



Fifty-sixth McMurrin Convocation

In Honor of the
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Reception to follow Convocation in Shepherd University Wellness Center

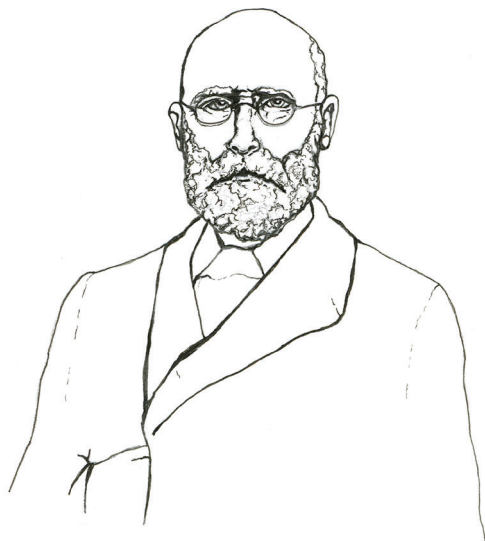
Presented by

The Faculty Senate
Scholarship and Awards Committee

Mary J.C. Hendrix, Ph.D.
President

Christopher Ames, Ph.D.
Provost

Joseph McMurrin
First Principal of Shepherd College
1871-1882



The McMurrin Scholar Award

The highest academic honor granted by Shepherd University, the McMurrin Scholar Award, was conceived in 1961 by Professor Kenneth Riley, who served on the first Honors Committee, along with Librarian John Main and Dean of Students O. L. Harry. McMurrin Scholars must complete a minimum of 92 semester hours, maintain a minimum 3.86 grade point average, complete two consecutive semesters of study at Shepherd, and be nominated by at least three faculty members. Nominees must then be approved by the entire Shepherd University faculty.

ACADEMIC HONORS CONVOCATION

Processional

Shepherd University Brass Quintet

Faculty Convener

Dr. Christopher Ames, Provost

Welcome

President Mary J.C. Hendrix '74

The Star-Spangled Banner

Ms. Alexandra Rosle

Presentation of Outstanding Teacher, Scholarship, Service, and Advisor Awards and Recognition of the Storer College Faculty Award Winner

Dr. Laura Renninger, Dean of Teaching and Learning

Provost Ames

McMurrin Scholars Association Awards

Daniel L. Herr '78 and Garland H. Ott '62

Introduction of the Speaker

Provost Ames

McMurrin Address: The Last Lecture Series

Dr. Anders H. Henriksson, Professor Emeritus of History

Presentation of the 2017 Joseph McMurrin Scholars

Biology, Jonathan Gilkerson, Ph.D.

Chemistry, Jordan Mader, Ph.D.

Computer Science, Mathematics, and Engineering, Nicholas Martin, Ph.D.

Contemporary Art and Theater, Sonya Evanisko, M.F.A.

Education, Dori Hargrove, Ph.D.

Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Sport, Greg Place, Ph.D.

Mass Communications, Jason McKahan, Ph.D.

Music, Robert W. Tudor, D.M.A.

Psychology, Larry Daily, Ph.D.

Regents Bachelor of Arts, Jordan Mader, Ph.D.

Social Work, Karen Green, M.S.S.W.

Recognition of Special Guests

President Hendrix

Alma Mater

Ms. Rosle

Recessional

Shepherd University Brass Quintet

Shepherd University Brass Quintet

Faith Kirschling, trumpet
Christopher Goodridge, trumpet
Ashleigh Stottlemeyer, horn
Kevin Grega, tuba
Kevin Mitchell, tuba

Shepherd University Music Major

Alexandra Rosle, soprano

Shepherd University Alma Mater

1.

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

2.

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

3.

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

Chorus

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

The Joseph McMurrin Scholars

Inducted 2017

Nicholas M. Barmoy
Samuel E. Bower
Michael A. Brown
Daniel S. Bryson
Emily S. Ciaccio
Katie L. Clark
Courtney L. Glascock
Grace M. Guiney
Marshall A. Hoffmaster
Adam K. Hull
Tess N. Hyre
Matthew C. Jefferson
Jeffrey A. Judd
Amberle L. Kijewski
Molly E. Lovern
Heidi A. Macaluso
Paige K. Palmer
Chelsea N. Park-Brouse
Matthew D. Pryor
Ashley R. Rohrer
Shelby Shajimon
Kelsey V. Shaw
Shruthi Sreekumar
Allison L. Staubs
Stephanie M. Suprock
Austin D. Susman
Daniel Testa
Jasmin Tharakan

McMurrin Scholars

Biology

Presented by Jonathan Gilkerson, Ph.D.

MARSHALL A. HOFFMASTER is the son of Patrick and Eileen Hoffmaster of Hagerstown, Maryland, where he graduated from Washington County Technical High School in 2014. Marshall transferred to Shepherd from Hagerstown Community College after earning an Associate of Science degree in Biology. At Shepherd, Marshall is an outstanding Biology major, minoring in Chemistry, and will graduate spring 2017. Marshall has received a number of accolades in recognition of his hard work and dedication to excellence including scholarships and membership in academic honor societies. Beyond standard course work, he also successfully conducted a research project for which he received an Undergraduate Research Fellowship from the NASA WV Space Grant Consortium. The project investigated how a peptide growth factor from plants controls gene expression. He will present his results at the 2017 meeting of the West Virginia Academy of Sciences and at the Mid-Atlantic sectional meeting of the American Society of Plant Biologists. After graduation, Marshall plans to go on to medical school and pursue a career as a physician.

• *Submitted by Jonathan Gilkerson, Ph.D.*

ADAM HULL was raised by Melinda and Tim Hull in Inwood, West Virginia. He graduated from Musselman High School with the class of 2014 and knew then that he would study a natural science. Along with his deep sense of curiosity, the reliance of science on evidence and reason brought him to Biology. He is now generating DNA sequence and bioinformatics data on human and fruit fly genes in our laboratories at Shepherd. By being able to use that information and apply it to the advance of the human condition, he has gained a deep sense of accomplishment in his young career. This summer, he will further his career as the first Shepherd student to be awarded the inaugural Katz Fellowship as he applies his knowledge and skills to investigating human cancer in the West Virginia University laboratory of Shepherd University President Mary J.C. Hendrix. After graduating from Shepherd in May 2018, Adam aspires to enter medical school to continue to conduct research and to better human health in an M.D.-Ph.D. program.

• *Submitted by David Wing, Ph.D.*

SHELBY SHAJIMON of Huntingdon Valley, Pennsylvania, is the daughter of Shajimon P. George and Binu Shajimon. After graduating from Lower Moreland High School, Shelby continued her educational journey at Shepherd. As a Biology major and Chemistry minor in the University Honors program and a student researcher, Shelby has been best known among the science faculty as one of our most intellectual, steadfast, and reliable students; however, Shelby did not confine herself to science and her scholarly pre-medical preparation. While at Shepherd, she traveled across Europe with Dr. Coltrin and the art department to study art history, served as

the president of Rotaract, and grew in faith and leadership through the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. In support of her goal of becoming a pediatrician and one day practicing medicine in underserved communities, Shelby will continue her studies in the fall at West Virginia University School of Medicine. She bids a fond farewell to Shepherd, taking all of the memories and lessons she has learned here as she continues her journey in academia and medicine.

• *Submitted by Carol Z. Plautz, Ph.D.*

SHRUTHI SREEKUMAR, daughter of Sujata and Sree, hails from Morgantown, West Virginia, a graduate of Morgantown High School. In three short years, Shruthi has established herself as one of the most outstanding Honors students in Biology, and one who has taken tremendous initiative in gaining experience in research. As a Shepherd student, Shruthi undertook research opportunities as a SOARS scholar in the biology department and through the WV-INBRE internship program for two years. Shruthi is proud of these research experiences, which have allowed her to expand her horizons, and ranks them among her biggest accomplishments. Thanks to these opportunities, Shruthi will share authorship on an upcoming publication “Exploring the mitochondrial microRNA import pathway through Polynucleotide Phosphorylase (PNPase),” and will present her current research with Dr. Plautz at the 2017 West Virginia Academy of Science meeting at Glenville State College. Shruthi has also been a leader outside the classroom and laboratory, participating in Alternative Spring Break to Kermit, West Virginia, to learn more about the community and needs of southern West Virginia. The trip provided an eye-opening experience that helped form a stronger attachment to her home state, develop new friendships, and build lasting memories to proudly cap off her distinguished undergraduate career. Shruthi will attend West Virginia School of Medicine this fall to fulfill her lifelong goal of becoming a physician.

• *Submitted by Carol Z. Plautz, Ph.D.*

DANIEL TESTA, son of Dawn and Anthony Testa, graduated from Faith Christian Academy in Martinsburg, West Virginia, in 2013. Daniel earned a Board of Governors Associate of Applied Science degree from Blue Ridge Community and Technical College in 2015, where he was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society in December 2014. Daniel began his studies at Shepherd University in the fall of 2015 and was inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society in April 2016. After he completes his biology degree at Shepherd University, Daniel plans to attend medical school to prepare him for a professional career as a neurologist. In addition to his excellent scholarly work, Daniel is also an avid ice hockey player and passionate about acting. He was featured as a Pinkerton in *The American West* Episode 3, a television docudrama that aired on the AMC in the summer of 2016. Daniel is also cofounder and president of the Shepherd University chapter of Medlife, a volunteer organization that supports access to medical care and education in poor communities.

• *Submitted by Laura Robertson, Ph.D.*

JASMIN THARAKAN of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, is the daughter of Jose Tharakan and Shylaja Jose. She graduated from Neshaminy High School and came to Shepherd as a Biology major in the University Honors program, concentrating in pre-medical studies and minoring in Chemistry. As vice president of Beta Beta Beta, a founding member of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at Shepherd University, and a student researcher, Jasmin is well-known for her bright, friendly, and sparkling personality and intellect. Among the many rich experiences Jasmin is thankful to have gained while at Shepherd University, she considers the opportunity to attend Urbana15 in St. Louis, Missouri—one of the largest international student missions conferences dedicated to uniting a diverse worldwide population of college students and ministry leaders, building future leaders in their career paths, and inspiring global missions—as one of the most memorable. Jasmin aims to put to good use her leadership skills in multicultural diversity, outreach, service, public relations, and global health awareness when she furthers her education in August 2017 at West Virginia University School of Medicine and hopes to use her medical education to support underprivileged communities.

• *Submitted by Carol Z. Plautz, Ph.D.*

Chemistry

Presented by Jordan Mader, Ph.D.

MOLLY LOVERN attended Bluefield High School in Bluefield, West Virginia. She is the daughter of Jon and Lori Lovern. Molly is a member of the Honors Program, is a regular on the Dean's List, and has maintained a 4.0 GPA. She has received many accolades, including being an Honors Alumni Scholar, a Bailey Foundation Scholar, and a Shepherd Fund Scholar. Molly received the John Diehl Scholarship and many awards from the Chemistry department, including Best Sophomore and the Rauch Award. She has been a member of the tennis team for three years and plays both doubles and singles. Molly has been an active member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee and was selected as a representative to the NCAA Student-Athlete Leadership Forum in 2016. Molly has been a highly-requested peer tutor for the chemistry department and Academic Support Center, and students speak very highly of her teaching abilities. She is a regular volunteer for campus events such as A-Team, Relay for Life, and the Seeding Your Future Initiative STEM outreach program. Molly has been an enthusiastic supporter for the 3D Thursday events and has worked with Rising LOVE to fundraise for Shenandoah Women's Center. She has performed in the *Vagina Monologues* for the last two years and has raised awareness among her peers through her work. Molly was selected for a prestigious WV-INBRE research position over summer 2016, and her work is contributing to a publication on a better understanding of HPV. She plans to attend law school after graduation with the eventual goal of developing governmental policies.

• *Submitted by Jordan Mader, Ph.D.*

COURTNEY GLASCOCK attended Berkeley Springs High School in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia. She is the daughter of Jason Glascock and Melissa Bennett and the granddaughter of Janet and Albert Glascock. Courtney has been on the Dean's List for every semester she has been at Shepherd. She has received many academic accolades including PROMISE and the Elizabeth and Roland Brown scholarship from the chemistry department. She is a member of the Chemistry Society and Rotoract clubs. She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi honor society and helped in applying for the formation of the new Chemistry Honor Society, Gamma Sigma Epsilon. She is a regular volunteer for chemistry department events and the Seeding Your Future Conference STEM outreach program. Courtney is a member of Dr. Bob Warburton's research group and studies the development of breast cancer cells to develop immunotherapy treatments. She is planning on attending pharmacy school after graduation and wants to work in a retail environment.

• *Submitted by Jordan Mader, Ph.D.*

Computer Science, Mathematics, and Engineering

Presented by Nicholas Martin, Ph.D.

MATTHEW PRYOR is the son of Scott Pryor and Lynette Fuller. Matthew graduated from the Smithsburg High School in Smithsburg, Maryland as the salutatorian of his class. During Matthew's time as a Computer Information Science major at Shepherd, he has studied and researched in mathematics and computer science with great interest and the highest level of diligence. He is one of the top students in the Department of Computer Science, Mathematics, and Engineering for the last two years. Matthew was named to the Dean's List for the three semesters he completed at Shepherd. He is also a member of the Shepherd's Honors Program. Matthew's future plans include finishing his bachelor's degree in the Computer Information Science major with the traditional computer science concentration and finding a career in computer programming, with which he will be able to apply his knowledge and skills acquired at Shepherd to solve real-life problems.

• *Submitted by Zhijun Wang, Ph.D.*

KELSEY SHAW is the daughter of Keith and Joy Shaw. She is a local student who graduated from Hedgesville High School in 2013. Kelsey was a student athlete who graduated as one of the top ten students in her class. She chose to attend Shepherd University because it was close to home and provided her with an environment where she could get to know her professors. As a student at Shepherd University, Kelsey has been a member of the Honors Program, the Education Honors Society of Kappa Delta Pi, and National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Through these organizations, Kelsey has been involved with professional development and community service projects. In addition to this, Kelsey has spent the past three years as a basketball coach at Spring Mills High School. After graduation, Kelsey plans to teach mathematics while working toward completing a master's degree. She eventually plans to obtain a doctorate degree in education.

• *Submitted by Karen Adams, Ph.D.*

Contemporary Art and Theater

Presented by Sonya Evanisko, M.F.A.

CHELSEA NICOLE PARK-BROUSE earned her Associate of Arts degree with High Honors from Frederick Community College. At Shepherd, she has continued this path of academic excellence by receiving the Burkhart Scholarship for academic merit and the Department of Contemporary Art Scholarship. Chelsea is well versed with a variety of artistic media from graphic design to photography to the fine arts. She is a leader in the classroom and last year directed the winning team to create the print campaign for the 2016 Shepherd University CareerFest. On campus, she is an active member and designer for the Visual Arts Collective. Last summer, she interned at Sarah Marcella Photography located in Alexandria, Virginia. This experience allowed her to combine her passion for photography and design and collaborate with clients such as the Brazilian Embassy in DC, Lululemon in the DC/VA, TSALT design, and Stylebook Alexandria. After graduation, Chelsea will join Sarah Marcella Photography full time as a lifestyle photographer and designer. She is a graduate of Middletown High School in Middletown, Maryland, and the daughter of Teresa Park and William Brouse.

• *Submitted by Kristin Kaineg, M.F.A.*

STEPHANIE SUPROCK grew up in Mount Airy, Maryland, and is the daughter of Curt and Susan Suprock. For all three years she attended Shepherd, she has been on the Dean's List, and is a member of both the Tau Sigma National Honors Society and the Phi Kappa Phi National Honors Society. She is a founding member of the Visual Arts Collective (VAC) at Shepherd and has served as the treasurer since its conception in 2015. She is a recipient of the art department scholarship in both 2015 and 2016. Her work has been featured in exhibits at the Charles Washington House in Charles Town and the Engine Room in Hagerstown, Maryland. As an art student, she has most benefited from the strong networking within the studio environment, building relationships with her peers that provide both professional feedback as well as personal support. After establishing an extensive proficiency in traditional illustration, she is looking to expand her skills into digital media to more closely align her work with the pulse of contemporary illustration. Her passion is for story-telling and narrative illustration, and her career aspiration is to work for Marvel, Ubisoft, or another major video game or movie platform, drafting the concept art. Ideally in the future, she would like to publish some of her stories, both as books as well as illustrated novellas.

• *Submitted by Sonya Evanisko, M.F.A.*

Education

Presented by Dori Hargrove, Ph.D.

PAIGE PALMER, daughter of Kevin and Lisa Palmer, is a Promise Scholar and is a graduate of Jefferson High School. Paige is very active at Shepherd and in the community.

She serves as co-president of Shepherd Education Student Association (SESA) where she works to provide volunteer and community service opportunities for education students. She is an active member of Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society, where she chairs the professional development committee and enjoys being a pen pal to local elementary students, and she is a member of Phi Kappa Phi. Paige is also an A-Team New Student Orientation Leader. She demonstrates a strong commitment to education, which she attributes to being intrinsically motivated, hardworking, and determined. As a senior Elementary Education major, she is focusing on being a creative, imaginative and confident educator. After graduation, she intends to pursue a master's degree in education leadership and become an elementary school principal. Future students will be fortunate to have her as their teacher or principal.

• *Submitted by Dori Hargrove, Ph.D.*

ASHLEY ROHRER, daughter of John DeRito II and Robin Bohrer, is a native of Inwood, West Virginia, and a graduate of Musselman High School. Ashley is a recipient of the Katherine Boxwell and Edwin Churchill scholarship and also the Joann Mentzer scholarship. She is a first-generation student and credits her family for instilling in her a strong work ethic and determination to achieve her goals. She also attributes her academic success to her husband's support and encouragement to never give any less than her best in everything she does. Ashley is a senior Elementary Education major, a member of Phi Kappa Phi, and a conscientious student who will succeed and excel in any endeavor she chooses. As a student-teacher this semester and as a future educator, Ashley describes herself as a caring teacher, but also one who sets high expectations for her students. She believes that "setting high expectations communicates to my students that I know they can learn and that I believe in them." When Ashley is not busy with school, she enjoys relaxing, decorating her home and scrapbooking.

• *Submitted by Dori Hargrove, Ph.D.*

Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Sport

Presented by Greg Place, Ph.D.

NICK BARMOY is an outstanding senior and athlete at Shepherd University. Nick is studying Sport Marketing with a major in Recreation and Leisure Studies and a minor in Business Administration. Nick is from Owings Mills, Maryland, where he attended Baltimore Lutheran High School and graduated in 2013. Nick would like to extend his gratitude to his parents Shawn and Deborah Barmoy for their support in his academics, athletics, and personal growth. Nick's focus, dedication, and demonstration of professionalism in his areas of study are highly admired by his faculty, family, and peers. His interpersonal skills are strong and he treats people with respect and dignity. Nick is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society and recipient of the Class Scholarship Award and Dean's List. Nick has also received honors in football being named to the Mountain East Conference All-Academic Football Team, the NCAA Region 1 District All-Academic Football Team, and NCAA Academic All-American. Nick has been able to excel in academics, athletics, and work

and has been the example of a model student. The faculty and coaching staff of the Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, & Sport and the Department of Athletics are honored by his achievements and wish him the very best in his future endeavors.

• *Submitted by Greg Place, Ph.D.*

TESS HYRE is an outstanding senior double majoring in Recreation and Sport Studies and Communication and New Media with concentrations in Sport Communication and Strategic Communication. The daughter of Martha and Richard Hyre, Tess is from Summit Point, West Virginia, where she was a 2013 graduate of Washington High School. Her focus, determination, and demonstration of professionalism in her areas of study are highly admired by faculty and peers alike. She presented her Senior Capstone project, a paper titled “Perceptions Concerning Obstacles, Stereotypes and Discrimination Faced by Female Sports Reporters and Other Female Sports Professionals,” at the International Association for Communication and Sport’s 10th Annual Summit in Phoenix, Arizona, in April. She was also a runner-up in the Miss West Virginia Pageant in 2016. Tess takes great pride in her work, and has the uncanny ability to multitask and conquer her goals both academically and personally. She plans to attend graduate school in the fall. The faculty and staff of the Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Sport, the Department of Athletics, and the Department of Mass Communication are honored with her achievement and wish her the very best in her future endeavors.

• *Submitted by Monica Larson, Ph.D. and Stacey Kendig, Ph.D.*

AMBERLE KIJEWski is a native of West Virginia and is the daughter of Ronald and Michelle Kijewski. Amberle was a homeschooled student and entered Shepherd University in the fall of 2013. She has excelled as a Physical Education major by achieving an area GPA of 4.0, an overall GPA of 3.91, and was named to the Dean’s List. Amberle’s health and physical education teaching in the public schools has been exemplary during her field teaching placements. She is a local gymnastics instructor and has assisted in organizing gymnastics competitions as well as the Moose on the Move annual event. She attended the SHAPE Midwest District’s Council for Future Professionals Student Leadership Retreat and served as a representative of Shepherd University’s physical education program. She regularly participates in academic workshops and conferences to further her professional development.

• *Submitted by Jared Androzzi, Ph.D.*

Mass Communications

Presented by Jason McKahan, Ph.D.

AUSTIN SUSMAN can confidently be described as one of the best and brightest of our Digital Filmmaking program at Shepherd University. He is the son of Carol and Thomas Susman, and he graduated from George Washington High School in Charleston, West Virginia. His academic work in communication has been outstanding and, in recognition of that, he was awarded the Vera Malton Scholarship in 2016. Born and raised in Charleston, Austin is passionate about his home state, and West Virginia is a recurring thread throughout Austin's films. He grew up in a family involved in politics around the capitol and at the dinner table he learned much about the state and the issues that affect its people. Austin has worked with various nonprofits promoting West Virginia, and the state is heavily featured in most of his films, both as a setting and a character. His films have won awards at several regional festivals, including Best Feature at the West Virginia Filmmaker's Festival in 2015. Austin is an active brother in Alpha Phi Omega, an international service fraternity, and has also served the Student Government Association Senate. Following graduation, Austin will join the Disney College Program starting in August 2017, and after that, he hopes to find a job in media production.

• *Submitted by Jason McKahan, Ph.D.*

Music

Presented by Robert W. Tudor, D.M.A.

SAMUEL BOWER is a major in Music Education, and the son of Edgar and Lori Heinrich Bower from Middletown, Maryland. He graduated from Middletown High School in 2014. Simultaneously, he attended the Advanced Music Studies program at Governor Thomas Johnson High School where he earned a certificate of one-year experience at the FCPS Arts and Communications Academy. He has been recognized by the music department as Most Outstanding Freshman Music Major and Most Outstanding Music Theory Student. He serves as tutor in both music theory, aural skills, and general music pedagogy. During his junior year, Sam was invited to join the Phi Kappa Phi Honors society. Sam is a gifted student and musician, pursuing interests in singing, playing, conducting, composition, and classroom education. Sam plans on engaging in music education as both a public and private educator, continuing his studies in music composition and arranging, and building his skills as a singer, guitarist, pianist, and musician. In the future, Sam would like to pursue graduate studies in music education.

• *Submitted by Robert W. Tudor, D.M.A.*

EMILY CIACCIO, the daughter of Susan and Robert Ciaccio, is a graduate of Towson High School near Baltimore, Maryland. During her time at Shepherd, she has performed with the Wind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, RAM Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Symphony, Preparatory Orchestra, Two Rivers Chamber Orchestra, and Masterworks Chorale. She also performed in Italy with a Shepherd chamber en-

semble and in the pit orchestra for Shepherd's production of Gilbert and Sullivan's *Iolanthe*. Emily served as guest conductor of the Shepherd Wind Symphony this past fall on a work titled "Urban Dances" by Erik Morales. In addition to performing, Emily is an active member of Sigma Alpha Iota, a professional music fraternity on campus. Emily has helped organize audition days for Shepherd music students and coordinated uniform fitting and repair for the Ram Band. Emily is a stellar student, superb musician, and a "make it happen" kind of person who always gets the job done right the first time. After receiving her Bachelor of Music Education degree, she plans on teaching instrumental music back home in the Baltimore area.

• *Submitted by Scott Hippensteel, D.A.*

GRACE GUINEY, the daughter of David and Nancy Guiney, is a graduate of Jefferson High School. A junior in the Bachelor of Music Education program, she has studied voice with Brooke Moore. While at Shepherd University, she has sung in Masterworks Chorale, Chamber Singers, Women's Camerata, and several musical productions. As an active member of Shepherd's student chapter of the National Association for Music Education, Grace has served as fundraising chairwoman, secretary, vice president, and president. Under her leadership, the chapter provided workshops to students, increased community outreach, and raised over \$1,000 for various charities. Grace currently sings in the Scholars of St. Cecilia of the Mountainside Baroque ensemble in Cumberland, Maryland. She is the founder and director of Holy Trinity Ensemble, a children's choir at St. James the Greater Roman Catholic Church, in Charles Town. The choir is in its fourth year. She plans to pursue a master's degree in choral conducting toward her goal of conducting children's choirs.

• *Submitted by David J. Gonzol, Ph.D.*

MATTHEW JEFFERSON, the son of Teri and Michael O'Neil, is from Frederick, Maryland. He is in his final semester at Shepherd University majoring in B.M. piano performance, studying with Dr. Yu-Hsuan Liao. Prior to attending Shepherd, Matthew completed an associate's degree in music from Frederick Community College. Matthew is the winner of Mountain State Young Artist Competition in 2016 hosted by West Virginia Music Teacher's Association. During his time at Shepherd, he has participated in Piano Ensemble, Masterworks Chorale, Men's Choir, and Preparatory Orchestra. Matthew is also a member of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi and Tau Sigma National honor society. Most of the time, he is involved with the campus ministry and accompanies the cantors at St. Agnes Historic Chapel and St. Agnes Catholic Church. After graduation, Matthew plans to continue playing for church masses and collaborating with vocalists and instrumentalists.

• *Submitted by Yu-Hsuan Liao, Ph.D.*

HEIDI MACALUSO, from Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, is the daughter of Joseph and Amy Macaluso. She is currently in her second year at Shepherd University as a piano pedagogy major under Dr. Yu-Hsuan Liao. Heidi was homeschooled, and she received her diploma from the Erie County Home Schoolers Diploma Association

with Honors in English and Music. Prior to attending Shepherd, Heidi completed an associate's degree in music from Hagerstown Community College. During her time at Shepherd, she has participated in Women's Camerata, Jazz Lab Band, Piano Ensemble, and as student accompanist for Chamber Singers. She is also a member of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. In January of 2017, Heidi began teaching beginner piano in Shepherd University's Preparatory Program. Aside from teaching, she is also interested in music therapy, and following her graduation from Shepherd, she plans to complete a Certificate in Music Therapy and maintain her private piano studio.

• *Submitted by Yu-Hsuan Liao, Ph.D.*

Psychology

Presented by Larry Daily, Ph.D.

DANIEL BRYSON graduated from Blue Ridge Community and Technical College in May 2015 with an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts. He and his wife, Krista, are parents to two beautiful daughters, Chloe (age 8) and Cecilia (age 7). Daniel is also a veteran of both the Marine Corps (infantry) and the Army (military intelligence). He plans on attending Shippensburg University's master's program in clinical mental health counseling and on hopefully continuing for a doctorate in education in the counselor education and supervision program. His ultimate goal is to one day work with individuals and families in addiction counseling. He hopes to become a psychology professor some day.

• *Submitted by Heidi Dobish, Ph.D.*

KATIE CLARK is the daughter of John Clark and Tracey Pyle and the step-daughter of William Pyle. She graduated from Tuscarora High School in Frederick, Maryland. While at Shepherd, Katie has been an active member of Psi Chi, Phi Kappa Phi, Tau Sigma, and Order of Omega honor societies. She has also served as Dr. Lindsay Levitan's research assistant. Her most memorable moment at Shepherd was holding a human brain. Katie is a first-generation U.S. citizen and the first member of her family to graduate from college. She plans to attend graduate school in either social work or psychology next year.

• *Submitted by Heidi Dobish, Ph.D.*

Regents Bachelor of Arts

Presented by Jordan Mader, Ph.D.

MICHAEL BROWN attended St. Mary's Ryken High School in Leonardtown, Maryland. He is the son of Robert and Donna Brown. In Michael's three years at Shepherd, he has achieved Dean's List each semester. Michael has played first base on the baseball team for three years. He is an active member of the Student Alumni Association and has participated in many events on campus. Michael was a volunteer for the Seeding Your Future Conference STEM outreach program this fall and participated in the Out of the Darkness walk. He also started the Love Your Melon Charity for

pediatric cancer in fall 2016. Michael's professors all speak highly of his dedication, intelligence, and work ethic in class. They also note his positive attitude and that he is a pleasure to have in class or see around campus. Michael will be graduating summa cum laude and plans on attending medical school after graduation.

• *Submitted by Jordan Mader, Ph.D. and Laura Robertson, Ph.D.*

Social Work

Presented by Karen Green, M.S.S.W.

JEFF JUDD grew up in Winchester, Virginia, and is a 1993 graduate of James Wood High School. Jeff worked in photography before becoming a small-business owner, and in 2013, decided to begin pursuit of his social work degree at Shepherd. Jeff, a junior, received the Carol Ergin Scholarship in Social Work, and is a member of Phi Alpha and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Societies. Jeff has interned at Catholic Charities and has worked as a group leader and mentor for children of all ages at the Boys & Girls Club in Martinsburg, where he also participated in two cooperative education experiences. As a senior, Jeff will complete a yearlong internship in the field of mental health and/or addiction. After graduation, he plans to pursue a Master of Social Work degree and eventually work in addiction rehabilitation services as a clinical social worker. Jeff gives thanks to his parents, Arthur and Kathleen Judd, his wife, Christy, and son, Ethan, for their continued support and encouragement during this journey.

• *Submitted by Karen Green, M.S.S.W.*

ALLISON STAUBS of Fairplay, Maryland, is the daughter of David Staubs and granddaughter of Edith Deener. She attended Williamsport High School and graduated from Washington County Technical High School. During high school, Allison began volunteering at Williamsport Retirement Village, where she later became employed as a member of the activities staff. Allison's special connection to work with older adults led her to an internship at Berkeley Senior Services during her sophomore year. This year, Allison returned to Williamsport Retirement Village as a social work intern, and completed a yearlong field education placement. Allison has been instrumental in the revitalization of the Shepherd Social Work Association, serving as secretary. After graduation, Allison will attend Salisbury University's Master of Social Work program with advanced standing. With her M.S.W., Allison hopes to explore work with a variety of client populations and issues. Allison would like to thank her family and friends for their constant support, and her colleagues at Williamsport Retirement Village for their encouragement of her academic endeavors.

• *Submitted by Karen Green, M.S.S.W.*

The McMurrin Convocation “Last Lecture”

The McMurrin Convocation “Last Lecture” was established by the Shepherd University Senate in 2008 to honor an esteemed retiring or retired professor who has served the university and its students through the quality of his or her teaching, scholarship, and/or service to the campus and community. The “Last Lecture” is a unique opportunity to share with McMurrin Scholars the wit and wisdom of the best in the higher education teaching profession, as well as an occasion to honor an extraordinary group of young scholars commencing their journey in the learned professions.

Anders Henriksson, Ph.D. Professor Emeritus of History McMurrin Convocation “Last Lecturer”

Dr. Anders Henriksson, Professor Emeritus of History, joined the Shepherd faculty in 1985. He earned a B.A. degree in History and in Russian language from the University of Rochester in 1971, and a M.A. in 1972 and a Ph.D. degree in Russian History in 1978, both from the University of Toronto. His Ph.D. dissertation was “The Riga German Community: Social Change and the Nationality Question, 1860-1905.”

Dr. Henriksson served as chair of the Department of History from 1990 to 2015, and was the founding co-director of the Women’s Studies program from 1995 to 2016. He served on the Shepherd College Board of Advisors from 1997 to 2001 and was president of the Faculty Senate from 1998 to 1999. He was the first elected faculty representative to sit on the Shepherd University Board of Governors and served from 2001 to 2009. His scholarly interests include modern Russia, modern Baltic history, the women’s experience, and World War I. Publications in history include two books, *The Tsar’s Loyal Germans, 1855-1905* (1983) and *Vassals and Citizens. The Baltic Germans in Constitutional Russia, 1905-1914* (2009), a chapter entitled “Riga. Growth, Conflict, and limitations of Good Government, 1850-1914” in *The City in Late Imperial Russia* (1986) edited by Michael Hamm, a variety of articles in *Canadian Slavonic Papers*, *Journal of Baltic Studies*, and *The Russian Review*, entries in the Modern Encyclopedia of Russian, Soviet, and Eurasian History, and translations into English from German and Russian. He has also published humorous compilations of student malapropisms: *Non Campus Mentis* (2001 and revised in 2008 as *Ignorance is Blitz*) and *College in a Nutskull* (2009).

During his Shepherd career, he was awarded academic grants from the International Research and Exchange Board, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and Shepherd University. He is currently writing a World War I book with colleague, Dr. James Greenlee of the Memorial University of Newfoundland, that focuses on global national policies and popular responses to the war.

Storer College Award

In recognition of the historical significance of Storer College and its commitment to educating students of color in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia, Shepherd University recognizes, annually, one faculty member who exhibits a strong commitment to multicultural education through the integration of social justice and diversity in the curriculum, excellence in advising/mentoring of underrepresented student populations at the institution, and research.

The criteria include demonstration of commitment to multiculturalism through course syllabi and class activities; service to and support of student clubs/organizations and events with a multicultural and/or social justice focus; and research focused on under-represented populations and subject matters that could impact these same students.

2017 Recipient: Heidi Hanrahan, Ph.D.

2016 Recipient: Richard A. Stevens, Ph.D.

2015 Recipient: Chiquita Howard-Bostic, Ph.D.

Joseph McMurren, Jr. Shepherd College Principal 1871-1882

Joseph McMurren, Jr., was the first principal of Shepherd College. Son of Joseph McMurren Sr., a man of wealth and influence who served in the Virginia State Legislature, Joseph Jr. was born on the family farm about two miles south of Shepherdstown, the fourth of nine children. After attending local schools, McMurren enrolled in Hampton-Sydney College at age 19, graduating in 1852 with a bachelor of arts degree.

Joseph McMurren began teaching in 1852, and for the next nine years held teaching positions in various private schools and academies in the South. He was teaching in Alabama when the Civil War broke out and returned to Virginia to enlist in a unit which later became known as the Stonewall Brigade. As a member of that unit, he participated in all of its campaigns and engagements. Wounded twice—once in the shoulder at Winchester and once in the lung at Gettysburg—McMurren was captured at Kernstown in 1862 and was confined to a Union prison for six months.

After the war, McMurren returned to the Shepherdstown area and began teaching once again. Utilizing the town hall, which had been built by Rezin Shepherd, a New Orleans merchant born near Shepherdstown, McMurren began plans to organize a college. The building had been converted to a courthouse from 1865 to 1871, but became available when the county seat of Jefferson County was moved back to Charles Town. McMurren was the college's principal from 1871 until 1882. A curriculum was established, faculty were employed, and the college began to function in 1871. Financial support from the new state of West Virginia's Legislature was sporadic and uncertain, and McMurren frequently spent money from his own pocket for building maintenance. Although the enrollment gradually increased, McMurren became discouraged, resigning in 1882, to establish a partnership in a drugstore called Baker and McMurren in Shepherdstown.

Joseph McMurren, Jr., always regarded his role in establishing Shepherd College as the most important achievement of his life. After leaving the college, he remained a firm supporter of its projects and endeavors, responding repeatedly to its needs when called upon. His final service to the institution was as member of the Board of Trustees, a position to which he was appointed in 1886. McMurren died on Saint Valentine's Day 1902.

S. Ralph Sherrard
Associate Professor of History, 1968-98

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In Memoriam

Dr. Carl F. Bell began teaching at Shepherd as an assistant professor of biology in fall 1961 after receiving his Ph.D. in plant pathology from Ohio State University. His retirement in 2015 marked 54 continuous years in the Shepherd classroom, making him Shepherd's most senior employee. He earned his B.S. degree in biology in 1955 from Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio, and his M.S. in botany in 1958 from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Dr. Bell has made contributions to Shepherd in a number of academic and nonacademic arenas over the years. He generously gave his time in support of students by organizing and leading multi-day camping field trips for classes and the biology department to foster an out-of-doors experience for students in the sciences. He was instrumental in the development of students' observational, critical thinking, and analytical skills, which not only benefitted these graduates, but also garnered Dr. Bell accolades and the respect of his colleagues and students. So grateful were his former students that a challenge issued by Dr. Philip Spaulding '67 to the biology graduates of the Class of 1967 resulted in the establishment of the Dr. Carl Bell Biology Fund, endowed with the Shepherd University Foundation and designated for students pursuing a degree in the biological sciences. The donations were made in honor of Dr. Bell, noting him as a mentor and an inspiration. In July 1998, a lab was named in Dr. Bell's honor in the Robert C. Byrd Science and Technology Center. He was selected for the honor of giving the "Last Lecture" at the McMurrin Convocation in 2015. In his life and his career, Dr. Bell influenced and inspired generations of students and colleagues and evidenced a remarkable and outstanding dedication to Shepherd University.

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The award was established in 2011 by the McMurran Scholarship Association (MSA) as part of the celebration of the 50th class of McMurran Scholars and in honor of the first scholars, Sandra Osbourn '62, Garland Ott '62, and Nicholas Pappas '63. This annual scholarship is funded through private donations made through the Shepherd University Foundation. It is awarded to McMurran Scholars who pursue graduate studies at Shepherd University. Information about applying for the scholarship may be found at www.shepherd.edu/mcmurran/mcmurran-scholars-association.

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