



# Sixty-Second McMurren Convocation

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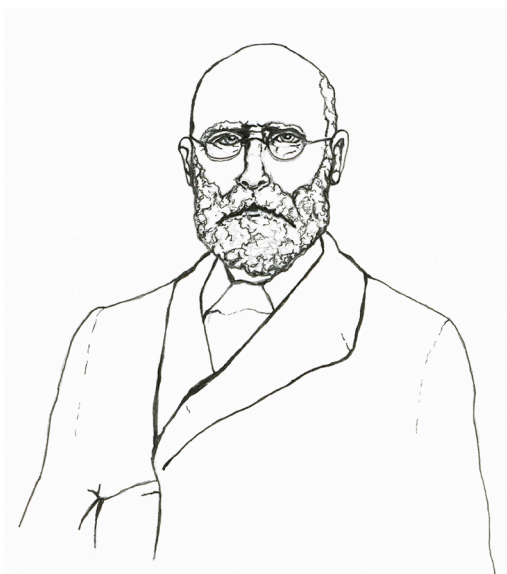
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Presented by

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

### **The Star-Spangled Banner and Shepherd University Alma Mater**

Meghan Butler, voice

Brass Quintet: Joe Rupert, trumpet; Dorian Hemerick, trumpet;  
Maggie White, horn; Tristan Snyder, trombone; Savannah Hodges, tuba

Dr. Scott Hippensteel, director

### **McMurrin Address: The Last Lecture Series**

Dr. Desmond Lawless, Adjunct Professor in the  
School of Recreation, Sport, and Exercise Sciences (retired)

### **Presentation of the 2023 Joseph McMurrin Scholars**

Accounting: Dr. Cindy Vance

Biology: Dr. Court Company

Business: Dr. Ben Martz

Communication: Dr. Jason Grant McKahan

Computer Science, Mathematics, and Engineering: Dr. Robert Monahan

Contemporary Art and Theater: Sonya Evanisko

Education: Dr. James Tuttle

Environmental and Physical Sciences: Dr. Sytil Murphy

History: Dr. Keith Alexander

Music: Dr. Stefan Swanson

Nursing: Dr. Lisa M. Zerull

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

Psychology: Dr. Larry Z. Daily

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

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 McMurren Scholars

*Inducted 2023*

Madeleine Absher	Anna McDonald
Chloe Bailey	Madison Mertz
Elaina Bailey	Jacob Miner
Ethan Baker	Victoria Nicholes
Ethan Bevan	Kristin Nichols
Conner Brown	Leane Oppenheimer
Jennifer Burner	Amy Porter
Taylor Cenate	Lori Row
Audrey Chapman	Isabella Scafidi
Ava Decatur	Braden Shaw
Boluwatife Dogari	Treyton Sine
Samuel Ellis	Kala Sizemore
Brianna Enos	Paris Sokel
Mikhaela Ferguson	Sikara Sokel
Brady Fields	Stacy Stutler
Breigh-Anne Glover	Asa Thurman
Brandt Hammond	Skyler Trigger
Nathan Hodgkinson	Hannah Tucker
Caroline Hosmer	Matthew VanDuzer
Josiah Kowalski	Kristen Vernon
Zachary Lathwell	Catherine Vickers
Faith Leisinger	Summer Vorsteg
Elisa Lemus	Kaitlyn Warren
Alicia Lewis	Garrett Watcher
Brenden Lewis	Elizabeth Wellings
Taylor Linton	Chelsea Wells
Colt Malatt	Summer Whetzel
Jamison Marceron	

# 2023 McMurran Scholars

## Accounting

*Presented by Dr. Cindy Vance*

**BRADY COLLINS FIELDS**, son of Jay and Susan Fields of Martinsburg, West Virginia, graduated summa cum laude from Martinsburg High School, where he was a member of the National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, and Social Studies National Honor Society. He was a four-year member of the Key Club, where he served as treasurer. In addition to being a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, he has been on the Dean's List at Shepherd every semester. Brady is the recipient of the West Virginia Promise Scholarship, Shepherd University Director's Scholarship, Martinsburg High Alumni Scholarship, West Virginia Board of Realtors Scholarship, Paul Saub Scholarship, West Virginia Service Personnel Scholarship, Shenandoah Federal Bank Scholarship, and the Roger Hamood Accounting Scholarship. After graduating from Shepherd, Brady plans to join the public accounting firm of Decker & Company PLLC in Martinsburg as a full-time staff accountant. Additionally, he plans to pursue a Master of Business Administration at Shepherd and obtain the certified public accountant (CPA) certification to pursue a career as a licensed CPA. He would like to give thanks to God and to his grandparents James and Loretta McGowan for their support and all they have done for him.

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

**BRANDT HAMMOND**, son of Brian and Karen Hammond of Hedgesville, West Virginia, graduated summa cum laude from Musselman High School, where he was a member of the National Honor Society and Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society. In addition to being a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, he has been on the Dean's List every semester at Shepherd. Brandt received the Promise Scholarship, Shepherd University Dean's Scholarship, Musselman High School Alumni Association Scholarship, and the John/Linda Strider Scholarship. Brandt is pursuing a double major in accounting and business administration with a concentration in management. He is an active member of Shepherd University's Accounting Club. After graduating from Shepherd in May 2024, Brandt plans to work for a public accounting firm and become a licensed certified public accountant.

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

**ANNA McDONALD**, daughter of Lowell and Nancy McDonald of Martinsburg, West Virginia, graduated summa cum laude from Spring Mills High School, where she was a member of the Student Government, the National Honor Society, the swim team, and the lacrosse team. She has been on the Dean's List every semester at Shepherd. Anna is the recipient of the Promise Scholarship,



Shepherd University Dean's Scholarship, and the Chick-fil-A Leadership Scholarship. While pursuing her bachelor's degree in accounting, Anna worked as an accounting intern for both Dopson & Associates, CPA, and Rutherford & Johnson, PC. After graduating from Shepherd, Anna plans to work at CohnReznick, a public accounting firm in Bethesda, Maryland. Additionally, she plans to obtain a certified public accountant (CPA) certification to pursue an accounting career as a licensed CPA.

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

**LORI ROW**, daughter of Michael and Leslie Row of Elkins, West Virginia, began working in accounting after high school. After twenty years working in automotive accounting, she began and completed an Associate of Applied Science in accounting from Blue Ridge Community and Technical College, where she was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. She received the Spirit of Accounting Award and was on the Dean's List every semester. Lori transferred to Shepherd University to complete a Bachelor of Science with a major in accounting. She is a member of Shepherd University's Accounting Club and Delta Sigma Pi fraternity, where she served as vice president of scholarships and awards for two semesters. She was also inducted into the Tau Sigma National Honor Society and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. Lori received the Thomas and Sherry Lurry Memorial Scholarship and the Roach Oil Company Business Scholarship. After graduating from Shepherd, Lori plans to attend Marshall University to pursue a Master of Accountancy. She plans to obtain the certified public accountant (CPA) and certified management accountant (CMA) certifications and teach accounting at a local college.

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

**CATHERINE BELLE VICKERS**, daughter of John and Lydia Vickers of Kearneysville, West Virginia, graduated summa cum laude from Jefferson High School, where she was a member of the National Honor Society, concert choir, and chamber choir. She was also active in the 4-H Club where she served as secretary and treasurer. In addition to being an Honors Program student, she has been on the Dean's List every semester at Shepherd. She is an active member in both Shepherd University's Accounting Club, serving as secretary, and Delta Sigma Pi fraternity, serving as the vice president of finance and fundraising chair. Additionally, she participated in the Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program at Shepherd. Catherine is currently working at Smith, Elliot, Kearns & Company, LLC, in Hagerstown, Maryland, as a tax intern. After graduating from Shepherd in May 2024 with a bachelor's degree in accounting, Catherine plans to attend Marshall University to pursue a Master of Accountancy and obtain the certified public accountant (CPA) certification to pursue a career in tax accounting as a licensed CPA.

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

# Biology

*Presented by Dr. Court Campany*

**MADELEINE ABSHER**, daughter of Elizabeth and Justin Absher, graduated from Jefferson High School, in Shenandoah Junction, West Virginia, in 2020. Madeleine is an outstanding student in the Honors Program with a major in biology and a minor in Spanish. Madeleine works as a student assistant at the Public Services Desk at Scarborough Library and serves as secretary of the Student Library Advisory Board. Outside Shepherd University, she worked as a veterinary assistant at Hillside Veterinary Hospital. In addition to her passion for foreign languages, Madeleine loves spending time outside and sketching nature. Madeleine plans to pursue a master's degree in library science to support her long-term career goal of working as a research librarian in a library of medicine.

• *Submitted by Dr. Laura Robertson*

**CONNER BROWN**, son of Courtney and Robert Brown, graduated from Saint Maria Goretti High School in Hagerstown, Maryland, in 2020. Conner started his undergraduate career as a nursing major at Averett University in Danville, Virginia, before transferring to Shepherd University, where he is an excellent student majoring in biology with a minor in nutrition. As a soccer player and president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Conner represents student-athletes at the institutional, conference, and national levels. Conner is an avid runner, who competes regularly in 5K and 10K community races and has worked as a swim instructor in various venues for six years. Conner plans to complete a physical therapy graduate program, with the long-term career goal of working as a physical therapist in the area.

• *Submitted by Dr. Laura Robertson*

**MIKHAELA FERGUSON**, daughter of Barbara and Michael Ferguson, graduated in 2020 from Martinsburg High School in Martinsburg, West Virginia. Mikhaela is an outstanding biology major with a double minor in education and environmental studies. Mikhaela completed a Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) at the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory in Colorado in 2022 and is currently conducting research with Dr. Campany to investigate the impact of growth conditions on plant photosynthetic output. She will expand her research skills at Mountain Lake Biological Station in Virginia this summer. Mikhaela is president of the Shepherd chapter of TriBeta Biology Honor Society, and an active member of the Black Student Union. As a certified Science Public Outreach Team (SPOT) ambassador, Mikhaela gives presentations about climate change to elementary school children. Mikhaela is a painter and avid vegetable gardener who loves the shortfin mako shark. Mikhaela plans to pursue a Ph.D. in microbial ecology to support her long-term career goals of research and teaching as a university professor.

• *Submitted by Dr. Laura Robertson*

**NATHAN HODGKINSON**, son of Mark and Jennifer Hodgkinson, graduated from Red Lion Area Senior High School in Red Lion, Pennsylvania, in 2019. Nate is an outstanding biology major who is also earning a minor in psychology. While consistently maintaining his excellent academic performance, Nate was also a four-year member of the Shepherd baseball team. As a closing pitcher, he used his deadly changeup to retire many an opposing batter. Notably, he was honored as a Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Scholar-Athlete. Nate is an avid sports fan and outside of school enjoys spending time outdoors relaxing with friends and family. Nate plans to attend post-graduate school with the goal of pursuing a career as a physician assistant.

• *Submitted by Dr. Conor Sipe*

**ZACHARY LATHWELL**, son of Cindy and Kevin Lathwell, graduated as a homeschooled student in 2020. In addition to his excellent academic work as a biology major, Zak is a founding member and president of the Good Shepherd Catholic Campus Ministry, and treasurer of the Shepherd chapter of TriBeta Biology Honor Society. A lifelong hockey player, Zak was part of the first West Virginia U-18 team to compete at the national level, and he continues to play competitively with his brothers in an adult league. Zak plans to attend medical school to support his long-term goal of working as a physician in family practice in West Virginia.

• *Submitted by Dr. Laura Robertson*

**LEANE OPPENHEIMER**, daughter of Lizbeth Melendez and Elliott Oppenheimer, graduated from Spring Mills High School in 2020. Leane is a dedicated student with a strong focus on her biology coursework. While pursuing her degree in biology, Leane has been working towards establishing a pet-oriented business that combines boarding, grooming, and obedience training. She has used her creative talents to design a business logo and has established both a website and a plan for the business, which she will implement after graduation. In addition, Leane may apply to veterinary school to support her long-term career goal of practicing small animal veterinary medicine.

• *Submitted by Dr. Laura Robertson*

## Business

*Presented by Dr. Ben Martz*

**ELISA LEMUS**, the daughter of Jose and Gloria Lemus of Ranson, West Virginia, is a 2019 graduate of Jefferson High School. Elisa graduated from Shepherd University in December 2022 with a major in business administration, a concentration in management, and a minor in entrepreneurship. While at Shepherd, Elisa was the recipient of the President's Scholarship and a finalist in the 2021 West Virginia Collegiate Business Plan Competition. She was a member of Delta Sigma Pi (DSP), the professional business fraternity, and held multiple officer positions with the fraternity. Some of Elisa's most cherished moments at Shepherd come from attending DSP events where

she spent time with fellow business students making meaningful friendships. Elisa plans to pursue a career in business and hopes to travel more.

• *Submitted by Dr. Kathleen Reid*

**COLT MALATT** is the son of Brian and Michele Malatt of Hedgesville, West Virginia, and a 2020 graduate of Spring Mills High School. Prior to attending Shepherd, Colt participated in the Dual Enrollment Program at Shepherd where he met some excellent professors and a welcoming environment that taught him about freedom, responsibility, and setting expectations. Colt is majoring in business administration with a concentration in management and a minor in psychology. Colt received both the Promise Scholarship and Dean's Scholarship. After graduation Colt plans to continue working in the family business operating water systems that help ensure the tri-county area has clean drinking water.

• *Submitted by Dr. Kathleen Reid*

**AMY PORTER** is the daughter of Edward and Jessica Porter of Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Amy was homeschooled for high school and attended Blue Ridge Community and Technical College prior to enrolling at Shepherd University. Amy will graduate in May 2023 with a major in business administration, a concentration in entrepreneurship, and minors in marketing and innovation. Amy is the recipient of the Promise Scholarship and the Remarkable Future Leadership Scholarship. She is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and was a semifinalist in the 2023 West Virginia Business Plan Competition. Amy's most memorable moments at Shepherd include the times she received encouragement and motivation when meeting with Dr. James Dovel and working with Professor Carol Goolsby in the Applied Business Lab. Amy plans to pursue a career in the areas of entrepreneurship, community development, and marketing.

• *Submitted by Dr. Kathleen Reid*

**STACY STUTLER** is the daughter of John and Tanja Stutler of Martinsburg, West Virginia, and a graduate of Martinsburg High School. Stacy will graduate from Shepherd University in May 2023 as a business administration major with a concentration in financial planning and a minor in economics. Stacy received a Promise Scholarship, the Carl and Susan Rauch Business Scholarship, and the Harry E. Wilt, Jr. Memorial Scholarship. Stacy's most memorable moment at Shepherd was participating in the 2020 West Virginia Collegiate Business Plan Competition, during which she created a business plan, conducted market research, and presented the business plan in Charleston, West Virginia. After graduation, Stacy plans to sit for the Certified Financial Planner™ certification on her way to becoming a CFP®.

• *Submitted by Dr. Kathleen Reid*

**GARRETT WATCHER** is the son of Rodney and Laura Watcher of Martinsburg, West Virginia, and a 2019 graduate of Musselman High School. Prior to attend-

ing Shepherd, Garrett attended Blue Ridge Community College. Garrett is also a member of the 167AW Air National Guard in Martinsburg. Garrett graduated from Shepherd University in December 2022 with a 4.0 GPA. He majored in business administration with a concentration in management and a minor in marketing. Garrett received a Promise Scholarship and a Director's Scholarship. As a member of the Air National Guard, he received several recognitions, including Maintenance Operation Flight-Airman of the Year 2021, Maintenance Squadron-Airman of the Year 2021, and Maintenance Operation Flight-Trainee of the Year 2021. Garrett's plans include pursuing a master's degree in business data analytics from West Virginia University.

• *Submitted by Dr. Kathleen Reid*

**ELIZABETH WELLINGS** is the daughter of Michele and Keith Wellings of Charles Town, West Virginia, and a 2019 graduate of Washington High School. Elizabeth is majoring in business administration with a concentration in management and a minor in marketing. Elizabeth received the Marguerite Colavecchio Scholarship and the Joseph and William Byers Scholarship. Her most memorable times at Shepherd were making new friends and attending a homecoming football game. After graduation, Elizabeth plans to continue working for the company where she is currently an intern.

• *Submitted by Dr. Kathleen Reid*

## Communication

*Presented by Dr. Jason Grant McKahan*

**ETHAN BAKER**, son of Sheila and Michael Baker, graduated high school in 2020 as valedictorian of Highland View Academy in Hagerstown, Maryland. Ethan is a detail-oriented, hard worker who can be depended on to get things done with high standards. He is a filmmaker, visual storyteller, and journalist who has produced numerous films while at Shepherd. His Capstone project, a documentary titled *The Future of Gen Z*, explores generation gaps and seeks to dispel the misconceptions surrounding Generation Z. Additionally, he has worked as a multimedia journalist at *The Picket*, producing feature story videos for its YouTube channel. After graduation, Ethan plans to pursue an M.A. in journalism with a documentary specialization from either Columbia University or NYU.

• *Submitted by Dr. Jason Grant McKahan*

**AUDREY CHAPMAN**, daughter of Amy Bryan-Chapman and Chris Chapman, attended Berkeley Springs High School, graduating in 2020. Audrey is an honors student, a communication major, and is pursuing a double minor in photography and English. She serves as literary editor for *Sans Merci* and is the recipient of the Roy and Gwen Steeley Memorial Scholarship. For her Capstone, Audrey explores the genre of the zine, self or independently published booklets that intersect text (opinions, interviews, poetry, prose), art, and photography, and historically have given a channel to

marginalized voices. Audrey created a zine that incorporates poetry, prose, and photography. After graduation, Audrey plans to pursue a Master of Fine Arts in creative writing, and after that, a career in academia.

• *Submitted by Dr. Jason Grant McKahan*

## Computer Science, Mathematics, and Engineering

*Presented by Dr. Robert Monahan*

**ETHAN BEVAN**, son of Christy and Andrew Bevan, attended Washington High School in Charles Town, West Virginia. He has maintained a 4.0 GPA at Shepherd University and is on track to earn a bachelor's degree with a major in computer and information sciences and a concentration in computer science. Ethan says it was Shepherd's tight-knit community of teachers and learners that motivated him to serve as a tutor for math and computer students during the past two semesters. Ethan hopes to pursue a career in data science or software engineering while exploring graduate study toward a master's degree in data science. Ethan twice won the merit-based NASA Fellowship, which is given by the College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics with funding from the NASA West Virginia Space Grant Consortium. During each year-long fellowship, Ethan engaged in faculty-mentored research in machine learning. Both of his fellowships ended successfully with fantastic posters presented at conferences. In fact, Ethan must rush from this ceremony to the van waiting outside to take him to his second presentation at the West Virginia Academy of Science.

• *Submitted by Professor Jason Miller*

**JOSIAH KOWALSKI** of Hedgesville, West Virginia, is the son of Brian and Lisa Kowalski. During his last year at Berkeley Springs High School, Josiah dual-enrolled at Blue Ridge Community and Technical College. After graduating with a cyber security degree, Josiah transferred to Shepherd University in the fall of 2021 as a computer and information sciences major. During his time at Shepherd, he has developed numerous applications in his free time to help friends and family with various goals. He is currently building a website for a local business. After graduating, Josiah plans to find a software engineering position and return to school for a master's degree after spending some time in the field.

• *Submitted by Dr. Weidong Liao*

## Contemporary Art and Theater

*Presented by Professor Sonya Evanisko*

**SIKARA SOKEL** is a bright, energetic artist who will earn her Bachelor of Fine Art in painting. She is the daughter of Eric and Annamaria Sokel of Harpers Ferry, West

Virginia, and graduated from Jefferson High School. Sikara creates thought-provoking works that often contain reflective and moody colorations, but offer an uplifting, hopeful spirit. She has exhibited her works in regional shows and was selected for the juried Honors Exhibit at Shepherd. She is an active member of the Visual Arts Collective at Shepherd and has served as an officer and studio assistant. Her other artistic endeavors include Sans Merci art editor, assisting with theater set design, and serving as a resident assistant for the Governor's School for the Arts at Marshall University. Sikara's long-term goal is to utilize her artistic and creative talents to be an exhibiting gallery or commission artist that makes the arts more accessible in Appalachia and West Virginia.

• *Submitted by Professor Sonya Evanisko*

**SKYLER TRIGGER**, daughter of Chris and Rachel Trigger, is an exemplary student of creative arts. While majoring in photography and computer imagery, Skyler has made significant contributions to the photography program by serving as a lab monitor for the past two years and being a teaching assistant in digital photography. She has consistently served as a role model and mentored younger students, making herself available to help whenever needed, including during the Seed Your Future conference, where she assisted in demonstrating the cyanotype process to middle-school students. Due to her academic excellence and proactive engagement with the Department of Contemporary Art and Theater, she was awarded the Rauch Fine Arts Scholarship in 2022. In her final semester, she won the Best Art Award from Sans Merci, Shepherd's art and literary magazine, had a solo exhibition of her chemigram prints in Woodman's Haunted Hall, and had her work accepted to the annual Student Honors Exhibition for the second time. Skyler's options are open as she looks forward to a career in the photographic arts, potentially pursuing the lucrative field of real estate photography, and eagerly continuing her own creative practice in lens-based artmaking.

• *Submitted by Ally Christmas, M.F.A.*

## Education

*Presented by Dr. James Tuttle*

**TAYLOR CENATE**, daughter of Mike and Tracey Cenate, is a native of Charles Town, West Virginia, and a graduate of Washington High School. Taylor is an education major pursuing certification in elementary education. She has been on the Dean's List every semester since arriving at Shepherd and has been awarded several scholarships, including the Presidential Scholarship. She is a diligent student with shining intelligence who will excel in any endeavor she chooses. She is a keen observer of children, a detailed planner, a careful listener, and a reflective practitioner. Once she has a teaching position, her goal is to continue her education through a master's degree and make a difference in children's lives.

• *Submitted by Dori Hargrove, Ph.D.*

**BREIGH-ANNE GLOVER**, the daughter of Stephanie Fox, and Todd Glover and Dena Morgan, graduated from Hedgesville High School and completed 27 dual enrollment credits through Berkeley County's Jumpstart Program. Breigh is an education major pursuing certification in elementary education. She has held leadership positions in Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education, Delta Zeta sorority, and is a new member of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. She demonstrates a strong commitment to education, which she attributes to a long line of educators in her family. Breigh has always demonstrated the characteristics of a scholar by being eager to learn new ideas, taking responsibility for her own learning, and being a creative thinker and problem solver. Her plans are to pursue a master's degree in educational leadership.

• *Submitted by Dori Hargrove, Ph.D.*

**PARIS SOKEL**, daughter of Brian and Tammy Sokel of Charles Town, West Virginia, graduated from Washington High School. While at Shepherd, Paris has been named to the Dean's List from 2018-2023. She has been the recipient of the Moler Hoffmaster Scholarship, Heerf III Student Award, and several privately funded scholarships specifically allocated for scholars majoring in education. Paris is currently a clinical residency student co-teaching with a seasoned teaching practitioner in the Berkeley County School District. As a scholar, Paris's plans include finishing her senior year with academic excellence, learning and growing as an educator, and planning her future in elementary education educating youth.

• *Submitted by Dr. Dawne Raines Burke*

**HANNAH TUCKER**, daughter of Brian and Melissa Tucker, is a native of Mineral County, West Virginia, and graduated from Keyser High School. Hannah is a senior elementary education major and a member of Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education, where she holds the position of social chair. She has made both the Dean's and President's List and received the President's Scholarship and the Moore-Church Scholarship. Hannah has demonstrated exceptional skill throughout her coursework, field experience, and now as a yearlong resident. She approaches every task with thoughtfulness and care. In the future, her plans as a scholar include helping to educate and shape the next generation as an elementary school teacher. She also plans to further her education as the needs of her students and necessary techniques to reach them are ever-changing.

• *Submitted by Dori Hargrove, Ph.D.*

**SUMMER D. WHETZEL**, the daughter of Patricia and Kevin Stevenson, is a graduate of East Hardy High School and a native of Mathias, West Virginia. Summer is a secondary education major with a concentration in social studies and a minor in Appalachian studies. Summer's hard work in both the classroom and field is reflected



in her acceptance into Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education. Summer has been the recipient of multiple merit-based scholarships, including the Stewart and Hansel Bailey Scholarship through the Appalachian studies program, the Baldwin Scholarship, Rauch Education Scholarship, and Thomas Guy Reynolds Jr. Scholarship. After graduation, Summer plans to teach social studies in Hardy County, West Virginia, where she hopes to be a source of inspiration to her students.

• *Submitted by Dr. Jason Allen*

## Environmental and Physical Sciences

*Presented by Dr. Sytil Murphy*

**ALICIA LOUISE LEWIS** is the daughter of Jeffrey and Thorrenna Lewis and a graduate of Oakton High School in Vienna, Virginia. While earning her degree in environmental studies with a concentration in aquatic science, Alicia has also pursued research and development in the aquaponics laboratory at Shepherd's Agricultural Innovation Center at Tabler Farm. Her focus has been nutrient analysis of various parts of the aquaponics system under different experimental treatments. Alicia also enjoys hiking, spending time with her family, and volunteering.

• *Submitted by Jeff Groff, Ph.D.*

**VICTORIA ANNE NICHOLAS** is the daughter of Darek and Margaret Nicholas and a graduate of Norwin High School in North Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. While earning her degree in environmental studies, Victoria completed research projects in the aquaponics lab at the Agricultural Innovation Center at Tabler Farm and at the Kellogg Biological Station at Michigan State University as part of a Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU). She is a member of the Shepherd women's volleyball team and enjoys nature, collecting house plants, and taking walks with her dogs. After graduating, she looks forward to a second REU program at Utah State University and graduate studies.

• *Submitted by Jeff Groff, Ph.D.*

## History

*Presented by Dr. Keith Alexander*

**ASA JAMES THURMAN**, son of Gabrielle and Spencer Thurman of Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, graduated from Berkeley Springs High School. Asa is a member of the Honors Program at Shepherd University and very active in many groups and organizations around campus. He is a past president and active member of the Theta Xi fraternity and sits on the University Program Board and the All-Greek Council. He was an executive officer of the Shepherd Fraternity Council and a participant in the Student Government Association. He currently serves on the Shepherd Student Community Service Board. Asa's work in the classroom is exemplary. He has a passion for history and a keen analytical mind that always contributes to a lively discussion. His thoughtful

questions and respectful attitude, when combined with a lively sense of humor, make him a pleasure to have in class. When he has any spare time, he likes to engage his creative side playing guitar, piano, and bass and painting. Asa hopes to pursue teaching as a career after graduation.

• *Submitted by Dr. Sally M. Brasher*

## Music

*Presented by Dr. Stefan Swanson*

**SAMUEL ELLIS** is a native of Berkeley Springs, West Virginia. As a musician and student at Shepherd, Sam takes advantage of each opportunity available. Sam could be found playing jazz bass as frequently as he might be found singing in a choir. One might even find Sam playing a guitar or banjo every now and again. As a jazz studies major, Sam found creative ways to express his unique musical voice as a composer and improviser. Following graduation, Sam plans on pursuing music, art, and life.

• *Submitted by Kurtis Adams, D.M.A.*

**CAROLINE GRACE HOSMER** is the daughter of Allen and Marion Hosmer and a graduate of Old Mill Senior High School in Millersville, Maryland. Caroline will graduate from Shepherd with a double degree: a B.S. in environmental studies with a concentration in aquatic science and a B.A. in music. During the summer of 2022, Caroline had the opportunity to apply her learning by working for the Maryland Department of Agriculture. When she is not studying, Caroline enjoys hiking, reading, and playing the flute.

• *Submitted by Jeff Groff, Ph.D.*

**JACOB MINER** exemplifies what it means to be a music major. Dedicated to his instrument, the saxophone, Jacob is a constant voice heard everywhere in the Frank Arts Center—from the practice room to the concert stage. At Shepherd, he performs with the wind ensemble, jazz ensemble, and numerous chamber groups. Jacob has been a featured soloist with the Hagerstown Community Band and participated in summer workshops with the finest saxophonists in the nation. In addition to performance, Jacob is a curious music scholar and dedicated to being a part of the community as a teacher and music advocate. Following graduation, Jacob plans to pursue a master's degree in saxophone performance.

• *Submitted by Kurtis Adams, D.M.A.*

**KAITLYN WARREN**, a music education major at Shepherd University, is the daughter of Thom and Misty Warren. Kate graduated from James Wood High School in Winchester, Virginia. She is studying piano under the tutelage of Dr. Yu-Hsuan Liao. Kate has been an active member of Shepherd's ensembles, including the Wind Ensemble, Ram Band, Camerata, Master Works, and Piano Ensemble. She is a peer

piano tutor through the Shepherd Student Center. She also serves as a vice president for Music Teachers National Association Shepherd Collegiate Chapter and has taught students in the Shepherd Community Music Program. Since being at Shepherd, Kate has had numerous solo/duet performances and is currently working toward her senior recital. Kate has also been a resident assistant for two years and will continue into the 2023-24 academic year. After graduation, Kate would like to teach in an elementary school and privately teach piano lessons in the Winchester, Virginia, and the Hampshire County area.

• *Submitted by Dr. Yu-Hsuan Liao*

## Nursing

*Presented by Dr. Lisa M. Zerull*

**ELAINA BAILEY**, the daughter of Gina Bailey, attended Jefferson High School and is currently a third-semester nursing student at Shepherd University. Elaina holds a 4.0 GPA, an impressive feat given the academic rigor of the nursing program. She was inducted into the Nursing Honor Society and is running for vice president of Shepherd's Student Nurse Association. Elaina chose to be a fellow of Shepherd University's chapter of the Appalachian Leadership Education Foundation and is the data manager and vice president of Students for Reproductive Rights. Most recently, Elaina was selected for the highly coveted distinction as a VA Student Trainee Experience Program student at the Martinsburg VA Medical Center. After graduating with her Bachelor of Science in nursing, Elaina plans to work as a critical care nurse. She is also considering becoming a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist and pursuing a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.

• *Submitted by Dr. Lisa M. Zerull, RN-BC*

**TAYLOR LINTON**, the daughter of Travis and Sharon Linton, attended Musselman High School and is currently a third-semester nursing student at Shepherd University. Taylor holds an overall 3.95 GPA with a 4.0 GPA in nursing and has earned a place on the Dean's List every semester while attending Shepherd University (fall 2020-present). This achievement speaks volumes to Taylor's incredible discipline, passion for nursing, and keen desire to excel. She is a member of the Student Nurses Association and was inducted into the Nursing Honor Society. Upon graduation with her Bachelor of Science in nursing, Taylor plans to work as a nurse in an emergency room.

• *Submitted by Dr. Lisa M. Zerull, RN-BC*

**KRISTIN NICHOLS** is the daughter of Kathleen Nichols. Her primary education includes homeschooling through high school, with dual enrollment through Shepherd University. She attended Blue Ridge Community College prior to transferring to Shepherd for the nursing program. Kristin's contribution to Shepherd includes volunteering at new nursing student orientation for the past three semesters and being a member of the Student Nurses Association. Her scholarly endeavors include

Dean's List Fall 2019-Fall 2022, Shepherd University Nursing Honor Society, and the Shepherd chapter Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. Her cumulative GPA is 3.87. Kristin's nursing specialty area of interest includes the ICU or labor/delivery.

• *Submitted by Dr. Kelly Watson Huffer, DNP, CRNP, CNE*

**KALA SIZEMORE**, the daughter of Juston and Tina Sizemore, attended Spring Mills High School and is currently a third-semester nursing student. Kala holds a 4.0 GPA and earned Dean's List designation each semester of study, which is notable given the rigor of the nursing academic program. She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and was inducted into the Shepherd University Nursing Honor Society. Following graduation with her Bachelor of Science in nursing, Kala plans to pursue the nursing specialties of emergency or operating room. She has a strong desire to work at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to develop new chemotherapy protocols and also apply her nursing knowledge and skills in the care of patients involved in clinical trials. Kala also plans to pursue a graduate degree to further her education.

• *Submitted by Dr. Lisa M. Zerull, RN-BC*

**SUMMER VORSTEG**, the daughter of Patrick and Julia Vorsteg, attended Stephen Decatur High School in Berlin, Maryland. Her Shepherd University contributions include being the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee representative and captain for Shepherd's women's lacrosse team. Additionally, she is a member of the Shepherd University Student Nurses Association. Her scholarly endeavors include a cumulative GPA of 3.86 and being a member of the Shepherd chapter of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. Summer's future nursing endeavors include returning for graduate education as a nurse practitioner.

• *Submitted by Dr. Kelly Watson Huffer, DNP, CRNP, CNE*

## Political Science, Global Studies, and Geography

*Presented by Dr. Samuel Greene*

**CHLOE BAILEY** is the daughter of David and Tasha Bailey and a native of the picturesque Appalachian community of Red House in West Virginia's Putnam County, where she graduated from Buffalo High School. At Shepherd, Chloe pursued a major in political science and a minor in communication and new media. She has made the Dean's List consistently since she entered Shepherd in August 2020. Chloe's academic awards and scholarships include the Promise Scholarship, Shepherd University Presidential Scholarship, McCormick Scholarship (awarded by the Honors Program), and Hafer Scholarship (awarded by the Department of Political Science). She serves as president of the Political Science Honor Society, student representative to the Advisory Board of Stubblefield Institute, and president of the Stubblefield Civility Club. She is also president of the Speech and Debate Team. Chloe's had internships with the Of-

fice of West Virginia Secretary of State and the Office of U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito. In the Spring of 2022, she became the first Shepherd student to intern as Judith Herndon Legislative Fellow with the West Virginia Senate. Chloe's service to West Virginia's youth earned her membership in the 4-H All Star program. She plans to continue her education. She is currently a finalist for two prestigious awards—the Truman Scholarship and the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange program.

• *Submitted by Marat Akopian, Ph.D.*

**CHELSEA WELLS**, the daughter of Stephanie and Daniel Wells, graduated from Jefferson High School. She received multiple scholarships at Shepherd, including the Rubye Clyde McCormick Scholarship from the Honors Program and the James S. Hafer award from political science. While on campus, Chelsea has been actively involved with Shepherd's Program Board and the Debate and Forensics Team. She interned at the Jefferson County Democrats headquarters, was a member of the Honors Program, and was elected president of the junior class. She was also selected to serve as a student representative on the Gender & Women's Studies Advisory Board and will represent the University at the 2023 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. Chelsea will be one of the first, if not the very first, to graduate from Shepherd's new political communication concentration. After graduation, she plans to attend graduate school in political science.

• *Submitted by Dr. Stephanie A. Slocum-Schaffer*

## Psychology

*Presented by Dr. Larry Z. Daily*

**AVA DECATUR** is the daughter of Rachel Shirley and Daniel Decatur of Charles Town, West Virginia. She graduated from Washington High School where the quality of her work earned her a Promise Scholarship. At Shepherd, she has maintained her record of academic excellence and earned membership in Psi Chi, the International Honor Society in Psychology. Ava is currently serving as a research assistant for one of the psychology faculty and is assisting with a review of the literature on psychological needs. She is also currently designing her own Capstone research project, an exploration of the relationship between personality and depression. After graduation, Ava plans to pursue graduate education in counseling.

• *Submitted by Dr. Larry Z. Daily*

**BOLUWATIFE DOGARI**, daughter of Omotola Dogari, graduated from Northwestern High School in Hyattsville, Maryland. A participant in Shepherd's Honors Program and recipient of the Multicultural Leadership Team Scholarship, Boluwatife's time at Shepherd has been characterized by academic excellence, earning her a spot on the Dean's List every semester, and involvement. She is a member of multiple hon-

or societies, including the Tau Sigma national honor society for university transfer students; the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars, and Psi Chi, the International Honor Society in Psychology. She is also active in the Global Student Union, serves as treasurer for Global Shepherd Students, completed a diversity and inclusivity internship at the National Conservation Training Center, and volunteers as a peer success leader for the Shepherd Student Success Center. Part of what drew Boluwatife to Shepherd was the many opportunities for involvement in social justice and diversity initiatives and she has greatly enjoyed her time here. She is currently completing her senior Capstone research project looking at how a person's socioeconomic status and attachment styles may be related to their implicit racial attitudes. Her goal is to earn a doctoral degree in social psychology and do research on prejudice and stereotyping.

• *Submitted by Dr. Larry Z. Daily*

**ISABELLA SCAFIDI** is the daughter of Kathleen Kelly and Steve Scafidi of Summit Point, West Virginia, and graduated from Washington High School in Charles Town, West Virginia. Her excellent work in high school earned Isabella a Promise Scholarship. At Shepherd, Isabella continued to excel and was inducted into Psi Chi, the International Honor Society in Psychology. In further recognition of the quality of her work, the psychology faculty awarded Isabella the Kenneth Riley Scholarship. Isabella is currently designing her Capstone research project in which she plans to explore the male preference for features that signal youth in women. Isabella plans to pursue graduate education with the goal of becoming an elementary guidance counselor.

• *Submitted by Dr. Chris Lovelace*

## Recreation, Sport, and Exercise Sciences

*Presented by Dr. Stacey Kendig*

**BRIANNA ENOS**, the daughter of Richard and Allie Enos, is from Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, and was homeschooled until her graduation in 2020. While attending Shepherd University and pursuing a degree in health promotion and exercise science, Brianna earned an institutional 4.0 GPA and became a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. After graduation, Brianna hopes to gain experience as an exercise physiologist and continue her education by attending a physician assistant graduate program.

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

**FAITH LEISINGER**, the daughter of Joe and Dawn Geraci, graduated in 2020 from Boonsboro High School. While attending Shepherd University, Faith pursued recreation and sports studies with a concentration in therapeutic recreation. She has been named to the Dean's List (2021-2023) and is the School of Recreation, Sport, and Exercise Sciences Director's Award winner for 2023. Faith was a member of the

women's soccer team while also running her own animal-assisted therapy business, Geraci's Goats. After graduation, Faith plans to pursue her national certification in recreation therapy and work at Martinsburg VA Medical Center.

• *Submitted by Dr. Melissa Hall, CTRS*

**BRENDEN LEWIS** is an outstanding student and athlete in the School of Recreation, Sport, and Exercise Sciences. Brenden is studying sport and event management within the recreation and sport discipline with a business administration minor. Brenden is from Hurricane, West Virginia, outside of Charleston, where he attended Hurricane High School. Brenden would like to extend his appreciation to his parents Danny and Shawnee Lewis for their support in his academics, athletics, and personal growth. Brenden's focus, dedication, and demonstration of professionalism in his areas of study are highly admired by his faculty, family, and peers. Brenden has been a member of the Shepherd baseball team and has received numerous awards for his achievements. His determination, coupled with his work ethic, provides the ingredients necessary to be successful. Brenden is deciding on a possible future in the MBA program and his interest in a career as a sports agent.

• *Submitted by Dr. Greg Place*

**JAMISON MARCERON**, the daughter of Woody and Suzi Marceron and little sister of Bradley Marceron, graduated from South River High School in 2020. Jamison is a recreation and sport studies major with a concentration in athletic administration and coaching. While attending Shepherd University, Jamison left her mark academically by completing her degree in three years, making Dean's List all six semesters, receiving the 2022-23 SHAPE America Major of the Year Award recipient, and winning the 2021-22 Athletic Administration Major of the Year Award. During Jamison's time at Shepherd, she worked for Shepherd Athletics as a sports information assistant and took photos for the department. She is completing her internship in the Student Success Center as the success coach for athletics and is the social media coordinator for Shepherd football. Upon graduation, Jamison plans to pursue a master's degree in sports administration.

• *Submitted by Dr. Andro Barnett*

**MADISON MERTZ**, daughter of Ron and Lori Mertz, graduated from North Hagerstown High School in 2020. Madison is a recreation and sport studies major with a concentration in interscholastic athletic administration and coaching. While attending Shepherd University, Madison left her mark academically by being on Dean's List all six semesters and receiving a 2022-23 Athletic Administration Major of the Year Award. During Madison's time at Shepherd, she was on the Shepherd women's basketball team for three years and the women's soccer team for one year. She will

complete her internship at her alma mater, North Hagerstown High School, in the fall of 2023. Upon graduation, Madison plans to attend graduate school and become a basketball coach.

• *Submitted by Dr. Andro Barnett*

**BRADEN KEITH SHAW** is from Martinsburg, West Virginia, and graduated from Spring Mills High School in 2020. Braden is the son of Keith and Joy Shaw. While pursuing a degree in health promotion and exercise sciences, Braden was able to maintain Dean's List and was inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. After graduation, Braden hopes to pursue a doctorate degree in physical therapy.

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

**TREYTON "TREY" SINE** is a West Virginia native and a 2020 Martinsburg High School graduate. Trey is the son of Brian and Emily Sine. While pursuing his degree in health promotion and exercise sciences at Shepherd, Trey was a member of the men's baseball team. Upon graduation, Trey hopes to pursue a graduate program in physical education.

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

**MATTHEW VANDUZER** is from Martinsburg, West Virginia, and graduated from Martinsburg High School in 2019. Matthew is the son of George and Kristy VanDuzer. While pursuing his degree in health promotion and exercise sciences, Matthew earned a spot on the Dean's List. Matthew was also a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. After graduation, Matthew is attending Logan University in Missouri to pursue a career as a chiropractor.

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

## Sociology, Criminology, and Criminal Justice

*Presented by Dr. Chiquita Howard-Bostic*

**JENNIFER G. BURNER** is the daughter of Denise and Clinton Burner of Summit Point, West Virginia. Jennifer completed her secondary education through Acellus Academy and earned a West Virginia's Promise Scholarship. As a Shepherd University sociology major and psychology minor, Jennifer is fascinated by social psychological phenomena and has exemplified academic excellence in coursework across all disciplines. She conducted a thorough, quantitative study of the fear of crime, utilizing General Social Survey data and SPSS. Jennifer is consistently on the Dean's List and is a member of Phi Kappa Phi. She has devoted countless hours to volunteering in her community, including providing food delivery during the pandemic. After graduating, Jennifer plans to pursue a career in drug rehabilitation, hoping to work as a substance abuse case manager. Other plans include continuing her education by pursuing a master's degree in sociology.

• *Submitted by Dr. Amy DeWitt*



**KRISTEN VERNON** is a wife, mother of three children, and resident of Martinsburg, West Virginia. Kristen earned a paralegal degree and transferred to Shepherd University to pursue a Bachelor of Science in sociology, and will graduate as a first-generation college student. Kristen interned in the Office for Diversity and Equity at Shepherd and with the Lee County District Attorney's Office. Her academic achievements have earned her memberships in several honor societies, including Alpha Kappa Delta, Alpha Phi Sigma, and Tau Sigma. Kristen has also dedicated her time and effort to community service, volunteering at The Martinsburg Roundhouse, where she helped organize events that support Backpack for Kids, a charity that provides meals for children in need. Her thesis research was inspired by her desire to understand the complexities of research on feminism and gender discrimination in history and modern-day films. Kristen will pursue a dual master's degree in business administration and college student development and administration at Shepherd.

• *Submitted by Dr. Chiquita Howard-Bostic, 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. Desmond Lawless**  
**Adjunct Professor in the School of Recreation,**  
**Sport, and Exercise Sciences, retired**  
**McMurrin Convocation “Last Lecturer”**

Dr. Desmond Lawless, born and bred in England, grew up playing on the streets of London. Sport, especially football (soccer), would become not only a passion but a vehicle that allowed him to pursue an education while being able to explore the world. He was not the greatest student; though school bored him, sport kept him on the straight and narrow most of the time. Luckily, the 70s were the genesis of what might be called a movement revolution, where exercise, sport, and nutrition were huge influences on society—as they are today. These themes were to play a huge role in his career.

After attending the West Sussex Institute of Higher Education, then teaching for 2 years in England, he taught physical education in The Bahamas for 5 years then 3 years as a vice principal of the English School in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. During these years, soccer played an influential role in his career as he coached in the United States every summer. In 1990, he completed a master's at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, and in 1991 was appointed head women's soccer coach at Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Ohio. As soccer boomed in the United States, so did Lawless's 21-year career as a coach at Kenyon College in Ohio, and Shenandoah University in Virginia. During that time, he also was an adjunct instructor in sports sciences and a staff coach for the United States Soccer Federation.

His love of soccer, coaching, and teaching served as the stimulus to complete a doctorate at Shenandoah University in 2012 with a dissertation titled “Flow and Self-Efficacy in Small-Sided Games,” which explored the motivation of players in practice situations. In 2013, Lawless joined Shepherd University as an associate professor and program coordinator of the Health Promotion and Exercise Science Program in the School of Recreation, Sport, and Exercise Sciences. In that role, he was the lead writer for the first-ever self-study for the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs for the application and reward of national accreditation for the Health Promotion and Exercise Science academic program. Lawless has presented nationally and internationally on topics covering “Leadership and Wellness,” “The Importance of Small Sided Games,” and “Why Play is Important!” and served on various committees.

Lawless continues to be involved in soccer as a volunteer assistant coach and teaching as an adjunct professor in the School of Recreation, Sport, and Exercise Sciences. He is honored to have been chosen to present the Last Lecture at this year's McMurrin Convocation.

## 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, 1961-2022

**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

**1963:** Aretha C. Kees, Ann F. Ludwick

**1964:** Lynn L. Beittel, Jane F. Rissler, Mary E. Wysong

**1965:** W. William Bowman, Judith A. Butler, Mildred I. Holland, Jane Ikenberry-Dorrier, Emily S. Mark, June L. Schwanebeck, Linda K. Shock

**1966:** Robert T. Cianelli, Margaret A. Hamstead, Margie A. Hanna, Sue A. Keckler, Guy T. Kuhn, Arlene Rose, Lois A. Speg

**1967:** Kathryn I. Domenico, Katherine T. Donaldson, Linda L. Dunn, Linda F. Guesford, Ann L. Hummer, Hubert T. Linehan, Frank B. Ramberg, Janelia Roth, Rosina B. Saitta

**1968:** Catherine J. Crawford

**1969:** Linda R. Bartle, Denise E. Best, Thomas H. Edsall, Vicki P. Fuhrman, Nelson M. Pittinger, Linda B. Riegle, Michael E. Shade, Linda D. Stanton, Cynthia E. Staubs

**1970:** Michael D. Brown, Rosemarie R. Coy, David S. Dalgarn, Mary S. Duke, Jeanne M. Ecton, Sandra Gruber, Willis W. Jones, Carla I. Lohman, Patricia C. Moore, Brenda B. Mullendore, Joanne K. Physioc, Deborah K. Piscitelli, Daris L. Small, Sandra E. Vandevander

**1971:** Stephen R. Nikirk, Kathryn M. Snyder, David L. Sullivan, Laura L. White, Stephen G. Wildasin

**1972:** Karen M. Anderson, Shirley M. Elliot, Kristie Gareis, Shirley R. Harper, Geraldine J. Hodge, Kathy A. Jenkins, James E. Kane, Don A. Mauzy, Nancy S. Miller, Stanley M. Myers, Mary T. Petruski, Martha J. Reid, Yvonne M. Riner, Patricia A. Rogers, Beverly J. Shobe, Mary A. Stocks

**1973:** Anne B. Barney, Deirdre E. Bauserman, Diane I. Brush, Terry L. Forrest, Russell A. Heare, Ruby H. Hedrick, Amelia Kasinof, Phyllis L. Knipe, Judith A. Matlick, Richard L. Riley, Deborah Seldomridge, Donald L. Shade, Larry E. Shobe, Shirley Silver, Linda L. Staub, Carol Vogler, Kathleen Watts, Ruth E. White, Vivian J. Wilson

**1974:** Allaine S. Barney, Laura Beauchamp, Timothy E. Calkins, Donna M. Edsall, Doris A. Fiddler, Karen M. Hart, John F. Keller, Mildred E. Lively, Jeannette Mendonca, Nelson C. Parker, Carole A. Russler, Diana S. Souder, Sandra Tharp, Cynthia B. Woods, Darlene M. Yurish

**1975:** Susan M. Alsip-Lawson, Oplas J. Barr, Sandra Braun, Joy L. Butts, Sandra W. Butts, Karen E. Catlett, Donna L. Crouser, Charles P. Dawson, John D. Faber, Walter E. Hersh, Lynn J. Hizer, James R. Hutson, Melinda Y. Landolt, Donald E. Lantz, James B. Lightner, Virginia S. McGee, Catherine S. Melby, John H. Munday, Judy Ott, Karen Y. Palmer, Albert F. Ritchick, Shannon B. Rutherford, Candis D. Smith, Kathy J. Smith, Carrie G. Sowers, Eric D. Waggy, Jeraldine C. Whitmer

**1976:** Elizabeth L. Best, Sheree L. Breech, Terry W. Culler, Susan D. Hammett, Joseph J. Harris, Carolyn J. Knode, Ann E. Nichols, Mary Anne Pope, David P. Richman, Terry M. Ring, Barbara Rose, Susan E. Scheiman, Daniel W. Simmons, Sarah F. Soltow, Terry Fabianich Stemple, George W. Stilwell, Jane S. Yokum, Helen A. Zumbach

**1977:** Melinda K. Allen, Sandra C. Ambrose, Ellis H. Artis, Terri C. Barron, Harold A. Brandenburg, Berniece D. Collis, Valinda A. Dattilio, Richard B. Donovan, Mark W. Goller, Dorothy S. Gonder, Rebecca Grandle, Robin L. Grenke, Daniel L. Herr, Teresa J. Hofe, Mary E. Hudkins, Vickie L. Huntzberry, Marvin S. Johnson, Lois E. Kuhn, Mickey L. Lynn, W. Michael Martin, Gary L. Recher, Vicki H. Rickel, Thornton C. Schultz, Julie D. Shadle, Clayton L. Walker, Judith C. Walker, Stephen L. Wolfensberger

**1978:** Barbara Alexander, Debra D. Bain, Barbara Bennet, Lorrie T. Brandenburg, Joan C. Brown, Sally Brown, Cheryl J. Burke, Carol J. Burns, Suellen L. Cassell, Susan B. Cook, Teresa R. Eye, Dennis E. Frye, Becki S. Hill, Sally G. Jackson, Karen S. Johnson, Edith M. Kirk, Steve L. Klick, Leslie A. Koch, Stephen C. Krumpe, Richard E. Magner, Cynthia L. Mason, Rae E. McKee, Charles D. Remsberg, Madelyn M. Remsburg, Trudy A. Roth, Jennifer K. Sabo, Maria B. Simpson, Anita T. Smith, Rebecca N. Speaks, Elizabeth H. Staubs, Debra M. Tabler, James M. Taitt, Georgiann H. Toole, Martha E. Webber

**1979:** Gene R. Bartlett, Todd M. Beard, Diane K. Depew, Patti V. Dienna, Vicky L. Dinneen, Carol L. Doyle, Jerri L. Foltz, Carmel D. Goodwin, Jill C. Griffith, Carolyn E. Groves, Irene M. Harper, G. Steven Hoover, Janice L. Huckaby, Stephen R. Kershner, Mary R. Kline, Steven M. Maslanik, Hope M. Masterson-Krum, Carolyn S. Pimentel, Deborah J. Plank, Susan L. Rauch, Matthew P. Ridgeway, Cindy J. Ritz, Robin C. Simpers, Cindy Thomas, Cathryn Thompson, Kevin A. Trostle, Astrid M. Willemsma

**1980:** Gerald W. Adams, Ira B. Barr, Rodney L. Bartgis, Martha B. Beard, Sharon Beard, Dolores F. Booher, Jeffery A. Catlett, Lisa Cloonan, Jacqueline S. Cronin, Abra S. Cullen, Annette Day, C. Dawn Diehl, Steven C. Diehl, Eric A. Flagg, Susan L. Flagg, Kendra S. Getaz, Sharon T. Granofsky, Daryl J. Grove, Linda K. Henry, Donald C. Herbst, Gail L. Jamrok, Eric W. Lamp, Scot C. Lopp, Dayna L. Moore, Steven R. Nagle, Nina R. Orsini, Mahlon R. Patterson, Sylvia A. Pickett, Barbara J. Story, Charles A. Tracy, Billie A. Unger, Joel T. Van SICKler, Ronald K. Vauthrin, Ellen M. Zinzeleta, Michelle L. Zollner Bartholomew

**1981:** Teresa L. Bradley, Wendy J. Carr, Tamara B. Cooper, Dan E. Diviney, Therese A. Hall, Debra Henry, Mark E. Lewis, Karen L. McGavin, Kathryn M. McQueeney, Rhonda L. Myers, Jonathan Nicol, Cheryl L. Parra, Carol P. Pierson, Mary A. Sullivan-Scott, Kathy Wely, Judy M. Widner

**1982:** Sarah K. Bonebrake, Lisa G. Bricker, David A. Diehl, Stephanie D. Engle, Scott W. Fader, Linda P. Ford, David L. Garman, Kimberly A. Gruber, Cynthia J. Hancock, Marliese Hutton, Timothy J. Koerner, Suzi R. Leidig, Janine L. Miller, Donna Morgan, Linda C. Myers-Hart, Sherlyn R. Pierce, Sarah E. Rogers, Marcia R. Rollison, Sandra L. Smith, Karen K. Weigel

**1983:** Janice L. Basler, Keith A. George, Rosemary F. Lloyd, Terri S. Mauk, Catherine J. Nigh, Margaret A. Pritts, Twyla J. Sullivan, Kelly A. Timbrook, Penny A. Walburn

**1984:** Suzanne M. Blum, Edward T. Cline, Paul H. Cronise, Walter G. Damasiewicz, Ann R. Eppinger, James E. Franke, Jeannine G. Garber, Elizabeth A. Gray, Blair D. Hydrick, Gaylen S. Johnson, Lise C. Klerekoper, Melody Leatherman, Diane K. Mauk, Sally A. Miller, Julianne Sausser, Vicki A. Smith, Sharon A. Weakley

**1985:** Tami L. Barton, Jennifer Bean, Melissa K. Garrish, Gina M. Groh, Karla R. Grove, Karen Hall, Keith E. Hammersla, Donna C. Hill, Steven Kaczorowski, Sandra M. Marchese, Melissa A. Mattia, Kathy S. Poland, Katie A. Roles, Julie Rubley, Tracey L. Shea, Lydia S. Vickers, Michelle D. Wheeler

**1986:** Kalpana De, Linda J. Forrest, Gail M. Huckaby, Robin S. Mumpower, Allison G. Parrish Halron, Beverly A. Purnell, Sherry A. Schott, Kelly J. Sullivan, William J. Wivell

**1987:** David E. Bryant, Sybil T. Cobb, James M. Dahlhamer, Deborah A. DeChurch, Kimberly K. Edlund, Barbara J. Matlock, Diane M. Mickelson, Janet B. Newlin, Todd K. Rauch, Thomas V. Stocks, Cynthia E. Vance

**1988:** Catherine D. Baker, Kathleen A. Botts, Sandra M. Bross, Wendy E. Bryden, Jill L. Cohen, Cathy S. Davidson, Pamela S. Deckert, Brigitte L. Gray, Deborah M. Hart, Shawn K. Kephart, Brenda S. Lampard, Susan E. Maddux-Anderson, Brenda J. Manspeaker, Brent D. May, Beth L. Pervis, Victoria M. Welsh, Joyce D. Winters

**1989:** Wendie S. Brost, Wendy S. Fraker, Krista H. Grefe, Michael D. Jones, Travis M. McCrory, Laura K. Mechem, Christopher K. Robertson, Traci L. Schoppert, Karen E. Scott, Robert K. Sexton, Sally E. Silver, Debra D. Smith, Suzanne S. Tabb, Denise L. Troxell, Linda C. Waring, S. Fay Webb, Susan E. Wolschleger, Melody L. Woods

**1990:** Eric W. Brown, Melvin E. Cole, Raleigh E. Eversole, Ann M. Parker, Debra J. Pearrell, Anita A. Ryan, Carolyn F. Showalter, Marsha A. Sowers, Kevin L. Starliper, Chad W. Weddle

**1991:** Melissa R. Bowman, Raymond L. Chaney, William F. Foster, Pam R. Lehr, Kevin H. Lewis, Rachael E. Meads, Sharon K. Palm, Tierney E. Pitzer, Penny M. Porter, Steven J. Rosa, Pamela W. Stevens, Kathleen R. Szakonyi

**1992:** Rebecca C. Bland, Leslie A. Brooks, Alisa K. Dowell, Judy K. Footen, Lisa C. Hardinger, Jan C. L'Ecuier, Melissa G. North, Gloria A. Partlow, Catherine E. Ridenour, Kelly A. Warner, Dana L. Weller

**1993:** Eric D. Anderson, Dawn R. Elliott, Deborah R. Frantz, Gregory F. Geary, Gretchen L. Germann, Debra L. Glover, Andrea M. Heck, Tara C. Kay, Tracy N. Mumma, Kathryn N. Ruckman, Suzanne B. Smallwood, Grant J. Yeary

**1994:** Lydia M. Burke, Holly A. Carter, Lesley A. Cook, Suzanne Custer, David E. Darnell, Julia A. Eldred, Karen T. Ellis, Rebecca L. Evans, Valerie L. Garber, Ashley A. Hampton, Julie J. Kirk, Lewis L. Ludwig, Sharon L. Morgan, Kelli L. Payne, Truus P. Prehoda, Beverly D. Risinger, Christy C. Rogers, Barbara J. Schmitt, Tamara J. Schubart, Dawn R. Younker

**1995:** Bryan S. Baker, Julie F. Baker, Heather B. Barnhart, Kelly A. Bennett, Gertrude E. Bishop, Carolyn S. Carbone, Danielle A. Denhardt, Richard L. Denniston, Jennifer J. Garlich, Craig B. Giffin, Megan W. Johnson, Jennifer L. Keller, Andrew S. Myers, Jason T. Norris, Jeanne M. Norris, Thomas R. Papeika, Jessie J. Ramsey, William C. Randolph, Joyce C. Ray, Cathleen L. Shaner, Sarah M. Wills, Jennifer D. Woodward

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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](http://www.shepherd.edu/mcmurran/mcmurran-scholars-association).

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In 2016, to mark the 55th anniversary of Shepherd's highest academic honor, the McMurran Scholars Association leadership issued a challenge to permanently endow the MSA Scholarship and in fall 2017, the \$25,000 goal of a fully endowed scholarship was reached. The McMurran Scholars Association encourages you to make a donation in honor of a McMurran Scholar, an influential faculty member, or someone in your life who has influenced your success.

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