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*Cecelia Mason*

**Murtagh is the first to receive diploma through partnership with Scottish university**

Sean Murtagh graduated in December 2018 from the University of West of Scotland (UWS) in the new cooperative degree program between UWS and Shepherd University. Murtagh was able to transfer his Appalachian Studies graduate certificate coursework to supplement his remaining courses at UWS. This success is the first of many cooperative graduate and undergraduate efforts and exchange programs between Shepherd and UWS.

To read the full story, visit <https://www.shepherd.edu/news/murtagh-is-first-to-receive-diploma-through-partnership-with-scottish-university> ■

*Sean Murtagh (c.) displays his degree from the University of the West of Scotland while wearing a kilt made of his family's plaid. Pictured with Murtagh are Shepherd President Mary J.C. Hendrix (l) and Dr. Sylvia Bailey Shurbutt, coordinator, Appalachian Studies Program.*

**New Master of Arts in Appalachian Studies will soon accept fall 2019 applications**

A new graduate studies program—Master of Arts in Appalachian Studies—has secured final approval from the Higher Learning Commission. An interdisciplinary, 30-33 credit-hour program, the M.A. in Appalachian Studies will provide students a deeper knowledge and understanding of the region for those working in education, regional planning, recreation, leisure,

cultural and arts organizations, health-related fields, and the park service among other careers. Materials including updated applications are under way for fall 2019 applicants. Students who have begun or completed the Shepherd University Appalachian Studies certificate will be able to use completed credit hours toward the new degree. ■

**Did you know that many grant applications ask for employment statistics about our graduates?**

**Let us know the name of your employer and help the Division of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education qualify for grant funding.**

To update your personal information, contact BreAnne Rugh, 304-876-5195 or [brugh@shepherd.edu](mailto:brugh@shepherd.edu).

# From the Dean

Happy spring 2019!

The spring semester is here! While we have had a few cold days and expect a few more before signs of spring are truly upon us, it does not dampen the energy and creativity of our graduate students and faculty. Welcome to all of the new graduate students who have started their graduate work this semester. We hope that you will make Shepherd your home. Spring is a time that many of our current graduate students will be completing their final courses toward that master's or doctorate. The Division of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education wishes you the best as each of you complete theses, final projects, and capstones.

For those of you who are starting, I encourage you to take advantage of the resources that are available to you at Shepherd University.

The Graduate Studies' webpages (<https://www.shepherd.edu/graduate-studies>) have many resources and forms to help you navigate and transition at Shepherd.

This issue highlights the on-going projects and activities of graduate students, faculty, and staff as they work to strengthen and cultivate graduate culture on the Shepherdstown and Martinsburg campuses of Shepherd University.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at [rstevens@shepherd.edu](mailto:rstevens@shepherd.edu) ■

Best wishes,  
Dr. Richard Stevens



Sam Levitan

**Richard Stevens, Ph.D.**  
Dean of Graduate Studies and Faculty Affairs



## CSDA students inducted into international honor society

Nine College Student Development and Administration students were invited to join Chi Sigma Alpha Honor Society International. Chi Sigma Alpha was founded in 2002, and its motto is "that I might challenge and support" which is underpinning of the work student services professionals do with college students. Student must have a 3.70 graduate GPA and

have completed at least nine credit hours. Shepherd is the Epsilon Chapter establishing itself in 2010. There are currently 27 chapters. ■

*The new and returning members of the chapter are (front row, l. to r.) Jessie Rosano, Shelby Maly, Megan Kennedy, Maya Gonzalez, (back row) Beth Kane, Ann Wendle, Hannah Brunbaugh, Jake Mellow, Brian Fairbrother, and Cullen Byers.*

## Academic Affairs reorganization to be implemented in August

Shepherd University's Board of Governors approved a reorganization of academic units, which includes renamed and merged colleges and the establishment of five professional schools. The approved organization model will provide cost savings and academic streamlining. The reorganization will be implemented August 13.

The Division of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education becomes the School of Graduate and Professional Studies. The new school will remain the administrative hub for all master's and doctoral programs, post-bachelor certificates, continuing education, and lifelong learning. The Martinsburg Center and its staff will now report to the dean of graduate and professional studies. To learn more about the restructuring model, visit: <https://media.suweb.site/2019/01/Academic-Restructuring-Model-012119.pdf?v=1550253267> ■



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## Graduate Student Resources



### Tutor.com

Several graduate courses were selected as part of a pilot for [tutor.com](https://www.tutor.com). This resource provides tutors for students in those classes. The following writing intensive courses were selected for the spring 2019 semester: EDUC 580; MBA 591; CSDA 551, 613, and 678; NURS 514, 516, 532, 546, 548, 550, 622, 624, 626, and 630. This resource is linked to Sakai for the course. ■

### Help Desk

The White Hall Help Desk provides real-time assistance for writing and other courses such as accounting for all graduate students. Two graduate students are employed to assist with questions and tutoring. The Help Desk is located in White Hall, Room 213 and provides about 30 hours of service each week. The hours are posted on the door and help is available on a first-come, first-served basis. No scheduled appointments are available at this time. ■

### 2019-2020 tuition and fees

#### In-state graduate tuition

\$475 per credit hour (\$16 increase)

#### Out-of-state graduate tuition

\$689 per credit hour (\$29 increase)

#### D.N.P. tuition

\$696 per credit hour (no increase)

The increase was approved by the Board of Governors on February 14, 2019. There is no graduate student fee increase for fiscal year 2020. ■

### Tuition waiver due dates

<b>Fall 2019</b>	July 1, 2019
<b>Spring 2020</b>	November 1, 2019
<b>Summer 2020</b>	March 1, 2020 (pending remaining funding)

#### Waiver forms

Student Tuition Waiver Form  
<https://media.suweb.site/2015/04/student-waiver.pdf>

Employee or Graduate Student Researcher Tuition Waiver Form  
<https://media.suweb.site/2015/04/employee-waiver.pdf>

### Calendar dates to remember

<b>April 8</b>	Fall 2019 registration begins
<b>April 26</b>	Last day of classes
<b>April 26-May 3</b>	Finale exams
<b>May 7</b>	Spring grades available (tentative)
<b>May 11</b>	Commencement



## Faculty Spotlight

### Dr. Ben Martz

**Professor of Business Administration and Dean of College of Business**

Dr. Ben Martz currently serves as the dean of the College of Business, chair of Department of Business Administration, M.B.A. program coordinator, and the director of the Shepherd Entrepreneurship and Research Corporation (SERC). Among many other projects, Martz worked to secure the Help Desk during the fall semester for M.B.A. students and, in conjunction with graduate studies, expanded that resource for all graduate students for spring 2019.

Martz earned his B.B.A. from the College of William and Mary and his M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Arizona. He joined Shepherd University in 2016.

At the graduate level, Martz taught a special topics course in Applied Project Management during the fall semester and is currently teaching MBA 590 Applied Research Project and Capstone. ■

## Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award opens for nominations

The Douglas C. Smith Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award nominations for the 2019 award are being accepted through April 1. This award goes to the graduate faculty member who has made significant contributions to the graduate culture at Shepherd University, based on teaching evaluations, professional development, and service to the institution, profession, and community.

Dr. Michael Groves, associate professor of nursing, was the 2018 recipient. Groves teaches regularly in the D.N.P. program. In addition to his responsibilities with the D.N.P. program, he also serves as the health administration concentration coordinator in the M.B.A.

To nominate a faculty member, visit <https://www.shepherd.edu/awards-nominations-and-applications/> ■

## Graduate Research Day and Awards Slated for April 27

Last year graduate students from nursing practice, curriculum and instruction, teaching, Appalachian studies, and college student development and administration presented on variety of topics ranging from ADHD to the Myers Briggs Type Indicator and from Appalachian storyteller Elizabeth Ellis to substance use on college campuses. ■

### Mark your calendar

#### Graduate Research Day and Awards

Saturday, April 27, 2019

Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History and Education

Applications to present and to apply for awards are available online (<https://www.shepherd.edu/awards-nominations-and-applications>) and due by April 1, 2019. **APPLY TODAY!**

## Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning spring 2019 schedules available now

### EDPD Schedule

<https://www.shepherd.edu/continuing-education/edpd>

### Lifelong Learning Schedule

<https://www.shepherd.edu/lifelonglearning>

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## December 2019 graduation application deadline

### Friday, March 1, 2019

\$50 late fee applied after the date

### Graduation Application

<https://media.suweb.site/2019/01/GRADUATION-App-INFORMATION-Grad.pdf>



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### Graduate Studies

<https://www.facebook.com/SUgradstudies>

### CSDA

<https://www.facebook.com/ShepherdUniversityCSDA>

### Martinsburg Center

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