



January 2019

Visit the Shepherd University Alumni Association webpage at [www.shepherd.edu/suaa](http://www.shepherd.edu/suaa)!

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### AROUND CAMPUS

- Shepherd, St. Maria Goretti sign dual enrollment agreement. **READ MORE...**
- Shepherd, Lord Fairfax Community College sign four transfer agreements. **READ MORE...**
- International Student Center opens in Gardiner Hall. **READ MORE...**
- Students collect food, raise money for community organizations. **READ MORE...**
- Shepherd and Marshall to provide services to students with autism spectrum disorder. **READ MORE...**

For more Shepherd news:  
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### BE INVOLVED

#### Regional Communities:

A Regional Alumni Community is a Shepherd University alumni group within a specific geographical region that promotes personal and professional



### COLLEGE NEWS

#### College of Arts and Humanities:

- Shepherd starting Civil War Semester program, now accepting applications. **READ MORE...**
- Appalachian Studies Center launches new storytelling program. **READ MORE...**
- Kushin honored by educational software company. **READ MORE...**
- Holland represents Shepherd on national Millennial Community trip. **READ MORE...**
- Music students enjoy Dinner with Strangers. **READ MORE...**

*Dow Benedict, Dean*  
[www.shepherd.edu/arts-and-humanities](http://www.shepherd.edu/arts-and-humanities)

#### College of Business:

- William Renner is a finalist in West Virginia Collegiate Business Plan Competition. **READ MORE...**

*Ben Martz, Dean*  
[www.shepherd.edu/cob](http://www.shepherd.edu/cob)

#### College of Education and Professional Studies:

- Morgan Academy preschoolers

opportunities for lifelong connections to Shepherd University and to fellow alumni. Communities are led by active volunteers/Alumni Ambassadors who plan and promote activities and services meaningful to their unique community. Community activities include social, cultural, and educational events, community service projects, and networking opportunities.

**Groups have already formed! Check those out [HERE](#)...contact your area's Ambassador to get involved.**

**Don't see one in your area? Consider forming a group! Full details [HERE](#), or contact [Kim Hutto](#).**

### **NEW Online Career/Life Video Series...**

**...volunteers wanted to be featured as experts in various fields and topics.**

Each video should be 45 minutes to 1 hour in length and will be filmed by the audio-visual staff on campus. These will be free for viewing for the Shepherd community through the SUAA YouTube channel.

**For more information or to volunteer, please contact Kim Hutto by phone (304-876-5157) or [email](#).**

**First video coming January 2019**  
"How to Use Branding, Communications, Marketing Strategies to Land Your Dream Job" presented by Sandy Sponaagle.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

participate in physical education event. **READ MORE...**

*Sharon Mailey, Acting Dean*  
[www.shepherd.edu/seps](http://www.shepherd.edu/seps)

### **College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics:**

- Carl F. Bell Arboretum established. **READ MORE...**
- Steffen and students conduct research on painted turtles. **READ MORE...**
- Institute of Environmental and Physical Sciences acquires new drone, to offer drone services on contract. **READ MORE...**

*Robert Warburton, Acting Dean*  
[www.shepherd.edu/cnsm](http://www.shepherd.edu/cnsm)

### **College of Social and Behavioral Sciences:**

- Howard-Bostic honored as distinguished alumna by her alma mater. **READ MORE...**
- Psychology and social work students enjoy Dinner with Strangers. **READ MORE...**
- Department of Social Work receives \$300K foster care training grant. **READ MORE...**

*Ann Marie Legreid, Dean*  
[www.shepherd.edu/csbs](http://www.shepherd.edu/csbs)

### **Graduate Studies and Continuing Education:**

- Department of Education, Division of Graduate Studies host first annual literature fair. **READ MORE...**
- Murtagh is first to receive diploma through partnership with Scottish university. **READ MORE...**

*Richard Stevens, Dean*  
[www.shepherd.edu/graduate-studies](http://www.shepherd.edu/graduate-studies)

## **ALUMNI BENEFITS**



A Sustaining Membership is a level that is gained from an annual gift of \$35 that affords the member an official membership card, a free ticket to the Homecoming game, and a 10-visit punch pass to the Shepherd University Wellness Center.

Memberships run with the university's fiscal year (July 1-June 30).

**Join Now**



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As a Shepherd University alum, you may be eligible for a special discount on auto insurance from Nationwide.



**HOTELSTORM**

**Shepherd**  
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Shepherd University alumni and supporters get a discount on hotels throughout the country by using HotelStorm.

**Get more information on both of these programs [HERE!](#)**

## **Roaming Rams: NEW! Alumni Travel Program**



The Shepherd University Alumni Association is starting a NEW alumni travel program with the help of Collette travel.

We are very excited about this new opportunity to engage and interact with our alumni. We have compiled the results of our survey that ran from mid-August until early October, and are ready to announce the destination for our first trip!

**DISCOVER SCOTLAND**  
**September 30, 2019--Departure**  
**10 Day Tour**  
**\$3,749 per person double occupancy**  
*(\$4,449 single occupancy)*

**Join our Director of Alumni Affairs, Kim Hutto, on this exciting journey!**

We will be sending out a separate email blast with full details and link soon! Also, watch our webpage, [www.shepherd.edu/suaa/roaming-rams-alumni-travel-program](http://www.shepherd.edu/suaa/roaming-rams-alumni-travel-program), our our Facebook and Twitter pages (follow us @ShepherdAlumni for more on how to sign up for the trip and an itinerary.

**SEE BELOW under "Save The Date" for first info session and webinar dates!**

## BE RECOGNIZED

### GET IN THE MAGAZINE

Have you had a significant event happen in your professional life? Did you recently get engaged, married, or have an addition to your family? We would love to share in your happiness!

Submit information to Katie Gordon at [kswayne@shepherd.edu](mailto:kswayne@shepherd.edu)!

*Pictures are always welcome; 300 DPI. Please attach any to the same email.*

**Now taking fall 2019 submissions!**

**Deadline is Friday, June 7**

*Are you not receiving your copy? See the bottom of the newsletter on how to update your contact information!*

Check it out online at [www.shepherd.edu/publications](http://www.shepherd.edu/publications)!

### ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT



Matt Long '07 has been chosen as one of 11 winners of the Sheetz Art Project. His design will be featured on 18 of Sheetz's semi-trucks for the foreseeable future. [CLICK](#)

[HERE](#) to read his story.

Read about more amazing Rams!  
**RAM SPOTLIGHT:**  
[CLICK HERE!](#)



### SPECIAL RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

**We are now taking nominations for next year! Please read below and click the link for more details and nomination forms.**

#### **Outstanding Alumni of the Year:**

The Outstanding Alumni of the Year Award is an opportunity to recognize an alum for his/her dedication and volunteer commitments that have significantly enhanced the goals and mission of Shepherd University and the Shepherd University Alumni Association.

#### **Finest Under 40:**

The Finest Under 40 program has been developed to recognize those younger alumni doing great things personally, professionally, and charitably!

*Outstanding Alumni of the Year and Finest Under 40 are both honored during Homecoming Weekend of their induction year.*

*Nominations are taken year-round!*

[CLICK HERE](#) to find out more about each of these programs and to see the nomination criteria and forms.

## SAVE THE DATE

### QuickBooks for Business course: January 12

9 a.m. - Noon; SU Martinsburg Center  
\$195 per person with discounts for  
students, Shepherd alumni, and group  
registration. **MORE INFO...**

### Career Life Series First Presentation: January 17

6 p.m.; Robert C. Byrd CHE Auditorium  
"How to Use Branding, Communications,  
and Marketing Strategies to Land Your  
Dream Job"--presented by Sandy  
Sponaugle '95

*This first presentation will be LIVE, and will be filmed to  
be posted to the SUAA's YouTube page for viewing. All  
presentations following will be filmed and posted only.*

### President's Lecture Series: February 26

6:30 p.m.; Robert C. Byrd CHE  
Auditorium  
"Understanding Bitcoin, Blockchain, and  
Cryptocurrency" presented by Charlie Kiser,  
CEO at Atlas Blockchain Group Inc.  
Reception to follow.

### SUAA Travel Program LIVE Info Session: February 28

6:30 p.m., Robert C. Byrd CHE  
Auditorium  
Discover Scotland 2019! This presentation  
will be done as a live, in-person  
information session. Get information on  
the trip, booking, and deposit process.

### SUAA Travel Program Follow-up Webinar: March 5

10 a.m., online in the comfort of your  
own home or office  
Discover Scotland 2019! Watch our  
**UPCOMING EVENTS** page for webinar  
link!

### Southwest Florida Regional Alumni Gathering: March 10

2 p.m., Duffy's Sports Bar & Grill  
21253 Stoneybrook Golf Blvd. Estero, FL  
33928

Contact Pam Wilmer '68 at  
[plwilmer198@comcast.net](mailto:plwilmer198@comcast.net) or 304-671-  
3614 for more info.

### Annual Accounting Club Alumni

## ATHLETICS NEWS

- The Shepherd University Alumni Association has pledged \$5,000 per year for five years to help in replacing turf at Ram Stadium. The first payment was made in October 2018.



- Volleyball ranked sixth in Atlantic Region. **READ MORE...**
- Five Rams earn MEC volleyball honors. **READ MORE...**
- Lindblad gains All-Regional honors. **READ MORE...** and Google Cloud Academic All-American honors. **READ MORE...**
- Men's basketball ranked ninth in D2SIDA Regional Poll. **READ MORE...**
- Two football players earn D2CCA All-Region honors. **READ MORE...**

Ticket Information: **CLICK HERE**

- Purchase tickets [HERE](#)



**Dinner: April 26**

6-9 p.m.; Student Center Storer  
Ballroom

Meet current students and hear about  
what the Accounting Club has been doing!  
We will also be using this as a retirement  
party for Professor Roger Hamood.  
Invitations to be sent. More information  
and registration links coming soon.

**For a full schedule of  
Shepherd events, including music  
performances, art exhibits, and  
speaker series:**

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**to submit any changes to contact information, such as a new address,  
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Give us your feedback! What would you like to see? What would bring you back to campus?  
Contact either [Kim Hutto](#) or [Katie Gordon](#), Shepherd University Alumni Affairs



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