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3:30 p.m.

Reception to follow Convocation in McCoy Rehearsal Hall

Presented by

The Faculty Senate
Scholarship and Awards Committee

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

Scott Beard, D.M.A.
Provost

Joseph McMurrin
First Principal of Shepherd College
1871-1882



The McMurrin Scholar Award

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

ACADEMIC HONORS CONVOCATION

Processional

Shepherd University Brass Quintet

Welcome

Dr. Scott Beard, Provost

The Star-Spangled Banner

Simone Reynolds

McMurran Scholars Association Awards

Garland Ott '62 and Daniel Herr '78

Introduction of the Speaker

Provost Beard

McMurran Address: The Last Lecture Series

Dr. Georgiann Toole, Associate Professor of Education

Presentation of the 2019 Joseph McMurran Scholars

Accounting, Cindy Vance, Ph.D.

Biology, Carol Plautz, Ph.D.

Business Administration, Ben Martz, Ph.D.

Communication, Jason McKahan, Ph.D.

Computer Science, Mathematics, and Engineering, Ralph L. Wojtowicz, Ph.D.

Contemporary Art and Theater, Chris Coltrin, Ph.D.

Education, Dori Hargrove, Ph.D.

English and Modern Languages, Carrie Messenger, Ph.D.

Environmental and Physical Sciences, Jeff Groff, Ph.D.

Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Sport, Jared Androzzi, Ph.D.

History, Benjamin Bankhurst, Ph.D.

Music, Robert Tudor, D.M.A.

Nursing Education, Mary Hancock, Ph.D.

Psychology, Larry Z. Daily, Ph.D.

Regents Bachelor of Arts, Beth Thomas

Social Work, Geri Crawley-Woods, Ph.D.

Sociology and Geography, Chiquita Howard-Bostic, Ph.D.

Recognition of Special Guests

Provost Beard

Alma Mater

Simone Reynolds

Recessional

Shepherd University Brass Quintet

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Faith Kirschling, trumpet
John Miner, trumpet
Anna Watson, horn
Kevin Grega, trombone
Kevin Mitchell, tuba

Shepherd University Vocalist

Simone Reynolds

Shepherd University Alma Mater

1.

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

2.

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

3.

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

Chorus

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

The Joseph McMurrin Scholars

Inducted 2019

Marisa Ambrutis	Gabrielle Kijewski
Mitchell Arvon	Katherine Koller
Makenzie Atherton	Peyton Lindblad
Olivia Barrett	Victoria Lochner
Mattie Boyd	Claudia McCarron
Emily Browning	Andrea Monsma
Stephanie Busey	Paul Mose
Elizabeth Clark	Karlie Murray
Paige Conrad	Megan Norton
Marilyn Creager	Liliana Nuss
Emily Foote	Jillian O'Connell
Ashley Fritsch	Hunter Palmer
Michael Graessle	Shaylin Post
Katie Grimm	Ally Romine
Mitchell Haines	Kellie Sansone
Christopher Harrell	Laurel Schwartz
Julianna Hayden	Kylee Seymour
Madison Ingram	Joshua Smith
Lindsey Jackson	Nevada Tribble
Amaris Jalil	Claire Tryon
Jayna Kackley	Paige Vanaman
Zachary Kerns	Kelsie Weaver
Karmann Kessler	

McMurrin Scholars

Accounting

Presented by Cindy Vance, Ph.D.

MITCHELL A. ARVON, son of Pete and Barbara Arvon of Martinsburg, graduated summa cum laude from Musselman High School. In addition to being a member of the National Honor Society and the recipient of the Kenneth T. Waldeck Outstanding Male Scholar-Athlete Award in high school, he has been on the Dean's List every semester at Shepherd. Mitchell is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi honor society and the recipient of the West Virginia Promise Scholarship, Shepherd University Accounting Scholarship, Shepherd University President's Scholarship, and the H&R Block Budget Challenge Scholarship. After graduating from Shepherd, Mitchell plans to obtain a Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) degree and the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) certification to pursue an accounting career as a licensed CPA.

• *Submitted by Cindy Vance, Ph.D.*

Biology

Presented by Carol Plautz, Ph.D.

AMARIS SABIA JALIL is the daughter of Aiman and Jeanine Jalil of Kabletown, where she completed her homeschooling education. Amaris proudly credits her homeschooling with preparing her for a self-learning mentality and fostering curiosity and independent thought. Among the most treasured and meaningful of her experiences at Shepherd has been the privilege of conducting research and discovering the joy and satisfaction of scientific discovery. Amaris presented her research at the 2017 and 2018 West Virginia Academy of Science meetings, and one of her biggest achievements was submission of a peer-reviewed manuscript in spring 2019. Amaris was an active member of Medlife, Tri-Beta, Phi Kappa Phi honor society, and MedSTEP. As a biology major and chemistry minor in the Honors Program, Amaris also served as a peer tutor. She credits many of the science professors who displayed a distinct commitment to seeing students succeed, which she believes is memorable and makes the biology/chemistry program at Shepherd excellent. She is also very grateful to her parents and is happy to have attended Shepherd with her sister Jordan for two years. Amaris will be attending WVU School of Medicine in the fall, with an interest in developmental/pediatric cardiology and clinical research.

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

KARMANN GHIA KESSLER, daughter of Wendy Conlon and Richard Kessler, graduated from Hampshire High School. Karmann's early love for animals developed into an appreciation of nature. This is fortunate, because Karmann realized that although being a vet would be too sad for her, she could be an advocate for nature, which does not have a voice of its own. At Shepherd, Karmann pursued her passion by majoring

in biology with an ecological concentration and an additional minor in anthropology. She has been an active member of Phi Kappa Phi honor society and volunteered for events such as Seeding your Future and the Exhibition of Undergraduate Research and Creative Endeavors. As her scholarship grew, she began to volunteer in the community at events such as Conservation Discovery Day at the Smithsonian and the Audubon Annual Bird Count. She recently completed an internship at the National Conservation Training Center (NCTC), where she worked on restoration of native plants and forests and control of invasive species. Recently, she was invited to join the board of Friends of NCTC. As she contemplates postgraduate studies, we are confident that Karmann is destined to represent us well as she pursues her career in environmental conservation.

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

VICTORIA PAIGE LOCHNER is the daughter of Daniel and Jane Lochner of Charles Town, where she was homeschooled. As a biology major and chemistry minor at Shepherd, Victoria was on the Dean's List each semester and is a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Beta Beta Beta honor societies. She considers her biggest achievement to be the completion of her bachelor's degree in three years while balancing work, volunteer hours, and personal time. Victoria notes that some of her most memorable experiences here have been helping with the Seeding Your Future STEM conference every year. Following her graduation from Shepherd, Victoria aspires to attend medical school at West Virginia University School of Medicine, in hopes of eventually returning to the Eastern Panhandle to practice medicine.

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

LILIANA KATHLEEN NUSS, daughter of Kerry Riley-Nuss and Carlo Nuss, graduated as a homeschooled student in 2015. Influenced by the international adoption of her sisters Gwen and Marissa, Liliana is extraordinarily interested in the health and well-being of people around the world. She is an active and enthusiastic member of Medlife, a pre-medical student-led organization that focuses on health-related community service. Liliana works as a counselor at the Good Samaritan Free Clinic in Martinsburg, and she has taken three mission trips to Zacapa, Guatemala, where she helped distribute food to impoverished people. Liliana has worked as a Shepherd peer tutor for several years, helping students with microbiology and other science courses. Last summer, Liliana studied pancreatic cancer as a research intern at the National Cancer Institute. An excellent student, Liliana was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi honor society in 2018. She plans to study medicine, with an emphasis in global health, at West Virginia University, and then would like to practice family medicine both in West Virginia and in developing countries.

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

HUNTER LOGAN PALMER, son of Lisa and Kevin Palmer, graduated from Jefferson High School in Shenandoah Junction in 2016. An outstanding biology student at Shepherd, Hunter has presented research at the West Virginia Academy of Sciences and helped other students through his work as a peer tutor. As an Appalachian Lead-

ership and Education Foundation Fellow, Hunter is involved in a variety of community service projects. He is an avid outdoorsman who has construction, carpentry, and mechanical skills, which he uses to help restore habitat to sustain native wildlife populations. Hunter plans to study dental and oral medicine at West Virginia University, and then return to Jefferson County to practice oral and maxillofacial surgery.

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

PAIGE ALISON VANAMAN, daughter of Bridget and Charles Vanaman, graduated from Morgantown High School in 2016. In addition to her excellent academic achievements, Paige is vice president of Shepherd's Rho Omega chapter of TriBeta, a national biological honor society. For several summers, Paige has helped new students enter college life through her work as an A-team student leader for freshman orientation. She continues to support other students through her work as a peer tutor. Paige balances her academic studies and community service with time on the water, where she loves to kayak with her dog, River, as navigator. Paige plans to study forensic pathology and then practice medicine in the Pittsburgh area.

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

Business Administration

Presented by Ben Martz, Ph.D.

EMILY ANN BROWNING is the daughter of John Browning and Sherri and Frank Slusher of Charles Town. Emily, a graduate of Washington High School, will graduate from Shepherd in May 2019 with a major in business administration, a concentration in management, and a minor in psychology. Emily is also a student in Shepherd's 4+1 M.B.A. program and plans on completing her M.B.A. at Shepherd by May 2020. Emily is a member of Phi Kappa Phi honor society and Psi Chi, the international honor society of psychology. For the 2018-2019 academic year, she was the president of Psi Chi. Over the past four years, Emily has been the recipient of a number of scholarships, including the Charles Town High School Alumni Scholarship, the Dulles Community Outreach Scholarship, a Department of Business Scholarship, and the Edward T. Stotler Scholarship. When not studying, Emily, a first-generation college student, enjoys reading suspense novels, watching Netflix, and playing with her cat, Lucy.

• *Submitted by Kathleen Reid, Ph.D.*

KATIE GRIMM is the daughter of Jason and Jennifer Grimm of Martinsburg. Katie will graduate from Shepherd in May 2019 with a major in business administration, a concentration in general business, and a minor in hospitality management. Katie transferred from Martinsburg's Blue Ridge Community and Technical College where she received her Associate of Science in business administration with high honors. While at Blue Ridge, Katie was a member of Phi Beta Lambda, Future Business Leaders of America. At Shepherd, Katie is a member of Phi Kappa Phi honor society and Tau Sigma, the honor society for transfer students. Last November, Katie had the opportunity to attend the Tau Sigma leadership conference in Orlando, Florida. Katie

will attend the University of Central Florida to obtain her master's in hospitality and tourism management and work as an intern at Disney.

• *Submitted by Kathleen Reid, Ph.D.*

KYLEE MARIE SEYMOUR is the daughter of Jennifer and Robert Seymour of Sharpsburg, Maryland. Kylee will graduate from Shepherd in May 2019 with a major in business administration, a concentration in marketing, and a minor in communication and new media. Kylee, who attended high school at the Barbara Ingram School for the Arts in Hagerstown, Maryland, transferred to Shepherd from Hagerstown Community College, where she received her Associate of Science degree in business administration. Kylee is a member of Phi Kappa Phi honor society and Tau Sigma, the honor society for transfer students. Kylee attributes her passion for marketing to her strong pre-professional training in visual arts at the Barbara Ingram School.

• *Submitted by Kathleen Reid, Ph.D.*

Communication

Presented by Jason McKahan, Ph.D.

ANDREA KAY MONSMA, of Kearneysville, is the daughter of Michael and Laurie Monsma. She is a homeschool graduate. As a double major in communication and new media and English (creative writing concentration), Andrea forged connections between her two majors through creative projects involving storytelling across a multitude of media. In addition to her studies, Andrea is a national member of the English honor society, Sigma Tau Delta, and is the founder and president of Shepherd's Creative Writing Club. She has also written for and served as the editor-in-chief of *The Picket*, Shepherd's student newspaper. Several of her creative writing pieces have been published in Shepherd's literary magazine, *Sans Merci*, and her original play, *Welcome to the Poetry Club*, was a winner of Shepherd's Page to Stage competition and produced by the English department's acting troupe, The Rude Mechanicals. Andrea has fond memories of working and studying at the library where she spent most of her free time during her career at Shepherd. Following her December 2019 graduation, Andrea plans to continue experimenting with her numerous creative projects as well as pursuing her master's degree.

• *Submitted by Jason McKahan, Ph.D.*

Computer Science, Mathematics, and Engineering

Presented by Ralph L. Wojtowicz, Ph.D.

EMILY B. FOOTE is the daughter of Philip Joseph Foote and Sharon Lynn Foote. She graduated summa cum laude from Jefferson High School. Emily is a member of our first cohort of data analytics majors at Shepherd and currently maintains a 3.9 GPA in this demanding program. Her accomplishments while a student at Shepherd go well beyond exceptional coursework. As a participant in the European Innovation Academy in Turin, Italy, last summer, she co-founded a business analytics company to enter into a 15-day startup accelerator program. She is a member of Phi Kappa

Phi honor society. Under a NASA grant, Emily has utilized her diverse computer programming skills to develop and maintain web applications and databases for the Institute for Environmental and Physical Sciences. Her leadership experience includes serving as chapter president of the Appalachian Leadership and Education Foundation and volunteer work as a public speaking coach for the Jefferson High School FFA. This summer, Emily will be working as a data scientist at the Penn State Applied Research Laboratory in Reston, Virginia. After graduation, Emily plans to continue data analytics work either at Penn State, for a government agency, or in the UK.

• *Submitted by Ralph L. Wojtowicz, Ph.D.*

LINDSEY ELIZABETH JACKSON is the daughter of Sharon Painter and Mitchell Jackson. Lindsey is a graduate of Washington High School and has lived in West Virginia her entire life. Lindsey came to Shepherd as an undecided major until she found her home as a major in computer and information science with a concentration in networking and security. Lindsey chose Shepherd to further her education because of the many opportunities the university provided and the positive atmosphere it offered. During her time at Shepherd, Lindsey has been on the Dean's List for all her semesters of study and has attained a GPA of 3.8. On campus, Lindsey is a member of Shepherd's Phi Kappa Phi honor society and is a member of the TRiO program, which has been beneficial to her, as she is a first-generation college student. She attributes her success to many hours of study preparation and making sure to gain as much knowledge as possible by attending all her class meetings; she has never missed one. When not studying, Lindsey can be found finding amusement in entertainment media and gaming, enjoying road trips, fishing, adventuring, and spending time with loved ones. After completing her degree, Lindsey plans to pursue employment providing and maintaining a secure internet for her future employer.

• *Submitted by Karen S. Adams, Ph.D.*

PAUL MICHAEL MOSE is the son of Paul Richard Mose and Kelli Dawn Mose. Prior to joining us at Shepherd, he earned an Associate of Science degree in education from Hagerstown Community College, where he was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society, was on the dean's list every semester, and graduated with honors. Paul is a member of our first cohort of data analytics majors at Shepherd and currently maintains a 3.85 GPA in the advanced analytics concentration of this demanding program. He has been on Shepherd's Dean's List every semester and is a member of the Tau Sigma honor society. This year you could often find Paul working on his capstone project in our Big Data Analytics Laboratory. For this project he wrote statistical analysis software and competed against more than 1,000 teams globally on a Google Analytics Customer Revenue Prediction challenge. Paul has managed to maintain his exceptional academic standards while working in data entry, as a cashier, and as a training coordinator where he received the Trainer of the Year award for the past two years. After graduation, Paul plans to secure a data analyst position in the banking industry.

• *Submitted by Ralph L. Wojtowicz, Ph.D.*

SHAYLIN POST is the daughter of Daniel and Deborah Post. She grew up in Bridgeport, where she graduated from Bridgeport High School. Shaylin has an extremely versatile mind and wide range of interests. She has always loved math and science, but has also pursued her attraction for music and art. She plays the piano and ukulele, as well as sings. She chose to attend Shepherd University because of the environmental science program and originally was an aquatics environmental science major. Later her interest was sparked in engineering because of a physical computing class, and she changed her major to engineering in her sophomore year. Her accomplishments at Shepherd University include president of Women in Engineering, member of IEEE and Young Life, Student Ambassador, and Residence Life desk assistant. Shaylin was nominated and received support from a WISH Grant to study abroad in Turin, Italy, and attend the European Innovation Academy in the summer of 2018 where her team placed in the top 10. For future plans, she is eager to keep learning and growing in her field. This summer, she will be marrying her fiancé, Mitchell Haines (also being recognized as a McMurrin Scholar today).

• *Submitted by Osman Guzide, Ph.D.*

Contemporary Art and Theater

Presented by Chris Coltrin, Ph.D.

MATTIE BRIANNE BOYD, of Winchester, Virginia, is the daughter of Warren and Diane Boyd. Mattie attended Lighthouse Baptist Academy High School and earned an Associate of Arts and Sciences degree in general studies at Lord Fairfax Community College. She began her pursuit of a B.F.A. with a concentration in graphic design at Shepherd in the fall of 2017, where she has made the Dean's List every semester. She is the recipient of several departmental scholarships and currently serves as a marketing assistant at Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum in Winchester. She has designed invitations, brochures, and logos for a wide range of freelance clients. Mattie brings a passionate and professional approach to every project she takes on. She is most proud of the design of the poster for the Shepherd University Theater production of *Dear*, and the two works she exhibited in the 2018 Summer Student Exhibition at the Phaze II Gallery. Her work shows a true dedication to excellence. Mattie never takes the easy path and will rework a design piece until it meets her high standards. She offers cheerful and generous support to her fellow students and is a shining example of the kind of graduate Shepherd University strives to send out into the professional world and the community at large. We look forward to watching Mattie's continued success as she seeks a position as a graphic designer in a small firm, with the ultimate goal of starting her own design company.

• *Submitted by Bradford R. Hamann, M.F.A.*

ASHLEY B. FRITSCH attended Spring Mills High School in Berkeley County, graduating first in her class. She is the daughter of Cynthia Fritsch, and the late Scott Fritsch. While at Shepherd, Ashley's paintings were twice recognized as Best in Painting for the Student Honors Exhibition in 2017 and 2018. In addition to being one of the university's Promise Scholars, Ashley was also the recipient of the Joanna Blundell

Art Scholarship in 2016, recognized as a Student of Distinction in 2018, and a three-time recipient of the Catherine Saunders Scholarship in 2016, 2017, and 2018. Ashley's scholarly plans for the future will involve pursuing a Master of Fine Arts degree after she has gained more experience with her own artmaking and teaching.

• *Submitted by David R. Modler, M.F.A.*

NEVADA GAIL TRIBBLE is the daughter of Jack and Christy Tribble of Elkins. She came to Shepherd from Elkins High School with academic scholarships through the Honors Program of Shepherd University. Her ephemeral sculpture and installation work, which examines the relationships people form with the natural world, landscape, and identity of place, has been exhibited regionally in West Virginia and Maryland. She has received a juror's award in 2019 for the Shepherd Student Honors Exhibition and an award for visual art in volume 43 of *Sans Merci*, the art and literary publication of Shepherd University. She is an officer in the Visual Arts Collective, and the Washington, D.C.-based Washington Sculptors Group. In May, she will travel to Helsinki, Finland, to participate in an international sculpture workshop before returning to Shepherd University for her final year.

• *Submitted by Christian Benefiel, M.F.A.*

Education

Presented by Dori Hargrove, Ph.D.

STEPHANIE MIKAYLA BUSEY, daughter of Chad and Renee Busey, is a graduate of Musselman High School and native of Gerrardstown. Stephanie has maintained a 4.0 GPA and has been on the Dean's List every semester while at Shepherd. Stephanie is a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Kappa Delta Pi honor societies, currently serving as the student vice president for Phi Kappa Phi. During her two years as a member of Kappa Delta Pi, she has served as social chair, Literacy Alive chair, treasurer, and vice president. Stephanie has worked extremely hard to earn her education degree and has proven that she will be an excellent teacher. Her professors at Shepherd, cooperating teachers in the field, and students she has taught all speak very highly of Stephanie and her hard work and dedication to teaching. When asked what teaching means to her, Stephanie replied, "To me, teaching means giving my students the confidence to explore their passions and follow their dreams and to find wonder in the world around them by showing them how to think and learn for themselves. Teaching means giving the gift of knowledge, something that can never be taken away and should never be taken for granted. But above all else, teaching my students means loving them." After graduation Stephanie plans to stay in West Virginia and teach in an elementary school. She also hopes, in the future, to become a National Board Certified teacher.

• *Submitted by Belinda B. Mitchell, Ph.D.*

JAYNA DAE KACKLEY, daughter of Jimmie and Lorie Kackley, is a graduate of Martinsburg High School and native of Martinsburg. Jayna is a member of the education honor society Kappa Delta Pi, where she has served as the social committee chair.

She is also a member of Phi Kappa Phi honor society. Jayna has been very successful at Shepherd. She has shown her professors her ability to be an effective teacher. Along with her hard work and dedication, Jayna always has a smile on her face and a cheerful disposition; together these attributes will make her a great teacher. When asked about what teaching means to her, Jayna replied, “To me, teaching is more than providing students with the academic knowledge they need to succeed. Teaching is fostering a safe and welcoming learning environment where students know that their voice matters.” After graduating from Shepherd University in May 2019, Jayna plans to obtain a teaching position as an elementary educator in the Eastern Panhandle.

• *Submitted by Belinda B. Mitchell, Ph.D.*

ZACHARY ANDREW KERNS is from Keyser and is the son of Dewayne and Mary K. Kerns. Zach graduated as salutatorian from Keyser High School, where he lettered in football and basketball. He practiced tae kwon do for 12 years and is a black belt. Zach works as a mathematics tutor at Shepherd and also works in the private sector as a purchasing contractor. He is affiliated with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is a member of Kappa Delta Psi education honor society and Phi Kappa Phi honor society. He was recognized with a Sophomore Excellence and Leadership award, a Junior Excellence and Leadership award, and was named one of 15 of Shepherd University’s Distinguished Students in 2018.

• *Submitted by Tauna Cole, Ed.D.*

JILLIAN DAISY O’CONNELL, daughter of Timothy and Janet O’Connell, graduated from Hedgesville High School before attending Shepherd University. During her time at Shepherd, Jillian has excelled within the Department of Education, especially within the early education program. She has proven herself to be a diligent, hard-working, and self-motivated individual—both inside and outside the classroom. Jillian has been named to the Dean’s List and was recently inducted into Phi Kappa Phi honor society. She has earned both the Continuous Development Award and Outstanding Officer Award within Shepherd’s chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the International Honor Society in Education. She truly enjoys her service to that organization, participating in and helping organize various events each semester. Jillian has also been a member of 4-H for many years and still volunteers with that organization while remaining active in her church and serving the community at large at events such as the local Apple Blossom Festival. Upon completion of her undergraduate studies at Shepherd, Jillian plans to continue her education by earning a master’s degree in special education.

• *Submitted by Teresa Kepner, M.A.*

English and Modern Languages

Presented by Carrie Messenger, Ph.D.

OLIVIA LINNE BARRETT graduated summa cum laude from Shepherd University in December 2018, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in English with a concentration in English literature and a minor in Spanish. She is originally from North Olmstead, Ohio, but subsequently moved to Kearneysville, where she still lives. In 2015, she graduated from Jefferson High School in Shenandoah Junction. In her high school years, Olivia earned an advanced rank in tae kwon do and received several literature and writing awards. At Shepherd, she successfully completed the Honors Program, graduating with University Honors, was a member of the English honor society Sigma Tau Delta, and served as an editor for *Sans Merci*, Shepherd's art and literature magazine. She was the recipient of the William Randolph Hearst and Alumni scholarships, along with several other awards and accolades. Currently, she works at Lowers Risk Group, a business consulting firm in Purcellville, Virginia.

• *Submitted by Mark Cantrell, Ph.D.*

When asked to describe **PAIGE ANTIONETTE CONRAD**, her instructors and her peers respond with words like “polished,” “professional,” “wonderful,” and “impressive.” A graduate of Jefferson High School and the daughter of Rebecca and Randall Conrad of Shepherdstown, Paige has maintained a 4.0 GPA while being active in Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority and Sigma Tau Delta, the English honor society. She has also worked as a writing tutor in the Academic Support Center, where she consistently earned rave reviews from her peers for her technique, her encouragement, and her patience. Along the way, she has written for *The Picket* and maintained part-time jobs, balancing everything with grace and skill. When she graduates this May with a major in English and a minor in history, she will have provided a model of the successful student. Thus the faculty in the Department of English and Modern Languages was delighted when we learned of her plans to pursue graduate study with a focus on teaching. She has been an exceptional student and will certainly be an exceptional teacher.

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

MARILYN K. CREAGER is interested in many subjects, and what holds all of her interests together is her passion for writing. Marilyn is from Green Bank, and her parents are LuAnn Creager and Ray Creager. Marilyn is completing two minors, history and communications, and she is also in the Honors Program. She credits her Honors first-year course with Dr. Ellzey and Dr. Brasher for showing her she should be an English major, as she worked with medieval texts for the first time. Marilyn is a member of Sigma Tau Delta, the English honor society, and an editor for *Sans Merci*, Shepherd's literary magazine run by students. She works as a writing tutor, too. She calls the English department a community of writers. She traveled to Europe with

Dr. Brasher's study abroad trip and visited seven different countries. She would like to thank all the professors she has taken at Shepherd who have taught her to be a critical thinker and a stronger writer, because that is truly what she values from her time here at Shepherd. After she graduates, she plans to work in strategic communications.

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

MADISON ELAINE INGRAM, the daughter of Michael and Marleen Ingram, graduated from Middletown High School in Middletown, Maryland. Madison majored in English, with a literature concentration, and minored in psychology. Her writing is perceptive and precise. She has a special interest in medieval literature, both in and out of the classroom. Her capstone project was an original analysis of two medieval Grail legends. Her interests in her spare time include listening to fantasy audiobooks and searching for one to fill the void now that she has read all of the Game of Thrones books. She was a very effective and popular writing tutor and enjoys helping students become better writers. Now that she has graduated, she plans on finding a job in technical writing and pursuing a master's degree in a couple of years.

• *Submitted by Betty Ellzey, Ph.D.*

CLAUDIA ANNE MCCARRON is an unusually intelligent, hard-working, dedicated individual who started impressing departmental faculty when she entered Shepherd as an English major in the Honors Program in the fall of 2015. Each semester since has brought her more and more recognition, and her accomplishments are not confined to Shepherd's campus. Twice now, Claudia's work has been deemed the best written essay at the West Virginia Undergraduate Literary Symposium, an annual gathering of college and university students from across the state. She has presented papers at conferences in Wheeling; Frederick, Maryland; and St. Louis, Missouri. And Claudia has even had a scholarly essay published in the *Sigma Tau Delta Review*—the first Shepherd student to be so honored. Claudia is the daughter of Patrick and Inna McCarron. Her siblings include Dorothy, Michael, Aileen, and her identical twin sister, Alex, who is an English education major here at Shepherd. Claudia was born in Sterling, Virginia, but calls Charles Town her home. She was homeschooled from kindergarten through 12th grade. This summer will be her second year working as a tutor/counselor at Frostburg's Upward Bound Program, and she plans to attend graduate school where she will continue her study of literature.

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

KELLIE MICHELLE SANSONE is the daughter of Mike Sansone and Lee Ann Sansone from Morgantown. She is a graduate of Hedgesville High School and graduated summa cum laude from Shepherd University in 2018. She was inducted into Sigma Delta Pi (a Hispanic Honors Society) and named to the Dean's List for each semester at Shepherd University. Kellie has valued the experiences and opportunities made available to her through the Department of English and Modern Languages, which included traveling abroad to Costa Rica. Currently she is a Spanish teacher at Spring

Mills High School, and she is pursuing a Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) degree at Shepherd University. She is a member of St. Bernadette Catholic Church in Hedgessville and in her spare time she enjoys traveling and baking.

• *Submitted by Denis Berenschot, Ph.D.*

Environmental and Physical Sciences

Presented by Jeff Groff, Ph.D.

KARLIE ALYSON MURRAY is the daughter of Rick and Fran Murray and a graduate of Lincoln High School in Harrison County. She is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi honor society and is a Young Life leader. While pursuing her degree in environmental studies and a minor in geographic information systems, Karlie worked with the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Office of Abandoned Mine Lands and Reclamation on the restoration of the Three Fork Creek watershed. After graduation, Karlie plans to pursue employment with an agency or organization dedicated to environmental protection and will continue to advance environmental sustainability in her community. When Karlie isn't studying, she can be found planting trees, kayaking, or hiking.

• *Submitted by Jeff Groff, Ph.D.*

LAUREL SENECA SCHWARTZ is the daughter of Shepherd alumni Edward and Lorri Schwartz and a graduate of Jefferson High School in Shenandoah Junction. She is a member of the Shepherd University Honors Program and the Phi Kappa Phi honor society. While pursuing her degree in environmental studies with a concentration in sustainable resource management, Laurel spent her summers employed as a park ranger with the National Park Service at Harpers Ferry and the Army Corps of Engineers at Loyahanna Lake in western Pennsylvania. Laurel plans to pursue a graduate degree in environmental policy and management and hopes to work for the National Park Service educating the public about environmental issues. When Laurel isn't studying, she can be found helping to advance campus sustainability with other members of the Shepherd Environmental Organization.

• *Submitted by Jeff Groff, Ph.D.*

Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Sport

Presented by Jared Androzzi, Ph.D.

MICHAEL S. GRAESSLE is from Mt. Airy, Maryland, and is the son of Peter and Marianne Graessle. Michael graduated from South Carroll High School and attended Carroll Community College prior to joining the Shepherd community in 2016. He is a double major in recreation and sport studies and business. Michael has been a member of the Shepherd University men's golf team for three years. In addition to his outstanding academic achievement, Michael has made many contributions to Shepherd and the community. Michael received the Outstanding Student in Sport Marketing Award from the HPER faculty and is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi honor society. Upon graduation, Michael plans to pursue a career in a sports-related indus-

try. His career preference would be to work for a marketing firm of a professional sports team or obtain a position in higher education within an athletics department. Michael sends a special thank you to his parents and all of the Shepherd University Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Sport faculty and staff.

• *Submitted by Stacey Kendig, Ph.D.*

ALLY MORGAN ROMINE is a native of West Virginia and is the daughter of Scott and Holly Romine. Ally entered Shepherd University in the fall of 2016. She has thrived as a physical education major, achieving an area GPA of 3.95 and an overall GPA of 3.95 and being named to the Dean's List from 2016 through 2019. She is the recipient of the West Virginia Promise Scholarship, Shepherd University's Presidential Scholarship, Gold's Gym Senior Athlete of the Year Scholarship, and Charlie H. Smith Scholarship. Ally served as a head coach in the United States Tennis Association and head counselor for the Summer Adventure Day Camp during the summers of 2017 and 2018. She is a member of the National Honors Society, Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, and the West Virginia Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. She regularly participates in professional development activities and is a model teacher for her classmates. We are honored to have Ally in the field of physical education.

• *Submitted by Rhonda Hovatter, Ed.D.*

History

Presented by Benjamin Bankhurst, Ph.D.

GABRIELLE KRISTINE KIJEWski is the daughter of Ronald and Michele Kijewski. She is originally from Philadelphia, but now resides in Harpers Ferry with her family. She was homeschooled where she developed an interest in history and archeology. Gabrielle's research interests include medieval warfare, particularly the impact of the longbow on all facets of society. She is a rigorous researcher and excellent writer. She had the opportunity to travel to Europe for study abroad while at Shepherd, which furthered her passion for digging up mysteries of the past. Her interests include reading, archery, horseback riding, and baking. She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi honor society and has been on the Dean's List every semester while at Shepherd. She plans to attend graduate school in classical archeology.

• *Submitted by Sally M. Brasher, Ph.D.*

CLAIRE ELIZABETH TRYON is a history major in the general concentration and is involved in a number of extracurricular activities on campus. She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi honor society and the national history honors society, Phi Alpha Theta. Apart from her membership in these prestigious organizations, Claire serves as a resident assistant in Thatcher Hall. She also regularly volunteers at local soup kitchens through Shepherd Connections, a campus spirituality discussion group, and is active with the campus 4-H club. In 2017, Claire was nominated to take part in the Andrew C. Mellon funded COPLACDigital program. Her work for the initiative, undertaken alongside another Shepherd student, was on the topic of the Washington, D.C.,

feminist separatist group known as the Furies. It was so impressive that it served as the foundation for a week of events organized by students in the history, English, and political science departments in spring 2019. These events explored topics including women's history, LGBTQ+ activism, and feminism. It is hoped that "women's week" will become an annual tradition on campus. Claire attended high school in Martinsburg and was a member of the National Honors Society (NHS), where she served on the society's executive board. Through the NHS, she served as a student mentor and tutor at Saturday School. She was also president of her 4-H club for two consecutive years. As president, she implemented a food collection and donation program.

• *Submitted by Benjamin Bankhurst, Ph.D.*

Music

Presented by Robert Tudor, D.M.A.

ELIZABETH JOY CLARK, the daughter of Mel and Marybeth Clark, graduated from high school through Covenant Life School's Family Schools Program in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Elizabeth is a senior vocal performance major and has studied with Brooke Evers here at Shepherd and Dr. Molly Donnelly at Montgomery College in Rockville, Maryland. While attending Shepherd, Elizabeth has participated in Masterworks Chorale, Camerata, and Chamber Singers. Most recently, she performed as Eve in *The Apple Tree*. Elizabeth also enjoys teaching and directing and has just completed a high school production of *Godspell* at Covenant Life Church in Gaithersburg, serving as music director. After graduating this May, Elizabeth plans to continue teaching and working with community theaters.

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

JOSHUA MICHAEL SMITH exemplifies what it means to be a music major at Shepherd University, which is to say, he is extremely busy all of the time. As a double major in music education and music performance, Josh excels both on stage and in the classroom. During his time at Shepherd, he has been a member of Aries Tenor and Bass Choir, Chamber Singers, Masterworks Chorale, Masterworks Orchestra, Shepherd Community Orchestra, Symphonic Band, Woodwind Quintet, RAM Band, and Wind Ensemble, while also participating in theater and opera productions and numerous recitals. In addition to serving his peers as an academic tutor, Josh also serves the music department as the student coordinator for our visitation and audition events for prospective music majors, as well as acting as a student ambassador on behalf of the music department at campus events and regional conferences. Josh is a member Kappa Delta Pi, Order of Omega Social Greek Honors Organization, the Shepherd University Honors Program, Phi Kappa Phi honors society, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity, in which he currently serves as vice president for the second consecutive year. Upon graduating, Josh plans to pursue graduate study in conducting with aspirations to become a Broadway music director.

• *Submitted by Kurtis Adams, D.M.A.*

Nursing Education

Presented by Mary Hancock, Ph.D.

KATHERINE PATRICE KOLLER is a nontraditional student who has had a lifelong dream of becoming a nurse. After high school graduation, she met her husband, Steve, and in 19 years of marriage, they had four wonderful children. By mutual agreement, Katherine and her husband decided it was best for her to become a stay-at-home mother while she provided support for her husband's education and career paths. As a stay-at-home mother, Katherine was a leader in her children's activities and president of the PTA. After her youngest child started school, Katherine and her husband decided now was the best time to fulfill her dream of becoming a nurse. Katherine is a devoted nursing student who spends much of her time studying in the Scarborough Library. Katherine demonstrates a willingness to take on the challenges of being the best student, mother, and wife. Katherine has a passion for maternal child nursing. Her maternal nurturing and caring behaviors are notably seen in the clinical setting. After graduation, Katherine would like to work as a maternal-child nurse and further her education to become a nurse practitioner.

• *Submitted by Barbara Mott, Ph.D.*

PEYTON MARIE LINDBLAD is from Fredericksburg, Virginia, and graduated from Riverbend High School in 2016. She is the daughter of Jack Lindblad and Kristi and Jayson Tappan. Peyton joined Shepherd University as a freshman with a pre-nursing major. She is currently a junior level nursing student with a GPA of 3.97. She has been a member of the women's volleyball team at Shepherd. In the fall of 2018, the women's volleyball team went to the NCAA tournament for the first time in the university's history. Additionally, Peyton was named the first Volleyball Academic All American student representing Shepherd. She is an active member of the Shepherd University Student Nurses' Association. She coaches a middle school age volleyball team, Potomac Elite Volleyball Club, in Ranson. When she is home, Peyton works as a medical scribe at the Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center near Fredericksburg, Virginia, and as a part-time nanny for children. Peyton desires to positively impact patients suffering from disease and illness as a registered nurse upon graduation. Her career goals include the Air Force with further education as a nurse practitioner or nurse anesthetist. The Department of Nursing Education is honored to have Peyton as a student.

• *Submitted by Kelly Huffer, D.N.P.*

MAKENZIE HOPE ATHERTON, the daughter of Allen Atherton and Julia Davids, was born in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, and is currently a resident of Falling Waters. Makenzie became a Shepherd Ram in 2016 as a nursing major. She will graduate in May 2019. Her capstone project, titled "Improvement of Healthcare Team Communication," connected current evidence on the topic of communication with the inter-

professional healthcare team providing an essential resource in today's challenging healthcare environment. Her hobbies and interests include hiking, kayaking, reading, and playing with her pets. Her future professional goals include obtaining her Master of Science in Nursing degree and becoming certified as a nurse practitioner.

• *Submitted by Mary Hancock, Ph.D.*

Psychology

Presented by Larry Z. Daily, Ph.D.

MARISA ROSE AMBRUTIS hails from Charles Town and is the daughter of Lisa Ambrutis. Marisa was initially homeschooled and finished her last two years of high school, while simultaneously beginning her college studies as a dual-enrollment student at Blue Ridge Community and Technical College. She enrolled at Shepherd University in fall 2017 and has been on the Dean's List every semester since. She will graduate from Shepherd in May 2021 with B.A. degrees in both psychology and elementary education. Marisa is a member of the honor society of Phi Kappa Phi, Psi Chi, the international honor society in psychology, and Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society in education. In addition to serving as the chair of the Kappa Delta Pi Relay for Life team, she also works as an assistant teacher at the Shepherdstown Day Care Center. Marisa loves travel—she's already traveled to Vietnam and will be traveling with the Department of Psychology on an academic study tour to London and Paris in May. Upon completion of her degree, Marisa plans to spend a year traveling and teaching online elementary school English and then enroll in a master's program. The Department of Psychology is proud to count Marisa among our McMurrin Scholars.

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

MEGAN SHIRLEY NORTON is the daughter of Lynn and Alan Norton and was homeschooled about 15 minutes from Shepherd, between Shepherdstown and Harpers Ferry. Before attending Shepherd, Megan obtained a B.S. in criminal justice from Bluefield College with a minor in psychology, all while being an award-winning student athlete. Megan returned to Shepherdstown to complete a B.A. in psychology. While here, she has demonstrated her abilities as a bright and dedicated student, appearing on the Dean's List. She has excelled in a practicum placement at the Acute Inpatient Behavioral Health Unit at the Berkeley Medical Center, where she receives glowing reports from her supervisor. These reports especially note her skill and comfort with counseling techniques, and Megan particularly enjoys the practical experience of seeing how psychological phenomena unfold in real life, as opposed to reading about it in a textbook. After graduating, Megan intends to combine her interests by pursuing a master's degree in clinical psychology with an emphasis in forensic psychology, which she plans to use working for a federal agency, such as the FBI.

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

KELSIE JAE WEAVER is the daughter of Rob and Stacey Weaver of New Oxford, Pennsylvania. She graduated from West York High School in York, Pennsylvania, where she lettered in softball all four years. Here at Shepherd, Kelsie has continued to play softball, catching for the Rams while majoring in psychology. Kelsie has, of course, been an outstanding student who is diligent and who often digs into the details during class discussions. Her capstone project—an exploration of whether athletes and non-athletes display different mate preferences—is one of the more ambitious projects taken on by one of our students. Following graduation Kelsie plans to pursue graduate study in K-12 school counseling.

• *Submitted by Larry Z. Daily, Ph.D.*

Regents Bachelor of Arts

Presented by Beth Thomas, R.B.A. Coordinator

JULIANNA CHRISTINE HAYDEN attended Jefferson High School and considers Gerardstown her hometown. Julianna is a nontraditional student who has excelled in both life and the classroom. She didn't start college at the traditional age of 18, but instead got her education by travelling the world as a military wife, learning about different cultures. She has raised two children, one who is autistic, and appreciates the unique view of the world she has been exposed to because of this. Julianna hopes to use her degree and experience to work with families of autistic children. Julianna has also had a career as a 911 dispatcher and communications director for the West Virginia State Police, which allowed her to help others. Julianna graduated in December 2018 and earned an R.B.A. degree with a human services emphasis and with summa cum laude honors, maintaining a 3.92 GPA.

• *Submitted by Beth A. Thomas*

Social Work

Presented by Geri Crawley-Woods, Ph.D.

MITCHELL C. HAINES is the son of Ted and Jessica Haines and graduated from Hampshire High School in 2015. Mitchell was accepted as a TRiO student and, as a sophomore, was selected among applicants from eight states to receive the Mid-Eastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (MEAEOPP) Scholarship. He is proud to have served as a Young Life leader for two years and to share the Good News of Christ with other students on campus. He has also served as a resident assistant for the last two years. He is the current president of the Student Ambassador Association and has promoted the interest of prospective students in Shepherd. He has completed his senior internship at Bester Community of Hope in Hagerstown Maryland, working with youth and their families in the community in which they live and attend school. Upon graduation, he has accepted a position as a youth community mental health trainee with the National Counseling Group

in Winchester, Virginia. This will lead to certification as a Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP) after one year. He and his fiancée, Shaylin Post (also being recognized as a McMurrin Scholar today), will be married in August. Mitchell would like to thank his fiancée and his parents for their support in the completion of his education.

• *Submitted by G.R. Crawley-Woods, Ph.D.*

Sociology and Geography

Presented by Chiquita Howard-Bostic, Ph.D.

CHRISTOPHER HARRELL is a senior at Shepherd University. He will receive his Bachelor of Science degree in sociology with a concentration in criminal justice in May 2019. Chris transferred to Shepherd University in the fall of 2017 from Hagerstown Community College, where he earned an associate degree in criminal justice. Throughout high school and college, he worked as a laborer for his family's construction company. In the fall of 2018, he completed his internship with Berkeley County Home Confinement. He recently accepted a full-time position at the Home Confinement Office as an officer. Throughout his time at Shepherd, Chris has demonstrated excellence in his coursework, excelling in his writing and critical thinking skills. The Department of Sociology and Geography is pleased to acknowledge Chris's dedication to his studies, intellectual independence, and willingness to think sociologically.

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

Joseph McMurren, Jr. Shepherd College Principal 1871-1882

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

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

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

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

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

The McMurrin Convocation “Last Lecture”

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

Georgiann Toole, Ph.D. **Associate Professor of Education** **McMurrin Convocation “Last Lecturer”**

Dr. Georgiann Hinchcliffe Toole is a West Virginia native. Following graduation from Brooke High School in the northern panhandle of the state, she first came to Shepherdstown to attend Shepherd College (this was somewhat of a happy accident, but that’s a story for another day). After completing her B.A. in music education and social studies education at Shepherd (where she was a McMurrin Scholar), she taught music in public and private schools in Berkeley and Jefferson counties while completing the Master of Music in conducting from Shenandoah University. She earned a Ph.D. in music education from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, and joined the Shepherd University education faculty in 2007, specializing in teaching instructional methods and graduate education research. For a number of years, she directed the Master of Arts in Teaching and the Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction and served as coordinator of the undergraduate social studies education program.

Shepherd University has granted her the Distinguished Graduate Faculty award, as well as the Outstanding Faculty Award for Teaching.

Recently, she has presented research related to teacher education to the International Society for Music Education in Scotland, and she has provided arts integration workshops to the National Council for Social Studies. She served as composer and clinician for Community Access Unlimited, a New Jersey nonprofit for adults with disabilities, and was invited to present reflections on this experience at the 2018 International Centre for Community Music Research Symposium at the teacher’s college of Columbia University, New York City.

Dr. Toole has studied choral composition with Pulitzer Prize recipient Steven Stucky, and she was a 2013 winner of the New Voices competition at Catholic University, Washington, D.C. Her work has been performed by the American Guild of Organists, the Princeton Singers, Winchester Musica Viva chamber choir, and Shenandoah University ensembles. In 2015, her *Evensong* was composed at the request of the

Piedmont Singers (Middletown, Virginia) for their residencies at York Minster Cathedral and Christ Church (Oxford), England. A setting of Emily Dickinson poems, *Bee Songs*, was selected for performance by the Irish women's ensemble Dulciana, following a worldwide competition. In 2018, Dr. Toole's arrangements of Scottish folk songs were performed by Shepherd University music students as part of the Appalachian Heritage Writer-in-Residence events. Her works are published by St. James Music Press.

Following retirement from Shepherd University in August 2018, Dr. Toole has continued to supervise Shepherd University student teachers and to teach professional development courses for public school educators. As a proponent of lifelong learning and arts involvement for people of all ages and experience levels, she is active in music and history organizations in the Shepherdstown community. She is deeply honored to be invited to speak today.

McMurran Scholars, 1961-2018

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'Ecuyer, 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

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