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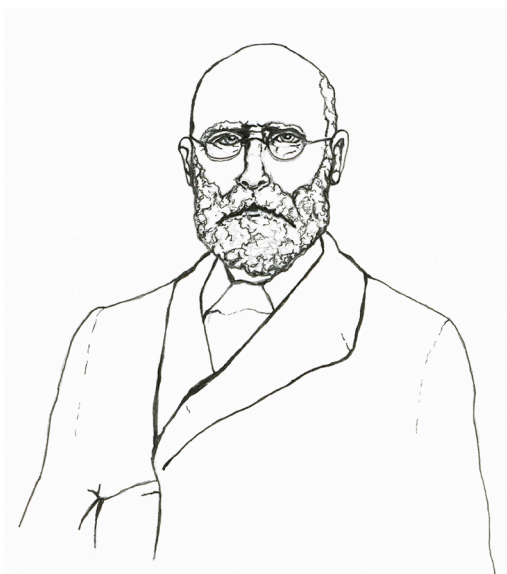
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Presented by

The Faculty Senate
Scholarship and Awards Committee

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

Joseph McMurran
First Principal of Shepherd College
1871-1882



The McMurran Scholar Award

The highest academic honor granted by Shepherd University, the McMurran 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. McMurran 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

Remarks

Dr. Mary J.C. Hendrix, President

Star-Spangled Banner and Shepherd University Alma Mater

Korinne Myers '22

McMurrin Address: The Last Lecture Series

Dr. David Wing, *Retired*, Associate Professor of Biology

Presentation of the 2022 Joseph McMurrin Scholars

Accounting: Dr. Cindy Vance

Biology: Dr. Conor Sipe

Business and Economics: Dr. Kathleen Reid

Computer Science, Mathematics, and Engineering: Jason Miller

Contemporary Art and Theater: Andy Dolan, M.F.A.

Education: Dr. Tauna Cole

English and Modern Languages: Dr. Mark Cantrell

Environmental and Physical Sciences: Dr. Sytil Murphy

History: Dr. Jim Broomall

Music: Dr. Austin Showen

Political Science, Global Studies, and Geography: Dr. Samuel Greene

Psychology: Dr. Christopher Lovelace

Recreation, Sport, and Exercise Science: Dr. Stacey Kendig

Social Work: Dr. Craig Cline

Sociology, Criminology, and Criminal Justice: Dr. Chiquita Howard-Bostic

You are cordially invited to a reception following the ceremony on the Butcher Center Plaza. In case of rain, the reception will be held in the main arena in the Suzanne Shipley Wellness Center.

Thank you to the McMurrin Scholars Association for sponsoring this year's reception.

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 McMurran Scholars

Inducted 2022

Olamide Adegbamigbe	Brady Michael
Alex Banks	Maryanna Milleson
Mary Barker	Andrew Moseman
Leanna Basye	Alyssa Nazarok
Jordan Bohrer	Corwin Neat
Meghan Butler	Tiffany Nguyen
Nicholas Chapman	Marissa Nuss
Margaret Clugston	Alexis Parrotte
Connor Cote	Lorie Payne
Jacob Cross	Joshua Polce
Tanner Dixon	Nicole Purtell
Brandon Dolly	Stephen Rivera
MacKenzie Dudley	Isabella Sager
Brooke Dunn	Abbee Santos
Emma Espinosa	Alexis Sauer
Riannah Fiorilli	Taylor Schweinebraten
Alyssa Garagiola	Maria Seaman
Isabella Hawkinberry	Sarah Seibert
David Hayes	Marie Shindledecker
Sara Hohn	Tayler Sisk
Kyle Hoover	Madison Sites
Levi Junkins	Samuel Sloboda
Lily Kessler	Adam Stilley
Katie Laing	Emmy Strauss
Emily Lemen	Vivienne Wells
Nicholas Lemon	Amanda Wetzal
Abigail Long	Laura Wolfe
Anna Lynch	William Wood
Gabriel Maldonado	Sydney Woodring
Jenna Marple	Jarrette Zopp
David Martinez	

2022 McMurran Scholars

Accounting

Presented by Dr. Cindy Vance

NICHOLAS CHAPMAN, son of Scott and Beth Chapman of Kearneysville, West Virginia, graduated summa cum laude from Jefferson High School, where he served as president of the Jefferson FFA Chapter. He has been on the Dean's List every semester at Shepherd. Nick is a recipient of the West Virginia Promise Scholarship, Shepherd University Presidential Scholarship, West Virginia Envirothon Scholarship, Charles Town High School Alumni Scholarship, and the Shepherdstown High School Alumni Scholarship. He also participated in the Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program at Shepherd. While pursuing his bachelor's degree in accounting, Nick remained an active member of his church, serving as pianist and on the board. After graduating from Shepherd, Nick will join the public accounting firm Smith Elliott Kearns & Co., LLC based in Hagerstown, Maryland, as a staff associate where he has interned the past two tax seasons. He plans to obtain a master's degree in accounting and the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) certification to pursue an accounting career as a licensed CPA.

• *Submitted by Cindy Vance, CPA, Ph.D.*

JENNA MARPLE, daughter of Andrew Marple and Heather Davis of Buckhannon, West Virginia, graduated summa cum laude from Buckhannon-Upshur High School, where she was a member of Student Council, Youth Leadership Association, and the lacrosse team. In addition to being a student in the Honors Program, she has been on the Dean's List every semester at Shepherd. Jenna is a recipient of the West Virginia Promise Scholarship, Shepherd University President's Scholarship, Carl and Susan Rauch Business Scholarship, BB&T Bank/Lacy Rice, Sr. Scholarship, and the Austin and Carmen Slater Scholarship. She also participated in the Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program at Shepherd. While pursuing her bachelor's degree in accounting, Jenna remained an active member of the Accounting Club, serving as the secretary, vice president, and president. After graduating from Shepherd, Jenna will be an intern at the public accounting firm Yount, Hyde & Barbour, P.C. in Winchester, Virginia. She plans to attend West Virginia University to obtain a master's degree in fraud and forensic examination, as well as the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) certifications to pursue an accounting career as a licensed CPA and CFE.

• *Submitted by Cindy Vance, CPA, Ph.D.*

JOSHUA POLCE, son of Joe and Chrissy Polce of Woodsboro, Maryland, graduated summa cum laude from Walkersville High School, where he played three years of varsity football and basketball. In addition to being a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, he has been on the Dean's List every semester at Shepherd. Josh is the recipient of a Moler General Athletic Scholarship, Rob Bradford Memorial Scholarship, Shepherd University President's Scholarship, Marguerite Colavecchio Scholarship, and Roger Hamood Accounting Scholarship. While pursuing his bachelor's degree in accounting and minor in Spanish language, Josh was a member of the Shepherd football team. Josh has gained experience in tax and audit as an intern at both Smith Elliott & Kearns, LLC and Deleon & Stang, respectively. After graduating from Shepherd, Josh will attend Johns Hopkins University to pursue a master's of science in finance while continuing his football career. Josh plans to join the public accounting firm

RSM US LLC this summer as an intern. He plans to obtain the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) certification to pursue an accounting career as a licensed CPA.

• *Submitted by Cindy Vance, CPA, Ph.D.*

Biology

Presented by Dr. Conor Sipe

OLAMIDE ADEGBAMIGBE, son of Idowu and Stella Adegbamigbe, graduated from Lagos African Church Grammar School in Lagos, Nigeria, in 2018. In addition to his excellent academic record, Ola performed research in multiple lab groups on campus, ranging from reproductive ecology of ferns to conservation genomics of endangered California and Andean condors. He also completed a prestigious WV-INBRE REU program where he participated in blood cancer research, investigating signature genes for transcription responses to chemical and genetic perturbations in multiple myeloma. Ola is an extremely active member of the Shepherd community: serving on the Student Life Council, representing the biology honor society (Beta Beta Beta) in the Student Government Association, participating in the volunteer medical service student organization MEDLIFE, and working as a peer tutor for math and science. Ola is a member of the Multicultural Leadership Team, engaging in several community service projects such as the cold weather shelter and jelly donation with Jefferson High, Martin Luther King Day of Service, and promoting diversity and inclusion on campus. He is also a member of Global Shepherd Students (serving as president) for international students, the Black Student Union, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Phi Beta Delta (International Honor Society), and Gamma Sigma Epsilon (National Chemistry Honor Society). Ola is a Wisdom Inspire Student Excellence (WISE) mentor and a resident assistant for campus housing. He is an exercise and fitness enthusiast and enjoys coding, listening to music, dancing, painting, piano, sketching, soccer, basketball, chess, and anime. After graduation from Shepherd, Ola plans to pursue a Ph.D./M.D. in bioinformatics and cardiac medicine with the hope of becoming a cardiologist with a research career in epigenetics.

• *Submitted by Court Campany, Ph.D.*

ALEX BANKS, daughter of Paula and David Banks, graduated from Berkeley Springs High School in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, in 2019. Alex is an outstanding student who has contributed to student academic societies and participated extensively in undergraduate research. She has served on the executive board of TriBeta, a national biological honor society, for three years and currently serves as vice president. Alex was honored to be selected as the Outstanding Biology Sophomore or Junior in 2021. She was also awarded a NASA West Virginia Undergraduate Research Fellowship to conduct research with Dr. Robertson, where Alex identified and characterized wild-caught fungi from the built environment. She plans to present her research at the West Virginia Academy of Sciences annual meeting. Alex has an appreciation for art, enjoys visiting museums, and is excited to attend the Van Gogh exhibit this summer. Alex is part of the DentSTEP program at Shepherd and plans to earn a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS). She would like to research regenerative dental medicine and has the long-term goal to practice dentistry in a rural area.

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

BRANDON DOLLY is a 2019 graduate of Musselman High School. Brandon is the son of Tonya Kay and Brian Keith Dolly, of Inwood, West Virginia. Brandon came to Shepherd in Fall 2019 as a secondary education major in the Honors Program and soon added a biology major to

become a double-major, double-degree student. He will earn both a B.S. in biology and a B.A. in secondary education, with honors, and a teaching certification in biology. As a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Kappa Delta Phi, Brandon has organized a number of projects at Shepherd including the Literacy-Alive Program this past year and is currently completing research in acoustic communication in insects. Brandon is planning to attend graduate school and is exploring many areas of study, including ecology and cancer research. He ultimately plans on continuing into the field of higher education.

• *Submitted by Ruth A. Conley, Ph.D.*

DAVID HAYES, son of Jennifer and Daniel Hayes, graduated from Jefferson High School in Shenandoah Junction, West Virginia, in 2018. In addition to his excellent academic achievements, David served on the leadership board of the Shepherd Rho Omega chapter of TriBeta, a national biological honor society. David conducted extensive undergraduate research working in both Dr. Robertson's lab and Dr. Sipe's lab. David was awarded a NASA Undergraduate Research Grant for his work with Dr. Robertson; he characterized the antibacterial activity of wild-caught fungi and presented his research at the West Virginia Academy of Sciences annual meeting. He was awarded a SOARS Fellowship for his work with Dr. Sipe, where he investigated the survival of various fruit-fly mutants. David enjoys playing chess in his limited free time. David is excited to start graduate school at Kansas State University in Fall 2022 where he plans to complete a Ph.D. in microbiology in the Michel Lab, investigating the symbiotic relationships between fungi and mosquitoes.

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

NICHOLAS LEMON, son of Mark and Jenny Lemon, graduated from Musselman High School in Inwood, West Virginia, in 2019. Throughout his time at Shepherd, Nicholas has been an active member of the scientific community. Over the course of his junior and senior years, he has undertaken research with Dr. Courtney Campany and fellow classmate Malik Khan to understand the effects of herbivory on plant photosynthesis rates through monitoring gas exchange on common milkweed. Nicholas also participated in the WV-INBRE bioinformatics summer bootcamp where he worked on a collaborative project investigating genomic sequencing methods for SARS-CoV-2. He has been appointed to the Dean's List and been given the Promise scholarship for every semester he has attended and was awarded the Darrell Reeder and Paul Saab memorial scholarships for biology majors. In addition to his impressive academic achievements and early graduation, Nicholas served as the vice president of Shepherd's MEDLIFE chapter, as well as the historian and Relay for Life representative for the Beta Beta Beta biology honor society. Outside of class, he enjoys spending time hiking, riding motorcycles, and shooting at the range with friends. After graduation, Nicholas hopes to attend the West Virginia University School of Medicine.

• *Submitted by Dr. Courtney Campany*

MARYANNA MILLESON, daughter of Roy and Jeanne Milleson, graduated from Hampshire High School in Romney, West Virginia, in 2019. Maryanna is an outstanding student with varied interests who began her career in biology secondary education and is now completing a biology major with a double minor in environmental studies and education. She is an active member in Order of Omega (a national Greek honor society), Phi Kappa Phi (a national honor society), and Kappa Delta Pi (a national education honor society). In addition, Maryanna serves on the executive board of the Kappa Mu chapter of Delta Zeta. Maryanna was awarded a WV-INBRE Summer Research Program internship and is very excited about this opportu-

nity. After graduating from Shepherd, Maryanna plans to attend graduate school and pursue research in microbiology.

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

TIFFANY NGUYEN, daughter of Thanh and Therese Nguyen, graduated from Martinsburg High School in Martinsburg, West Virginia, in 2018. Tiffany is an outstanding student who contributes widely to multiple student-led science organizations at Shepherd: she was a member of MEDLIFE (a service-oriented organization that supports access to healthcare), TriBeta (a national biology honor society), Gamma Sigma Epsilon (a national chemistry honor society), and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. She served in several leadership positions, including vice president of the chemistry honor society. Outside of her extensive academic interests, Tiffany also enjoys and participates in multimedia arts. Tiffany participated in the MedSTEP program at Shepherd and is currently working as a medical scribe. Her long-term goals are to attend medical school and practice cardiology.

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

TAYLOR SCHWEINEBRATEN, daughter of Angelique and Keith Schweinebraten, is a 2017 graduate of Martinsburg High School. A highly successful biology major, member of TriBeta Biology Honor Society, president of the Appalachian Leadership Education Foundation, and athlete on the cheerleading team, Taylor developed severe hip pain in her junior year that prevented her from continuing athletics. She was shocked to learn she had Ewings Sarcoma, a pediatric bone cancer. Taylor had to take a year off from college due to debilitating surgery and chemotherapy; nonetheless, despite chemobrain and continued radiation and chemotherapy treatments, Taylor persevered and excelled in all her classes once more. As a young woman with a rare cancer, Taylor began to see subtle health disparities related to screening and diagnosis. She also realized that, prior to this experience, most people, including herself, were unaware of the limited cancer treatment options available. The need for more research in these areas fueled her interest in genomics aimed at understanding and treating cancer. Taylor plans to start an internship in oncology bioinformatics before continuing on to graduate school. We are confident that Taylor is destined to represent us well as she pursues her profession and makes a difference in the lives of cancer patients.

• *Submitted by Sher Hendrickson, Ph.D.*

Business and Economics

Presented by Dr. Kathleen Reid

EMMA ESPINOSA, a 2018 graduate of Washington High School, is the daughter of Paul and Cathy Espinosa of Charles Town, West Virginia. Emma will graduate with a degree in business administration, a concentration in financial planning, and a minor in accounting. Emma is this year's president of the Shepherd Financial Planning Club, a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, and a 2021/22 Student Government Association senator. Emma is also the program assistant for the Financial Planning Program. While attending Shepherd, Emma worked as a teller at the Bank of Charles Town where she plans to move into a new role as a wealth client coordinator after graduation. Emma has demonstrated a commitment to promoting financial literacy on and off campus and plans to pursue the Certified Financial Planner™ designation. We know that she will excel in her future endeavors and serve her community well!

• *Submitted by Kathleen Reid, Ph.D.*

SARA HOHN is the daughter of Laura and Chris Hohn of Frederick, Maryland, and a 2019 graduate of Governor Thomas Johnson High School. Sara is a double major in business administration and economics and is in the MBA 4+1 program. Sara is a member of the Shepherd women's soccer team. She is also a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Omicron Delta Epsilon, the international economics honor society. Sara is the recipient of a number of scholarships, including an athletic scholarship, the Ralph Burkhart Legacy Scholarship, E. William Johnson Memorial Scholarship, and President's Scholarship. After completing her MBA, Sara plans to work in the construction or sports industry and hopes to pursue a doctorate.

• *Submitted by Kathleen Reid, Ph.D.*

EMILY LEMEN is the daughter of Chad and Shannon Lemen of Falling Waters, West Virginia, and a 2019 graduate of Grace Academy in Hagerstown, Maryland. Emily will graduate with a major in business administration and a minor in entrepreneurship. Emily is a finalist in the 2022 West Virginia Business Plan competition and appreciates the support of Dr. James Dovel in preparing for the competition and sharing of his entrepreneurial experiences throughout her academic career. Emily is a member of Delta Sigma Pi, the professional business fraternity, Phi Kappa Phi, and Delight Ministries. Emily is the recipient of a Dale and Rozelle Leatherman Scholarship, West Virginia Promise Scholarship, Dean's Scholarship, Robert and Jean Rissler Memorial Scholarship, and William E. Moler Scholarship. After graduation, Emily plans to continue managing and operating American Heritage Online Auction Service while pursuing her MBA.

• *Submitted by Kathleen Reid, Ph.D.*

ABIGAIL LONG is the daughter of Joe and Karen Long of Parsons, West Virginia. Abigail is a graduate of Tucker County High School in Hambleton, West Virginia. She graduated from Shepherd in December 2021 with a major in business administration, a concentration in marketing, and a minor in communication and new media. Abigail is currently the marketing and communication coordinator at Fairmont State University. While attending Shepherd, Abigail was a member of the National Millennial Community and Gen Z Council, and a member of Phi Kappa Phi. She was the recipient of the Howard N. Carper, Jr. Endowed Scholarship, Thomas and Sherry Lurry Memorial Scholarship, T. Edward Stotler Memorial Scholarship, Shirley Cooper Memorial Scholarship, Eastern Panhandle Federal Executive Association of WV Scholarship, and Percy and Hubert Lowry Memorial Scholarship.

• *Submitted by Kathleen Reid, Ph.D.*

STEPHEN RIVERA is the son of Steve and Stacie Rivera of Kearneysville, West Virginia, where Stephen was homeschooled. Stephen is majoring in business administration with a minor in entrepreneurship. Stephen is a member of the cross-country team. He is the recipient of several scholarships, including the Promise Scholarship, the Shepherdstown Rotary Club Scholarship, and Dean's Scholarship. In the business administration capstone, Stephen's team is working on a fundraising event and marketing plan for a local nonprofit, a project that helped him connect his academic work with an impactful real-world project. After he graduates Stephen plans to pursue an MBA and work with nonprofit organizations.

• *Submitted by Kathleen Reid, Ph.D.*

WILLIAM WOOD is the son of Paul and Jennifer Wood of Williamsport, Maryland, and a 2019 graduate of Williamsport High School. William is majoring in economics with a minor in political science. He is also in the Honors Program and the MBA 4+1 program. William is a member of the Shepherd men's soccer team, is a PSAC athletic scholar, and a member of the COSIDA Regional All-Academic Team. He is a member of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society. William is the recipient of the Ralph Burkhart Legacy Scholarship and the President's Scholarship. In the economics capstone course, William combined his study of economics with his love of soccer to analyze the factors that impact team performance in professional soccer. Once he graduates, William plans on pursuing additional graduate work in law or data analytics.

• *Submitted by Kathleen A. Reid, Ph.D.*

Computer Science, Mathematics, and Engineering

Presented by Dr. Weidong Liao

LEVI JUNKINS, of Martinsburg, West Virginia, is the son of Curtis and Laura Junkins. Levi graduated from Spring Mills High School in 2018. During high school, Levi might not have been active in any sports, but he did host a very cool Minecraft server. Levi enrolled at Shepherd immediately out of high school and will graduate this year with a computer and information sciences degree, with a concentration in computer science. Levi does not yet have an exact plan after college, but he would like to do something related to science and research and potentially obtain master's degree in computer science.

• *Submitted by Weidong Liao, Ph.D.*

GABRIEL MALDONADO went to Jefferson High School and attended James Rumsey Technical Institute for web and game design where he gained a passion for programming. After Gabriel graduated from Jefferson High, he enrolled at Shepherd University with computer science as his major and a minor in Spanish. Gabriel maintained a 3.94 GPA in the major and 4.00 in the minor. Since the spring of last year, he has taken on a coding internship at Chem-pak where he was able to develop a website for some of their clients. Now, Gabriel's capstone project is focused on asynchronous programming with JavaScript and the implementation being a live messaging system.

• *Submitted by Osman Guzide, Ph.D.*

DAVID M. MARTINEZ, of Charles Town, West Virginia, is the son of David and Jennifer Martinez. In place of high school, he enrolled at Blue Ridge Community and Technical College in a dual major program, Associate of Arts and Associate of Science. David then transferred to Shepherd as a computer and information sciences major in Fall 2019 and has continued working vigorously to maintain a high GPA. In the Summer 2021, David was selected as a SOARS Research Scholar. In April of this year, David will present his SOARS project at the 2022 West Virginia Academy of Science annual meeting. In addition to his studies, David is a diligent member of the Tau Sigma and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies as well as the Shepherd S-STEM club. After his graduation, David plans to pursue a career in public service as an IT specialist working toward a position as a network engineer.

• *Submitted by Weidong Liao, Ph.D.*

ANDREW MOSEMAN is a computer and information systems major with a concentration in computer programming and information systems. He maintains a near perfect, and nearly impossible to achieve, GPA of 3.96. Andrew came to Shepherd from Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, where he was homeschooled and eventually dual enrolled at Shepherd before matriculating full time in Fall 2019. In high school, Andrew participated in the First Lego League, a robotics league using Lego Mindstorms, and competed in one of the tournaments. Additionally, he was involved in martial arts training. Andrew chose to major in a computer science field at Shepherd. At Shepherd, Andrew has been involved in the Dungeoneers & Dragonslayers Club. Currently, he is 'just a player,' but plans to become a dungeon master and host his own games in his own homebrew world. In Summer 2021, Andrew was accepted into the SOARS program where he completed research with Professor Jason Miller in the field of bioinformatics, applying machine learning techniques to mRNA and lncRNA classification in the human genome. Upon graduation, Andrew hopes to pursue a master's degree in computer science, with a focus on machine learning, and eventually become a leader in his field.

• *Submitted by Karen Adams, Ph.D.*

MARISSA NUSS was homeschooled by her parents, Carlo and Kerry Nuss. She finished her high school studies in 2019 and came to Shepherd to pursue a technology degree. She received the Dean's Scholarship and West Virginia Promise scholarship. Throughout her college years, she played violin in her church orchestra, volunteered for Shepherd's Seeding Your Future program, for the CyberForce Competition run by Department of Energy, and for the West Virginia VEX U Robotics Competition; and she earned industry certifications in computer security, cloud computing, and enterprise design. She also found time to study for class! She remains on track to graduate with a perfect 4.0 GPA and earn a B.S. in computer and information science with a network security concentration. Marissa was an ideal student in all my courses, and apparently, she was an ideal intern as well. Following her semester internship with AceInfo Solutions, that company has offered her a full-time position as systems administrator. Marissa is destined for greatness, so we are proud to honor her as a Shepherd University McMurran Scholar.

• *Submitted by Professor Jason Miller*

SAMUEL SLOBODA is the son of Katarina and Robert Sloboda. Before joining us at Shepherd, he attended Gymnazium Jura Hronca, one of the best high schools in Slovakia concerning mathematics and computer science. Samuel is graduating with a computer and information sciences degree and currently maintains a 4.0 GPA. He has been on the Dean's List every semester at Shepherd. Besides excelling academically, Samuel has also been a part of the men's soccer team. Last year, he also dedicated a great part of his time and effort to working in a manufacturing company, SRS Group, based in his home country of Slovakia. To conclude his consistently successful undergraduate studies, Samuel has been working on his capstone project with a focus on the conversion of web applications into native ones. This field, which has yet to be explored by the global research community, has provided Samuel not only with valuable knowledge but also the unique experience of forming a new path in a previously undiscovered context. Samuel has also secured a great advancement in his academic growth when he accepted an offer to enroll in the computing, entrepreneurship, and innovation graduate program at New York University (NYU). After his year at this prestigious university, he plans to complete an MBA in order to successfully manage a company in the future.

• *Submitted by Osman Guzide, Ph.D.*

Contemporary Art and Theater

Presented by Andy Dolan, M.F.A.

SYNDEY WOODRING, a graduate of Martinsburg High School in Martinsburg, West Virginia, is the daughter of Tracy and Brian Englebright. She has consistently exhibited creative and academic excellence by combining strong concept development capabilities with technical knowledge, attention to detail, and organizational expertise to consistently craft effective solutions to complex design tasks. Her communication abilities and other soft skills have consistently made her a leader among her student peers on group assignments, to the benefit of all. While Sydney was working on her BFA in Graphic Design, she was a recipient of Department of Contemporary Art and Chick-fil-a One scholarships. Sydney's highly successful experience as a participant in the 2020 Art Market at Evolve Gallery has helped motivate her toward future entrepreneurial pursuits upon graduation, and her internships with Shepherd, her church, and Navy Federal Credit Union have enabled her to develop a firm foundation for her aspirations to serve her community through design and administrative work as a professional.

• *Submitted by Andy Dolan, M.F.A.*

Education

Presented by Dr. Tauna Cole

LEANNA J. BASYE, the daughter of John and Lisa Basye, is a graduate of East Hardy High School and native of Baker, West Virginia. Leanna has been inducted into both Kappa Delta Pi, the honor society for education majors, and Phi Kappa Phi, which recognizes academic success across all disciplines. Leanna maintained a 4.0 GPA during her studies, graduated summa cum laude, and received special recognition for her work in social studies methods. Leanna received multiple academic-based scholarships including the first Stewart and Hansel Bailey Scholarship through the Appalachian studies program. Leanna served as the Literacy Alive chair, coordinating the Pen Pal Project with local elementary schools. After graduation, Leanna plans to teach social studies in West Virginia.

• *Submitted by Jason Allen, Ed.D.*

MAGGIE CLUGSTON is a secondary education major seeking teaching certification in mathematics 5-adult and she also in the Honors Program with a theatre minor. Maggie graduated from Linganore High School in Frederick, Maryland, where she earned 27 college credits, both AP and dual enrollment, at Frederick Community College. While in high school, Maggie was involved with the performing arts department that included numerous productions, community outreach programs, and volunteering at the middle school performing arts department. Academically, Maggie was a member of five honor societies (math, social studies, French, drama, and music) with leadership roles in two. Maggie has "always known that she wanted to be a teacher." She was inspired by a "wonderful math teacher" who, she says, "made me realize that math education was what I wanted to do for the rest of my life." Maggie remains involved with the Contemporary Theater Department on campus. It is a valuable part of her academic and personal life. She is also in the Honors Program. She remains a lifetime member of the Girl Scouts and has earned her Silver Award. Maggie continues to volunteer at youth camps every summer. Her post-graduate plans are to teach math and she hopes to obtain a master's degree in education while teaching.

• *Submitted by Karen Adams, Ph.D.*

BROOKE DUNN, daughter of John and Greta Dunn, is a graduate of Manassas Park High School in Manassas Park, Virginia. Brooke is a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Kappa Delta Pi honor societies. Her professors at Shepherd, cooperating teachers in the field, and peers speak very highly of her hard work and dedication to teaching. She is currently enrolled in the Elementary Education Yearlong Residency Program where she received a scholarship awarding her hard work academically and in the public-school classroom. Her future plans are to move to Herradura, Costa Rica, to work for Volunteer NOW Costa Rica, which works to empower women, girls, and families to combat the lure of the sex trade by teaching them God's word. In this role, she will also be helping prepare an elementary school to open in August 2023. Following this opportunity, she plans to move to Florida to teach elementary education and utilize her knowledge of the Spanish language.

• *Submitted by Dori Hargrove, Ph.D.*

KATIE LAING is a secondary education major seeking teaching certification in mathematics 5-adult. Katie came to Shepherd after she graduated from Brunswick High School in Brunswick, Maryland, where she earned credits in AP calculus AB, AP calculus BC, AP environmental, and AP biology. In high school, Katie played softball and basketball and was a member of the National Honor Society, Student Government Association, and Random Acts of Kindness Ruritan Club. Katie also participated in volunteer services with St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Katie is exceptionally talented in mathematics and her interest in teaching was inspired by her eighth-grade math teacher who explained that she became a math teacher to help students achieve the "aha moment." In Katie's words, "Shepherd is truly the perfect fit." Shepherd's Secondary Mathematics Education Program has allowed her to pursue her goal of becoming a math teacher; and has provided the opportunity to fulfill her non-academic interests, including playing college softball. Katie is also a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. After graduation Katie plans to complete her master's degree at Shepherd and then teach high school or middle school mathematics.

• *Submitted by Karen Adams, Ph.D.*

ANNA LYNCH, the daughter of Dawn and J.P. Lynch, Jr., is a graduate of Jefferson High School and native of Martinsburg, West Virginia. Anna is a founding member of the band fraternity Kappa Kappa Psi and serves as the chapter parliamentarian. For three years, Anna has served as captain of the Ram Band color guard and is a member of the Westshoremen, a local independent guard. Anna's hard work and academic skills have allowed her to serve as a writing tutor and be admitted into Shepherd's Honors Program. Anna's ability to integrate social studies content and technology received special recognition from the School of Education. After graduation, Anna plans to teach in West Virginia and coach high school color guard.

• *Submitted by Jason Allen, Ed.D.*

ABBEY SANTOS is an elementary education major who completed her student teaching in Fall 2021. Her professors at Shepherd, cooperating teachers in the field, and peers speak very highly of Abbee's hard work and dedication to teaching. She has demonstrated her ability to be an effective teacher. Abbee always has a smile on her face and maintains a positive attitude. Her passion and love for teaching are contiguous. She believes that all students can learn, and it is her responsibility as their teacher to instill a love of learning and belonging. Her goals for teaching are to foster a safe and welcoming learning environment for all her students.

• *Submitted by Dori Hargrove, Ph.D.*

English and Modern Languages

Presented by Dr. Mark Cantrell

MARY BARKER is the daughter of Brundy and Shannon Barker and is a graduate of Scott High School in Madison, West Virginia. She has been an active member of the Honors Program since she began studying at Shepherd in Fall 2018 and has pursued a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in English (literature concentration) and dual minors in Appalachian studies and marketing. Mary has worked as a writing tutor in the Academic Support Center for three years, is currently an editor for “Sans Merci,” and will be working with Dr. Sylvia Shurbutt on the next “Anthology of Appalachian Writers.” She is an active member of the Order of Omega, Sigma Tau Delta, and Alpha Phi Omega; she served as Alpha Phi Omega’s Service Chair for at least four semesters and was awarded the Chapter Distinguished Service Key for outstanding service in the chapter. Mary has completed Shepherd’s leadership certificate and was recently inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi honor society. Mary will graduate in May, and her plans include a summer internship and beginning a career in editing and publishing.

• *Submitted by Mark Cantrell, Ph.D.*

ISABELLA “IZZY” HAWKINBERRY is the daughter of Denzil Hawkinberry, II and Kimberly Hawkinberry, and is a graduate of Bridgeport High School in Bridgeport, West Virginia. She has been an active member of the Honors Program since she began studying at Shepherd in Fall 2018, has pursued a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in English (creative writing concentration) and a minor in art, and has already begun coursework toward a Master of Arts in Teaching. Among Izzy’s proudest accomplishments at Shepherd are having two poems accepted for the most recent volume of “Sans Merci,” one of which was chosen as runner-up for Best Poetry; being part of the ShepOWL Tutor Training Program with Ms. Yildiz Nuredinowski; and “forming such wonderful relationships with [her] professors and classmates that have genuinely given [her] so much motivation to become an educator [herself].” Izzy’s immediate plans after graduation include continuing in the Master of Arts in teaching program at Shepherd, with the goal of becoming a high school English teacher in one of the local counties so that she can positively impact West Virginia’s education system at the source.

• *Submitted by Mark Cantrell, Ph.D.*

LILY KESSLER attended Jefferson High School, and their parents are Christy and Daniel Kessler. Lily is a secondary english education major. Last year, they were the president of both the Shepherd University Rotaract Club and the Study Abroad Club. Lily is a very talented creative writer, their work often exploring myths and history through the lens of the fantastical, whether it be in poetry or prose. Lily has also continually impressed the faculty of the Department of English and Modern Languages with their insightful scholarship and intense love of languages. Since their earliest semesters at Shepherd, Lily has had three interrelated interests: education, learning new languages, and travel. After graduation, Lily plans to pursue a degree in linguistics and to teach abroad, bringing together those three core interests. Here at the Department of English and Modern Languages, we wish Lily the best of luck in all their future endeavors and ambitions.

• *Submitted by James Pate, Ph.D.*

ISABELLA SAGER, from Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, is the daughter of Tina and Paul Sager and is a graduate of Jefferson High School in Shenandoah Junction. She entered Shepherd in Fall 2018 as an Honors student and has pursued a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in

English (literature concentration) and a minor in modern languages (French and German). Although a bit reticent to speak up in classes, whatever Isabella says carries weight with her professors and peers. She has impressed all the departmental faculty with her sophisticated analysis, her impressive intellect, and her masterful writing. She has been an officer in Sigma Tau Delta, the international English honor society, and a senior editor with the University's creative publication, "Sans Merci." After graduation, Isabella hopes to find work as an editor or with a publishing company, and she thinks graduate study is in the not-too-distant future. Those of us in the Department of English and Modern Languages know she will be a success at whatever she attempts.

• *Submitted by Timothy K. Nixon, Ph.D.*

SARAH SEIBERT attended Martinsburg High School. Her parents are Jeremy and Susan Seibert. At Shepherd, Sarah has been the president of Sigma Tau Delta, the English honors society. She loved planning events for the organization that centered around poetry, storytelling, and literature. Last year, she participated in the Sigma Tau Delta international convention. Sarah has served as a writing tutor for the Academic Support Center. She has been an editor for "Sans Merci," Shepherd's literary magazine. Her poetry is forthcoming in Folio magazine. She is also musical. Sarah plays acoustic guitar, sings, and does sound mixing for her church. This past summer, she had an internship at CACI International, honing her research skills and encouraging her to seek a career in intelligence and security. Sarah chose to have two minors, psychology and communications, so she could understand people and communicate with them. Her major and minors will serve her well in her future career. Sarah plans to attend graduate school to study international relations and has already been accepted by some excellent programs. We expect her to go all over the world and we look forward to hearing about her adventures.

• *Submitted by Carrie Messenger, Ph.D.*

MADISON PAIGE SITES, the daughter of Nikki and Kelly Sites, and a graduate of Petersburg High School in Petersburg, West Virginia, has been a welcome presence in the classroom, earning the respect of her peers and her instructors. She has excelled in every aspect of English studies, particularly in the analysis of literature and the composition of her own poetry. It has been a joy for her professors to see Madison develop distinct yet connected critical and poetic voices. Madison understands that words have world-shaping power—and her poetry helps readers understand this, too. Not surprisingly, she has made a name for herself outside of the classroom. She has presented on Emily Dickinson at the West Virginia Undergraduate Literary Symposium. Madison has been published in two volumes of "Sans Merci," and this year, she won the Best Poem award. Finally, she has written and edited the department newsletter, putting her skills to work in another important venue. After graduation, Madison hopes to work in editing and perhaps pursue graduate studies. No matter where her path leads her, she is poised to make her mark on the world through her writing.

• *Submitted by Heidi M. Hanrahan, Ph.D.*

VIVIENNE WELLS, from Charles Town, West Virginia, is the daughter of Stephanie and Dan Wells and the sister of Savannah Wells (Shepherd alumna, Class of 2020). Vivienne is a graduate of Jefferson High School in Shenandoah Junction. She entered Shepherd in Fall 2018 as an Honors student and has pursued a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in English (literature concentration) and a minor in art history. In addition to volunteering her time and energy to the Eastern Panhandle Empowerment Center and the Harpers Ferry Bolivar Library, Vivienne has served as the vice president of Sigma Tau Delta, the international English honor society.

She has presented papers at Sigma Tau Delta and COPLAC conferences, and has worked with Shepherd students as a writing tutor in the Academic Support Center. After graduation, Vivienne hopes to find an editing position. English and Modern Languages faculty have treasured Vivienne's collegiality, humor, and hard work, and we wish her all the best.

• *Submitted by Timothy K. Nixon, Ph.D.*

Environmental and Physical Sciences

Presented by Dr. Sytil Murphy

KYLE JACOB HOOVER is the son of William Hoover and Theresa Hoover and graduated from Musselman High School in Inwood, West Virginia. While earning his degree in Environmental Studies, Kyle has frequented the Shepherd Dean's List. He is also the recipient of a Promise Scholarship and the Henry W. Miller, Jr. Scholarship. After graduating, Kyle hopes to pursue a career with the National Park Service or an agency with a similar mission.

• *Submitted by Jeff Groff, Ph.D.*

ALEXIS JANEL PARROTTE, the daughter of Stephen Dennis Parrotte II and Erica Janel Parrotte, is a graduate of South Hagerstown High School in Hagerstown, Maryland, and the STEM Technical Middle College Program at Hagerstown Community College. While earning her degree in environmental studies with a concentration in aquatic sciences, Alexis was also a researcher in the aquaponics laboratory at Shepherd's Agricultural Innovation Center at Tabler Farm. Her work monitoring the water quality of the aquaponics system will lead to better management and vegetable production. Alexis is also a member of the Shepherd women's golf team. After graduating, Alexis will pursue a master's degree in environmental biology and a GIS certificate at Hood College.

• *Submitted by Peter Vila, Ph.D.*

MARIA NANETTE SEAMAN is the daughter of Paul Seaman and Simone Seaman and a graduate of Washington High School in Charles Town, West Virginia. While earning her degree in environmental studies, Maria researched changing diversity of organisms in aquatic ecosystems and the connection to warming trends. Maria is proud of the relationships she has built at Shepherd. They have encouraged her to extend her academic and personal abilities. After graduating, Maria looks forward to pursuing graduate studies and professional opportunities.

• *Submitted by Jeff Groff, Ph.D.*

History

Presented by Dr. James Broomall

BRADY MICHAEL is the son of Donald Michael Jr., and Paula Michael, of Hedgesville, West Virginia. He graduated with honors from Hedgesville High School and has continued this academic excellence at Shepherd as part of the Honors Program. He majored in history and minored in art history. Brady is an extraordinary person. Indeed, seldom have I encountered someone as generous in spirit, courteous in manner, and professional in comportment. He is an absolute pleasure to interact with and has, throughout his professional and personal life, assumed leadership roles to better those around him as witnessed, for example, in his presidency of Campus Ministry International and vice presidency of Phi Alpha Theta. Brady possesses strong oral communication skills and has an insightful intellect. He translated this expertise into successful internships at the Belle Boyd House in Martinsburg and with U.S. Term Limits.

For Belle Boyd, Brady created a fascinating exhibit on the Civil War-era that used artifacts and imagery to craft a layered and engaging narrative about the region's contested 19th-century history. Brady brought to every class a lively intelligence and a remarkable work ethic. Through completed assignments and classroom participation, he demonstrated an enthusiasm for learning about different societies from around the world as well as a mature level of intercultural sensitivity. He possesses a deep gift for writing and research, as reflected in his fascinating capstone project on how artists over time have portrayed and interpreted the Battle of Gettysburg. After graduating, Brady seeks work with the federal government in a capacity that allows him to interface with the battlefields of the American Civil War that he has so passionately studied.

- *Submitted by James J. Broomall, Ph.D.*

Music

Presented by Dr. Austin Showen

MEGHAN BUTLER, the daughter of Angela and Richard Butler, is a graduate of Williamsport High School. She currently studies voice with Elizabeth Holmes as well as piano with Yu-Husan Liao. While at Shepherd, she has participated in Masterworks Chorale, Chamber Singers, Camerata Soprano/Alto Choir, Wind Ensemble, and the Contemporary Vocal Ensemble. Most recently, Meghan has performed a leading role in the production "Orpheus Explored" as well as a few other solos in various concerts. She currently has a 4.0 music GPA and has completed many additional music classes to help grow her musicianship. Meghan has spent time tutoring students as well as helping during audition days for future music students at the Frank Center. She has also taken a few Spanish courses at Shepherd to further her study of the Spanish language. After graduating, Meghan plans to pursue a master's degree as well as become a choir director.

- *Submitted by Rachel Carlson, D.M.A.*

CORWIN NEAT, a graduate of Perry Hall High School in Baltimore, is the son of Hal and Kristen Neat. He was a member of Tri-M Music Honor Society and the recipient of the Louis Armstrong Outstanding Jazz Musician Award. Corwin is a music education major with trombone as his primary instrument. As a trombonist, Corwin has performed in Ram Band, Wind Ensemble Jazz, Ensemble, Brass Ensemble, and Chamber Singers. He has been section leader in the instrumental ensembles the past two years. Corwin has also served as a student coordinator for the annual Shepherd Honor Music Festival. He is the recipient of a School of Music scholarship award. Corwin served as a charter member, chair of the uniform committee, and Service Director for the newly formed Xi Alpha chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi, National Band Fraternity.

- *Submitted by Scott Hippensteel, D.M.A*

LORIE PAYNE is a music performance major with a concentration in organ. Lorie transferred from Brigham Young University Idaho to Shepherd in Fall 2019. She has participated in many ensembles including, but not limited to, Piano Ensemble, Wind Ensemble, Camerata Soprano/Alto Choir, Masterworks Choir, and Orchestra. Lorie has studied organ, piano, composing/arranging, violin, and voice. She is the treasurer for Shepherd's chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota Fraternity, and a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Tau Sigma honor societies. She currently serves as a member of the Student Government Association. After graduating, she plans to work on improving the musical climate of her church and community while pursuing a master's degree in organ. She is grateful to her husband, Steve, for his help and support, without which she

never would have gone back to school.

• *Submitted by Yu-Hsuan Liao, DMA*

Political Science, Global Studies, and Geography

Presented by Dr. Samuel Greene

JACOB CROSS, the son of Michael and April Cross, attended Washington High School in Charles Town, West Virginia, before starting at Shepherd in Fall 2018. Jacob decided to major in political science as he is deeply interested in constitutional law and civil liberties. He minored in business administration to develop a well-rounded professional skill set in preparation for a career in private legal practice. Jacob's commitment to academic excellence has earned him a number of distinctions, including the G.D. Bragaw Scholarship and James S. Hafer Memorial Scholarship. He placed second in the annual Congressional Term Limits competition, which is sponsored by Glen Burnie, Maryland-based Congressional Term Limits Foundation. He is also an active member of the Debate Team and has won the sixth-place award in Persuasive Speaking at a major regional tournament. After earning his bachelor's degree, Jacob plans on attending law school and specializing in constitutional law. Satisfied with the academic training he received at Shepherd, Jacob believes he is well-prepared for the challenges of legal education.

• *Submitted by Max Guirguis, Ph.D.*

ALYSSA NAZAROK, the daughter of Karen Nazarok and Paul Nazarok, graduated from Mainland Regional High School in Linwood, New Jersey. She began her studies at Shepherd in Fall 2018, double majoring in political science and global studies with a minor in psychology. Her interest in social policy and public service led her to internships with the New Jersey Casino Reinvestment Development Authority, the nonprofit WV FREE, and Kathy Kunkle's campaign for Congress. She was involved in myriad activities on campus, including serving as the president of the Young Democrats and the Political Science Honors Society, as well as vice-president of the Civility Club. She was selected to serve as the student board member of The Bonnie and Bill Stubblefield Institute for Civil Political Communications at Shepherd. Alyssa played for four years on Shepherd's women's soccer team, serving two years as a captain. Her leadership and academic achievements were recognized by her status as a finalist for the Marshall and Truman Scholarships, as well as her selection to represent West Virginia at the Henry Clay Center for Statemanship's College Student Congress. Following her graduation, she plans to obtain a graduate degree in social policy and work for a nonprofit or local government on education policy or other topics related to poverty policy.

• *Submitted by Samuel Greene, Ph.D.*

TAYLER SISK is a native of the quaint Appalachian town of Buckhannon, West Virginia, where she attended Buckhannon-Upshur High School. She is the daughter of Roger L. and Terri D. Sisk. At Shepherd, Tayler pursued the Bachelor of Arts in global studies with a concentration in global economics and development and a minor in marketing. She has earned a 4.0 GPA and has made it to the Dean's List consistently since she entered Shepherd in Fall 2019. Tayler has been an Honors Program student, inducted into Phi Kappa Phi, an honor society established in 1897 to recognize superior scholarship and academic excellence, and Phi Beta Delta, an honor society for international scholars. She has received numerous scholarship awards including the West Virginia Promise Scholarship, President's Scholarship, Louise Leonard Nelson Memorial Scholarship, and Ralph Burkhart Legacy Scholarship. After graduation, Tayler

wants to combine her knowledge and skills in global studies and marketing with her abiding love for Appalachia by attracting new businesses to the region.

• *Submitted by Marat Akopian, Ph.D.*

Psychology

Presented by Dr. Christopher Lovelace

CONNOR COTÉ, son of Sunday and Robert Coté, was homeschooled through high school. While at Shepherd, Connor has taken advantage of all of the experiences the University has to offer. He currently serves as president of the psychology honor society, Psi Chi. He also enjoys writing and is proud to have earned recognition for best prose in Shepherd's student-run creative magazine, "Sans Merci." Connor is currently working on a senior capstone project examining the effectiveness of cognitive reappraisal as a way of dealing with stressful events. He hypothesizes that cognitive reappraisal becomes more effective as psychological distance increases, and he is currently conducting an experiment to test this prediction. Connor intends to pursue a Ph.D. in psychology in order to become a licensed clinical psychologist. His clinical practicum at Berkeley Medical Center has given him experience with many different disorders, and he plans to work with anxiety disorders, particularly OCD, either in research or in private practice. His primary goal is to help as many people as possible.

• *Submitted by Lindsey Levitan, Ph.D.*

RIANNAH FIORILLI, daughter of Christopher Fiorilli and Amy Fiorilli of Bunker Hill, West Virginia, graduated from Musselman High School. She has made the most of her time at Shepherd, not only achieving the Dean's List every semester, but also becoming a member of Psi Chi, the international honor society in psychology, and by making many lasting connections with the people she has met here. As an ever-ambitious psychology-sociology double major, Riannah is completing two capstone research projects. Her psychology capstone is focused on investigating the impact of stress on the frequency of nightmares, and her sociology capstone is looking at the relationship between political party identity and attitudes toward gun control. Following graduation, Riannah hopes to work in the government, ultimately helping children as a victim specialist. The psychology faculty are extremely proud of what Riannah has achieved and look forward to learning of her future accomplishments.

• *Submitted by Chris Lovelace, Ph.D.*

ALEXIS SAUER is from Charles Town, West Virginia, and is the daughter of Melanie and Raymond Sauer, II. She graduated from Washington High School and began her studies at Shepherd in Fall 2019. Alexis majored in psychology, while minoring in gender and women's studies. Alexis is a member of Psi Chi, the international honor society in psychology. She is entertaining the thought of getting her master's degree at Shepherd in the CSDA program after taking a one-year break. Her hobbies include singing, playing her guitar, and reading. The Department of Psychology is proud to count Alexis as one of our McMurren scholars.

• *Submitted by Joe Merz, Ph.D.*

MARIE SHINDLEDECKER, daughter of Shonna Platt and Derek Shindledecker, attended Musselman High School in Inwood, West Virginia. She is a member of the Psi Chi Honor Society, a recipient of the Tri-State Civitan Scholarship, and an outstanding student in the psychology program at Shepherd. Her professors at Shepherd comment on Marie's exceptional academic prowess, deep intelligence, warmhearted empathy, and consistent willingness to go above and

beyond to help her fellow classmates succeed. She is looking forward to presenting her senior capstone project on the timely topic of face masks and the formation of first impressions. After graduation, Marie plans to go to a social work graduate program and do clinical work with young adults and adolescents. In her spare time, Marie enjoys reading and working at Four Seasons Books in Shepherdstown.

• *Submitted by Tomas Yufik, Ph.D.*

Recreation, Sport, and Exercise Science

Presented by Dr. Stacey Kendig

JORDAN BORHER is a 2019 Martinsburg High School graduate. She is the daughter of Misty Bohrer and granddaughter of Stephen “Wade” Bohrer. Jordan is a health promotion/exercise science major. While attending Shepherd, Jordan has left her mark academically: she was on the Dean’s List (2019-2021), the recipient of numerous scholarships, and is a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. Jordan is also a member of the WISE Program and Shepherd’s dance team. Upon graduation, Jordan plans to pursue a physician assistant graduate program and specialize in adolescent psychology. Jordan would like to thank her family, coaches, and teachers for helping her achieve her collegiate goals. She would like to give her mother and grandfather a special thank you for their support and unconditional love. Jordan contributes her attributes of humility and determination to her grandmother.

• *Submitted by Jessica Graham, Ed.D.*

TANNER DIXON is an outstanding senior and athlete at Shepherd. Tanner is studying sport marketing with a major in recreation and leisure studies and a minor in entrepreneurship. Tanner is from Frederick, Maryland, where he attended Frederick High School and graduated in 2019. Tanner would like to extend his gratitude to his parents Kymberli and Lance Dixon for their support in his academic, athletics, and personal growth. Tanner’s focus, dedication, and demonstration of professionalism in his areas of study are highly admired by his faculty, family, and peers. Any task Tanner takes on, you can be sure it will be completed thoroughly and correctly. His interpersonal skills are strong, and he treats people with respect and dignity. He has an open and honest nature that makes people around him feel comfortable. Tanner is an admirable person, and he is a delight to coach. I feel that his determination coupled with his work ethic provides the ingredients necessary to be successful. Tanner is a pitcher for the Shepherd baseball team and has received the 2021 PSAC Baseball Champion Scholar Award. Tanner will be returning to Shepherd to pursue an MBA. Tanner represents Shepherd as the student representative for SHAPEWV.

• *Submitted by Greg Place, Ph.D.*

MACKENZIE DUDLEY is a Maryland native and a Williamsport High School graduate. MacKenzie is the daughter of Eric and Stacey Dudley. While attending Shepherd, MacKenzie is pursuing health promotion and exercise science. She has consistently been named to the Dean’s List and she is a four-time PSAC Scholar. MacKenzie had been involved in several extracurricular activities: Women’s soccer, ShepOwl writing tutor, and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. After graduation, MacKenzie plans to earn a Ph.D. in physical therapy. MacKenzie would like to acknowledge her mom, dad, and sister, Delanie, for supporting her and for being her biggest fans. She would also like to thank her Aunt Shelley and Uncle Tim for their assistance and support. Lastly, MacKenzie would like to extend immense gratitude to Dr. Graham and Dr.

Lawless for driving her to new academic limits and preparing her for the next academic chapter as a student, health professional, and community member.

• *Submitted by Jessica Graham, Ed.D.*

ADAM STILLEY is from Martinsburg, West Virginia, and is the son of Robert and Lori Stilley. Adam has a sister, Samantha Potts, who is married to Ryan Potts, a Shepherd alumnus. Adam graduated from Martinsburg High School in 2017 with a 4.3 GPA. Adam majored in recreation and sport studies with a concentration in interscholastic athletic administration. Adam has been a member of the Shepherd Rams football team. In addition to his many contributions to Shepherd and the community, Adam received the Outstanding Interscholastic Athletic Administration Student Award and is a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Fraternity. Adam is currently enrolled in the MBA program at Shepherd. Upon graduation, Adam plans to pursue a career in a sports-related industry. Adam sends a special thank you to his parents and the School of Recreation, Sport, and Exercise Science faculty and staff.

• *Submitted by Andro L Barnett, Ph.D.*

EMMY STRAUSS is from Williamstown, West Virginia, and the daughter of Nikki and Buddy Butler, and Jason Strauss. Emmy has been an active student in recreation and sport studies major with a concentration in tourism, hospitality, and entrepreneurship. She has also successfully completed an additional minor in marketing. While at Shepherd, Emmy has been a member of the cheerleading squad for the past four years and was voted its captain for the 2021-2022 season. She is also an active member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society while also working at the Suzanne Shipley Wellness Center. Upon graduation, Emmy aspires to move to Florida to pursue a career with a tourism marketing firm.

• *Submitted by Dr. Stacey M Kendig*

JARRETTE ZOPP is from West Virginia and attended Elkins High School. He is the son of Alexandria and Jon Zopp. Jarrette pursued health promotion and exercise science while attending Shepherd and accumulated several academic accolades: Dean's List (2017-2021), summa cum laude (December 2021), PSAC Scholar Athlete (2019, 2021), All-Conference MEC Academic Team (2017, 2018), President's Scholarship, and the School of Recreation, Sport, and Exercise Science Director's Award (2021). Jarrette was a member of the Shepherd football team and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He is currently working as a medical scribe in preparation of his physician assistant program. Jarrette intends to specialize his training in orthopedic surgery. Jarrette would like to extend thanks to Dr. Jessica Graham, Dr. Desmond Lawless, Andre Pope, Josh Kline, Ernie McCook, and all of his family for their efforts and support throughout his undergraduate journey.

• *Submitted by Jessica Graham, Ed.D.*

Social Work

Presented by Dr. Craig Cline

ALYSSA GARAGIOLA is the daughter of Cindy, Rob, Sean, and Hannah, and sister of Erica, Penelope, Jonathan, and Jamesson. She is a graduate of Oakdale High School in Ijamsville, Maryland. During her time at Shepherd, Alyssa's extensive community service activities included Rotaract, Alternative Spring Break, Emerging Leaders in Service Peer Leadership Team, and Children's Home Society. This year, Alyssa worked tirelessly to recruit fellow students to reestablish the Social Work Association. Alyssa's scholarly achievement highlights include col-

laboration on a chapter in “Breaking resistance in the classroom: A collaborative online international learning experience” (with Dr. Howard-Bostic) and a yearlong internship at Eastern Panhandle Empowerment Center, where she advocated at the 2022 West Virginia legislative session for legislation that will help stalking survivors. Following graduation, Alyssa plans to pursue Master of Social Work at Rutgers University School of Social Work, where she has been admitted with advanced standing.

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

AMANDA WETZEL is the daughter of Dawn and Greg Raab, and Jason and Ann Wetzel, granddaughter of Carolyn and Allen Wetzel, and sister of Ashley Wetzel and Dylan Raab. Amanda is a graduate of Brunswick High School in Brunswick, Maryland. During the 2021-22 academic year, Amanda has been an intern with the Safe Haven Child Advocacy Center at the West Virginia Children’s Home Society, where she has served children and families experiencing child abuse, connecting them with information and resources and providing support and advocacy throughout the investigative and judicial process. Following graduation, Amanda plans to continue her work at Safe Haven as a family advocate and forensic interviewer. Amanda’s future plans include continued education through a graduate program in clinical social work.

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

Sociology, Criminology, and Criminal Justice

Presented by Dr. Chiquita Howard-Bostic

NICOLE PURTELL will graduate with a double major: B.S. in business administration and B.S. in sociology with a concentration in criminal justice. Nicole is also enrolled in Shepherd’s MBA 4+1 program, which she will complete next year. She is a phenomenal student-athlete and the first Shepherd softball player to be named All-American. Nicole also represented Shepherd as an intern for the 23rd District of the Public Defender’s Office in Fall 2020. Her thesis for the sociology degree was exemplary, exploring inherited safety, gender roles, and assessments of safety finding that male respondents have a higher perception of safety when compared to female respondents. We are so proud of Nicole and look forward to watching her become a change agent in the criminal justice field.

• *Submitted by Chiquita Howard-Bostic, Ph.D.*

LAURA WOLFE majored in sociology with a concentration in criminal justice and a minor in psychology. She has excelled in the classroom and shown dedication to Shepherd through her work at the Suzanne Shipley Wellness Center, where she has made lifelong friends and community connections. Laura has been a member of Phi Kappa Phi since her junior year. She volunteers at Asbury United Methodist Church, where she helps kids, during and after school, as part of the School Sharpener Program. After graduating with her Bachelor of Science in sociology, Laura plans to pursue a career in organizational management. Specifically, she hopes to use her knowledge and experiences from Shepherd to bring about positive changes and improvements in the workplace.

• *Submitted by Robert M. Anthony, Ph.D.*

The McMurren Convocation “Last Lecture”

The McMurren 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 McMurren 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.

Dr. David Wing
Retired, Associate Professor of Biology
McMurrin Convocation “Last Lecturer”

Dr. David Bernard Wing, a New Yorker at heart, lived and worked in eight states in the U.S. He graduated from Ramapo Senior High School, Rockland County, New York, in 1972. After high school, he attended Columbia College in New York City where he majored in biology and was awarded the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1976. He continued to study at Columbia University and earned his Master of Philosophy and Master of Science from the Department of Human Genetics and Development. During his master's studies, he ventured out-of-state for the first time and conducted a lab rotation under the mentorship of Dr. Arthur Weissbach at the Roche Institute of Molecular Biology in Nutley, New Jersey.

To complete his doctoral thesis, he chose to study at the Roche Institute and better define the role of the host cell nucleus in vaccinia virus replication. Columbia University awarded him his Ph.D. in 1984. He spent five years as a postdoctoral fellow at the Max Planck Institute of Plant Research, Cologne, Germany, where he shifted from human virology to plant molecular biology and examined how a gene could be in one part of a plant and not another, and the developmental regulation of plant genes. He then spent two years as a visiting postdoctoral scientist at the National Institute of Agrobiological Resources in Tsukuba, Japan, where he attempted to genetically engineer rice. He returned to the U.S. and taught botany and genetics as an assistant professor at the Department of Biology at New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology in Socorro, New Mexico.

In August 1999, he returned to the east coast and joined the Department of Biology at Shepherd. Here, he taught genetics, molecular biology, evolution, and general biology. After about three years of teaching at Shepherd, he initiated the development of a second biology program, a comprehensive major in ecological sciences. He is gratified to see the program gaining traction with concerns over global climate change growing. He was chair of the admissions and credits committee from 2009 to 2011. He then served as chair of biology from 2013 to 2021. From the very start of his tenure at Shepherd, Dr. Wing has maintained a deep commitment to undergraduate research. He conducted research and mentored students investigating several topics from plant sensitivity to copper, differences in the composition of leaf waxes, and the regeneration of an endangered plant species from leaf cuttings. Midway through his Shepherd career, he shifted from plant molecular biology to fruit fly genetics to compare two fruit fly mutants with different levels of wing development. All these efforts rewarded students with presentations at WV-INBRE and West Virginia Academy of Sciences. He retired from Shepherd in January 2022, and now lives in Burlington, Vermont, minutes from his son and two young grandchildren. He is deeply honored to be invited to speak today.

Joseph McMurran, Jr. Shepherd College Principal 1871-1882

Joseph McMurran, Jr., was the first principal of Shepherd College. Son of Joseph McMurran 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, McMurran enrolled in Hampton-Sydney College at age 19, graduating in 1852 with a bachelor of arts degree.

Joseph McMurran 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—McMurran was captured at Kernstown in 1862 and was confined to a Union prison for six months.

After the war, McMurran 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, McMurran 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. McMurran 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 McMurran frequently spent money from his own pocket for building maintenance. Although the enrollment gradually increased, McMurran became discouraged, resigning in 1882, to establish a partnership in a drugstore called Baker and McMurran in Shepherdstown.

Joseph McMurran, 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. McMurran died on Saint Valentine's Day 1902.

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

McMurrin Scholars, 1961-2021

1961: Sandra S. Osbourn, Garland H. Ott, Nicholas J. Pappas

1962: Paul W. Apple, Bonnie Brannon, Pamela Pappas, Kialeen S. Potterton, Carol Ann Van Evera

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