above:** Fred T. White, commencement speaker and honorary degree recipient, is pictured with Dr. Marcia Brand (l.) and President Hendrix.

**Below, right and left:** The Class of 2017 celebrates commencement.



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# Shepherd Today

*From the President*

## Together we succeed; divided we fail

**H**aving just completed my first academic year as president of Shepherd University, I would like to respectfully share some key observations and gratitude. Our mission is to provide a quality liberal arts and professional education that is affordable and facilitative to students' career goals. We are training the next generation of leaders and model citizens—and they are watching us, our civil discourse, and our actions.

As our state legislature started its session this year, I was given advice by many people to prepare for the “worst” with respect to funding for higher education. Since Shepherd has been the lowest funded four-year institution in the state for more than two decades, I wondered what the worst-case scenario could possibly be. In a proactive manner, we invited our local state legislators to meet with us in January to review our institutional funding history. We pointed out that Shepherd has the third highest economic impact, after Marshall and West Virginia University, of all the higher education institutions in the state. Furthermore, Shepherd's proximity to Washington, D.C., is helping to create partnerships with embassies and outreach to international students in ways no other West Virginia institution can provide to the state. Entrepreneurship and innovation have a heavy emphasis on our partners in the Eastern Panhandle community, as we are breaking the mold in business education, replacing textbook-driven lectures with visiting CEOs delivering real-time classroom lectures addressing current issues in the marketplace.

Working together, our local legislators—Republicans and Democrats, along with many of their colleagues—were unified in their support of Shepherd not receiving additional budget cuts, for which we are most grateful. Together we advanced. It is also clear that Governor Jim Justice and legislators want only the best for West Virginia; they simply have a difference of opinion on how to create a positive financial outcome for the state

with the myriad challenges before us.

As an optimist, I firmly believe our best days are ahead. The Eastern Panhandle is attracting major businesses and new stakeholders. Working together, we will continue to advance—and positively impact the state's economy. Education is the founda-

tion to economic success, supporting creative ideas that ultimately lead to better living, healthier lifestyles, and an emboldened next generation. We embrace novelist and critic Raymond Williams's sentiment that “To be truly radical is to make hope possible, rather than despair convincing.” Our students are not focused on what divides us; they care about how we can help them attain their goals for a successful and fulfilling career and enjoyable life. We have to think outside the box and build unique public-private partnerships, where our community, citizens, and students all benefit from working and learning together.

An excellent example of a successful public-private initiative is the new Potomac Place residence hall, featured on the cover of this

issue of the magazine. The university needed a modern residence hall facility to help attract and retain students. The Shepherd University Foundation stepped up to offer support and, after thoughtful analysis of how the Foundation could assist Shepherd, a public-private solution was offered where the Shepherd University Foundation Supporting Organization applied for and received a construction loan that was then replaced with financing from the USDA Rural Development Office. Ownership of Potomac Place will revert to Shepherd University after the loans are paid. This creative arrangement helps advance the mission of the university in serving our students and training the next generation.

Shepherd University will continue to succeed with the help of our alumni, community members, business leaders, and government leaders as we seek innovative solutions to carry out our noble mission. 🍀



Cecelia Mason

*Dr. Mary J.C. Hendrix '74*

## Nursing department receives \$422K grant to continue diabetes education

**A** program that helps diabetic patients at Shenandoah Community Health Center in Martinsburg will continue another year now that Shepherd University has received a \$422,135 interprofessional collaborative practice grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration.

This is a renewal of a three-year grant, titled “CHOICES Program: Changing Health Outcomes for Patients with Diabetes through an Interprofessional Collaborative Practice Environment at Shenandoah Valley Medical System,” that allows students from several departments at Shepherd and from the West

Virginia University School of Medicine Eastern Division to collaborate with healthcare professionals at Shenandoah Community Health Center to provide care for diabetic patients.

Dr. Laura Clayton, professor of nursing education and administrator of the grant, said there are about 150 patients from Shenandoah in the program. Ten nursing students and up to eight students from other departments at Shepherd and the WVU medical school work with the patients helping assess their needs, running support groups, and holding educational and counseling sessions. 🍀



## Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program receives full accreditation from CCNE

Shepherd's Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) program has been fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) for five years, which is the maximum amount of time it can receive the accreditation.

A letter from the CCNE board to Dr. Sharon Mailey, acting dean for and chair of the Department of Nursing Education, acknowledges that Shepherd met all four accreditation standards with no areas of concern or follow-up required. The standards are mission and governance, institutional commitment and resources, curriculum and teaching-learning practices, and assessment and achievement of program outcomes.

"We are thrilled to have received full accreditation for the Doctor of Nursing Practice program," Mailey said. "National accreditation from CCNE is an honor and a responsibility to demonstrate to the community, our patients and families, and our institutional community partners a commitment to a quality professional education."

Mailey said having the full accreditation allows the program to increase recruitment and provide more learning opportunities

where students can give back to the community and serve as primary care providers to those in the greatest need. The CCNE accreditation will also allow the program to seek grants

and scholarships to help sustain students' education and recruit and retain top quality educators.

"Currently, all our full-time nursing faculty have earned doctorates and the advanced practice nurses teach in their professional specialty, allowing them to enrich the classroom with their practical experiences," Mailey said. "Our students are the best—they're competent, caring, and compassionate, and they're eager to serve as primary care providers to meet the needs of our most vulnerable. National accreditation acknowledges the quality of their education."

The first class of D.N.P. students enrolled in 2015, and this fall marks the first time all three years of the program will run concurrently. The first D.N.P. class will graduate in August 2018.

The CCNE accreditation is valid until June 20, 2022. 🐾



## October symposium to examine humanities and environment

Shepherd University and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Conservation Training Center (NCTC) are collaborating on a new biennial symposium, Humanities in the 21st Century, with the first symposium, titled Humanities and the Environment, to be held Thursday, October 26, and Friday, October 27, at the NCTC campus near Shepherdstown.

The event, which is free and open to the public, brings together writers, historians, filmmakers, and scientists to discuss the role of the humanities in educating general audiences about today's environmental challenges.

"We are hoping to explore the potential of the humanities to enhance the public's awareness of the science on environmental issues," said Dr. Keith Alexander, assistant professor of history.

"We know a lot about the science of what is going on with the environment, but having general audiences understand the challenges and what they can do about it seems to be a missing link," said Dr. Julia Sandy, associate professor of history. "This symposium is being offered to bridge that gap."

Speakers include John Amos, founder and president of Sky-Truth; David Conover, an Emmy-nominated filmmaker; Dr. Douglas Brinkley, professor of history and a fellow at the James Baker Institute for Public Policy at Rice University; Dr. Angela Lueking, associate professor in the Department of Energy and Mineral Engineering at Pennsylvania State University; and Denise Giardina, an award-winning novelist.

Sponsors of the symposium include Shepherd University, National Conservation Training Center, Shepherd University Foundation, Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History and Education, George Washington Institute of Living Ethics, Sky-Truth, and West Virginia Humanities Council. Shepherd University wishes to acknowledge the vision and passion of Lisa Welch, community member and friend of Shepherd, who was instrumental in the initial development of the humanities symposium series and in planning for this year's inaugural event.

To view the symposium schedule and to register, visit [www.shepherd.edu/humanities](http://www.shepherd.edu/humanities). 🐾

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## Historic preservation students help restore local cemetery

**T**he historic Swearingen family cemetery located at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Conservation Training Center near Shepherdstown received a little TLC during the spring semester from students in the historic preservation class taught by Dr. Keith Alexander, assistant professor of history. The class spent time locating old gravestones, cleaning them, and documenting the site.

"It's a great service-learning project where my students had a chance to get hands-on experience," Alexander said. "They're applying the concepts that we talk about in class while also benefiting the community and preserving the historical record."

The cemetery at one time was part of President Mary J.C. Hendrix's property, Springwood Farm. Col. Van Swearingen, who built the oldest section of Hendrix's house, owned the land in the 1750s. The graves in the cemetery date to the early 1800s.

"We appreciate the excellent work of Shepherd students, under the expert guidance of one of the country's most distinguished preservationists, to restore a historical site of reverence with special meaning to our family," Hendrix said. "We are grateful for their help and dedication."

The students began by documenting the cemetery, which is surrounded by a partially fallen stacked stone wall. They noted significant objects, measured their size, and mapped their locations. They gently stuck a fiberglass probe into the ground to search for buried stones and the bases for broken head- and footstones. They also cleaned the stones with water, a little dishwashing soap, and a soft brush. Once the stones were clean, the students were able to transcribe the engravings. That can include names, birth and death dates, and biblical passages.

"It's neat to see the letters come to life as the students clean them," Alexander said. "We cleaned a stone one day that was virtually illegible and by the time we were done the text just popped out and it happened to be the wife of the most

prominent Swearingen buried there."

Students identified seven significant objects in the cemetery. These included the headstone of Van Swearingen, who died in 1838, as well as his wife Elizabeth, who died a decade earlier. Students also cleaned the gravestone of their daughter Mary Swearingen, who died in 1822 at the age of one year, one month, and 13 days.

"There are so many stories waiting to be discovered in cemeteries like this," said Alexander.

"These stones commemorating deaths tell us a lot about what people valued in life."

Alexander said the students learned many valuable skills in the course, including how to apply U.S. Department of the Interior standards for restoring historic structures.

"The same fundamental principles apply to gravestones as to historic buildings," Alexander said. "Document your work at every step of the way. Do no harm to the object. Make sure your work is reversible. Students get to see how these ideas play out in the field thanks to this project."

"This class has taught me a lot of techniques for historic preservation," said Delaney Conner, a Hagerstown, Maryland, history major who would like to eventually work for the National Park Service. "It's a little morbid, but it's also really important. I'm having a good time uncovering things and being able to let someone else know who is buried here."

Kara Riley, a history major from Winchester, Virginia, hopes one day to restore

old houses and buildings.

"This is my first project in any kind of preservation, so it's been fun for me," Riley said. "It's interesting to see how young these people were when they died and who was married to whom. It kind of brings the past to life for me."

Patrick Gregory, a history major from Olney, Maryland, found the project interesting.

"I think it's really important and I



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*Dr. Keith Alexander, assistant professor of history, sticks a fiberglass probe into the ground at the Swearingen family cemetery located at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Conservation Training Center to determine if any gravestones are located in that spot.*

think any amount of history needs to be preserved just because it tells us about our past," Gregory said. "This gives you respect for what has actually happened."

Alexander said West Virginia literally has thousands of cemeteries throughout the state, many of which are located on old homesteads like Springwood Farm.

"A lot of them have been overgrown and forgotten about," he said. "One of the great things is that we're literally restoring this one, and we're going to make sure it stays around for a long time."

✿ Cecelia Mason



# Katz Foundation recipient interns in Hendrix cancer research lab

**A**dam Hull, a senior biology major from Inwood, is the first recipient of the Robert Louis Katz Medical Research Foundation internship in Shepherd President Mary J.C. Hendrix's cancer research laboratory at West Virginia University. Hull spent June and July working in the laboratory with researchers Dr. Richard Seftor, Elisabeth Seftor, and Dr. Naira Margaryan.

Hull presented his research August 1 at the WVU Cancer Institute Summer Undergraduate Research Program Mini-Symposium. His poster was titled "Studying the biochemical and molecular properties of aggressive cancer in vitro."

The Hendrix research team focuses on cancer biology, including the identification of genes responsible for the metastatic phenotype of aggressive cancer cells, including tumor angiogenesis and vasculogenesis, and the effects of anti-cancer agents on tumor cell behavior.

The Robert Louis Katz Medical Research Foundation of Chicago was established by James and Ellyn Katz in memory of their son, Robert, to support research for diseases in children. 🐾

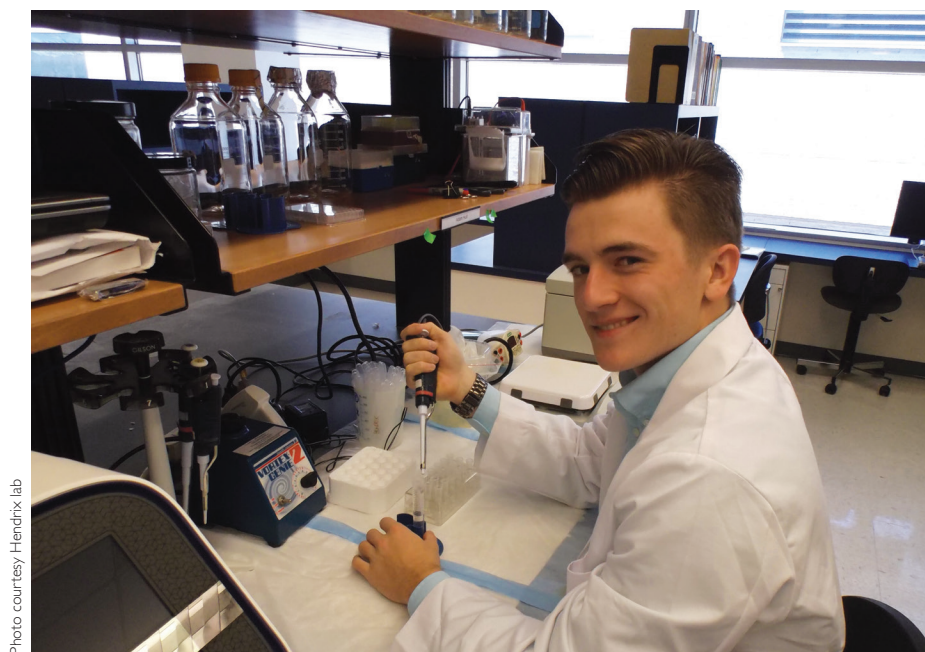


Photo courtesy Hendrix lab

Adam Hull

## Cree Hall demolition opens up new space for commuter parking, game day tailgating

**T**he demolition of Sara Cree Hall began in May. The former health and physical education and gymnasium, built in 1951-1952 and named in honor of Dr. Sara Cree, professor of physical education from 1940 to 1972, had most recently been used as office space after the HPERS department and athletics moved to the Butcher Center on West Campus.

Dr. Cree's portrait, which was displayed in the front foyer of the building,

will be moved to the Butcher Center. It will be on view along with other significant items including a brick from the original building.

The migrating chimney swifts that used Cree Hall's chimney as a roosting site were provided an alternate roosting site when the chimney on the Knutti Hall boiler house was uncapped for their use this spring. The Potomac Valley Audubon Society is raising funds to build a roosting

structure on Shepherd's West Campus at the retention pond.

The former Cree Hall site has been paved for commuter parking and football game day tailgating. The Corporation of Shepherdstown provided \$48,000 to pave the new parking lot to help reduce the impact of student parking in downtown Shepherdstown and to provide additional parking for commuter students. 🐾

**Right:** Demolition of Sara Cree Hall began in May. The migrating chimney swifts that used Cree Hall's chimney as a roosting site were provided an alternate roosting site on campus before demolition began.

**Below:** The Corporation of Shepherdstown provided \$48,000 to pave the new parking lot to help reduce the impact of student parking in downtown Shepherdstown.



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## Novelist Wiley Cash to be Writer-in-Residence in September

North Carolina writer Wiley Cash, author of *A Land More Kind Than Home* and *This Dark Road to Mercy*, is the 2017 recipient of the Appalachian Heritage Writer's Award, presented by the West Virginia Center for the Book and Shepherd University. He will serve as Shepherd's Appalachian Heritage Writer-in-Residence (AHWIR) from September 22-30. Cash is working with the AHWIR committee to select the West Virginia Fiction Competition winners and will assist with preparation of Volume X of the *Anthology of Appalachian Writers*.

Wiley Cash was born September 7, 1977, in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Cash, who holds a B.A. degree from the University of North Carolina Asheville, an M.A. from the University of North Carolina Greensboro, and a Ph.D. from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, has received grants and fellowships from the Asheville Arts Council, the Thomas Wolfe Society, the MacDowell Colony, and Yaddo. His stories and essays have appeared in *The Carolina Quarterly*, *Story South*, *Appalachian Heritage* (from which he received a Pushcart nomination for fiction), *Roanoke Review*, and the *Anthology of Appalachian Writers, Volume I*. Cash comes from a long line of Appalachian storytellers, which means, as he has said, "I come from a long line of liars."

Cash's first novel met with uncommon critical success. It appeared on the *New York Times* Best Sellers list in hardcover, paperback, and e-book format. The *Times* also named *A Land More Kind Than Home* its Editor's Choice and Notable Book for 2012. The book was included on the *Library Journal*, *Kirkus Reviews*, and Books-a-Million List of Best Books for 2012, as well as receiving the American Booksellers Association Debut Fiction Prize. However, the singular honor of the book being a finalist for the PEN/Robert W. Bingham Prize and receiving a nomination for the Weatherford Fiction Award convinced Cash, who was called a liar when he told stories as a child, that "if you can keep telling stories

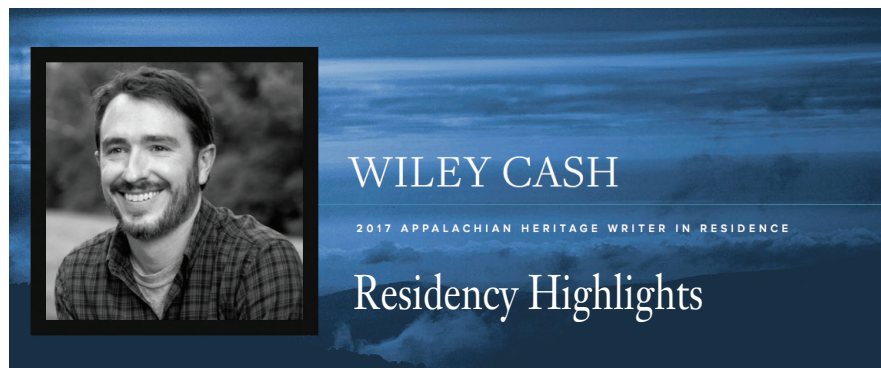
and wait . . . people will eventually call you a writer."

In addition to the influence of Thomas Wolfe and Ernest Gaines on Cash's work, Cash has credited 2010 Appalachian Heritage WIR Bobbie Ann Mason, Georgia writer Flannery O'Connor, and modernist William Faulkner with helping to shape his work. Cash attended one of the early series of Appalachian Heritage Writer-in-Residence programs, almost a decade ago, and participated in a reading at Shepherd in 2009 after being published in the first volume of the *Anthology of Appalachian Writers*. By the time Cash was working on his second novel, he had married and returned to North Carolina. His second book evolved from several sources that blended in his imagination to

create *This Dark Road to Mercy*, which was also a national best seller, an Indie Next Pick, and an *O Magazine* Top Ten, as well as an Amazon Book of the Month. *This Dark Road to Mercy* has also been optioned for a film. His latest book, *The Last Ballad*, scheduled to come out this fall, tells the story of Ella May Wiggins, who led the union struggle for mill workers in North Carolina.

Today, Cash is a teacher in the Mountainview Low-Residency M.F.A. Program in Creative Writing at Southern New Hampshire University, and he serves as writer-in-residence at University of North Carolina Asheville. Cash, his wife, and their two daughters currently live in Wilmington, Delaware.

✦ Sylvia Bailey Shurbutt



### • WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

7 p.m. "The Writing Life with Wiley Cash," Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History and Education.

8 p.m. Wiley Cash Book Signing and Reception, Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History and Education Lobby.

### • THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

3 p.m. Writers Master Class with Wiley Cash, Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History and Education.

8 p.m. Scarborough Society Lecture and Awards Ceremony, Erma Ora Byrd Hall Auditorium. Cash will receive the Appalachian Heritage Writer's Award, presented by the West Virginia Center for the Book and Shepherd University, and will present the Scarborough Society Keynote and West Virginia Fiction Competition Awards. A reception and book signing will follow in Erma Ora Byrd Hall Atrium.

For a complete list of residency events, visit <http://www.shepherd.edu/abwirweb/cash/schedule>.



## TRiO receives \$1.2M grant to offer Upward Bound program in Berkeley County Schools

**S**hepherd University received a \$1.2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to operate an Upward Bound program over the next five years in Berkeley County's four high schools. The grant provides \$257,500 a year for Shepherd to provide academic and college preparation support to economically disadvantaged high school students whose parents did not attend college.

The program began September 1 and serves a total of 60 students—15 each from Spring Mills, Hedgesville, Martinsburg, and Musselman high schools.

"When we were compiling data, we saw a strong need for Upward Bound within the Berkeley County Schools and that's really what forged the way for us to sit down in the evenings and work on this grant," said Evora Baker, academic retention specialist with Shepherd's TRiO program. "Berkeley County is one of the fastest growing counties in the state, so that contributed to us having the number of students that we need to serve."

"There are many students who hit the qualifiers—first generation students who are income eligible as determined by the Department of Education," added Michelle Ricketts, TRiO academic retention specialist. "Some of those high schools are really big and I think sometimes in the bigger schools it's easier to see those areas of need, especially in test scores and proficiency numbers."

Upward Bound is open to students



Cecelia Mason

*Shepherd University's TRiO Support Services program received a \$1.2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to start an Upward Bound program in Berkeley County Schools. Pictured (l. to r.) are Michelle Ricketts, TRiO academic retention specialist; Cynthia Copney, director of TRiO programs; and Evora Baker, TRiO academic retention specialist.*

in ninth grade and above. Anyone can nominate a student for the program. A committee chooses which students participate. Cynthia Copney, director of Shepherd's TRiO programs, said students entering ninth grade and above are eligible, and their parents' willingness to help the student participate is taken into consideration.

"Because we know without parental support, accomplishing our goals will be more difficult," Copney said. "We select the students who want the help, and we want to know they have the support of their parents who are willing to, for example, make the kids go to a workshop on Saturday."

Upward Bound offers weekly tutoring sessions at each high school, Saturday workshops covering various topics, and a six-week summer program on Shepherd's campus that will cover subjects like math, a foreign language, literature, science, and health and wellness. Copney said the students will have the opportunity to live in a Shepherd residence hall during the summer.

Berkeley County Schools wrote a letter of support for the program that includes several items that are essential to sustaining the grant.

"It is our intent through this partnership to provide opportunities for students to be successful

in a challenging program that will prepare them for a rigorous postsecondary career," Don Dellinger, deputy superintendent, Berkeley County Schools, wrote in the letter.

"We're just thrilled to be able to work with Berkeley County Schools," Copney said. "Because they know there's a need, they want nothing but the best for their students."

Copney said Upward Bound has six goals Shepherd and the high school students must meet. They are maintaining a G.P.A. of at least 2.5 or higher, achieving proficiency on standardized tests, staying in school and graduating, enrolling in postsecondary education the fall immediately following high school graduation, and finishing college within six years of graduating from high school. Shepherd will be required to document each student's progress as he or she moves through high school and college.

Copney and Baker both have experience working with Upward Bound programs. Baker said she's seen the program do great things.

"I think it gives students hope," Baker said. "Trying to navigate the complexities of higher education can be a daunting task. If you don't have a parent to show you the way, where do you turn? I think being able to show them the way will really makes a significant impact on their outcomes." — Cecelia Mason





## Alumnus donates 64-year-old plant scrapbook to Shepherd

A scrapbook of plants commonly found in the Jefferson County area in the 1950s is now part of Shepherd University's plant collection thanks to a donation by ROBERT S. ORNDORFF '54. The collection is housed in Stutzman-Slonaker Hall in an herbarium, a cabinet containing a collection of dried plants that can be used for scientific research.

The old scrapbook contains about 130 pages of foliage from ferns, trees, and wildflowers that Robert collected in 1953 for a plant taxonomy course he took that was taught by Professor Ray E. Harris, who at the time was chair of the Division of Science and Mathematics. Robert bought the album from a five-and-dime store and filled it with parchment paper. He recalls driving around in his family's 1928 Dodge on weekends and evenings to collect the plant specimens from places like farms owned by his uncles, from the sides of roads, along the banks of the Potomac River, on Shepherd's campus, and at Ferry Hill and Antietam National Battlefield in Maryland.

"My dad fished a lot down at the Shenandoah River," Robert said. "Along the river banks there were all kinds of wildflowers, and I would get them there. Our family would also go out to pick up black walnuts along farm roads in the fall, and I would collect wildflowers."

Robert filled the album with everything he could find. Each page has a dried, pressed specimen along with the name of the plant and the date and place he collected it. He still has the old textbook he used to identify the plants, *Common Seed Plants of the Mid-Appalachian Region* by Perry Daniel Strausbaugh, Earl Lemley Core, and Nelle P. Ammons.

"A lot of them were ferns," he said of his collection. "You'd be amazed at how many different varieties of ferns there are."

Robert said he enjoyed filling the album. "I love the outside. I love nature. I love plants and trees."

**Right:** Robert S. Orndorff '54 collected plant samples in 1953 for a plant taxonomy course taught by Professor Ray E. Harris, chair of the Division of Science and Mathematics.

**Inset:** Robert joined the Air Force after graduating from Shepherd. He used the GI Bill to study medical technology and spent his career at a hospital in Winchester, Virginia, and at the Martinsburg VA Center.

Robert was born on Avis Street in Charles Town and graduated from Charles Town High School in 1950. His dad worked as an assistant cashier at the Bank of Charles Town.

"I wanted to go to Shepherd, but we had no money," he said. Robert was able to attend Shepherd thanks to the thoughtful generosity of a high school classmate named Walter Painter, who was awarded the American Legion scholarship that year.

"Walter started at Shepherd and suddenly decided to join the Marines," Robert said. "That left the scholarship open, and he suggested that it be transferred to me. So I was able to go to Shepherd on an American Legion scholarship back in 1950."

Robert graduated from Shepherd in 1954 with a B.S. pre-med degree, with a major in biology and a minor in chemistry. Shortly after graduation he joined the Air Force. Robert served at Eielson Air Force Base in Alaska and Manhattan Beach Air Force Station in New York. After getting out of the Air Force in 1958, Robert attended West Virginia University on the GI Bill.

"I decided not to be a doctor because it took too long, and I liked lab work," Robert said. "So I got a specialized degree in medical technology."

Robert finished his medical technology degree in 1960 and took a job at Winchester Memorial Hospital

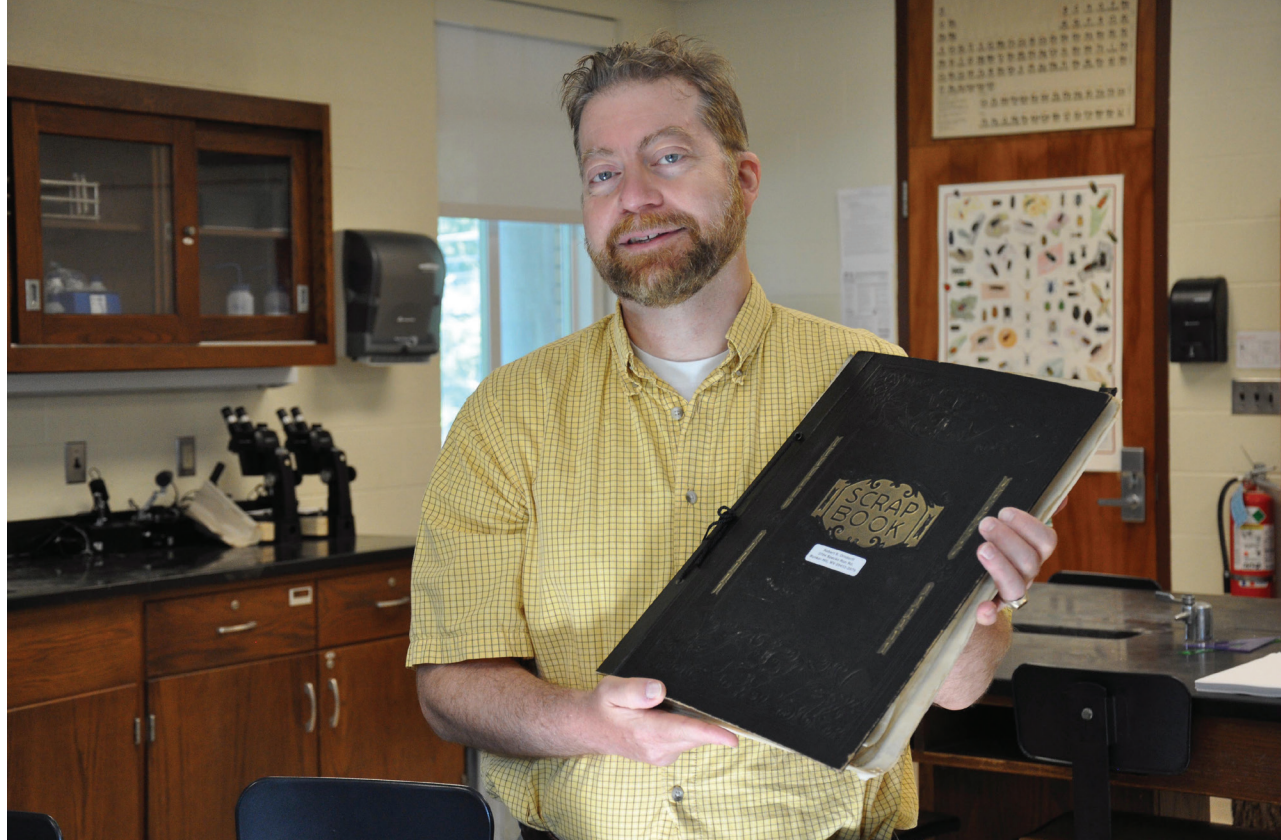


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**Right:** Rodney Dever '05 displays the 130-page dried plant scrapbook compiled by Robert S. Orndorff '54 in 1953 when he was a Shepherd student. An adjunct faculty member at Shepherd, Dever heard about the scrapbook and was instrumental in adding it to Shepherd's herbarium.

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(now Winchester Medical Center) in Virginia. From 1961 until his retirement in 1988, Robert worked at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Martinsburg.

All this time, Robert's dried plant scrapbook and many of his textbooks and notes from his years at Shepherd remained stored in his house. Feeling that the scrapbook offers a valuable snapshot of early 1950s plant life in this area, Robert wanted to donate it. He initially offered it to the Jefferson County Museum in Charles Town, but the museum couldn't take the book. A letter Robert wrote to the University of Virginia Blandy Experimental Farm in Boyce ended up in the hands of RODNEY DEVER '05, an adjunct instructor at Shepherd who also worked at Blandy

Farm. Rodney helped facilitate the return of Robert's collection to Shepherd, where it is now part of the university's herbarium.

"He has a nice collection—a cross section of plants from all over Jefferson County," Rodney said. "His book is arranged phylogenetically, meaning according to the evolutionary relationships from the primitive ferns on up to the more complex orchids and composite plants."

Rodney said plant collections like the one owned by Shepherd document which plants grew in specific locations at particular times.

"One interesting thing about a plant collection is that preserved plants can last for centuries, so it's almost a little bit of immortality for a plant collector in the sense that it will likely be here for a long time, especially if it is transferred to archival paper," Rodney said.

The West Virginia Native Plant Society contributed \$50 to buy archival paper and materials to help Shepherd preserve herbarium samples like the Robert Orndorff collection. For his part, Robert is happy his beloved collection is back at Shepherd where it will help educate future students who have an interest in the area's plant life.

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**Left:** One page of the scrapbook displays a trillium collected May 16, 1953 in Leetown.



# Alumni

*‘Agitate the prints not Mr. Murphy’*

## Pat Murphy '75 has mentored hundreds of Boys and Girls Club student photographers since 1971

**W**hen PAT MURPHY '75 was growing up in a housing project in Martinsburg during the 1950s and '60s, the Boys and Girls Club provided a safe and nurturing place for him to spend time. For nearly 50 years now, Pat has given back to the club by devoting a large chunk of his free time running a highly successful photography program there.

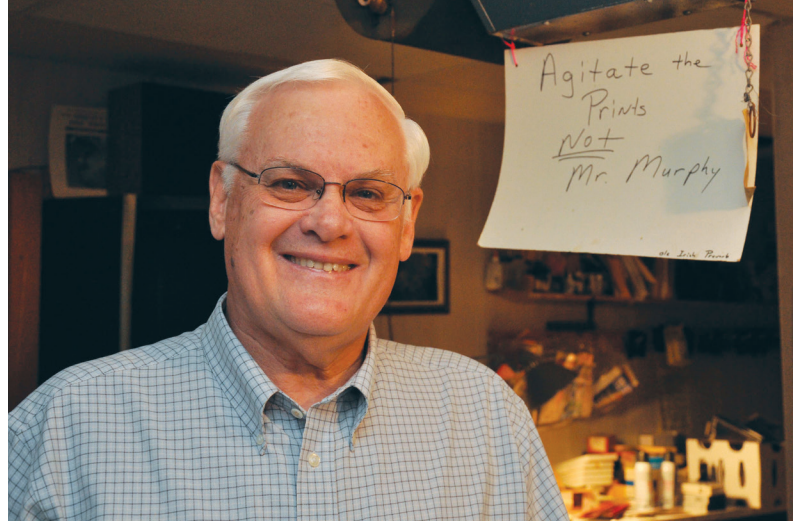
A large room in the basement of the club houses a darkroom where students over the years have learned to develop and print black-and-white photographs shot on film. It's a skill Pat still teaches in this age of digital photography.

"Children are used to seeing something instantly," Pat said. "They go out and take a photograph with film the first week and come back the next week and develop the film. So you have two weeks. The next week they'll make up prints and the following week maybe sepia tone them. The week after that, they mat and frame them. They have six different classes tied up in just getting an image, so they have to have discipline."

Pat's wife, BEV COFFINBERGER MURPHY '72, has also been involved, helping take the kids on field trips in the local area and across the state and country. Pat and Bev both grew up in Martinsburg and met at Martinsburg High School in a human physiology class.

"That's a good place to meet your future wife," Pat quipped. "She was a junior, I was a senior, and we began dating."

After graduating from high school in 1966, Pat joined the U.S. Marine Corps for four years. That's where his interest in



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*Pat Murphy '75 stands next to a darkroom sign that reads: "Agitate the prints not Mr. Murphy."*

photography developed. Bev attended Shepherd for two years after her 1967 high school graduation. She suspended her college education when the two married in 1969 and she moved to Quantico, Virginia, while he finished his enlistment term. Pat and Bev returned to Martinsburg in 1970 to pursue elementary education degrees at Shepherd. That's when Pat learned that the Boys and Girls Club needed a photography instructor. In February 1971, he started volunteering there.

"I was looking for a darkroom, so I thought I could do my work and teach the kids," Pat said. "I've found that I don't have that much time for my own work but I have a lot of time to work with the kids and I've enjoyed it a lot. It's just been a pleasure watching the kids develop pictures and watching them grow up."

Pat and Bev estimate he's mentored hundreds of students over the years who have gone into a variety of careers including business, jewelry design, teaching, medicine, optics, and photography.

"I've worked with a lot of nice kids who are just good, solid citizens in the community," Pat said.

Pat's students have also found success in the ImageMakers National Photography Contest sponsored by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Nearly every year that they've entered, at least one of his students has come away a winner. The students' work is also displayed and judged each year at the Berkeley County Youth Fair, followed by an exhibit of the winning photographs at Berkeley Art Works, a gallery in downtown Martinsburg.

"They are proud when they go to the Youth Fair, and they watch and listen to the people observing their prints and commenting on how wonderful they are," Bev said.

Bev helps take the kids on field trips, which in the early years, meant going to property the Murphys owned along the Opequon Creek where the kids could camp, swim, canoe, and take photos.

"It was a fun thing to do for our family, so we just extended it to the kids," she said.

"The kids at the Boys and Girls Club have always been part of our family," Pat added. "I didn't want to go take pictures for myself when a kid could grab the glory. It also gave the kids a



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*Left: Murphy works with current Boys and Girls Club photography student Allison Fogle.*





Brian Miller



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**Above, left:** A Shepherd football photo by Brian Miller in 1977 was the best in nation in a Boys Club photography contest. The title of the print was “Daylight,” and it was shot at the Shepherd vs. Salem game. **Center:** Another example of an award-winning photo taken by one of Pat Murphy’s students. **Right:** A map at the Boys and Girls Club shows the many places the Murphys have taken students for photo field trips.

chance to experience things they wouldn’t otherwise experience. For some of these kids, going to the zoo or to Hagerstown was a big trip.”

In the late 1990s, after the Murphys’ own children left home, they decided to take a group of photography students from the Boys and Girls Club to Canada and Seattle, where one of Pat’s friends from the Marines lived. That was the first of more than 20 trips across the country to camp and photograph national parks like Yellowstone, Yosemite, Glacier, and Zion. Pat said one year they set a goal of visiting all four corners of the continental United States, taking groups of kids to Washington State, Maine, Florida, and Southern California. The Murphys have also taken kids from the club on photo expeditions across West Virginia.

“We have seen some wonderful places,” Bev said. “This country has some beautiful, scenic national parks that we have thoroughly enjoyed.”

Until about 2008, Boys and Girls Club photography students also had the opportunity to shoot the action during Shepherd home football games.

“If you capture that shot of the body in motion when they are flying through the air, or their feet are off the ground, or you capture the intensity of the contact—that’s exciting,” Pat said. “They also learned etiquette on the field, being objective, not cheering for one side or the other, and being able to anticipate the action. It was also about trying to get them interested

in going to college.”

Pat said a kid would shoot 180-200 photographs during a game and be exhausted at the end of the day.

Bev and Pat both retired from teaching in 2005. Bev worked for 30 years in Berkeley County Schools, about half of that time as an elementary teacher and about half as a librarian. Pat taught for a total of 32 years—two working as a teacher’s aide in a federal program for veterans, 25 as an elementary teacher in Berkeley County, and five in Jefferson County. In addition to teaching, Pat also served eight years in the West Virginia House of Delegates, six years on the Berkeley County Commission, and is in his second four-year term on the Berkeley County Board of Education.

“There’s a pleasure in being part of the community and finding a niche where you fit in and you can contribute,” Pat said. “I don’t believe in mandatory community service, but I support the idea of finding a place to fit into your community, be it in public service, elective office, with the Boys and Girls Club, in your church, or working with children in Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Martinsburg High School has an expression ‘enter to learn, go forth to serve,’ and that makes an impression on a lot of graduates from there.”

It certainly made an impression on the Murphys and inspired them to spend much of their time and energy helping kids at the Boys and Girls Club. ♡ Cecelia Mason



**Left:** The Murphys pose at Bev’s Shepherd graduation in 1972.

**Right:** Pat and Bev, who have taken many photo field trips with students to camp and photograph national parks like Yellowstone, Yosemite, Glacier, and Zion, stand in front of framed examples of past students’ work. Bev was a librarian and teacher for 30 years, and Pat taught for 32 years. Both retired in 2005.



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# Alumni

## Class Notes

**'68** JOYCE A. THOMAS retired as professor of English at Castleton University in Vermont, where she taught for the past 37 years. Main Street Rag Press recently published her second book of poetry, *Washing Birds*. She is the author of one other poetry collection, *Skins*, as well as a nonfiction work, *Inside the Wolf's Belly: Aspects of the Fairy Tale*.

**'69** JIM SCIBLE has published a book titled *Blood, Sweat, and Tears for 46 Years* based on his career

as a high school football coach, spanning 11 jobs in seven states, including Pennsylvania, Florida, and Texas.

In his book, Jim

recounts his joys, sorrows, failures, triumphs, and adventures—both professional and personal. He tells stories of various sideline business ventures that serve as cautionary tales for would-be entrepreneurs. Happily retired with his longtime wife and partner, Jim is still a teacher and coach whose wisdom and humor are not to be missed. *Blood, Sweat, and Tears for 46 Years* is available at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).

**'77** MARY K. EIDSNESS TEDROW has a book released by Routledge/Taylor Francis titled *Write, Think, Learn: Tapping the Power of Daily Student Writing Across the Content Areas*. The book provides teachers of all content areas with a manageable tool to incorporate more writing, and ultimately more thinking to any content without burdening teachers with endless grading tasks. Mary is the director of the Shenandoah Valley Writing Project, an affiliate of the National Writing

Project housed at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia. The project has been located at Shenandoah University since 2014 and serves all educators, kindergarten-university, in the surrounding districts of the Shenandoah Valley and the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia.

**'78** DR. DEAN BARTLES has been appointed as the director of the John Olson Advanced Manufacturing Center at the University of New Hampshire's College of Engineering and Physical Science. Prior to this appointment, Dean was the executive director of the Digital Manufacturing and Design Innovation Institute. Dean earned a bachelor of science in business administration from Shepherd, a master's in international business from Tampa College, and two doctoral degrees, one in business administration from Nova Southeastern University and the other in philosophy-technology management from Indiana State University. He has been nationally recognized as an industry leader, with numerous awards and recognitions, one of those being the Manufacturing Leader of the Year Award by the Manufacturing Leadership Council in 2014.

**'80** DAN COGSWELL, a member of the Potomac Valley Audubon Society (PVAS), has been working with the relocation effort of the chimney swifts that roosted in the recently demolished Sara Cree Hall chimney. Shepherd and PVAS began collaborating to ensure that the chimney swifts would continue to have critical roosting habitat on the university campus. The Knutti Hall boiler chimney, a previously popular roosting site, was uncapped for the chimney swifts.

Construction for an additional roosting site near the storm water retention area on West Campus began this summer with funds raised by PVAS. JOHN ALLEN '91, the assistant works program officer at the Harpers Ferry Job Corps, joined the effort and is helping to organize the construc-

tion of the tower. Construction should be finalized by the time the chimney swifts

begin their southern migration through Shepherdstown.

**'86** The historic home of the family of SOUTH LYNN '86 and SPRIGG LYNN '90, near Sharpsburg, Maryland, is being used as a set for season two of the TV show *Ghosts of Shepherdstown*.

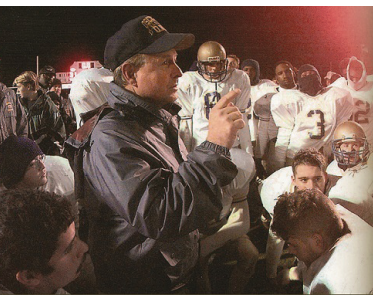
The home is where abolitionist John Brown collected arms and a small army to attack Harpers Ferry in October 1859. The house is currently used as a museum, [www.johnbrown.org](http://www.johnbrown.org).

**'87** CHARLES WALL is celebrating 30 years of teaching in Jefferson County, 21 of which are at his current home—Harpers Ferry Middle School. Charles was born and raised in Jefferson County, graduating from Jefferson High School and then Shepherd with a degree in music and math. He started teaching upon graduation at his old high school and the career in math quickly turned to music. After just one year at JHS, he took a job teaching elementary band in several of the county's schools, traveling to Blue Ridge, Shepherdstown, North Jefferson, Harpers Ferry, and T. A. Lowery schools. He also assisted with the Jefferson High band. In 1996, Charles received an opportunity to teach band at Harpers Ferry Junior High in grades 7-9, where he saw the program expand as more and more students choose to play more instruments. Charles plays trumpet, as well as piano, and plays in several bands.

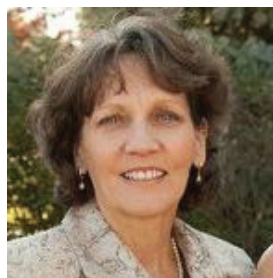
**'91** TODD CHAPMAN has been named market president of United Bank's Harrisonburg, Virginia, region. Todd will be responsible for the management and operation of all United Bank offices in Rockingham and Augusta counties. He brings more than 15 years of experience in the financial services industry, including knowledge of consumer and



*The Lynns' family home featured on TV show*



*Jim Scible '69*



*Mary Eidsness Tedrow '77*

commercial banking, investments, and wealth and treasury management. Todd received his bachelor's degree in business administration and accounting and was a member of the 1988 Conference Championship football team while at Shepherd.

**'03** JESSICA F. GOSA has been appointed executive director of Foodnet Meals on Wheels in Ithica, New York, as of January 1, 2017. Foodnet is a nonprofit corporation organized in 1987 to provide meals and other nutrition services for older adults and other persons in need. Jessica's previous experience is as a client services consultant at Concept Systems, Inc. and, prior to that, as senior services program coordinator at Family and Children's Services where she managed the caregiver counseling, respite, and geriatric care management programs. Jessica earned her bachelor's degree in social work from Shepherd and her master's in social work from the State University of New York at Albany.

**'11** NATHAN LODA was featured in an article on [smithsonian.com](http://smithsonian.com) for an unusual portrait he painted of founding father and first president George Washington. Nathan was commissioned by the Farmers Restaurant Group to create a portrait of a modern young Washington that hangs in the Farmers & Distillers restaurant located at 600 Massachusetts Ave., NW, in Washington, D.C. Nathan is an adjunct painting and drawing professor at George Mason University's School of Art. 🍷

## Shepherd's Popodicon available for weddings, formal event rental

**P**opodicon, a colonial Georgian-style brick house on Shepherd's campus built in 1907 with grounds and gardens designed by Oglesby Paul, an associate of the famous landscape architect Frederick Olmstead, is now available for rental for weddings and other formal events.

Contact Sonya Sholley at [ssholley@shepherd.edu](mailto:ssholley@shepherd.edu) for more information about rental rates. For more information about Popodicon, visit [www.shepherd.edu/popodicon](http://www.shepherd.edu/popodicon). 🍷



CORY MCNAMEE '11 and HANNAH WILLIAMS '11 (above) were married at the Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church on May 21, 2016. Hannah majored in English at Shepherd and went on to earn her M.A. in literature from American University in Washington, D.C. Cory majored in graphic design and has worked at Octavo Designs in Frederick, Maryland, for the past six years. The couple was involved in various organizations during their time at Shepherd, including *The Picket* and *Sans Merci*.



THOMAS MOHLER '02 and AUBREY PFAU '06 (above) were married on May 6, 2017 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Frederick, Maryland. Included as bridesmaids were ASHLEY LYON AMBROSE '06 and COURTNEY GRAHAM WARD '06.

JUSTIN EVANS '05 married Alicia Parker on June 20, 2015. The couple resides in Old Fields.

## New Arrivals



*Brody and Bailey Group*

MARY BETH VICKERS GROUP '03 and ROBERT STEVEN GROUP '10, who were married in Shepherdstown on October 20, 2012, are the parents of Brody, who was born September 1, 2016. He joins sister Bailey, born December 27, 2013. The Group family resides in Kearneysville. 🍷



# Alumni

## Obituaries

JANET SCHRODER MADDEX '35, of Winchester, Virginia, died January 10, 2017. She represented Shepherd twice as a princess in the Apple Blossom Festival before graduating with an education degree. She taught English at Martinsburg High School and was a member of Braddock Street United Methodist Church. Her late husband, Shepherd Hall of Famer HUNTER MADDEX '34, was the football and basketball coach for 30 years at Handley High School in Winchester.

MARGARET C. KENDIG TABLER '45, of Martinsburg, died December 4, 2016. After graduating from Shepherd with a B.A. degree, she earned her M.A. from West Virginia University and was employed as a teacher with Berkeley County Schools. She taught at Stonewall School and was among the first group of teachers at the new Musselman High School. She was a member of the Moler Avenue Church of the Brethren, AAUW, Delta Kappa Gamma, and West Virginia Association of Retired School Employees.

EDWARD R. STRAUSS '51, of Youngstown, Ohio, died April 19, 2017. He played high school football and basketball and entered the military upon graduation, serving in Japan from 1946-1947. While in the service, he played both basketball and baseball with the First Cavalry Division. Upon his discharge in 1947, he attended Shepherd where he played football, basketball, and baseball for the Rams, earning letters in all. He served as vice president of his junior and senior class and earned a degree in physical education with a minor in social studies. He was inducted into the Shepherd Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000. After graduating from Shepherd, he had a long teaching and coaching career at schools including Capon Bridge High School in West Virginia, Handley High School in Winchester, Virginia, and Eastern Liverpool High School and Struthers High School in Ohio, finishing his career at Youngstown State University in Ohio. He was head softball coach and was appointed the Penguins' film/video director. The Penguins' all-time winningest softball coach,

he retired as coach in 1995 and from his film duties in 2005, after 21 years with the school.

MICHAEL MOORE SKINNER '53, of Alexandria, Virginia, died October 17, 2016. He was a World War II Navy veteran and served aboard the USS Washington. He obtained his bachelor's degree in physical education from Shepherd and his master's from George Washington University. He was an educator in Fairfax County Public Schools for 29 years and served as a teacher, varsity basketball coach, and administrator at Mt. Vernon High School. He was a member of Washington Farm United Methodist Church, Mt. Vernon Country Club, NVADACA, Phi Delta Kappa, and a lifetime member of the Virginia Congress of PTAs.

JOAN GRUVER ROACH '53, of Martinsburg, died December 12, 2016. She was a supporter of efforts to improve the local community with the formation of such programs as Meals-On-Wheels and CCAP/Loaves and Fishes. She was an "angel taxi" for those who were in need of transportation and the "book lady," handing out children's books randomly throughout town and at Halloween. She is survived by her husband DOUG ROACH '53; sons STAN '79 and wife SARAH CORWIN-ROACH '89; STEVE '80 and wife TINA FAWLEY ROACH '80; and SCOTT '80 and wife LINDA HOTTEL ROACH '81; and daughter, Terri Lynn Rotunda and husband, Joe.

JEAN ANN ELLIOTT '54, of Shepherdstown, died February 19, 2017. She worked as a librarian at Shepherd's Scarborough Library from 1961-1996. Upon her retirement, Shepherd granted her the honorary title, librarian emerita and she was awarded the President's Medal during Shepherd's 123rd Commencement in 1996. She also worked for Fairmont State College as assistant librarian and in reference assistance at Pitt University Library. She earned an A.B. degree in elementary education from Shepherd, an M.S.L.S. from Syracuse University, and an M.S. from Shippensburg. She had traveled to all seven continents. She was very proud of her lineage society memberships which included the National Society

Daughters of the American Revolution, National Society Children of the American Revolution, National Society Daughters of the American Colonists, United States Daughter of 1812, Daughters of Colonial Wars, and United Daughters of the Confederacy. She was a 50-year member of the National Library Association, life member of the Jefferson County Historical Society, and a member of Scarborough Society of Shepherd University board of directors, Alpha Beta Alpha, Martinsburg Eastern Star, and Alpha Sigma Tau sorority. Jean is survived by her cousins, including DARLENE VOORHEES '84 and ROBERT MARK HORN '55, as well as her dear friend SALLY ANN GREENFIELD '66.

NANCY ELISE NEEDY '55, of Martinsburg, died April 6, 2017. She graduated from Shepherd with a bachelor's degree in science and a minor in language arts. She started her career as an English teacher and retired as a librarian from South Middle School in Martinsburg. She continued to be involved with Shepherd through WISH, the Scarborough Society, and Phi Sigma Chi.

MARY ELIZABETH WRITT FRAZIER '58, of Fairmont, died December 30, 2016. She earned a degree in elementary education and stayed in Shepherdstown after graduating and taught for three years. She retired 37 years later from the Florida education system. She and her husband, Raymond, moved back to West Virginia to be close to their grandchildren. She was an avid bowler and a Miami Dolphins fan.

ARTHUR SCOTT KAYE '60, of Falls Church, Virginia, died December 28, 2016. He served in the U.S. Army with the 101st Airborne Division before graduating from Shepherd with a degree in economics. He was the president and CEO of Career Advisors and sold the company to go into real estate with his wife, MARELYN SHULTZ KAYE '60, and daughter, Karin.

RICHARD "RICK" WACHTEL '68, of Martinsburg, died June 15, 2017. After graduating from Shepherd with a degree in business, he worked for General Motors before co-founding WRNR-AM 740



radio station, which became TalkRadio WRNR. He served as president and general manager of WRNR for 40 years. He was actively involved in the community, coaching youth league football for 30 years and serving as the public address announcer at the Martinsburg High School football games for 34 years. He was a member, past Martinsburg chair, and West Virginia state director of the Jaycees from 1967-1971, Martinsburg City Councilman from 1972-1996, and member of the Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport Authority for 35 years, serving as chair for the last 29 years. He was also a member and past chair of the West Virginia Aeronautics Commission for 26 years, a member of the board of the Martinsburg/Berkeley County Chamber of Commerce, former member and vice president of the Shepherd University Alumni Association, and most recently volunteered his time and talents as athletics advocate for Shepherd. He received

numerous awards over the course of his professional and public service careers.

**BARRY R. MILLS '68**, of Ocala, Florida, died December 27, 2016. A graduate of Shepherdstown High School, he earned a degree in physical education and was a member of Shepherd's baseball team. He retired after 40 years with the VA Hospital in Perry Point, Maryland.

**LEXA V. LONG '72**, of Martinsburg, died April 2, 2017. A history major, she was employed at Shepherd for a brief time, and after a short absence returned to work in Scarborough Library. She celebrated 40 years of continuous service to her alma mater in January 2017.

**KEITH MARTIN JOHNSON '76**, of Greencastle, Pennsylvania, died April 25, 2017. While at Shepherd, he studied business administration. He worked almost 38

years at Foremost Industries in Greencastle and served his church by teaching Sunday school and working with the AWANA program for more than 20 years. He is survived by his wife, children, and grandchildren.

**KEVIN LAUFFER '79**, of Shepherdstown (formerly of Wheeling), died December 1, 2016. He is survived by his wife, **KATHELINE MCHUGH LAUFFER '87**, and his three children, **JESSICA ACEVEDO '09**, William, and Kathryn. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed camping, playing cards and watching sports, especially the Cleveland Browns.

**JACOB STRIDER MOLER '91**, of Montague, Michigan, (formerly of Shepherdstown and Naples, Florida) died November 4, 2016. He graduated from Shepherdstown High School and earned a Regents Bachelor of Arts degree from Shepherd. ☘



## Class of 1967 inducted into the Emeritus Club

*Inductees into the Emeritus Club from the Class of 1967 are (front row, l. to r.) Pat Brown Shirley, Mary Merchant Wharton, Wallace Snyder Magaha, Anne Stewart Small, Betty Jo Strider Walter, and Jane Mullen Morison, back row, Pat Ruda, Richard Adams, Jean Crawford Eister, Harrison Lanham, and Joyce Parker-Dennis. The Emeritus Club is a group made up of alumni who graduated from Shepherd 50 or more years ago. Alumni are inducted into the group on the 50th anniversary of their graduation. The Emeritus Club luncheon takes place in May as part of the Commencement week celebration.*



# Alumni

## Kim Hutto is the new director of alumni affairs

**K**im Hutto is Shepherd's new director of alumni affairs. She came to Shepherd in March from Mary Baldwin University in Staunton, Virginia.

Hutto has worked in alumni relations since 1999. Prior to Mary Baldwin, she held positions at Middle Tennessee State University, James Madison University, and Oregon State University. She has a B.S. in speech communication and an M.A. in English from Middle Tennessee State.

At Shepherd, Hutto is working with the Alumni Association board of directors to entice more graduates to become involved with their alma mater.

"I'm interested in meeting alumni and hearing their stories," Hutto said. "I look for alumni to pay it forward, to be engaged with our current students, and do what they can to help Shepherd in the future."

Hutto has been studying the Alumni Association's new strategic plan, which encourages more collaboration among the association, the university, and the community; more alumni involvement in helping to recruit and mentor students; and increasing awareness of sustaining membership in the association. Hutto also brings some ideas from her previous jobs.

"I'm interested in engaging alumni with current students in terms of increasing internships and mentoring opportunities and



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Kim Hutto

by having alumni help recruit students to attend Shepherd," she said. "Alumni can talk about their experiences at Shepherd, write welcome letters to students who have been accepted, and participate in college fairs and senior send-offs."

Hutto and a couple of friends made a day trip last year to Shepherdstown on a Saturday when there happened to be a home football game. She noticed people roaming the streets wearing their Shepherd gear, so she began researching the university. Hutto likes that Shepherd is a public liberal arts institution, that it's a smaller school with a big vision, and that it offers an opportunity to grow alumni engagement—something she feels is important.

"I call it degree equity," Hutto said. "Your university is really valued for what the degree gives to you as a graduate. If you speak well of your school, that's only going to help build that equity for you and others."

Hutto, who is a first-generation college student herself, said alumni are a university's most loyal constituents and are uniquely situated to tell the university's story and support current students through donations and volunteer efforts.

"It's very important, especially with the current economy, to give back and help students," she said. "That's the best way to make an impact."

One piece of Shepherd culture and tradition is very familiar to her.

"I was a ram when I was at Thurman Frances Junior High in Smyrna, Tennessee," she said. "Our colors were blue and gold and our mascot was the ram—so maybe it was meant to be." ❖ Cecelia Mason



### Delaware alumni hold annual reunion

The annual reunion of Shepherd alumni living in the Eastern Shore area of Delaware was held March 25 at Sussex Pines Country Club in Georgetown. Alumni attending included (front row, l. to r.) Christine Erickson Henderson '69, Joyce Parker-Dennis '67, Sandy Garmin Vickers '70, Janet Lank '69, Lynn Fisher Little '70, and Sue Papola Breeding '72, back row, Tom Henderson '68, Ron Breeding '70, Tom Rust '74, Harding Wescott '70, Ron Dickerson '68, Ed Vickers '71, Dick Adams '67, Dave Little '68, and Kim Hutto, director of alumni affairs.

# Three alumni added to Athletic Hall of Fame

**T**he Shepherd University Athletic Hall of Fame will induct three new members this fall at the annual induction banquet on Friday, September 22, at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Shepherdstown.

Football players LYNN CARR '69 and DAN PETERS '07 join women's soccer player AMY RIDGELY '06 as the 32nd class to be inducted. The "tremendous three" bring the total number of inductees in the Shepherd Athletic Hall of Fame to 146. The trio will also be honored at the Shepherd-West Virginia State football game on Saturday, September 23, as part of Hall of Fame Weekend festivities.

A resident of Mt. Airy, Maryland, Lynn Carr was a four-year standout at linebacker and also saw time as a placekicker on the football team from 1964-1967. Carr was a two-time All-Conference selection and two-time team captain for the Rams. He garnered honorable mention All-American honors as a senior when he was also named Outstanding Senior Athlete at Shepherd. Carr later had a successful coaching career at both the high school and collegiate levels. He was an assistant coach at Shepherd in 1974 and 1980 and led Thomas Johnson High School in Maryland to the state championship in 1982. Carr also served as supervisor of physical education and athletics in Frederick County, Maryland, and today he continues to assist Shepherd football in his leadership role with the Ram Gridiron Club.

Dan Peters, Reisterstown, Maryland, was a four-year player and three-year starter on the football team from 2003-2006. The Rams posted a 33-11 (.750) mark over his career with three WVIAC championships and a pair of NCAA II postseason appearances. Peters was a three-time first team All-WVIAC choice and gained first team All-American honors in 2005 and 2006. Peters topped Division II in interceptions in 2005 with 12 and tied an NCAA II record with 14 in 2006. He was Football Gazette NCAA II Defensive Back of the Year in both seasons. Peters finished his career with school records of 32 interceptions and 54 passes defended.

A resident of Lake Mary, Florida, Amy Ridgely, was a standout on the women's soccer team from 2000-2003. A goalkeeper for the Rams, Ridgely still holds school records for most saves in a game (22), season (178, 2001), and career (538). She ranked seventh in NCAA II in saves in 2001 and 21st in 2002. Ridgely later served in the Army where she was a combat veteran. She earned numerous awards, including a pair of Army Achievement Medals, an Iraqi Campaign Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and a Global War on Terror Service Medal.

Additionally, STAN ROTE '65 has been selected as the 2017 Medallion Award winner. Rote was a Division I men's basketball referee for more 30 years. He refereed in five different decades and worked in 14 NCAA and 15 ACC tournaments.

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 Office of Alumni Affairs by calling 304-876-5524.

✶ Chip Ransom



## Shepherd University HOMECOMING

Thursday-Saturday, October 5-7

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### Thursday, October 5

#### Outstanding Alumna of the Year Banquet Honoring Holly McCall '04

5 p.m. | Erma Ora Byrd Lobby  
By invitation only

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### Friday, October 6

#### 26th Annual Alumni Association Golf Tournament

8 a.m. | The Club at Cress Creek  
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.

#### Founders Day Celebration

3:30 p.m. | McMurrin Hall  
The parade will start at McMurrin Hall and end at Potomac Place.

#### Homecoming Happy Hour

4:30 to 6:30 p.m. | Smallwood and Small Insurance Pavilion  
Get an insider's look at Shepherd athletics; \$25 includes heavy hors d'oeuvres. Tickets on sale after Labor Day at [www.shepherdrams.com](http://www.shepherdrams.com). Proceeds benefit Shepherd athletics.

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### Saturday, October 7

#### Alumni Breakfast

9 a.m. | Front lawn of McMurrin Hall  
Breakfast is complimentary and is hosted by the Shepherd University Foundation and Shepherd University Alumni Association.

#### 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 a.m. | German Street

#### Introduction of the 2017 Homecoming Court

Halftime | Ram Stadium  
Recognition of the Outstanding Alumna of the Year recipient Holly McCall '04.



# Athletics

*Alumni couple receives Ram Award*

## Athletics award winners announced for 2016-2017 year

**C**HAUNCEY WINBUSH '95 AND '00, vice president for athletics, recently announced annual departmental award winners for the 2016-2017 year. Award winners were nominated and voted on by coaches and administrators of the Shepherd University department of athletics.

Senior football defensive back Tre Sullivan, of Accokeek, Maryland, was named Male Athlete of the Year, while senior softball pitcher Tara Hanson, of Morgantown, took Female Athlete of the Year honors.

Sullivan recorded 74 tackles (53 solos) to rank third on the team last season. He paced the team in pass breakups (9) and interceptions (2). Sullivan also topped the team with three blocked kicks. A three-year starter for the Rams, Sullivan earned numerous All-American honors in 2016, including first team D2football.com accolades. He signed as a free agent with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Hanson helped lead the Shepherd softball team to the 2017 MEC North Division title and a regional appearance. The Rams finished with a record-setting 41-22 overall mark with a 21-11 record in conference play. Hanson posted a 21-7 mark with a 2.25 ERA. She fanned 107 in 177.1 innings. Hanson also led the team with 17 complete games and three shutouts. Her 35 appearances and 31 starts this season established a Shepherd single season mark. Hanson holds the Shepherd career marks for most innings pitched (576.2), most appearances (116), and most games started (96).



Chip Ransom

*Joy Osbourn Lewis '91 (center) and her husband Eric Lewis '95 (r.) were presented the Ram Award for their longtime support of Shepherd athletics. Chauncey Winbush '95 and '00, vice president for athletics, presented the award to the Lewises.*

Senior football wide receiver Billy Brown, of Gaithersburg, Maryland, gained Male Senior Athlete of the Year honors, while senior basketball guard Cara Mason, of Monrovia, Maryland, gained Female Senior Athlete of the Year honors. The awards are given to the male and female senior athletes who have done the most during their career to promote Shepherd athletics.

Brown, who earned numerous All-American honors, was selected as the American Football Networks DII Player of the Year. Brown led the Rams with 99 receptions for 1,580

yards and 22 touchdown grabs. All three marks are school single-season records. Brown ranked second nationally in receiving yards and receiving touchdowns. Brown completed his career as Shepherd's all-time leader in receptions (249), receiving yards (4,071), and receiving touchdowns (43). He recently became the first Shepherd player to participate in the East-West Shrine Game and also competed in the NFL Combine. He signed as a free agent with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Mason was a four-year starter for the Rams women's basketball team. Mason earned first team All-MEC honors this year as she averaged 11.6 points, 3.8 rebounds, and 5.7

assists. She set a Shepherd single season record this year for most assists with 182, surpassing the old mark of 180 set by Tracy Dean in 1988-1989. Mason finished her career with 1,292 points to tie for sixth on the Shepherd all-time scoring list. Her 521 career assists rank her second, while her 186 career steals rank her sixth on the Shepherd all-time list. Mason also gained Outstanding Female Student-Athlete honors as part of the Student Recognition Day.

Junior football defensive end Myles Humphrey, of Upper Marlboro, Maryland, was named Outstanding Male  
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## Athletics award winners

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Student-Athlete (read more about Humphrey on page 24).

Humphrey earned both All-American and Academic All-American honors this year. A first team All-MEC honoree, Humphrey led the Rams with 23.5 tackles-for-loss, 13.5 sacks, and five fumble recoveries in 2016.

Alumni ERIC '95 and JOY OSBOURN '91 LEWIS were the recipients of the Ram Award. The Lewises are longtime supporters of Shepherd athletics. The Ram award is given to an individual (or individuals) who exemplifies the ideals of 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 semifinal game. Shepherd was also named the recipient of the Lambert Meadowlands Award for Division II for the second consecutive year, while Cater garnered the Vince Lombardi Foundation Coach of the Year honors.

The men's tennis team and the volleyball team earned the awards as the male and female teams with the top grade point average. ♣ *Chip Ransom*



Ryan Pansch

## Pansch garners All-American honors

Junior pitcher Ryan Pansch, of Charles Town, gained All-American honors. Pansch was selected to the 2017 NCAA Division II Conference Commissioners Association (D2CCA) and NCBWA All-American baseball teams. Pansch was an honorable mention selection.

Pansch helped lead Shepherd to the MEC title as he posted a perfect 10-0 mark with a 2.68 earned run average. He fanned 73 and walked only 13 in 74 innings. He limited opponents to a .230 batting average. ♣

CORRECTION: In the spring issue of the *Shepherd University Magazine*, Hal Carl was misidentified as Norm Bradford in the Hall of Fame group photo.

## Save the Date!



## Shepherd University Women's Basketball Alumnae Reunion

December 1-2, 2017

Join us for fun, fellowship, and basketball (of course!) at the Shepherd University Women's Basketball Alumnae Reunion on December 1-2. The alumnae weekend will feature a special 10-year anniversary recognition of the 2007-2008 WVIAC Championship team. An alumnae game on Saturday, December 2 will cap off the weekend.

During this time, updates on the quest to raise \$50,000 in support of the Shepherd University Women's Basketball Alumnae and Supporters Fund will be provided. Created by former players PATRICIA A. SIGLE '75 and LINDA M. STAUB '74, the fund was established in honor of the milestone 50th anniversary of women's basketball at Shepherd occurring in 2022. As members of Shepherd's first women's basketball team in 1972, Sigle and Staub are challenging every former player, coach, and friend of the program to pledge support in their mission to reach the \$50,000 goal.

To learn more about the Women's Basketball Alumnae Reunion, contact Kim Hutto, director of alumni affairs, at 304-876-5157 or [khutto@shepherd.edu](mailto:khutto@shepherd.edu). ♣

## Burkinshaw, Crabtree gain All-Region honors

Men's golf team members Joey Burkinshaw, of Germantown, Maryland, and Ryan Crabtree, of Williamsport, Maryland, were named to the Division II PING All-Region Team announced by the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA). Players across eight regions—East, Atlantic, Southeast, South, Midwest, South Central, Central, and West—earned all-region honors for 2017.

Burkinshaw and Crabtree helped lead Shepherd to a fourth place finish at the MEC Championships and a third place finish at the MEC Spring Classic. The Rams tied for sixth place at the NCAA D2 Men's Atlantic/East Regionals. ♣



# Athletics

## Spring sports recaps

### Baseball

The baseball team completed the 2017 season with a 33-24 mark and a 24-8 record in conference play. Shepherd won the MEC North Division and also captured the MEC Tournament title. The Rams also made their eighth NCAA II postseason appearance.

Six members of the baseball team were named to the 2017 All-MEC Baseball Team. Senior outfielder JJ Sarty, of Purcellville, Virginia; senior first baseman Jacob Carney, of Stephens City, Virginia; junior third baseman Chase Hoffman, of Middletown, Maryland; and junior pitcher Ryan Pansch, of Charles Town, were first team selections. Freshman outfielder Brenton Doyle, of Warrenton, Virginia, was a second team selection, while senior pitcher John Bentley, of Stephens City, Virginia, was an honorable mention choice. Additionally, Pansch was named the MEC Pitcher of the Year after going a perfect 10-0 with a 2.68 ERA. He tossed three complete games, and opponents batted just .230 against him. Pansch struck out 73 and allowed just 13 walks in 74.0 innings of work.

Sarty had a .361 batting average with a team-best 79 hits in 219 at-bats. He also topped the team in runs scored (53), stolen bases (26), doubles (18), triples (2), and tied for the team lead in home runs (15). He also topped the team with a .667 slugging percentage, while his 47 runs batted in were second on the team.

Carney had a .355 batting average with 76 hits in 214 at-bats. He scored 51 runs and drove in 32. He had eight doubles and three homers for the year. Carney was 10-of-14 in stolen bases.

Hoffman had a .285 batting average with 59 hits in 207 at-bats. He had a team-best 49 runs batted in and scored 49 runs.

He had 11 doubles and 12 home runs and drew a team-high 34 walks.

Doyle had a .327 batting average with 64 hits in 196 at-bats. He scored 44 runs and drove in 34. He added 13 doubles, a triple, and five home runs. He recorded a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage in 105 chances.

Bentley had a 5-5 mark in 12 appearances with a 5.44 ERA. He fanned a team-best 86 and walked 22 in a team-best 84.1 innings of work. His 15 starts topped the team. Bentley had two complete games and one shutout to his credit on the season.

### Softball

The softball team recorded a 41-22 overall mark with a 21-11 record in conference play. The Rams won the MEC North Division and gained an NCAA II regional bid. The 41 wins and 63 games played are the most in a season by any Shepherd team.

Three members of the softball team were selected to the 2017 All-MEC Softball Team. Senior third baseman Alexandra Witt, of Harpers Ferry, and sophomore outfielder Kaitlyn Konopka, of Medford, New Jersey, were first team selections, while senior pitcher Tara Hanson, of Morgantown, was a second team choice.

Witt led the team with a .370 batting average and seven home runs. Her 64 hits and 11 doubles ranked second on the team. Witt drew a team-high 33 walks. She is the program's all-time leader in home runs (24), runs scored (157), runs batted in (148), total bases (319), and career at-bats (628).

Konopka ranked second on the team with a .350 batting average. She led the team with 71 hits, 48 runs scored, 16 doubles, 25 stolen bases, and three triples. Her 25 stolen bases set a Shepherd single season record, while her 71 hits also established a season mark. Konopka had a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage in 77 chances.

Hanson led the team with a 21-7 mark with a 2.25 ERA. She topped the team in innings pitched (177.1) and complete games (17). She established single season marks with 35 appearances and 31 starts. Hanson holds the Shepherd career marks for most innings pitched (576.2), most career appearances (116), and most games started (96). She was named MEC Pitcher of the Week for May 1.

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## Special ceremony for athletes who missed commencement held May 8

Several student athletes were unable to take part in commencement on May 6 because they were playing in postseason tournament games. They received their diplomas during a ceremony May 8 in the Frank Center Theater.

**Left:** Pictured (l. to r.) are CHAUNCEY WINBUSH '95 AND '00, vice president for athletics; Tara Hanson, softball; Paige Buckworth, softball; Jacob Carney, baseball; Alexandra Witt, softball; Courtney Schwiegerath, lacrosse; PRESIDENT MARY J.C. HENDRIX '74; and Acting Provost Scott Beard. 🐾



Cecelia Mason

## Women's Lacrosse

The women's lacrosse team recorded a 6-12 overall mark with a 3-2 mark in MEC play. The Rams won four of their last six regular season games and downed UVa-Wise (17-6) in the MEC Tournament semifinals before falling to Wheeling Jesuit (14-8) in the tourney finals.

Eight members of the women's lacrosse team were selected to the 2017 All-MEC Women's Lacrosse Team. Senior attacker Brooke Hunley, of Monrovia, Maryland, and senior midfielder Haley Price, of Eldersburg, Maryland, were first team selections. Senior midfielder Courtney Schwiegerath, of Frederick, Maryland; junior midfielder Courtney Matthews, of Monrovia, Maryland; junior defender Anna Munford, of Purcellville, Virginia; and junior goalkeeper Casey Hickman, of Ijamsville, Maryland, were named to the second team, while sophomore defender Lyric Feingold-Conaway, of Westminster, Maryland, and freshman attacker Lillian Funke, of Hagerstown, Maryland, were honorable mention selections.

Hunley had 39 goals and added 13 assists for 53 points. She added 28 draw controls, 24 ground balls, and four caused turnovers.

Price had a team-best 46 goals and seven assists for a team-best 53 points. She added 24 ground balls, 21 draw controls, and nine caused turnovers.

Schwiegerath led the team with 42 draw controls. She added 35 ground balls, 13 goals, 11 assists, and 17 caused turnovers.

Matthews had 27 goals and 14 assists for 41 points. She added 21 ground balls, 11 draw controls, and eight caused turnovers.

Munford tied for the team lead with 35 ground balls. She added 13 caused turnovers and four draw controls.

Hickman had 166 saves in goal for the Rams. She had a .455 save percentage with an 11.06 goals against average. She also tied for the team lead with 35 ground balls.

Feingold-Conaway was fourth on the team with 31 ground balls. She added a team-best 18 caused turnovers and a pair of draw controls.

Funke, also an MEC All-Freshman Team choice, had 17 goals and a team-best 20 assists for 37 points. She added 20 ground balls, 19 draw controls, and 10 caused turnovers.

## Men's Tennis

The men's tennis team posted a 10-11 overall mark with a 3-4 record in conference play.

Freshman Carter Davis, of Harpers Ferry, was named to the 2016-17 All-MEC Team. Davis was selected to the second team. Davis has posted a 12-7 mark at number one singles and added a 13-7 record at number one doubles for the Rams.

Junior Austin Thomas, of Charles Town, was named to the 2016-17 College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-District™ Men's At-Large Team. An education major, Thomas had a 4.00 grade point average.

♣ Chip Ransom

News and schedules for all Shepherd sports are available on the web at [www.shepherdrams.com](http://www.shepherdrams.com)

## Carney gains Academic All-American honors



Chip Ransom

Senior first baseman Jacob Carney, of Stephens City, Virginia, was named to the 2017 College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) NCAA II Academic All-America Team. Carney gained third team honors and becomes the first Shepherd baseball player to earn multiple Academic All-American accolades.

Carney helped Shepherd finish with a 33-24 record and qualify for the NCAA Division II Atlantic Regional. He is a biology and chemistry major with a 3.64 G.P.A. Carney is a four-time All-Mountain East Conference selection, earning first team honors in 2014 and 2017, along with second team accolades in 2015, and honorable mention recognition in 2016.

This year, Carney hit .355 with eight doubles, three home runs, and 32 RBI, along with 10 stolen bases while starting all 56 games he appeared in. He hit at least .350 all four years with the Rams, and holds the career record for hits (288) and runs scored (195).

Carney was a third team Academic All-America selection in 2015.

## Shepherd Baseball Academic All-Americans

- 1997 – Keith Koenig (Second Team)
- 1997 – Ty Hart (Third Team)
- 2010 – Brian Collins (Third Team)
- 2013 – Chad Murphy (Second Team)
- 2014 – Michael Lott (First Team)
- 2015 – Jacob Carney (Third Team)
- 2017 – Jacob Carney (Third Team)



# Foundation

## *The Shepherd Fund*

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**Myles Humphrey, Senior**  
*Clinton, Maryland*  
Shepherd Fund Scholarship Recipient

Sam Levitan



**A**s a student caller for Shepherd University's annual Phonathon fundraiser, Myles Humphrey, a sports communication major from Clinton, Maryland, has a vested interest in connecting with alumni and friends whose contributions help strengthen and enhance the university's academic and extracurricular programs. After all, Myles himself is a recipient of a Shepherd Fund Scholarship. The Shepherd Fund provides vital financial support for virtually every aspect of the Shepherd experience, including student scholarships.

"I'm grateful to all the people who contribute to [The Shepherd Fund] because it helps students in ways they don't even realize," said Myles, who adds that his scholarship has helped alleviate the financial stress of pursuing a college education. "It provides incentive and motivation knowing that Shepherd Fund donors believe in the university and its students, and want to

support us."

Myles's passion was evident during Phonathon 2017, for which he was the top student caller. He enjoys participating in the annual fundraising event because he believes doing so helps bring innovative endeavors for the campus community to fruition. He's proud that Phonathon 2017 exceeded its goal of \$20,000 by more than \$3,000, and that he played a part in that. "I like that I could help out," he said.

In addition to his work with Phonathon, Myles currently serves as captain of the Shepherd football team, for which he has played defensive end since 2013. He's also a leader in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. A senior with plans to graduate in December 2017, his dream is to work in sports broadcasting or journalism for a sports news organization such as ESPN or the NFL Network.

**Lisa Hileman '93**  
*Romney*  
Shepherd Fund Donor

**L**ISA HILEMAN '93 was married, raising a daughter, and running a bed-and-breakfast inn when she decided to return to college in the early 1980s.

"I was sort of an anomaly at the time," she said, noting that nontraditional-age students were in the minority then. Nevertheless, Lisa enrolled at Shepherd part time and took one to two classes each semester over the next decade, usually on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"That was all I could manage at the time while running a business and raising my family," she said. "But I was in no hurry. My goal was to just eventually get a degree. It was a really great time in my life."

Lisa attained her goal in 1993 upon realizing—and confirming with the Registrar's Office—that she had earned enough credits to graduate with a Regents Bachelor of Arts (R.B.A.) degree. She went on to earn a master's in special education from West Virginia University, as well as graduate certificates in disability and gerontology. Having closed her business to focus on her gradu-

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Milly Mullins/Hampshire Review

## What is The Shepherd Fund?

The Shepherd Fund provides unrestricted funds from alumni, parents, staff, and friends of the university. Support is requested each year from both existing and new donors. The main objective is to ensure that funds are available to Shepherd University so it may respond quickly and appropriately to the areas of greatest need. Donations make a significant and immediate impact upon the quality of the Shepherd experience for our students.

Three main areas are the cornerstones of The Shepherd Fund: academic scholarships, athletic scholarships, and faculty grants. Approximately 40 freshmen are selected each year to enter the Honors Program, a program designed to provide a varied and stimulating curriculum to students demonstrating the ability and willingness to engage in intellectual challenges. The Shepherd Fund provides scholarships for several Honors Program students annually.

Student-athletes prove excellence on and off the field. Recently, 59 student-athletes earned Mountain East Conference academic honors. Several of the athletes are receiving scholarships provided by The Shepherd Fund.

Shepherd's faculty members are among the best in the state and the nation in their fields of expertise. Due to their research, faculty members are often invited to present at national and international conferences. The Shepherd Fund encourages conference participation and research support through funding grants not provided by the state.

Each year donors step forward and make these achievements possible. During the 2016-2017 year, 680 gifts were made to The Shepherd Fund, of which 45 percent were gifts of \$100 or less. Gifts of any size combine to make an extraordinary impact! 🐾

## Your gift makes a difference

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ate studies, she lives in Romney with her husband of 40 years and works as an educator for Hampshire County Schools.

"I'm living proof that it's never too late to go back to school," said Lisa, who retains a deep appreciation for her Shepherd education more than 20 years after graduating. In 1997, she began making annual gifts to the university, joining an exclusive group of donors who have given consistently over the past 20 years.

"I feel like Shepherd gave me so much and really increased my confidence and belief in myself, and so I wanted to give something back," she said, adding that she holds a special fondness for the university's annual Phonathon fundraiser. "I look forward to that call each year and visiting with the students."

Lisa believes the benefit of annual giving lies in the way it engages Shepherd alumni, both in terms of keeping them abreast of current happenings on campus and allowing them to support those endeavors financially.

"No amount is too small to help," she said. "As long as I can sign the check, I will continue to donate to Shepherd."

🐾 *Kristin Alexander*

# The Shepherd Fund IMPACT over 20 YEARS



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# Foundation

BreAnne Rugh



## WISH members attend annual spring reception

Attending the Women Investing in Shepherd (WISH) annual spring reception hosted by President Mary J.C. Hendrix '74 and sponsored by the Shepherd University Foundation were (l. to r.) Chris Zelenka, Linda Roach '81, and Amy Kayes '97. Members and their guests enjoyed an evening of wine and hors d'oeuvres and received updates from recipients of the 2016 WISH grant regarding the impact of their gift. To learn more about WISH, contact Meg Peterson at 304-876-5021 or [mpeterso@shepherd.edu](mailto:mpeterso@shepherd.edu).

## Scarborough Society Art and Lecture Series announces new season

The Scarborough Society 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.

Back by popular demand, members of the local farming and restaurant community will return to "The Sustainable Table" on Thursday, October 12, for another panel discussion about sustainable agriculture and the benefits of a locally-sourced, farm-to-fork lifestyle. Featuring NATALIE FRIEND '11 of Tudor Hall Farm, Lars Prillaman and Leslie Randall of Green Gate Farm, Patricia Stephenson of Moon on the Mountain Farm, and Phil Mastrangelo of Mellow Moods, and moderated by Scott Anderson of the Community Garden Market of Shepherdstown, the discussion will take place at 6 p.m. followed by a reception featuring offerings from the panelists themselves.

On Tuesday, November 14, local author John Splaine will discuss his debut novel, *Mr. M's Notebook: A Teacher's Life*, which draws on his experience as a teacher for more than 50 years. Relevant to teachers, prospective teachers, administrators, and parents alike, the story touches on everyday happenings in schools and society and inspires us to think about what could be changed. The presentation will take place at 7 p.m.

On Thursday, April 12, 2018, Shepherd alumnus STEVE LOGSTON '75 will discuss his non-fiction book, *Even Her Tears Were Yellow*, which follows the journey of his stepdaughter, Chelsea, as she battled hepatocellular carcinoma, ultimately losing her life while waiting for a donor liver. Written to promote better organ donation awareness, the book describes Chelsea's struggles and perseverance throughout her illness, as well as the special bond she shared with her mother and stepfather. The presentation will take place at 7 p.m.

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

## Thank you to our Scarborough Society Gala sponsors!

Inspired by the French fairy tale "Beauty and the Beast," the 16th Scarborough Society Gala celebrated the romance, adventure, and whimsy of the classic story about a maiden who learns to look beyond appearances to find someone's true heart and soul. Alumni and community members alike were invited to "be our guest" at the elegant event held on Friday, August 11, at the Bavarian Inn in Shepherdstown, which featured dinner and dancing under the



stars to the music of the band Souled Out, a perennial favorite among gala guests. With gratitude, the Foundation acknowledges and thanks those businesses and individuals whose generous sponsorships make this popular summertime event possible each year:

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## Foundation welcomes new member at annual Joseph P. McMurren Society dinner

The Shepherd University Foundation welcomed Shepherd alumna ELIZABETH S. "BETTY" LOWE '52 into the Joseph P. McMurren Society at the organization's annual dinner reception on April 29. Hosted by PRESIDENT MARY J.C. HENDRIX '74 and sponsored by the Shepherd University Foundation, the annual dinner 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 the university through estate and other planned gifts.

Held in the bi-level atrium of Erma Ora Byrd Hall with its view of Shepherd's East Campus, the event featured a four-course dinner exclusively prepared by Shepherd University Catering. Following the program, guests were treated to a performance by Shepherd University music major and Foundation scholar Lucia Valentine, who recently released her self-titled debut album. A native of Shepherdstown, Lucia is the recipient of the James and Katherine Moler Scholarship. (Read more about Lucia's story on page 28.)

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



**Above:** Members of the Joseph P. McMurren Society gathered in the atrium of Erma Ora Byrd Hall for the organization's annual dinner reception. Pictured front row (l. to r.) are John Egle '61, President Mary J.C. Hendrix '74, Al Lueck '67, Sara Lueck '67, Thomas Banks '54, Betty Lowe '52, second row, Pat Egle '60, Jo Hillyard, Paul "Soupy" Hillyard '58, Karl Wolf '70, Barbara Humes '70, Michael Athey '62, third row, Ann Hummer '69, Mary Bell, Carole Griffith, Susan Mentzer-Blair '72, Karen Cunningham '69, fourth row, Thomas Miller, Joan Starliper '78, Carol Durand '64, Bill Blair, Jane Cook '05, top row, Dan Starliper '69, Monica Lingenfelter, Bill Lingenfelter, and Bill Simmons.

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## Foundation scholar Lucia Valentine releases album

Lucia Valentine, a Shepherd music major, was seven years old when she wrote her first song.

“It was about being confused,” she said with a laugh. “Being confused and living in my own world.”

No longer confused, the accomplished singer-songwriter now has her sights set on a professional career in music entertainment—and with the March release of her debut album, she certainly seems to be on her way. The self-titled album features 10 original songs written and recorded by Lucia and produced by Scott Smith of The Wood and Stone Room in Baltimore. It is a labor of love more than two years in the making.

Musically inclined from a young age, Lucia, a native of Shepherdstown, played the fiddle, trumpet, and piano throughout her childhood in addition to singing. But it was not until she joined the Jefferson High School show choir, Pop Singers, that she began to consider music as a career. She sought advice from her father, Dominic Valentine, a musician and manager who has worked with such notable regional musicians as Christian Lopez of American Idol fame and Shepherd alumnus PAUL PFAU '10, who appeared on The Voice. Dominic encouraged her to begin by writing a few songs.

“I sat down and wrote what ended up being the first few songs on the album,” said Lucia. “I definitely believe that in order to make it as an independent singer-songwriter you need to be able to write. Being able to prove to my parents and other musical mentors that I had those skills helped them to get on board.”

Lucia financed her album independently and raised the funds to market and promote it through Indiegogo, a fundraising site for artists and entrepreneurs. She is currently in the midst of a promotional tour that kicked off in April with an album release concert at Shepherd’s Frank Center.

“It’s kind of like running your own business,” she said, adding that attending Shepherd, where she is majoring in music with a double minor in business and Spanish, has helped hone her business acumen.

“I was attracted to Shepherd because it would allow me to get a liberal arts education in addition to studying music,” she said. “My business classes have definitely helped me understand the music industry better.”

But Lucia’s Shepherd education may not have been possible without the James and Katherine Moler Scholarship, endowed through the Shepherd University Foundation. Now a junior with plans to graduate in 2019, she has held the general academic award since her freshman year and admits that, without it, she would have been forced to take out student loans to attend college.

“My scholarship has afforded me the opportunity to attend Shepherd and study music, and will allow me to graduate debt-free,” she said.

Lucia credits her family with guiding and mentoring her as she explores her musical path. Her father currently acts as her manager in addition to playing guitar in her band, while her mother helped foster her love of live music from an early age by taking her to local and regional bluegrass festivals.

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**Left:** Shepherd junior Lucia Valentine performed for Joseph P. McMurrin Society members and their guests at the organization’s annual dinner reception on April 29.

**Below:** Lucia Valentine released her self-titled debut album in March. It is available on iTunes, Spotify, and her website, [www.luciavalentine.com](http://www.luciavalentine.com).



Sam Levitan



To make a gift of any size to Shepherd University and help make a difference in the lives of deserving Shepherd students, please contact Monica Lingenfelter, executive vice president of the Foundation at 304-876-5397 or [mlingenf@shepherd.edu](mailto:mlingenf@shepherd.edu).



Meg Peterson

On May 3, 50 Shepherd University alumnae, friends, faculty, and staff gathered at Big Cork Winery for the Women for Shepherd University's Girls' Night Out, sponsored by the Shepherd University Foundation. After being welcomed by Big Cork owner and Shepherd alumnus RANDY THOMPSON '93, guests enjoyed wine tastings, a tour of the facilities, and a presentation by vintner Dave Collins.

## Women for Shepherd University 2017-18 Schedule of Events

### Questions for Women to Ask Their Doctor at Any Age

Sunday, October 15, 2017 • 2-4 p.m.  
Erma Ora Byrd Auditorium

Anna Kent, APRN-CNM, will lead a lively discussion on gynecological care across the lifespan and address questions that women of all ages should be asking, as well as women in special populations. A reception will follow the presentation. The event is free and open to the public. RSVP by Friday, October 6, to Meg Peterson, mpeterso@shepherd.edu, 304-876-5021.

### Popping for Popodicon: WSU Little Black Dress Party

Wednesday, May 9, 2018 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Historic Popodicon

Women for Shepherd will host a Little Black Dress party and wine pull in support of Friends of Popodicon, an organization dedicated to the restoration and beautification of Shepherd University's historic presidential home. Guests are invited to wear their favorite little black dress as they enjoy special musical performances during the event, which is open to the public. Tickets will also be sold for a wine pull featuring a variety of wines that guests may draw numbers to win. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be offered. Tickets may be purchased for \$25. RSVP by Wednesday, May 2, 2018, to Meg Peterson, mpeterso@shepherd.edu, 304-876-5021.

Visit [www.shepherduniversityfoundation.org](http://www.shepherduniversityfoundation.org) for a full calendar of Foundation-sponsored events.

## Lucia Valentine

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Lucia got her own start performing live at the Old Opera House in Shepherdstown and has gone on to perform at numerous restaurants and festivals in the tri-state area. Her music mainly falls under the pop genre with some R&B infusions. She counts the Avett Brothers, Sara Bareilles, Whitney Houston, John Legend, Alicia Keys, and Beyoncé among her musical influences.

After graduation, Lucia plans to keep pursuing her musical career and has already started writing songs for her second album. Though she tried out for The Voice and made it through several rounds of auditions, she intends to forge her career path by focusing on the grassroots efforts that have served her well so far.

"I just want to keep writing, performing, booking shows, and working my way up the ladder," she said. "I think it's definitely going to be a journey. This is only the beginning."

Lucia Valentine's self-titled debut album is available on iTunes, Spotify, and her website, [www.luciavalentine.com](http://www.luciavalentine.com). *✶ Kristin Alexander*



# Foundation

## Smallwood and Small Insurance Pavilion sponsorship at Ram Stadium is a first-of-its-kind collaboration for Shepherd

**T**he sign is in the ground, cementing Shepherd University's unique new comprehensive campuswide partnership with Smallwood and Small Insurance to sponsor the hospitality pavilion overlooking Ram Stadium. In addition to naming rights for the pavilion, the partnership includes top-level benefits in the Shepherd Athletic Department's new Ram Partner Program, as well as prominent signage and in-game announcements at a variety of sporting events, including football, men's and women's basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball, and lacrosse. The collaboration is the first of its kind for Shepherd.

Founded 35 years ago by Shepherd alumnus TOM MILLER '75 and his business partner, Fred Kerns, Smallwood and Small Insurance ([www.smallwoodandsmall.com](http://www.smallwoodandsmall.com)) is an independent, full-service insurance agency serving residents in the Eastern Panhandle. Headquartered in Martinsburg, with a branch office in Inwood, it offers auto, home, business, and life insurance.



Cecelia Mason

*Joining Shepherd President Mary J.C. Hendrix '74 at the Smallwood and Small Pavilion overlooking Ram Stadium are Tom Miller '75 (l.), owner and president of Smallwood and Small, and Fred Kerns, owner and director of marketing for Smallwood and Small.*

Shepherd will play host to a variety of year-round hospitality events at the new Smallwood and Small Insurance Pavilion. As avid supporters of the Eastern Panhandle community, Tom and Fred are happy to support the lives and legacy of Shepherd students, alumni, faculty, and staff.

"We want to give back to the community and to Shepherd for what it has done for all the students over the years" said Tom, who credits Shepherd with helping the company become the success it is today. "We're just excited to be part of this partnership."

Visit the campus calendar at [www.shepherd.edu/calendar](http://www.shepherd.edu/calendar) for upcoming events at the new Smallwood and Small Insurance Pavilion, including the Homecoming Happy Hour on Friday, October 6, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. to benefit the Shepherd athletics program. Tickets are on sale for \$25 each at [www.shepherdramsdrams.com](http://www.shepherdramsdrams.com).

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**Left:** The new Smallwood and Small Insurance Pavilion sign has been installed near the pavilion at Ram Stadium.



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## J.C. is Shepherd's new ram mascot, named in honor of President Hendrix



*Pictured above with J.C., the new ram mascot, are (l. to r.) Al Lueck '67, Sara Lueck '67, Holly Morgan Frye '09 M.A., President Mary J.C. Hendrix '74, and Dr. Ben Martz.*

Shepherd has a new mascot, a Dorset ram named J.C. Named for PRESIDENT MARY J.C. HENDRIX '74, the ram was purchased with donations from alumni AL '67 and SARA '67 LUECK; HOLLY MORGAN FRYE '09 M.A., assistant vice president for student affairs and director of community and congressional relations, and her husband JIM FRYE '68; and Dr. Ben Martz, dean of the College of Business. J.C. will attend Shepherd football games and a variety of other events on campus.

The tradition of having a live ram mascot named in honor of the current president goes back to the presidency of Dr. Oliver S. Ikenberry, with Ike the ram. Butch was Dr. James A. Butcher's namesake, Mike was named in honor of Dr. Michael P. Riccards, Livingston took the middle name of Dr. David L. Dunlop, and Dr. Suzanne Shipley had Zan as her namesake.

Cecelia Mason