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146th Commencement

Sixty-one students were awarded master's and doctorates and 640 received baccalaureate degrees during Shepherd University's 146th Commencement May 11. The Rev. Dr. Jamie Washington, president and founder of the Washington Consulting Group, delivered the graduate commencement address and **Brandon Dennison '00**, CEO of Coalfield Development Corporation, delivered the undergraduate commencement address. Both were awarded a Doctor of Business honorary degree. Alumnus and emeritus employee **Karl Wolf '70** was presented the President's Award in recognition of his dedicated service to Shepherd University.

TOP LEFT: The Rev. Dr. Jamie Washington delivers the graduate commencement address.



LEFT: Brandon Dennison '00 receives an honorary doctorate from President Mary J.C. Hendrix after being hooded by Faculty Senate President Dr. Chris Lovelace (l.) and Board of Governors Vice Chair Gat Caperton (r.).

BELOW LEFT: Karl Wolf '70 receives the President's Award for service to Shepherd from President Hendrix.

BELOW RIGHT: Undergrads happily await the awarding of their degrees.

Photos by Cecelia Mason



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From the President

New initiatives for the new academic year

In this new academic year, Shepherd has many new initiatives and student-centric services underway or in the planning stages.

Our students are our top priority, so we are pleased to offer students Shepherd's new telehealth service as part of their student fees. Telehealth provides students 24-hour access to a doctor via phone, tablet, or computer. Alumni and friends of Shepherd are welcome to participate in Shepherd's telehealth initiative for just \$40 a year.

We have recently recognized that some of our students suffer from food insecurity. We want students to focus on their education without worrying about where they will obtain their next meal. To that end, Shepherd is developing a student food bank, which is in its final stages of roll out as this magazine goes to press. Mountaineer Food Bank has been scheduled to conduct a site visit on campus for the new food bank.

Campus safety is a matter that my Executive Leadership Team and I take very seriously. Shepherd has very strong safety protocols and crisis communications plans in place, but what the institution lacked was an overarching planning document that brought all the university's protocols together in a solid emergency operations plan. My thanks to Jack Shaw, vice president for campus services, for spearheading this effort with a task force to keep our students, faculty, staff, and campus visitors safe and informed.

An area of which I am most pleased is the continuing expansion of the Shepherd Entrepreneurship and Research Corporation (SERC), which was established as a nonprofit corporation to support the development of projects, partnerships, and initiatives that advance research and economic development in Shepherd's service area. SERC is led by Dr. Ben Martz, dean of the College of Business. Currently, eight projects are underway, with three having reached full implementation in service agreements with local partners: Shepherd's aerial support services for local businesses (see the story about Shepherd's drone fleet on page 6); the new Society for Creative Writing; and event services at historic Popodicon.

Other projects and partnerships being developed by SERC include:

- **Center for Regional Innovation:** This public-private initiative is currently identifying business and industry partners with a goal of hosting business incubator services.
- **FASTeNER Lab:** SERC will serve as a liaison to help Shepherd's art faculty provide support services, including 3-D printing, for local businesses.
- **Tabler Farm:** Utilizing a USDA federal cost-sharing agreement and a grant from WISH (Women Investing in Shepherd), Shepherd has installed a high-tunnel greenhouse for its Vets to Agriculture program as well as solar electricity and Wi-Fi onsite.
- **Civil Military Innovation Institute (CMI2):** Housed on Shepherd's campus, the Institute is exploring partnership ideas with SERC to help Eastern Panhandle businesses gain access to federal contracting.
- **Institute for Civil Political Communications:** Funded by a \$1 million gift from Bonnie and Bill Stubblefield, the institute will formally open on Shepherd's campus in early October (see the story on page 5 about the Stubblefields and their generous gift).

The new academic year is an exciting time with new projects, new first-year students, new faculty and staff, and the opportunity to start anew. We appreciate the collective contributions of our campus employees, alumni, and friends—in training the next generation of leaders and model citizens. ■



Dr. Mary J.C. Hendrix '74

Sam Levitan

Alumni can enroll in university's new telehealth system

Alumni can participate in Shepherd's new telehealth service—Teladoc—which provides 24-hour access to doctors via phone, tablet, or computer.

Shepherd expanded student access to Teladoc this fall semester for all undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at Shepherd as part of their student fees. Teladoc is also offered to faculty, staff, and those affiliated with Shepherd, including alumni, Lifelong Learning and Wellness Center members, and Shepherd retirees for a fee of \$40 per year for unlimited access. Sign up for the telehealth system at www.shepherdtelehealth.com.

"We wanted to provide increased access to healthcare services for our students. Shepherd Telehealth is a way that we can provide increased access for our students, employees, and alumni," said Provost Scott Beard. ■

Two 2020 Shepherd-themed calendars on sale this fall

Two 2020 calendars featuring Shepherd—an athletics calendar showcasing standout student-athletes and a Classified Employee Council (CEC) calendar featuring photos of campus in all seasons—will be on sale this fall for \$10 each.

The athletics calendar will be on sale at home football and basketball games. The CEC calendar will be on sale at the Scarborough Library, Wellness Center, various campus events, and directly from CEC members.

Proceeds from the athletics calendar will provide general support for athletics, while the CEC calendar will benefit the Classified Employees' Children's Scholarship Fund in the Shepherd University Foundation. For more information about the CEC calendar, visit www.shepherd.edu/cec. ■

\$1 million gift creates the Bonnie and Bill Stubblefield Institute for Civil Political Communications

The study of political communications amid a national political culture of divided ideology and partisan divisiveness will be the focus of the Bonnie and Bill Stubblefield Institute for Civil Political Communications. The Stubblefields made a \$1 million gift to fund the institute.

“We are profoundly grateful to Bonnie and Bill Stubblefield who made this institute a reality with a generous three-year gift,” said President Mary J.C. Hendrix. “How we as citizens persuade, advocate, and converse with one another across competing opinions is of utmost importance to the future health of our democracy. As citizens and voters, we need to address our divisions and learn how to talk to each other again in a civil manner—the true essence of communications. These are important values to Bonnie and Bill, and we are thrilled they accepted our request to name the institute in their honor.”

“America faces serious challenges that can best be met by a return to civil discourse and compromise,” said Bonnie and Bill Stubblefield. “We are proud to be affiliated with Shepherd University’s efforts to take a positive step in that direction.”

Core activities of the institute will address these divisions by sponsoring forums, lectures, and debates consisting of opposing political, policy, and media leaders. It will also provide Shepherd students with contemporary academic

and practical educational programs related to political and policy communications. For students majoring in political science, a concentration in political communications will be offered in cooperation with the institute.

a bipartisan board of advisors. Initial members of the board include David Avella ’92, chair and CEO of GOPAC, a national Republican organization, and a member of the Shepherd University Board of Governors, and Scott Wid-



Cecelia Mason

ABOVE: Present for the signing of the gift agreement establishing the Bonnie and Bill Stubblefield Institute for Civil Political Communications were (l. to r.) Dr. Ben Martz, dean of the College of Business and director of the Shepherd Entrepreneurship and Research Corporation, Dr. Bonnie Stubblefield, President Mary J.C. Hendrix, and Dr. Bill Stubblefield.

“We believe Shepherd’s location is ideal for an institute focused on political discourse,” said President Hendrix. “We are only 75 miles from Washington, D.C., which gives us a great opportunity to attract top tier speakers and guest lecturers. As one of only four states with both a Republican and Democratic U.S. Senator, we also think West Virginia is a good place to begin this important national discussion.”

The Bonnie and Bill Stubblefield Institute for Civil Political Communications is strictly nonpartisan and will not take public positions on policy, issues, or candidates. It will be governed by

meyer, founding managing partner of Finn Partners and former press secretary to West Virginia Governor Jay Rockefeller as well as former deputy press secretary to President Jimmy Carter and Vice President Walter Mondale. Both Avella and Widmeyer are Martinsburg natives. Other board members will be announced prior to the official launch of the institute at the beginning of the fall semester.

David Welch, a Martinsburg resident and longtime political media expert and local radio talk show host, has been named as the institute director. A dedi-

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Drones for hire

Shepherd's fleet surveys local historic Washington home sites, strip-mined land in Randolph County for the Forest Service

Demand for services by Shepherd University's growing fleet of drones has increased in the past year, with the unmanned aerial vehicles being used for activities such as documenting historic properties, monitoring cropland, helping local police in the search for a body, and inspecting roofs on several campus buildings.

Steven Shaffer '05, lecturer of environmental studies, and Dr. Sytil Murphy, associate professor of physics, are Shepherd's drone pilots. The drones, which are used in the College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics to teach students how to collect photos, video, and data from the air, are also

available for off-campus jobs. In spring 2019, Walter Washington, owner of Harewood and president of the Friends of Happy Retreat, hired the drones as part of an effort to learn more about those two historic Washington family properties.

"It's an opportunity to use this new technology to discover any archaeological sites that are on the properties," said Washington, who grew up in Harewood and is a direct descendant of Samuel Washington, George Washington's brother. "We are hoping archaeology can help solve some mysteries." When Samuel Washington owned Harewood, which was built in 1770, it was a 3,800-acre plantation and would have had a

number of outbuildings.

Shaffer and Murphy are collaborating on the Harewood and Happy Retreat project with Dr. Charles Hulse, professor of anthropology from the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences.

"Happy Retreat and Harewood are premier historic properties in the region," Hulse said. "Both 18th-century homes were attached to large farms with many buildings such as offices, barns, slave quarters, and outbuildings. While the homes are still standing, the majority of structures associated with each property have been lost to time."

Happy Retreat was the home of Charles Washington, founder of Charles Town and another of George Washington's brothers. The original sections of the house—the first floors of the two wings—were built by Washington in 1780 and 1785. The second floor of the wings and center section were built by Judge Isaac Douglass, who bought the house in 1837.

Murphy and Shaffer, with the help of several students, flew four drones over the properties taking thermal infrared and multispectral photos that will be stitched together to create 3-D models of the sites.

Walter Washington hopes the images will show what Happy Retreat originally looked like before Douglass added onto it and where outbuildings on the 20 acres surrounding Harewood were once located.

"Without the drone, it would take



LEFT: Pictured at Happy Retreat are (l. to r.) Dr. Charles Hulse, professor of anthropology; Steven Shaffer, lecturer of environmental studies; Dr. Sytil Murphy, associate professor of physics; and Karlie Murray, environmental studies major, Lumberport.

a lot of time and money to go over 20 acres, and it would be a lot of work,” Washington said.

“We can get the general layout of what he (Hulse) is looking for from the air so he doesn’t have to dig a lot of test holes,” Shaffer said. “We’re substituting destructive techniques with hands-off, nondestructive science. We could fly over as many times as we want from as many different angles and get real good archaeology from it.”

A role in mine reclamation

Starting this fall, faculty and students from Shepherd will travel to Randolph County where they will use the drone fleet to help in efforts by the United States Forest Service to reclaim strip-mined land in the Monongahela National Forest. Through a five-year agreement with the Forest Service and the Shepherd Entrepreneurship and Research Corporation, Shepherd’s drone fleet will be used to map projects on forest land known as the Mower Tract on Cheat Mountain in Randolph



Photo courtesy Shepherd Drone Program

Photo courtesy Shepherd Drone Program

ABOVE: Shepherd’s drones surveyed historic Washington family homes Happy Retreat (top) in Charles Town and Harewood (bottom) several miles west of Charles Town on Middleway Pike.



Cecelia Mason

County, while students in forestry management classes provide eyes on the ground.

“We have a lot of different opportunities here,” said Jack Tribble, Forest Service district ranger, Greenbrier Ranger District. “In the last year the Forest Service has worked with the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources and Ruffed Grouse Society to create new habitat. We would like to fly that habitat to see how it’s looking.”

The Mower Tract has approximately

40,000 acres of National Forest land located on Cheat Mountain that was purchased from the Mower Land and Lumber Company in the early 1980s. Tribble said approximately 2,000 acres had been mined and about 700 acres have been restored, so work needs to be done on about 1,300 more.

“In anticipation of working with the Forest Service, over the last year we have been bending our remote sensing and GIS programs to look at agricultural forestry resource management as a primary discipline,” Shaffer said. “Participating gives students the ability to understand how data analysis can make a difference and can be used for real, practical, and impactful science.”

“The connections across the programs are huge,” Murphy said. “This brings together disciplines such as

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LEFT: The Shepherd drone fleet features the Mavic (top), the Phantom (middle), and the Matrice (bottom). Business owners or individuals who wish to hire the Shepherd drones for projects should contact Steven Shaffer at sshaffer@shepherd.edu or Dr. Sytil Murphy at smurphy@shepherd.edu.

School of Nursing awarded \$2.7 million grant to encourage care in underserved areas, PBM light therapy for pain management

The School of Nursing has received a four-year, \$2.7 million Advanced Nursing Education Workforce Grant from the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration. The grant will be used for an Innovative Modalities for Rural Nurse Practitioner Education and Collaboration to Transcend Health Disparities (IMPACT) program designed to encourage advanced practice nurses to work in rural West Virginia communities helping underserved populations and to promote the use of treatment such as photobiomodulation (PBM) light therapy to manage pain and help reduce opioid use in the region.

Shepherd has partnered with four

federally qualified health centers—Shenandoah Valley Medical Systems in Martinsburg; Tri-State Community Health Center, serving Morgan County, Washington and Allegheny counties, Maryland, and Fulton County, Pennsylvania; E.A. Hawse Health Center in Hardy County; and Mountaineer Community Health Center in Paw Paw—where Shepherd's Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) students will gain practical experience.

"We're thrilled to be partners with these health centers," said Dr. Sharon Mailey, dean of the College of Nursing, Education, and Health Sciences and director of the School of Nursing. "Students will have an immersion experience

in rural health primary care at these clinics and this will foster retention in the region helping impact health of our most vulnerable West Virginians."

Dr. Kelly Watson Huffer, assistant professor of nursing and IMPACT project manager, said the program will allow Shepherd to bring innovative therapies and treatment modalities such as PBM and telehealth into Shepherd's curriculum and to the community health centers. Shepherd will use some of the grant money to purchase PBM and telehealth equipment and to train D.N.P. students

BELOW: Dr. Sharon Mailey (l.) and Dr. Kelly Watson Huffer are overseeing the \$2.7 million grant.



Cecelia Mason

in this new technology.

“We want to put the additional photobiomodulation equipment out there in the community in the hands of our students and get them to start using it in the clinics,” Huffer said. “Chronic pain is a huge problem across the country. Certainly West Virginia has its problems with opioid abuse and overdoses. We’re hoping the PBM technology will help intervene in that.”

In addition to learning PBM and telehealth, the grant will provide the opportunity for D.N.P. students and the preceptors who work with them in the clinics to become certified in medication-assisted treatment, which combines behavioral therapy and medications to treat opioid abuse, and trained in the use of naloxone, an opioid reversing drug that can be given to those who overdose.

Huffer said other goals include increasing high-quality clinical training opportunities for Shepherd students enrolled in the family nurse practitioner track of the D.N.P. program, with an emphasis on learning about the needs of vulnerable populations, and increasing the number of family nurse practitioners who seek employment in the region after graduation.

“D.N.P. students have to do a lot of practicum hours getting the hands-on experience of interviewing, diagnosing, treating, and following up with patients,” Huffer said. “We can place our family nurse practitioner students in these centers for their practicum so they can become well-versed in dealing with some of the unique problems of populations such as migrant workers, immigrants, low income patients, and those who fall through the healthcare system cracks.”

“The region faces some of the toughest healthcare challenges and, with a shortage of providers, this grant will assist with the recruitment of advanced practice students by providing much-needed scholarships and stipends,” Mailey said. “The grant will pay for two years of academic expenses while D.N.P. students work in the rural clinics.” ■

Stubblefield Institute for Civil Political Communications

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cation program is scheduled for October 1 to mark the official opening of the Bonnie and Bill Stubblefield Institute for Civil Political Communications.

About the Stubblefields:

Dr. Bonnie M. Stubblefield has a 39-year career in science and oceanography with 30 years of government service with the U.S. Geological Survey. Her educational background includes degrees in geology and oceanography from Tufts University and the University of Rhode Island, and a Ph.D. in marine geology and geophysics from the University of Miami. She has an extensive list of publications and has held numerous science and executive leadership positions, including associate director for science, the senior most career position in USGS. Since retirement, she has been actively involved in the community, serving on boards and committees such as the Land Trust of the Eastern Panhandle, the United Way, Berkeley County Planning Commission, Berkeley Senior Services, and the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation.

Dr. William Stubblefield served 37 years of uniformed service with the Navy and later with the seventh uniform service—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Prior to his retirement, Rear Admiral Stubblefield was in charge of NOAA’s aircraft and ships as well as the commissioned officers. He has commanded research ships which have sailed over much of the world’s oceans, including the Arctic and Antarctica. He has a Ph.D. in geology from Texas A&M University and has authored numerous professional papers. Since retirement, he has been active on several fronts. He served on the national board of directors of the Military Officers Association of America and the advisory board for the National Sea Grant College Association. He serves on the boards of several local organizations and was president of Berkeley County Commission/Council. ■

Drones for hire

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remote sensing, data analytics, wildlife management, and forestry.”

Shaffer and Murphy will take students to fly the drones, while students in Professor Josh Vance’s Forestry Management class will verify on the ground what the drones are recording.

“The overall goal is to give the Forest Service a technique and data that they don’t have right now and to provide them with aerial photography to help them better manage their forest,” Vance said. “Shepherd students will get a good educational experience. They’ll learn how to collect, interpret, and crunch data that they’ll be able to use in their senior capstone project.”

Tribble said students will use computer labs at Shepherd to interpret LiDAR data the Forest Service has collected.

Shepherd owns three of the drones used in the program: a DJI Phantom 3 Advanced that offers full-color mapping, still images, and videos; a DJI Mavic 2 Pro Zoom that shoots cinematography with a 2x zoom; and a DJI Matrice 100 with night vision that creates multispectral scientific maps. Shaffer owns three additional drones, a DJI Phantom 4 Advanced for full-color mapping, still images, and videos; a DJI Mavic Air for cinematography; and a Ryze Telo used for flight training. Shepherd also has a pair of DJI high definition digital video goggles that allows the wearer to see the view through the drone’s camera. ■ *Cecelia Mason*

Affrilachian writer Crystal Wilkinson to be Writer-in-Residence in September

Affrilachian poet and award-winning fiction writer Crystal Wilkinson is Shepherd University's 2019 Appalachian Heritage Writer-in-Residence and West Virginia's Common Read author. Wilkinson will receive the Appalachian Heritage Writer's Award September 26 when she gives the Scarborough Society keynote at 8 p.m. in the Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History and Education auditorium.

When Crystal Wilkinson was packing to go off to college and saying her goodbyes to her grandparents' tobacco farm in Casey County, Kentucky, where she was raised, getting herself to the city couldn't come fast enough. It took her a long time to discover that "being country" and being Appalachian were sig-

nificant parts of who she was and what would ultimately make her the writer she is today. She writes in *Back Talk from Appalachia, Confronting Stereotypes* about finally making peace with her unique identity as an Affrilachian. She said, "I realized that being country was as much a part of me as being black or being a woman. Creeks, one-room churches, outhouses, gravel roads, old men whittling at Hill's Grocery down in Needmore, daisies, Big Boy tomatoes, and buttercups. It was all mine. It is the makeup of my spirit. Country is as much a part of me as my full lips, my wide hips, my dreadlocks, my high cheekbones."

As a young African American woman fresh from the university, Wilkinson talks about returning to Indian Creek, Kentucky, where she

grew up. The university, the ragging of friends, and her own shyness had encouraged her to efface the country parts of herself—her dialect, her country manners and actions. Back home in Indian Creek, where she could allow her "jaw to loosen, [her] tongue to rest in its normal state," she would see her family and the land that she had loved with the unimpinged freedom and clarity she had as a child. She writes that "this land has been in our family since the time of slavery," and she had reached the point in her life where she wanted to hear her grandparents "telling our history in their beautiful country voices.... A county twang—a melodic use of language that is distinctively woodburning stove, come in and sit a spell, a patchwork quilt, summer swimming hole, [and] sweet iced tea." This was a place and a language that told her "you are always welcome here," and it was a place to call home.

Wilkinson was not born in the country but in Hamilton, Ohio, in 1962.



Crystal Wilkinson

2019 Appalachian Heritage Writer in Residence

Residency Highlights

Wednesday, September 25

7 p.m. The Writing Life, with Crystal Wilkinson, Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History and Education, followed by a reception and book signing in Byrd Center atrium.

Thursday, September 26

3 p.m. Writers Master Class with Crystal Wilkinson, Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History and Education auditorium.

8 p.m. Scarborough Society Lecture Keynote and Awards Ceremony, Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History and Education auditorium. Wilkinson will receive the Appalachian Heritage Writer's Award and present the Scarborough Society keynote address and the West Virginia Fiction Competition Awards. A reception and book signing will follow in the Byrd Center atrium.

For a complete list of residency events, visit www.shepherd.edu/ahwirweb/wilkinson/schedule.

However, as an infant she was sent to live with her grandparents Silas and Christine Wilkinson, one of the few African American families living in the mountain community where Crystal grew up. Her grandfather farmed tobacco, corn, and sorghum, and her grandmother worked in the homes of local school teachers in Casey County. Crystal recalls having an “enchanted childhood,” where she was given freedom by loving grandparents to explore nature and the world around her and to write down her thoughts and feelings about that world. Silas and Christine Wilkinson valued education, which Crystal pursued first at Eastern Kentucky University, majoring in journalism and graduating in 1985, and then going on to complete her M.F.A. degree in creative writing at Spalding University in Louisville. For almost a decade after graduation, Wilkinson worked as a public information officer for the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, employing many of the writing skills she would use as a creative writer. She also did volunteer work for organizations like the Roots and Heritage Festival. In 1997, she became assistant director for the Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning in Lexington, and this position was contiguous with her teaching in the Governor’s School for the Arts.

When she became involved with the Affrilachian Poets, their founder Frank X Walker, and South Carolina poet Nikky Finney, Wilkinson began to blossom as a writer. She found that the Affrilachians—writers like Kelly Norman, Ricardo Nazarro, Finney, and Walker—provided for her a supportive and collaborative environment and sowed the seeds of inspiration and creativity for her to become a poet and fiction writer. In 2000, Wilkinson published her first volume of short stories, *Blackberries*, *Blackberries* (Toby Press), which would receive a Chaffin Award for Appalachian Literature. This collection was followed by a plethora of magazine and journal publications and her second book *Water Street* (Toby Press 2002), nominated for the prestigious U.K. Orange Award and placed on the short list for the Hurston-Wright Legacy Award. In 2016, she published her novel *The Birds of Opulence* (University of Kentucky Press), which received the Weatherford Fiction Award and the Ernest J. Gaines Award for Literary Excellence.

Wilkinson has had a range of writer-in-residence and teaching positions at Eastern Kentucky University (2002-2003), Indiana University-Bloomington (2004-2007), Morehead State University (2006-2014), and most recently Berea College (2014-2018). Her current position is associate professor at the University of Kentucky. She and partner, artist Ronald Davis, have owned and run an independent bookstore, Wild Fig Books and Coffee, in Lexington and for a time published the journal *Mythium*, *A Journal of Contemporary Literature*, devoted to the publication of writers of color and diverse voices in the region.

■ Sylvia Bailey Shurbutt



Shepherd University HOMECOMING

Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 26-28

2019

Thursday, September 26

Outstanding Alumni of the Year and Finest Under 40 Reception

5:30 p.m. | Erma Ora Byrd Hall Atrium

Honoring the new 2019-2020 Outstanding Alumni of the Year, **Jim '68 and Mary "Peachy" '70 Staley**, and the new class of Finest Under 40, **Aaron Combs '06, Aaron Weikle '02, Maigen Lawson '13, Samantha Brown '12 and '14 M.B.A., and Todd Cimino-Johnson '05 and '07 M.B.A.** By invitation only.

Friday, September 27

28th Annual Alumni Association Golf Tournament

7 a.m. | The Club at Cress Creek

For more information on registration or sponsorships, contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at alumni@shepherd.edu or 304-876-5524.

Founders Day Celebration

3 p.m. | McMurran Hall

The parade will start at McMurran Hall and end at Potomac Place for a short program and reception.

Second Annual College of Business Reunion Dinner

5-7 p.m. | Erma Ora Byrd Hall Atrium

Business undergraduate and graduate alumni are invited to a reception that includes beer, wine, and a buffet dinner. Event information and RSVP capability are available online at www.shepherd.edu/suaa/upcoming-events-2.

Reunion Gathering Hosted by Classes of 1965-1970

6-9 p.m. | The Station at Shepherdstown

Organized by John and Pam Wilmer, Chas and Chris Rannels, Dave and Lynn Little, and Delmas and Patty Humphreys in conjunction with the Shepherd University Alumni Association. Food and fun provided; bring-your-own beverage. Event information and RSVP capability are available online at www.shepherd.edu/suaa/upcoming-events-2.

Saturday, September 28

Alumni Breakfast

9 a.m. | McMurran Hall Lawn

Breakfast is complimentary and is hosted by the Shepherd University Alumni Association and the Shepherd University Foundation.

Homecoming Parade

10 a.m. | German Street

Featuring **Jim '68 and Mary "Peachy" '70 Staley**, 2019-2020 Outstanding Alumni of the Year.

Homecoming Game: Rams vs. Kutztown

1 p.m. | Ram Stadium

SUAA members please note: Only sustaining members will receive ONE complimentary homecoming football game ticket per member. Sustaining members can pick up their tickets at the Office of Alumni Affairs, September 23-26 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or at the Alumni Breakfast on September 28 starting at 9 a.m.

Alumni Association Homecoming Postgame Party

After the game-7 p.m. | McMurran Hall Side Lawn

The Alumni Association welcomes alumni and friends to celebrate with us after the game, win or lose. Enjoy music, socializing, and lawn games with fellow Shepherd Rams; food and beverages for purchase from Shepherd University/Chartwells Catering. No admission fee. Must be 21 to drink!

Class Notes

'53 **Mary Ann Morgan** retired from her position of choir director and organist at Shepherdstown's Christ Reformed United Church of Christ after 15 years as of June 30. Mary Ann was loyal and dedicated in her service and enriched the congregation with her playing style.

'83 **Shelley Wetzel** currently has one utility patent and another pending on her new invention the Jang*Go Stand. For more than eight years, Shelley has been working with industrial designers, design and manufacturing firms, and engineering departments. The product won \$30,000 in October 2014 at the Shore Hatchery Business Competition (similar to Shark Tank). A Kickstarter campaign is set to be launched in late 2019. The Jang*Go Stand is currently available through her Etsy store, which can be found through www.janggostand.com.

Shelley is also a marketing manager for a medical device start-up firm in Gaithersburg, Maryland, as well as a co-owner of a higher education conference and tradeshow, eduWeb Digital Summit, focusing on institution marketing and IT needs.

'91 **Lisa Neukam Dehorthy** was appointed chief executive officer of Recovery Centers of Amer-

ica's Maryland Center for Addiction Treatment (MCAT). Lisa has 20 years of leadership experience in the addiction treatment industry. She will lead 168 employees and oversee all operations of the 140-bed addiction treatment facility. As CEO of MCAT, Lisa's dual focus will be on providing excellence in care and on assisting in the community with efforts to break down barriers to treatment so that people who are suffering from addiction will come to MCAT to get help.

Lisa graduated from Shepherd with a bachelor's degree in psychology and since has received a master's in psychology from Towson University, as well as a master's in healthcare administration from St. Joseph's University.

'99 **Matt Kradel** earned the Certified Financial Planner (CFP) designation in April. This is a professional certification for financial planners through the CFP Board of Standards. To receive authorization to use the designation, an individual must meet education, examination, experience, and ethics requirements.

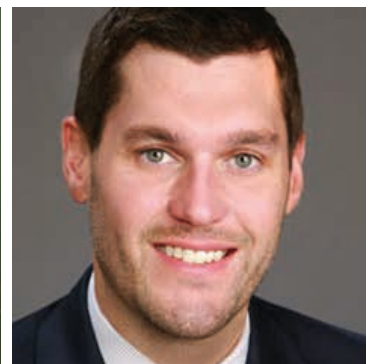
Matt is currently a wealth advisor for First United Bank & Trust in Berkeley County. Matt also serves on the Shepherd University Alumni Association Board of Directors, as well as the Shepherd University Athletic Club board.

'01 **Julie Zuercher** was featured on the podcast Positively WV in May. She is the owner of Sparkle Jani-

torial Supply in Morgantown. Prior to that, Julie was the owner of a residential and commercial fuel business. While at Shepherd, she obtained her degree in sociology.

'05 **M. Scott Ramsey** became a national board-certified teacher in December 2018. Scott graduated from Shepherd with a bachelor's degree in biology and secondary education and earned his master's degree from Fairmont State in 2012. After working more than 12 years as a science teacher for Randolph County Schools, Scott has recently taken a position as an instructional coach for the Office of Diversion and Transition Programs within the West Virginia Department of Education.

Mia-Faire Williams '05 landed her first feature film as the head of the tanning department for the Netflix original *Dumplin'*. The movie was released on Netflix in December 2018, and the soundtrack features five new singles exclusively for the film by Dolly Parton. In addition to spray tanning the star-studded cast, Mia-Faire is the lead skin care and tanning specialist for the NFL's Los Angeles Rams cheerleaders. Mia-Faire graduated from Shepherd with a Bachelor of Science degree in communications with a concentration in film. On top of being a host/presenter and actress, Mia-Faire is the creator and founder of Tanique USA, Lash Loud, and Butterfly Kissez by Mia-Faire. She is the founder and president of Tanique.



ABOVE: Shelley Wetzel '83, Matt Kradel '99, Mia-Faire Williams '05, and Christopher Burroughs '06

She started her career with Fantasy Tan. This allowed her to train with the most knowledgeable and experienced spray tan artists in the industry. She continuously furthered her education and perfected her craft while experimenting with new products and formulas. In 2012, Mia-Faire decided to address a growing desire, and after almost three years of research and development, in 2015 she debuted Tanique as a national brand.

'06 Christopher Burroughs has accepted the appointment of vice president of government affairs with the Transportation Intermediaries Association. Chris is TIA's former senior director of government affairs and brings more than 11 years of congressional affairs experience. He serves as the staff liaison for the Highway Logistics Conference, the Intermodal Logistics Conference, and several

other policy committees within TIA. Additionally, Christopher serves on the board of directors for the Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) as the 3PL industry representative. Chris graduated from Shepherd with a bachelor's degree in political science.

David Hoffman '06 has been promoted to the position of chief academic officer for all schools in the Upper Dublin School District of Pennsylvania. Dave is one of the editors of Shepherd's *Anthology of Appalachian Writers* and has been a part of Shepherd's NEH Summer Institute for Teachers. While at Shepherd, he won awards and was a part of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity, Interfraternity Council, Student Government Association, and the Shepherd Education Student Association. Dave graduated from Shepherd with a degree in secondary education.



ABOVE: Dave Hoffman '06 and Adam Oswinkle '17

'17 Andrew Oswinkle recently competed in the annual Philadelphia Classical Guitar Society Competition and was awarded third prize. The competition has become one of the more prestigious venues for both national and international young artists to enter. While at Shepherd, Andrew studied secondary education. He is currently a master's student in guitar at the Peabody Institute.

'18 Brianna Maguire has accepted a two-year fellowship with the Venture for America (VFA) program. VFA is a competitive program that seeks to give selected graduates the opportunity to develop skills needed to become venture capitalists and entrepreneurs. This allows them to give back to their communities and participate in economic development. Brianna credits her Appalachian Studies courses with making her cognizant of the importance of giving back to the community and becoming aware of the unique history of the region. Brianna participated in Shepherd's 2018 Alternative Spring Break in which students had the opportunity to work closely with Coalfield Development Corporation in southern West Virginia. She is also a McMurren Scholar. Brianna will likely work in Maryland while she fulfills her fellowship duties, in order to acquire the skills needed to begin her own entrepreneurial business and return to West Virginia. ■



The Shepherd University Alumni Association is continuing its travels with two upcoming trip opportunities:

Caribbean Cruise on Allure of the Seas with Royal Caribbean

Departing from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, February 16-23, 2020. Hosted by Pam '69 and John Wilmer.

Sunny Portugal with Collette Travel

March 2021—10 days (tentative)

Visit www.shepherd.edu/suaa/roaming-rams-alumni-travel-program for more details and how to sign up.



Class of 1969 inducted into the Alumni Association's Emeritus Club

Members of the Class of 1969 were inducted May 9 into the Shepherd University Emeritus Club, which includes graduates of 50 or more years. Pictured in the Student Center's Storer Ballroom are (front row, l. to. r) Harriett Shortley Sherwood, Sallie Browning Miller, Jim Auxer, Thomas Painter, Pamela Link Wilmer, Linda Margroff Strider, Cheryl

Flagg, Donna Teare Passwaters, and Karen O'Neal Shipp; second row, Tamara Vetter, Claire Hartman O'Connell, Roger Anderson, Franklin Bell, Jr., Sue Heflin Carpenter, Lynn Carr, Karen Snyder Cunningham, John Gladhill, Ann Wilson Hummer, James Pulchine, Linda Largent McGraw, and Jerry McGraw.



Photos this page by Cecilia Mason

ABOVE: Cheryl Flagg '69 (l.) receives her Emeritus Club certificate from Kim Hutto, director of alumni affairs. Members of the Class of 1969 were inducted into the society, celebrating the 50th anniversary of their graduation from Shepherd.

Alumni Association now accepting nominations for 2020-2021 Outstanding Alum, Finest Under 40 honorees

The Shepherd University Alumni Association is now taking nominations for the 2020-2021 Outstanding Alumnus/a of the Year and the next class of Finest Under 40. Each year, nominations for these awards are voted on by the Alumni Association Board of Directors at its annual June meeting.



The new recipients will be honored during Homecoming Weekend. Criteria and nomination forms can be found at www.shepherd.edu/suaa/alumni-recognition-programs. All nominations are due by June 1, 2020. ■



Weddings & Engagements

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Elizabeth McCormick '14 and Brenton Windle were engaged on March 28, 2019.

Morgan O'Brien '16 married Randall Scott Roberts at The Woods Resort in Hedgesville on June 9, 2018.

Sherry Frazier '04 married Terry Holmes on December 13, 2018. ■

Shepherd University Alumni Association presents

Career/Life Video Series

The Shepherd University Alumni Association online career/life video series is a new initiative that showcases Shepherd University alumni as they deliver a 45 minute to one hour presentation on a wide variety of topics aimed at assisting Shepherd students, alumni, and friends in enhancing professional and personal success.

These online presentations are free for the Shepherd community to view and are archived for viewers at www.shepherd.edu/suaa/careerlife-video-series and on the SUAA YouTube page.

If you would like to volunteer to present a topic, please contact Kim Hutto at 304-876-5157 or khutto@shepherd.edu for more information.

New Arrival



ABOVE: Anna Zawacki Skinner '10 and husband Jonathan welcomed a daughter, Everly Kay, on December 21, 2018.

IN MEMORIAM

James Ernest “Jack” Manuel ’48, of Stafford Hall, Clear Spring, Maryland, died January 8, 2019. Jack grew up in Charles Town and graduated from Charles Town High School before attending West Virginia University for a brief stint. He was then drafted into the United States Army Air Corps (now the Air Force). He served in World War II as a crew member on a B24 in the 15th Airforce, 455 Bomb Group, 743 Squadron and flew more than 50 bombing missions over central and southern Europe and the Balkans. Jack received many citations including four Air Medals, the Presidential Unit Citation, the European Theater Ribbon with six Campaign Battle Stars, and the Victory Medal.

After his honorable discharge, he enrolled at Shepherd, graduating with a degree in physical education and a minor in mathematics. Jack taught in both West Virginia and Virginia before settling in Clear Spring to teach and coach at Clear Spring High School. He was inducted to the Washington County Sports Hall of Fame in 2000 for his accomplishments, specifically coaching soccer and leading the Clear Spring Blazers to 50 straight victories between 1952 and 1957. Jack was a member of the Washington County Retired Teachers Association and the Joseph P. Herbert Post 222 American Legion. He also was a member of the Assembly Club and Fountain Head Country Club where he was an avid golfer. He is survived by **Nancy Cohill Bevans Manuel ’49**, his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Donald Anderson ’56, of Martinsburg, died December 28, 2018. Donald was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and a veteran of the United States Navy. He graduated from Shepherd with a degree in elementary education and worked for the Berkeley County school system for 37 years until his retire-

ment. During his career, Donald held many positions ranging from teacher to deputy superintendent of schools. He was active in the community, serving as a member and officer of many clubs and organizations, as well as serving on many community boards, including Association for Community Development, Berkeley County Building Commission, Berkeley County Principals’ Association, Board of Health, Martinsburg-Berkeley County Boys Club, Regional Health Advisory Committee, Saint Joseph School Board, and many others.

Larry G. Bolyard ’57, of Keyser, died May 10, 2019. He received his bachelor’s degree in physical education from Shepherd and his master’s in education from West Virginia University. While at Shepherd, Larry played basketball and baseball and was a four-year letterman. Later, he was elected to the Shepherd University Athletic Hall of Fame and the Potomac State College of West Virginia University Athletic Hall of Fame.

Larry spent his 35-year career on the faculty of Potomac State and as a football and basketball referee for the Potomac Valley Conference. Larry was an active member of Grace United Methodist Church in Keyser, the Harry Reese Sunday School Class, the Keyser Lions Club, the Ougabus Society of Aurora, and various athletic associations. He, along with his wife of 60 years Joan, received the Distinguished Service Award at Potomac State College in recognition of their tireless dedication to the institution. Larry thoroughly enjoyed his time tending to his large perennial garden that would yield fresh produce which benefitted many in the community, while smoking a cigar to “keep the bugs away.” Larry was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, including **Lowell Bolyard ’56**, as well as a son. He is survived by his wife, another son, and daughter, **Tracey Shea ’86**, as well as grandchildren.

Claude S. Flagg ’57, of West Friendship, Maryland, died December 3, 2018. He graduated from Shepherd with a bachelor’s in physical education and received a master’s degree from American University. While at Shepherd he was a member of the 1955 undefeated football team, which was inducted in the Shepherd University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2016. During his career, Claude taught and coached in Frederick and Montgomery counties for 29 years. After retiring from the school system, Claude owned and operated a successful Nationwide Insurance agency for 25 years. He enjoyed landscaping, gardening, and backyard farming, as well as taking long drives with his wife in his vintage green Corvette.

Philip Merle Shultz ’68, of Williamsburg, Virginia, died April 4, 2019. Phil graduated from Shepherd with a degree in history. He served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Korea in 1968-1970. He worked many years in Colonial Williamsburg portraying historical figures, including the last royal governor of Virginia, Lord Dunmore. He was a member of Bruton Parish Episcopal Church. Phil was an avid West Virginia University football and basketball fan, as well. Phil was preceded in death by his parents, **Merle ’28 and Josephine Saville ’32 Shultz**. He is survived by his sister **Merelyn Shultz Kaye ’59** and brother **Jeffrey Shultz ’63**.

Diana Dickey Koski ’68, of Providence Place, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, formerly of Lee, New Hampshire, died February 13, 2018. Diana graduated from Waynesboro Area Senior High School in 1964 and earned a bachelor’s degree in English from Shepherd. She was a member of Shepherd’s McMurren Society. Diana was employed as the director of alumni affairs at the University of New Hampshire in Durham until she retired in 2008 after 36 years. Her hobbies included reading, cooking, and gardening. She and her late husband, **Ronald Koski ’70**, raised many beloved Saint Bernard dogs and also

enjoyed vacationing together, especially taking cruises.

Ronald Craig “Rocky” Rockwell ’71, of Martinsburg, died January 3, 2019, at his home. He graduated from Shepherd with a degree in business administration and was a member of Delta Sigma Pi fraternity, where he formed friendships with fellow brothers that would last through his life. Throughout his young life and into adulthood, Ron was actively involved in his family’s business, Rockwell’s Office Supplies, and served in multiple roles, culminating as president from 1985 until the business closed in 2003. Ron was active in the Martinsburg community, serving on several boards including the Martinsburg-Berkeley County Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Martinsburg Association, Main Street Martinsburg, Boarman Arts Association, and the Apollo Civic Theatre, of which he was vice president from 2001-2006. Ron enjoyed traveling and had made journeys to Egypt, Italy, and England, as well as enjoying his family’s annual trip to Ocean City, Maryland. Ron is survived by his wife Vicki, as well as four children, including two daughters who are Shepherd alumnae, **Sara Rockwell ’02** and **Maggie Rockwell ’03**. ■

Alumni are invited to join an alumni community in their area

The Shepherd University Alumni Association has active regional community groups in the Eastern Shore/Delaware and Southwest Florida areas. New groups are forming now in Southeast Pennsylvania, Southeast Virginia, and Southern Texas. Reach out to the alumni ambassador nearest you to join, or become an ambassador in your area!

Visit www.shepherd.edu/suaa/regional-communities for more information and to view the online photo galleries, or contact Kim Hutto at 304-876-5157 or khutto@shepherd.edu. ■

A Shepherd Reflection: Naim Muhammad ’17



“Attending Shepherd was one of the best decisions I made. The experiences from my time at Shepherd still have an impact on my life. The most important things Shepherd taught me were how to interact with different cultures, to be a leader, and to ‘keep chipping’ when life gets tough. My greatest memories from college are the times I spent with my teammates and creating the Black Student Union. If I could give one piece of advice to my past self about attending college it would be to not take basketball so seriously. Basketball is a tool for life, but it’s not all there is to life. I challenge all Shepherd student-athletes to find a passion outside of their sport.”

Naim now works at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, as the coordinator for major gifts for Duke Athletics. Pictured above with Naim is his fiancée **Hailey Brown ’17**.

Shepherd adds five to Athletic Hall of Fame

The Shepherd University Athletic Hall of Fame will induct five new members this fall at the annual induction banquet on Friday, October 18 at the Storer Ballroom of Shepherd's Student Center.

Football players **Clay Grove '96** and **Kelvin Stevens '98** join **Lynn Hrbek Clark '95** (volleyball), **Danley Shank '07** (men's basketball), and **Mia Zappacosta Byrd '07** (softball) as the 34th class to be inducted. The "fantastic five" bring the total number of inductees in the Shepherd Athletic Hall of Fame to 155.

The quintet will also be honored at the West Chester-Shepherd football game on Saturday, October 19 as part of the Hall of Fame Weekend festivities.

Clay Grove '96

Clay Grove (Winchester, Virginia/1990 graduate of Musselman High School) was a four-year standout linebacker on the football team from 1990-1993. The Rams recorded a 28-14-2 (.659) record over his career with a pair of WVIAC championships (1991 and 1992). Grove was a three-time All-WVIAC selection and gained first team honors in 1993 when he led the team in tackles with 161. An honorable mention All-American in 1993, Grove finished his career and still ranks second all-time at Shepherd in total tackles (383) and solo tackles (179).

Kelvin Stevens '98

Kelvin Stevens (Washington, D.C./1993 graduate of Hammond High School, Maryland) was a standout wide receiver for the Rams from 1993-1997. Shepherd posted a 30-20 (.600) record over his career and gained WVIAC titles in 1994 and 1997. A two-time second team All-WVIAC selection, he topped the team with 36 receptions for 615 yards and nine touchdowns in 1997. He completed his career as Shepherd's all-time leader

in receptions (115), receiving yards, and receiving touchdowns (22).

Lynn Hrbek Clark '95

Lynn Hrbek Clark (Reading, Massachusetts/1991 graduate of Madison, Ohio, High School) was a standout setter for the Shepherd volleyball team from 1991-1994. Clark was a two-time All-WVIAC choice who gained first team accolades in 1992. She topped the Rams in assists for four consecutive seasons and led the Rams in blocks (204) and block solos (48) in 1992. After Shepherd, Clark earned a master's degree in exercise physiology and is currently a health engagement manager in the Boston area.

Danley Shank '07

Danley Shank (Chambersburg, Pennsylvania/2002 graduate of Chambersburg Area High School) was a standout forward for the men's basketball team from 2002-2007. He was a three-time All-WVIAC choice who gained first team All-WVIAC honors in 2007 and was named the Sparky Adams Heart and Hustle Award winner as selected by conference officials. Shank set a Shepherd mark that year and ranked third nationally with a .905 free throw percentage. A three-time team captain, Shank finished his career with 1,560 points, 510 rebounds, and 153 assists.

Mia Zappacosta Byrd '07

Mia Zappacosta Byrd (Newark, Maryland/2003 graduate of McDonogh High School) was a standout on the Shepherd softball team from 2004-2007. Byrd was a four-time first team All-WVIAC choice. She was a two-time Shepherd Female Athlete of the Year. She gained WVIAC Tournament MVP honors as she led the Rams to the WVIAC title in 2007. She finished her career as the program's all-time leader in at-bats (596), hits (219), total bases (296), and doubles (58), and she also held single-season marks for total bases (95), most hits (67), and most doubles (18). Her 58 career doubles are still a Shepherd mark, while her 18 doubles in a season tie the school record.

Additionally, Kathy Fasulo, Shepherd athletics program assistant II, has been selected as the 2019 Medallion Award winner. Fasulo has been an invaluable asset to athletics, serving as the department program assistant since 1991.

The Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet will begin with a social hour at 6 p.m. followed by the dinner and induction ceremony at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50 and are available for purchase through the Shepherd University Office of Alumni Affairs by calling 304-876-5524. ■ *Chip Ransom*

Three Ram earn All-MEC golf honors

Three members of the men's golf team gained All-MEC honors. Junior Owen Elliott gained first team honors, senior Drew Call was a second team selection, while junior Mike Graessle earned honorable mention accolades.

Elliott, who won medalist honors at the MEC Spring Classic, gained first team honors for the second consecutive year. Graessle is a repeat honorable mention honoree, while Call is a first time All-MEC selection.

Elliott earned a spot in the 2019 NCAA II Men's Golf Atlantic/East Regional. He posted a second place finish in regional play and advanced to participate in the national finals where he tied for 101st place. ■



William Ransom

Brenton Doyle

Brenton Doyle garners Google Cloud Academic All-American Honors

Junior outfielder Brenton Doyle of the baseball team was named to the 2019 Google Cloud Academic All-America® Division II Baseball Team, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Doyle was a second team selection.

Doyle, who was the first Division II Player selected in the 2019 MLB Draft when he was chosen in the fourth round by the Colorado Rockies, boasted a 3.52 grade point average as a sports marketing major. He led NCAA II in most runs scored per game (1.52), while his 79 runs scored tied for the top mark. He added 17 doubles, six triples, 13 home runs, and 47 runs batted in. He helped Shepherd lead NCAA II in slugging percentage with a .574 mark. Doyle gained third team ABCA/Rawlings and NCBWA All-American honors this season. ■

Quartet gains All-American Honors

Four members of the baseball team earned All-American accolades. Senior utility player Justin Smith was a second team NCBWA and D2CCA choice, junior outfielder Brenton Doyle was named a third team choice by ABCA/Rawlings and NCBWA, while sophomore outfielder Jared Carr and senior catcher Eddie Nottingham were honorable mention NCBWA selections.

Smith batted .379 with 66 hits in 174 at-bats. He drove in a team-best 65 runs and scored 58. His 19 doubles led the team. He added three triples and 13 home runs. He was 2-of-3 in stolen bases.

Doyle hit .392 with 73 hits in 186 at-bats. He led the country in runs scored per game (1.52) and tied for the lead in runs scored (79) and he added 17 doubles, six triples, 13 home runs, and 47 runs batted in. He also had a .758 slugging percentage, a .502 on-base percentage, and was 19-of-24 in stolen bases. The MEC Player of the Year was a four-time MEC Player of the Week and a two-time NCBWA Atlantic Region Player of the Week.

Carr hit a team-best .428 with 86 hits in 201 at-bats. He drove in 37 runs and scored 64. He added 16 doubles, five triples, and six round-trippers. He was 13-of-14 in stolen bases.

Nottingham batted .388 with 62 hits in 160 at-bats. He drove in 50 runs and scored 50. He added 12 doubles, three triples, and six home runs. He was 4-of-5 in stolen bases. ■



William Ransom

Justin Smith

Taylor Stocks named All-American

Junior softball pitcher Taylor Stocks was named to the 2019 NCAA II Fastpitch News All-American Team. Stocks gained honorable mention accolades. She is the first Shepherd softball player to gain All-American honors since Nichole Pitcock was named to the honorable mention Daktronics All-American squad in 2011.

Stocks recorded a 19-6 overall mark for the Rams as she helped Shepherd to a record-setting 42-18 overall mark. The 2019 MEC Pitcher of the Year was a three-time MEC Pitcher of the Week. The first team All-Region selection had a pair of no-hitters on the season and topped the team in pitching wins (19) and strikeouts (186). Shepherd was ranked 19th in the final NFCA Division II Poll. ■



Chip Ransom

Taylor Stocks

Spring Sports

Baseball

The baseball team finished the 2019 campaign with a 36-16 overall record with a 24-6 conference mark as the MEC North Division champions.

Eight team members were named to the 2019 All-MEC Team. Senior first baseman Eddie Nottingham, graduate student third baseman Syeed Mahdi, sophomore designated hitter Daniel Keer, senior utility player Justin Smith, sophomore outfielder Jared Carr, senior pitcher Ryan Potts, and junior outfielder Brenton Doyle all garnered first team accolades, while junior pitcher Mitchell Wilson gained honorable mention honors. Additionally, Doyle was named MEC Player of the Year for the second consecutive season.

Doyle hit .392 this season for the Rams and led the country in runs scored (79) and runs scored per game (1.52). He led the league in slugging percentage at .758 and total bases with 141, and was second in the league in home runs (12), hits (67), while ranking third in on-base percentage (.514). He was a four-time MEC Player of the Week and a two-time NCBWA Atlantic Region Player of the Week.

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Mahdi hit .341 with 47 hits in 138 at-bats. He drove in 50 runs and scored 29. He added five doubles and 13 home runs. He was 12-of-15 in stolen bases.

Keer batted .337 with 33 hits in 98 at-bats. He drove in 20 runs and scored 24. He added nine doubles and a pair of home runs. He was 1-of-1 in stolen bases.

Smith, a repeat first-teamer, batted .379 with 66 hits in 174 at-bats. He drove in a team-best 65 runs and scored 58. His 19 doubles led the team. He added three triples and 13 home runs.

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Potts, a repeat first-teamer, posted a 7-3 mark with a 4.18 ERA. He fanned 96 in 71 innings. His four complete games were second on the team. He limited opponents to a .237 batting average.

Wilson recorded an 8-2 record with a 4.98 ERA. He fanned 55 in 72.1 innings. His five complete games and two shut-outs topped the team.

Softball

The softball team finished the 2019 season with a record-setting 42-18 mark with a 23-9 record in conference play. The Rams made their third straight NCAA II postseason appearance and finished as the regional runner-up. The 42 wins are the most in a season by any Shepherd team.

Four members of the softball team were named to the 2019 All-MEC Softball Team. Senior outfielder Kaitlyn Konopka, senior first baseman Connor Gilligan, senior pitcher Lori Sturgill, and junior pitcher Taylor Stocks all earned first team All-MEC accolades. Additionally, Stocks garnered MEC Pitcher of the Year honors.

Stocks was the league's Pitcher of the Year after posting a 19-6 record with a 1.61 ERA. She led the MEC with 186 strikeouts this season and ranked 13th nationally in strikeouts per seven innings with an 8.5 mark. She was a three-time MEC Pitcher of the Week honoree this spring and gave up two hits or fewer in five starts lasting more than five innings, including a pair of no-hitters.

Konopka, a three-time first team All-MEC selection, led the Rams with a .333 batting average with a team-best 68 hits in 204 at-bats. She drove in 14 runs and scored 32. She added seven doubles and three triples. Konopka topped the team in stolen bases with 27-in-32 attempts. Her 27 stolen bases broke the single-sea-

son mark of 25 that she set in 2017.

Gilligan had a .322 batting average with 56 hits in 174 at-bats. She had a team-best 40 runs batted in and has scored 32 runs. Gilligan added 12 doubles, a triple, and tied for the team lead in home runs with six. Her .506 slugging percentage tops the team. She was a second team All-MEC choice in 2016.

Sturgill, a repeat first team All-MEC selection, had an 18-9 mark in the circle for the Rams with a team-best 1.34 ERA. She also led the team in innings pitched (178), complete games (18), and opponent batting average (.176). Sturgill added a .280 batting average with 47 hits in 168 at-bats. She drove in 29 runs and scored 24. She added 10 doubles and tied for the team lead with six home runs.

Women's Lacrosse

The women's lacrosse team finished the year with an 11-7 overall mark with an 8-2 record in conference play.

Ten members of the women's lacrosse team were named to the 2019 All-MEC Team. Junior attacker/midfielder Lillian Funke, junior attacker Mallory Davila, junior defender Lyric Feingold-Conaway, and freshman goalkeeper Hailey Bennett gained first team honors, while sophomore attacker Sidney Kelly, freshman midfielder Kira Barth, freshman defender/midfielder Paige Alexander, and junior defender Kiana Turner were second team selections. Sophomore attacker Regan Brown and sophomore defender Kelsey Najaka gained honorable mention accolades. Additionally, Funke was named MEC Offensive Player of the Year, Feingold-Conaway was named MEC Defensive Player of the Year, and Shepherd head coach Jenny Miller was named MEC Coach of the Year.

Funke repeated as the league's Offensive Player of the Year after scoring 98 points on 73 goals and 25 assists. She ranked 12th nationally in goals per game (4.06) and 16th in the country in points per game (5.44). Funke also added team bests of 115 draw controls, 32 caused turnovers, and 43 ground balls.

Feingold-Conaway was named the Defensive Player of the Year after anchoring Shepherd's defensive unit. Drawing the opposing team's top offensive player as her defensive assignment in each game, she averaged 1.33 caused turnovers per game and 1.62 ground balls per game. She helped Shepherd hold opponents to under 10 goals in seven games this year and just over 11 goals per game.

Miller is the MEC Coach of the Year for the first time in her career after leading Shepherd to an 11-7 record and a runner-up finish in the league with an 8-2 mark. Miller has guided a roster that featured 14 underclassmen and no seniors to the most wins at Shepherd since 2015.

Davila recorded 43 goals and nine assists for 52 points. She added 55 draw controls, 32 ground balls, and 10 caused turnovers.

Bennett, who was also named to the MEC All-Freshman Team, recorded a Shepherd single-season record 174 saves with an 11.89 goals against average. She had a .494 save percentage.

Kelly recorded 44 goals and a team-best 39 assists for 83 points. She added 16 ground balls and 10 draw controls.

Barth, who was also named to the MEC All-Freshman Team, posted 19 goals and three assists for 22 points. She added 28 ground balls, 10 caused turnovers, and a pair of draw controls.

Alexander, who was also named to the MEC All-Freshman Team, recorded 17 goals and three assists for 20 points. She added 37 ground balls, 40 draw controls, and 15 caused turnovers.

Turner, an honorable mention All-MEC choice in 2018, helped key the Shepherd defense with 31 ground balls and 14 caused turnovers.

Brown, an honorable mention All-MEC choice last season, had 17 goals and 27 assists for 44 points. She added 16 ground balls and one caused turnover.

Najaka was a key component of the Shepherd defense with 27 ground balls and 14 caused turnovers.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Lillian Funke was named MEC Offensive Player of the Year. MEC Coach of the Year honors went to head lacrosse coach Jenny Miller. Lyric Feingold-Conaway was named MEC Offensive Player of the Year.



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Women's Tennis

The women's tennis team posted a 3-11 overall mark with a 1-6 record in conference play. The Rams posted wins over Shenandoah (6-1), Albany State (5-2), and Concord (7-0).

Men's Tennis

The men's tennis team recorded a 3-12 overall record with a 2-5 mark in MEC action. The Rams recorded victories over Shenandoah (6-3), UVa-Wise (6-1), and West Virginia State (5-2).

Junior Carter Davis garnered MEC Player of the Year honors after posting a 12-2 mark in number one singles play with key wins against West Virginia Wesleyan and the University of Charles-



Chip Ransom

ABOVE: MEC Player of the Year Carter Davis

ton. He also recorded an 8-7 record in number one doubles action.

■ *Chip Ransom*

Foundation events and celebrations

It's been a busy spring and summer around campus with several events sponsored by the Shepherd University Foundation for alumni and friends to enjoy. For additional information and event photos, please visit online at shepherduniversityfoundation.org or www.facebook.com/shepherduniversityfoundation.



Nyah Bannister



Julia Robak Photography

TOP LEFT: On April 28, **Women Investing in Shepherd (WISH)** celebrated five years of high-impact grant-giving. The celebration included presentations from WISH members, progress updates from the 2018 grant recipients, and a keynote address from Rebecca Powers, who founded the women's giving circle Impact Austin in Austin, Texas. Pictured (l. to r.) are founding member and keynote speaker Rebecca Powers, founding member Anne Small, and grant committee member Zelma Buskell.

LEFT: Held on August 9 at Shepherdstown's Bavarian Inn, the **18th Scarborough Society Gala** embraced the high seas adventure depicted in Robert Louis Stevenson's classic adventure novel *Treasure Island*. Guests enjoyed dinner and dancing under the stars to the music of the band Souled Out at this popular summertime event. The Foundation acknowledges and thanks the businesses and individuals whose generous sponsorships make the gala possible each year. A full list of our gala sponsors may be found at shepherduniversityfoundation.org.

RIGHT: More than 70 alumni and community members attended the **Women for Shepherd House and Garden Tour** at Historic Falling Spring on May 18, marking the 13th marquee event for the women-centric organization. Located near Morgan's Grove Park in Shepherdstown, the Federal-style home was completed in the 1830s by Jacob Morgan and is one of the oldest and most historic spots in Jefferson County.



Meg Peterson

OPPOSITE PAGE: The Foundation welcomed an unprecedented 18 new members into the **Joseph P. McMurrin Society** at the organization's annual dinner reception on May 4. The annual event brings together society members and their guests, along with Shepherd University faculty and administrators, to honor those who have chosen to share their life-long financial achievements with Shepherd University through estate and other planned gifts.

Members of the Joseph McMurrin Society who attended the spring dinner are, front row, l. to r., Monica Lingenfelter, Karen Cunningham, Richard Nickell, Barbara Nickell, Bill Blair, Lynne Cosner, Sue Mentzer-Blair, and Karl Wolf; second row, Barbara Hume, Al Lueck, Paula Mayes Coupe, Sara Lueck, Anne Small, Betty Lowe, Donald Cosner, Susan Mills, and Mary Jo Brown; third row, Jack Egle, Pat Egle, Ann Hummer, Robin Renn, Phyllis Smock, and Ray Smock; fourth row, Jim Watson, Mike Athey, Joseph Renn, and Gerald Dodson; fifth row, Anders Henriksson, Ann Henriksson, Cynthia Smailes-Rybak, Erdem Ergin, Joan Starliper, and Walter Brown; and top row, Lynn Leatherman, Lindsey Mastshat, Dan Starliper, Bill Lingenfelter, and Denny Barron.



Connecting the people's branch to the next generation

SINCE ITS FOUNDING IN 2002 AT SHEPHERD UNIVERSITY, the Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History and Education has been a repository for Congressional records, which document the daily work of our nation's legislators and the legislative branch. From letters expressing individuals' personal views or seeking help from their representatives to materials documenting the formation and passage of key legislation, these papers are invaluable resources for understanding West Virginia, as well as national and international history.

The Byrd Center preserves the papers of six West Virginians who have served their state and country as elected members and officers in both houses of the U.S. Congress. The papers of Robert C. Byrd, Harley O. Staggers, Sr., Harley O. Staggers, Jr., Robert H. Mollohan, Alan B. Mollohan, and Scott Faulkner document more than 60 years of history extending from the end of World War II through the first decade of the 21st century.

The Byrd Center's collections bring scholars to Shepherd University to conduct research and provide a foundation for the expansion of the facility's educational initiatives. In 2016 and 2017, a traveling exhibit featuring hundreds of documents and photographs from the Byrd collection toured 22 venues in West Virginia and was displayed in Washington, D.C. Through collaboration with the National Archives' Center for Legislative Archives (CLA) and the development of Appalachia-focused teaching resources, the Byrd Center has positioned itself as a leading institution for educational resources and training in West Virginia.

The Byrd Center relies on the contributions of its student interns to make these records accessible to scholars and the public. Since 2006, the center's internship program has employed Shepherd students to process the congressional papers, which includes rehousing documents in archival-quality containers and detailing them in the center's database. The rehousing process helps to preserve these one-of-a-kind materials. Interns have played an essential part in the successful processing and opening of more than 2,000 linear feet of records, housed in approximately 3,500 boxes. Alumni of this program have utilized the skills gained through their internship experiences to pursue graduate education and careers in archives and libraries, public history institutions, and other fields.

This work is also made possible through a national network of colleagues and supporters. The Byrd Center was the founding location and a charter member of the Association of Centers for the Study of Congress, a national consortium of congressional repositories. Its giving society, the Friends of the Byrd Center, is made up of community members who directly support programming at the center through fundraisers for its internship program. Book talks, film screenings, and the annual Tom E. Moses Memorial Lecture on the U.S. Constitution held on Constitution Day bring prominent scholars to the campus each year. The Byrd Center annually hosts almost 500 academic courses, lifelong learning classes, campus meetings, and community functions, as well as its annual Teacher Institute.

A core program of the Byrd Center, the Teacher Institute enables center staff to travel throughout the state, interacting with more than 100 educators who attend workshops to gain valuable resources and approaches to teaching civics and history in the classroom. The center held its first Teacher Institute in 2016, inviting educators to Shepherd's campus for a day of workshops led by the staff and Dr. Charles Flanagan, educational outreach coordinator for the CLA. Since then, the institute has become central to the Byrd Center's mission of advancing representative democracy by promoting a better understanding of the U.S. Congress and Constitution. Now in its fourth year, and with support from the West Virginia Humanities Council in collaboration with the Shepherd University Foundation and Shepherd University's Office of Continuing Education, the Teacher Institute convened this summer in Morgantown, Charleston, and Beckley, in addition to Shepherd's own campus, allowing it to greatly expand the audience for these innovative workshops.

On August 22, 2002, Senator Byrd declared that "to meet the challenges that surely await us in the years ahead, it is imperative that we have a solid understanding of our government and our history." Whether in our nation's capital, across West Virginia, or on the campus of Shepherd, the legacy of the longest-serving U.S. senator lives on in the work of the Byrd Center as it evolves to serve imperative needs for our campus, community, and beyond in diverse and innovative ways. ■ *Jody Brumage*

RIGHT: The Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History and Education, built in 2002, is located on Shepherd's East Campus between Scarborough Library and Ikenberry Hall.





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“ The Byrd Center for Congressional History and Education’s mission is to advance representative democracy by promoting a better understanding of the U.S. Congress and the Constitution. In a climate in which less than a third of Americans can name all three branches of government, the Byrd Center’s Teacher Institutes provide critically needed support for civics and history education by engaging educators and bringing the one-of-a-kind resources in our collections that document the history of West Virginia and America since World War II into classrooms around the state. ”

DR. JAY WYATT, DIRECTOR OF THE BYRD CENTER



Sam Levitan

TOP LEFT: Student interns have been instrumental in rehousing documents in archival-quality containers and detailing them in the center’s database.

BOTTOM LEFT: Among the many items are campaign posters, scrapbooks, roll call vote sheets, and handwritten notes.



ABOVE: Dr. Jay Wyatt (l.), director of the Byrd Center, and Jody Brumage '13, archivist and office manager, stand in the archives which feature Byrd memorabilia, including a portrait of his wife Erma Ora Byrd, as well as a full-length portrait of the Senator.

The Byrd Center's Educational Outreach at a Glance

Since the Byrd Center's inception, **11** Teacher Institute workshops have been held in **5** cities and towns across West Virginia.

More than **225** educators have attended these workshops, reaching an estimated 5,300 students statewide.

Byrd Center staff members have traveled more than **1,300** miles to conduct the institute workshops.

More than **250** pages of archival documents have been delivered to students via teaching resources developed by the center.

225+ pages of archival documents have been introduced to classrooms through lesson plans.

150+ educators have attended Byrd Center-sponsored workshops.

175+ students from the Eastern Panhandle have visited the center and participated in mock Congress workshops.

650+ miles traveled for educational workshops.

6 teacher workshops held over the past **3** years.



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Find Your Herd

Derrick John '22

Welch

Criminal Justice

Derrick John came to Shepherd University from McDowell County, having been awarded the **Mary Elizabeth Roberts Scholarship** in support of incoming freshmen from one of the county's two high schools, River View and Mount View. While the distance initially proved difficult, Derrick found he was able to adjust with the help of campus programs and services.

"At first, I thought I could do everything myself," he said. "But then I started using TRiO [Student Support Services] and other counseling services on campus."

Derrick also joined Rude Mechanicals (he is pictured (r.) in a recent theatrical production), the Dungeons and Dragons Club, and the Board Games Club. "Sometime it's good to break out of your comfort zone," he said.

For traditional incoming freshmen, the transition from high school to college life can be daunting. Clubs, organizations, and program services on campus offer new students support, encouragement, and the opportunity to share in common interests as they work to find their footing in this new environment. Scholarship awards funded by private gifts through the Shepherd University Foundation also help ease the financial burdens associated with college, allowing students to focus on their studies. This was the case for Foundation scholars Derrick John, Amber Duvall, and Caton Reynolds, whose scholarship awards shifted their freshman year focus from financial stress to academic success...with a little fun thrown in for good measure. These young Rams share how they found their herd at Shepherd.



Betty Elzey

Amber Duvall '22

Martinsburg

Accounting

Amber Duvall was the first recipient of the newly established **Richard “Rick” Wachtel Memorial Scholarship**, designated for incoming freshmen from Martinsburg High School who demonstrate a commitment to community service and leadership. She proved deserving of the award when she joined Shepherd’s Emerging Leaders in Service Program, which allows students to refine their leadership development and volunteer at more than a dozen local nonprofit agencies while becoming acclimated to their new campus home.

“I tried to utilize as many opportunities as possible through ELS and made a bunch of new friends,” said Amber, whose scholarship also made living on campus an affordable option, allowing her to become even more involved in her new community. “It was a great program to be involved with my first year. Everyone made this place feel like home.”

Sam Levitan



Caton Reynolds '22

Charles Town

Biology (Pre-Med)

As a local student commuting from Charles Town, Caton Reynolds is the first to admit that it would have been easy to forego a more traditional college experience. “I could have just gone to class and then left afterward,” she said. Instead Caton joined Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority and became immersed in campus life.

“Now I always have an excuse to stay in town and grab lunch or go to a study room to do schoolwork,” said Caton, who is the first recipient of the **Laura Reisz Dreitzler Scholarship**. The full tuition award, established and funded for four years by an anonymous donor in memory of her own grandmother, supports a female West Virginia resident majoring in the field of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM).

A biology major with a concentration in pre-med, Caton aspires to one day work with pediatric cancer patients, saying “I want to be a light for those kids.” For now, she feels fulfilled by her involvement in Greek life and looks to her sorority sisters as a source of social and academic inspiration. “I’ve honestly just been so happy,” she said of her Shepherd experience so far. ■

Sam Levitan



Scarborough Society Art and Lecture Series

The Scarborough Society has planned a new Scarborough Art and Lecture Series featuring speakers relevant to the academic and cultural community. All events are free and open to the public, and will take place in the Scarborough Library Reading Room, with a dessert reception to follow. Check the Foundation website for additional events shepherduniversityfoundation.org.

TOP RIGHT: On **Tuesday, October 22**, Dr. Betty Ellzey and the **Shepherd University Rude Mechanicals Medieval and Renaissance Players** will offer a glimpse into their fall 2019 production of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Is it a lighthearted daydream or an anxiety-ridden nightmare—or both? Come to the kick-off event for this season's Scarborough Art and Lecture Series and decide for yourself. The presentation will take place at 7 p.m.

RIGHT: On **Tuesday, November 19**, Shepherd University's **Dr. Carrie Messenger** will discuss her book *In the Amber Chamber*, a collection of stories in which fairy tales and speculative fiction intersect with the hard facts of eastern European history. Messenger is an associate professor in the Department of English and Modern Languages. The presentation will take place at 7 p.m. ■



Betty Ellzey



Cecelia Mason

Women for Shepherd University Events

Calling all chocoholics! On **Thursday, October 24**, **Zoë's Chocolate Co.**, based out of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, and sold in retail locations nationwide, will demonstrate their chocolate-making process and offer suggestions on how to pair chocolate with both wine and cheese. A tasting will follow the presentation. The event will take place at 7 p.m. in the Storer Ballroom located in Shepherd's Student Center. Tickets are \$30 and include the tasting plus a bar of chocolate to take home. Reserve your spot by Thursday, October 10. For reservations, contact Meg Peterson, director of donor relations at the Shepherd University Foundation, at 304-876-5021 or mpeterso@shepherd.edu.



On **April 25, 2020**, Women for Shepherd will host a tour of **Trego Mountain Nature Center**, in Keedysville, Maryland. Located on the property of Dina Spanomanolis, the wildlife sanctuary is home to many species of animals, including several birds of prey. A master falconer, Dina will give a presentation featuring several of her raptors. The event will begin at 2 p.m., with a rain date of Saturday, May 18. Tickets are \$10 and may be reserved through Friday, April 24. Contact Meg Peterson, director of donor relations, at 304-876-5021 or mpeterso@shepherd.edu for reservations.

For a full calendar of Foundation-sponsored events, visit shepherduniversityfoundation.org.

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New field turf at Ram Stadium is ready for Shepherd's switch to PSAC

The newly installed field turf at Ram Stadium is ready for Shepherd's first season in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference. This aerial shot was taken by one of Shepherd's drones. See the story on page 6 to learn more about Shepherd's fleet of drones and recent aerial projects.