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Honoring the Past Transforming the Future



During the past 150 years, Shepherd University has navigated through times of prosperity, times of crisis, times of growth, and times of uncertainty. As we celebrate our sesquicentennial, the words of Dr. James Butcher, during his 1988 retirement speech, perfectly summarize the legacy that each of us can leave.

“New initiatives and challenges always seem to be present in higher education, and that is how it should be. For if we don’t move forward, we will surely slip backward. Standing still is, in my opinion, an impossibility in today’s world.... Regardless of my personal future, I want to give 150 percent moral support to Shepherd. I deeply appreciate and respect what it has provided me in many ways. I trust that I have assisted in improving the intellectual climate, aesthetic beauty of the campus, and enhanced the image of the college throughout the region and the state of West Virginia. If these things have occurred, and I believe they have, then ‘The Privilege to Lead’ was not only my personal satisfaction, but my tenure has served a worthwhile purpose for many people.”



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

What a tremendous year it has been...and we are only partway through 2022!

In March, we learned that Shepherd is receiving \$6.9 million in Congressionally Directed Spending in support of seven projects that will allow our University to expand student experiences and programs, upgrade technology, enhance safety, and update the landscape of our campus. We are sincerely grateful to all who made this possible, especially West Virginia Senators Shelley Moore Capito and Joe Manchin for their support of the projects that were ultimately funded.

Following this transformative news, we learned that our School of Nursing received almost \$1 million through West Virginia Governor Jim Justice's Nursing Workforce Expansion Program. The money received through this Program will fund "The Future of You: Be a Nurse at Shepherd"—an initiative that aims to raise enrollment, improve retention, and accelerate degree completion. About \$200,000 of the award is being set aside to award scholarships to West Virginians who are beginning their nursing education at Shepherd this Fall.

Also this Spring, we proudly announced several initiatives that advance the competitiveness of Shepherd among our peer institutions: the Hunter Carlos Williams Aviation Program; the Center of Excellence for Photobiomodulation at Shepherd; and a partnership with the developers behind the "Ritchie Revival" at Fort Ritchie, an abandoned military base in Washington County, Maryland. I look forward to sharing more about these projects in the coming months!

Arguably Shepherd's most exciting accomplishment so far in 2022: Receiving a Reaffirmation of Accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC)—with no follow-up actions required! This reaffirmation is a true testament to the contributions of numerous individuals across campus who prepared program reviews, compiled data, participated in meetings and interviews, and collected supporting documents required by the HLC. Shepherd's next Reaffirmation of Accreditation will be in 2031-32.

Our reasons to celebrate seem to multiply with each passing semester. As we reflect on the past year—our 150th Anniversary—our pride in our alma mater continues to flourish. Thank you for being part of our Shepherd extended family and contributing to our bright future.

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Holly Morgan Frye '09,
Alumna of the Year, and her mother,
Mary Ann (White) Morgan '53
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Holly Morgan Frye '09 *named* Outstanding Alumna of the Year

BY CECELIA MASON

The 2021 Outstanding Alumna of the Year, Holly Morgan Frye '09, is unique among those who have previously been honored because her impact on the University comes not only from her efforts as an alumna, but also from her contributions as a longtime employee.

Holly is Shepherd's vice president for student affairs and director of community relations. In addition, she chairs the campus health task force, which has overseen the University's COVID-19 policies since the beginning of the pandemic. Growing up in Shepherdstown, Holly did not set out to earn a degree from or work at Shepherd.

"I always liked Shepherd, but I wanted to go and do something different," she said.

Holly graduated with a B.A. in communications from McDaniel College in 1987. After working in a variety of marketing, sales, and advertising jobs, she accepted the position of alumni affairs coordinator at Shepherd. She soon transitioned to Shepherd's Division of Student Affairs as the community services coordinator. While in that role, a colleague convinced her to pursue her master's in College Student Development and Administration (CSDA) at Shepherd.





“In class, I would read about different theories describing that type of development. It changed the trajectory of my career in that it legitimized it, excited me, and made me want to continue doing what I was doing.”

“I was working full time. Anybody who works in student affairs knows that full time is ten hours longer than what everybody else works, and hours that are insane,” Holly said, chuckling.

In addition to her busy work schedule and graduate studies, she had two school-aged sons at the time.

“It was very hard,” she said. “I have a lot of empathy for people who are full-time employees and parents, and who are paying a mortgage and going to school.”

Holly said earning her CSDA degree professionalized her work with college students; she was able to dive into theory and learn about stages of student development from scholars who had spent their lives focusing on research into what she was doing every day. Holly found it fascinating to see the theory in practice.

“I would be on a construction site with students for a Habitat for Humanity project and I would watch their interactions and watch them develop and come out of that experience different people,” she said. “In class, I would read about different theories describing that type of development. It changed the trajectory of my career in that it legitimized it, excited me, and made me want to continue doing what I was doing.”

As she leads the committee that has been steering Shepherd through the COVID-19 pandemic, Holly reflects on the fact that she accepted her first student affairs job during another traumatic period in the country’s history.

“When I took the community service job, I really felt like these college students are our hope. That was during 9/11, and almost 20 years later we’re dealing with a pandemic,” Holly said. “I still believe college students are our hope.”

As Alumna of the Year, Holly was honored during Homecoming week at a special reception, in the parade, and at the Saturday football game. She was able to enjoy the game sitting in the end zone in front of Boone Field House with a few close friends and her mother, Mary Ann (White) Morgan ’53.

Mary Ann also attended McDaniel College before transferring to Shepherd, where she earned an A.B. in music and was editor of the Cohongoroota yearbook and involved in Pi Delta Epsilon journalism fraternity, Student Christian Association, and Phi Sigma Chi sorority.

“That was the best part, having my mom there,” Holly said. “She had been a cheerleader. So that was really cool to have her with me. I feel blessed about that. She was super proud.”



Meet Shepherd’s 2022-2023 Outstanding Alum, Finest Under 40 honorees

**2022 Outstanding
Alumna of the Year**
Cheryl D.L. Roberts ’80

**2022 Finest Under 40
Award Recipients**
Jessi Gregory ’10
Bryan Newlin ’04
James Erik Sassak ’05

Each year, the Alumni Association Board of Directors votes on nominations for Outstanding Alumnus/a of the Year and the next class of Finest Under 40 at its annual June meeting. Criteria and nomination forms can be found at <https://www.shepherd.edu/suaa/alumni-recognition-programs>

Congratulations to the 2021 Finest Under 40 Award Recipients



Pictured (l. to r.): Tyler Kambis ’17,
Elizabeth Ricketts ’15, Joseph Hooks ’08

TRI SIGMA

sorority has long history of
*contributing to
campus life*



Current members of Sigma Sigma Sigma include (seated, l. to r.) Lexi Putnam, Susan Harris, Lizzie Rea, Abbie Mullins, Abby Bowman, Abby Carter, Analise Falcone, Cameron Mattei, and Abbey Rosa (standing, l. to r.) Cassidy Joy, Kate Aaron, Katie Keckler, Jane Puskey, Brianne Luger, Amelia Scherer, Dru Long, Megan Calcamp, Chloe Waldeck, Morgan Bohrer, Lillian Robbins, Leah Shaw, Mikayla Offutt, and Jessica Maurer.

BY **CECELIA MASON**

Shepherd offers students the ability to participate in a variety of organizations and activities that give them the opportunity for growth, leadership development, community service, and building friendships. Greek organizations are a large

part of the University's social fabric and have played an important role in student life on campus for decades. One sorority in particular, Sigma Sigma Sigma, can trace its roots back to at least the 1930s.

The Cohongoroota yearbook and The Picket student newspaper archives show the Tri Sigmas, which were previously

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Phi Sigma Chi Sorority

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“As a sorority, we have always been interested in Shepherd, so we had the railing made with the Phi Sigma Chi name on it to put in front of the house where we met.”

called Phi Chi and Phi Sigma Chi sorority, had been organized on campus by 1930. The sorority met in the Yellow House (Entler-Weltzheimer House), which was also called the Home Economics Cottage and Sorority Cottage in some of the articles. Mrs. Ernest Stutzman, wife of the former physics, chemistry, and mathematics professor, was the sponsor.

The sorority was particularly strong in the late 1940s and early 1950s when it was not associated with the national organization and was called Phi Sigma Chi. To this

day, members from that era still get together annually, and for the past 70 years, Betty Lowe '52 has served as president and chief event organizer.

“We look forward to it every year,” Betty said. “It’s a big deal now, and of course we’re sorry for so many not being here, because we were really close just because we had that common connection with the sorority.”

Phi Sigma Chi helped host dances and had receptions and parties. According to articles in *The Picket*, they participated in assemblies and friendly basketball competitions with other campus organizations. One year they went to the beach in Ocean City, Maryland.

“It was a nice group of people, and we had a lot of fun,” said Mary Ann Morgan '53. “We would have sleepovers. I remember one at the Dorsey home. It was loads of fun. We participated in the Homecoming parades. I was on the float one time. I wanted to join because of the friendships.”

Mary Ann said women pledging the soror-

ity were required to carry wooden paddles around with them everywhere.

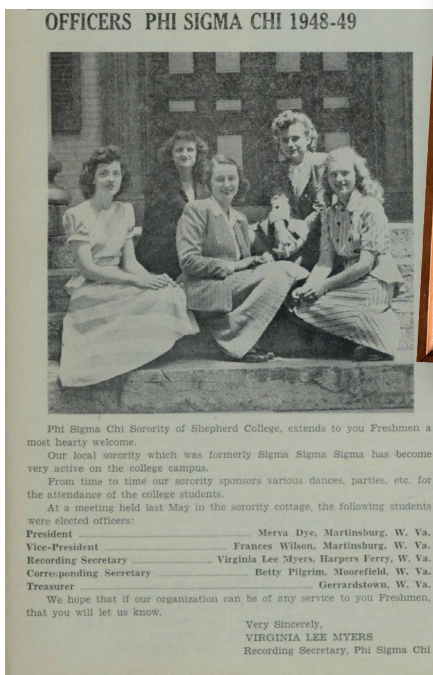
“We would have to get signatures from all our sponsors and all the sorority members,” she said. “I had it hanging on the wall at my house for years. My granddaughter is a Tri Sig, so I gave it to her.”

Mary Ann has enjoyed attending the luncheons over the years and catching up with what her sorority sisters have been doing.

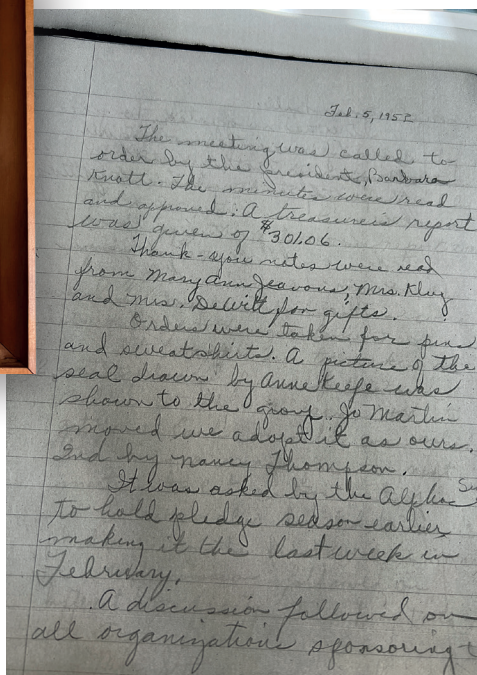
“It’s just nice to renew old friendships and find out who’s been where, and so on and so forth,” she said.

Phi Sigma Chi has been supporting the Scarborough Library at its yearly get together by passing the hat to collect money that is donated to the library to purchase books in honor of deceased members. The sorority also raised money to have a railing made for the front of the Yellow House.

“As a sorority, we have always been interested in Shepherd, so we had the railing



Alumni members of Shepherd University's Phi Sigma Chi sorority got together at the Bavarian Inn in Shepherdstown on August 4, 2021, for their annual luncheon. Pictured (seated, l. to r.) are Jayne Poisal Downy '54, Martinsburg; Mary Ann White Morgan '53, Shepherdstown; Regina Jones '54, Knoxville, Maryland; Norma Morris Siler '54, Shepherdstown; Peggy Booth '53, Stephens City, Virginia; and Diane Steece '63, Williamsport, Maryland. (standing, l. to r.) Betty Ann Snyder Lowe '52, Shepherdstown; Emily Miller Waters '57, Martinsburg; Nancy Thompson Smith '54, Charles Town; Gloria Hinton Biddle '55, Winchester, Virginia; Barbara Knott Nickel '52, Shepherdstown; Biddy Dorsey Smoot '52, Charles Town; and Althea Vickers Miller '57, Mount Airy, Maryland.



made with the Phi Sigma Chi name on it to put in front of the house where we met," Betty said.

Phi Sigma Chi remained a local chapter from 1948 until 1960, when the sorority decided once again to align with its national organization, becoming the Beta Delta chapter of Sigma Sigma Sigma.

Today, the sorority has approximately 33 members. In addition to social activities, the Tri Sigs host events, fundraisers, and donation drives to support the Sigma Sigma Sigma Foundation and the sorority's philanthropic initiative of Sigma Serves Children and March of Dimes.

"Our sorority focuses on life-enhancing therapeutic play and child life programs at

hospitals," said Tri Sigma president Abby Bowman. "We have recently partnered with the Boys and Girls Club to help with their after-school care and other fun events. We have more exciting opportunities planned with them in the near future!"

Sigma Sigma Sigma contributes to campus life and supports other organizations by either attending or co-hosting events. For example, the Tri Sigmas have partnered with Shepherd Environmental Organization for a C&O Canal cleanup and with Alpha Phi Omega fraternity to host a Gift of Life Bone Marrow Drive.

Just as members of Phi Sigma Chi from the 1940s and 1950s found being in the sorority enhanced their college experience and gave them lifelong friendships, today's members of Sigma Sigma Sigma say being part of the group makes college a richer and more enjoyable experience.

"By being a part of this sorority, you get to meet your best friends and future bridesmaids, you gain leadership skills, and expand your networking abilities," Bowman said. "You become a Tri Sigma for life and being a part of the sorority connects you to a whole network of sisters across the country. Being a sister in Tri Sigma Beta Delta builds each of us to become better sisters and humans."



“Shepherd gave me so much and I always want to give back, so whatever this University and these coaches need on the football field or in the classroom, I’m going to give.”

BY CECELIA MASON

Dr. James Cherry '96 is a former Shepherd football player and current Board of Governors vice chair who is working at the forefront of the COVID-19 pandemic as associate director/chief of research technologies at National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease in Frederick, Maryland.

At the beginning of the Fall 2021 semester, Cherry spoke in person to Shepherd’s football team and via Zoom to coaches and staff across the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference about the importance of being vaccinated against COVID-19.

Cherry used the analogy of preparing for a football game—you have to give your immune system the playbook to educate it about COVID, and the vaccines are the playbook for this virus.

“You can’t play a good game and win if you don’t read the playbook and understand the plays,” he said. “You have to prepare for it. By getting vaccinated, you’re giving your body an opportunity to prepare for the game.”

He also shared information about the vaccines and how they were developed. Cherry especially enjoyed having the conversation with members of the Ram football team.

“It was wonderful. I really enjoyed the openness. I really related to them as a past player—as a has-been,” he said with a laugh. “Some of the athletes shared with me that they had been infected and were still feeling it. That took a lot for them to say.”

Speaking with Shepherd’s football team and coaches from its athletic conference is just one way Cherry gives back to his alma mater.

“Shepherd is the reason that I got my doctorate,” he said. “They gave me so much and I always want to give back, so whatever this University and these coaches need on the football field or in the classroom, I’m going to give.”



JIM CHERRY



New aviation class takes flight

BY CECILIA MASON

Three students were able to explore their interest in aviation during the Fall 2021 semester—the first group taking advantage of Shepherd University’s partnership with Bravo Flight Training and the Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport in the Hunter Carlos Willis Aviation program at Shepherd University, which offers for-credit ground school class through the College of Business.

Bailey Bakken, business administration major, and his brother Jaxon, nursing major, joined business administration major Mason Kidwell at the airport every week for the class, which focuses on topics such as the ground operation of flying, parts of the airplane and how it works, and the proper functions of an airport. Lessons included information about weather, aerodynamics, air space operations, and the rules of flight.

“You think that since you’re in the air there are fewer rules, but there are more rules and more things that you have to be aware of,” Mason said.

“I’d say there are more rules flying than there are driving a car,” said Jaxon, who pointed out there are no highways and signs in the sky, so the only way to know where you can go is by how the air space is classed.

The Bakken brothers say their interest in aviation stems from their father’s ca-

reer as an air traffic controller. Mason’s grandfather flew jets in the Navy, so aviation has always interested him. The highlight of their semester was a discovery flight that Bravo offered to take them on. They each spent about 45 minutes in the air with an instructor, at times taking control of the airplane.

“I am glad Shepherd is offering this so I am able to have this opportunity through a college.”

“At first, it’s pretty nerve-racking because it’s your first time getting into something that’s completely foreign to you,” Jaxon said. “Once you initially takeoff you realize how fulfilling and enjoyable it is being able to fly and to see everything

below you and across the horizon. We flew over Shepherd, so we got to see the campus from 3,500 feet in the air.”

Bailey said the discovery flight was his first experience in a small airplane.

“After taking off from the ground and being able to fly the plane through the air—nothing really can explain what it feels like up there,” Bailey said. “It’s not quite like a roller coaster.

You’re more in control but it’s equally as freaky.”

“It’s quite the thrill being in the airplane and actually just taking off,” Mason said. “Once you get up in the air you’re just coasting. It’s a freeing feeling. Getting in

the plane and actually being in control of it was something that was awesome.”

All three students are interested in eventually getting pilot licenses and pursuing careers that involve aviation. Jaxon imagines pairing his nursing degree to become a flight nurse. Mason and Bailey dream of starting some kind of aviation business. They are all grateful Shepherd gives them this opportunity to jumpstart their careers.

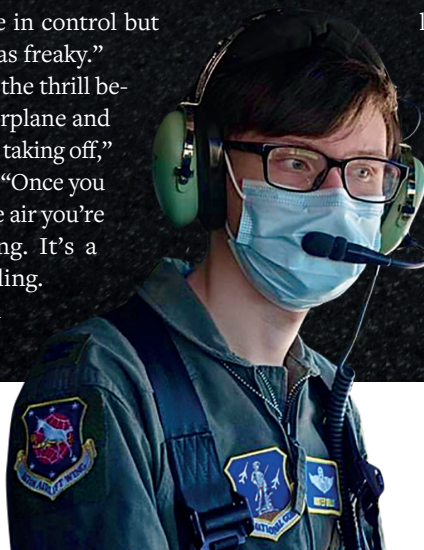
“I am glad Shepherd is offering this so I am able to have this opportunity through a college,” Mason said. “Maybe I would have done it myself later down the line, but with my major they offered the class, so I was really intrigued to take it and it was a great opportunity.”


Bailey pointed out that getting a private pilot’s license requires passing a knowledge check from the Federal Aviation Administration.

“In order to even take that test you need to have an endorsement from a certified flight instructor,” Bailey said. “So, without having this set up by Shepherd we wouldn’t have a means of doing that without going out on our own, which is a lot of time and that’s why I think a

lot of people don’t end up following up with becoming a pilot.”

“Having the University allow us to follow a dream of ours to fly a plane and having an instructor being able to endorse us to take further steps down the road,” Jaxon said. “It’s a great course.”



A photograph of three young men standing outdoors at night. The man on the left is wearing a grey hoodie and dark pants. The man in the middle is wearing a black zip-up jacket over a light green shirt and blue jeans. The man on the right is wearing a green Adidas sweatshirt with red and blue stripes on the sleeves and blue jeans. They are all smiling at the camera. The background is dark with some distant lights.

Pictured (l. to r.) are
Mason Kidwell,
Bailey Bakken,
Jaxon Bakken

Flight training program named for first student

The aviation program has been renamed the Hunter Carlos Willis Aviation Program at Shepherd University in memory of the young pilot who died January 22, 2022, at age 19. Hunter aspired to be Shepherd's first aviation student.

Hunter (pictured left), the son of Thomas and Sara Willis, was born December 21, 2002, in Alexandria, Virginia. He was also a Woodberry Forest Tiger and steam train engineer.

The Shepherd University Foundation is accepting gifts that will allow students enrolled in the College of Business the opportunity to participate in this unique partnership with the Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport and Bravo Flight Training. For more information about donating to the Hunter Carlos Willis Aviation Program, visit <https://shepherduniversityfoundation.org/hcwillisaviation/>.

Crowned Queens Advancing SHEPHERD'S LEGACY

BY HANNAH BRUMBAUGH

Tamia Hardy '17, '18 MBA

Miss West Virginia 2017



Miss West Virginia 2017 Tamia Hardy uses values from Shepherd in her social impact initiative, "Stand Up, Don't Stand By!" Tamia was inspired by the dedication at Shepherd

to spread awareness for prevention and bystander intervention of sexual assault. During her time at Shepherd, Tamia was involved in A-Team, Multicultural Leadership Team, and other empowering campus organizations. She felt her public speaking and knowledge of her platform came from her Shepherd education and involvement.

Tamia is recognized for being the first Black Miss West Virginia. "Trailblazing is still difficult. My uniqueness caused me to receive some opposition. At times, I wanted to wear my hair in its natural afro. I rarely wear make-up. I did not prioritize wearing my crown and sash to invites. My mother can tell you she always had to beg me to put them on along with some clip-on earrings (I do not even have my ears pierced). I am very different than what may have been expected of a traditional titleholder. I was different in every way you could imagine a titleholder could be. I was not used to that world. I was struggling with being a representative of the title but remaining true to myself." Tamia, a first-time pageant competitor, redefined what it meant to be Miss West Virginia. She believes that being genuine to herself is what inspired people to a level that she could have never imagined.

Tamia is currently working on her doctorate in executive leadership.

"Shepherd is always advancing. They find more ways to encourage equity, inclusion, safety, and care into the campus all the time. It really is such a magical place. I did not realize how much it would impact my life and I did not realize how much I would miss it until I was gone."

-Tamia Hardy '17, '18 MBA
Miss West Virginia 2017

The Miss West Virginia Organization is focused on empowering young women by providing opportunities for personal growth and achievement, awarding scholarships for outstanding academic achievement, excellence in talent, and commitment to service. In 2021 more than \$21,000 was awarded in cash scholarships to the Miss West Virginia candidates and another \$30,000 of in-kind scholarships from participating colleges and universities.

Shepherd University has been the academic home of five Miss West

Virginia recipients: Rebecca (Porterfield) Rose '16, Tamia Hardy '17, Morgan (Breedon) Branch '18, Tiffany Lawrence '04, and the current Miss West Virginia, Jaelyn Wratchford. While serving as Miss West Virginia, these women donate their time and energy to promoting a social platform of particular importance to them. Social impact and service to the community is a norm at Shepherd, where students are encouraged to experience leadership in action and build relationships and partnerships among community organizations, students, staff, and faculty.

Jaelyn Wratchford

Miss West Virginia 2021



Miss West Virginia 2021 Jaelyn Wratchford received more than \$4,000 in college scholarships, which she is using toward her degrees at Shepherd in business administration and psychology. Jaelyn is in the Honors Program and serves as the vice president of community service for Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity. Her year as Miss West Virginia is dedicated to recruiting individuals to get involved with young people as volunteers and mentors. She believes that communities can be a meaningful support system and have a positive impact on the development of children. Jaelyn represented West Virginia in the 100th edition of the Miss America Competition in December 2021.

"Shepherd is good at listening to its students. Every situation where I have had a concern or an issue going on, there was empathy and understanding. The sense of community at Shepherd is strong and encouraging."

-Jaelyn Wratchford,
Miss West Virginia 2021

Serving as Miss West Virginia has helped Jaelyn develop hard and soft skills that she believes can support her efforts working in the Shepherdstown community and within her social impact initiative. Branding, fundraising, and project management will impact her professional growth. Less tangible skills such as trusting a support team, being committed, following through with something bigger than herself, and staying true to the Miss West Virginia and the Shepherd University legacies gives Jaelyn a foundation for continuing her successful platform and future development. Currently, Jaelyn plans to go into strategic communications working with nonprofits in West Virginia after graduation.

Morgan (Breedon) Branch '18

Miss West Virginia 2016



"Bullies Beware: I Have a Lion in My Heart!" was the platform Miss West Virginia 2016 Morgan Breedon used to inspire youth on how to overcome bullying

and make kindness a priority. Bullying was a familiar topic for Morgan, who experienced bullies in middle school because of her weight. She took her dark days and difficult experiences and used her voice as Miss West Virginia to teach courage and kindness—often reflecting on the Wizard of Oz and how the cowardly lion found his courage.

"Shepherd holds a special place in my heart. It was where I met my husband and we started our life together. I can see that other students are also creating these beautiful memories too. I am looking forward to seeing all the remarkable things Shepherd continues to do and the wonderful things the generations of alumni will achieve."

-Morgan Branch '18, Miss West Virginia 2016

Morgan used her courage and platform to spread kindness among youth and communities. She feels like her time with Miss West Virginia made her a part of a sisterhood with a special legacy that promotes kindness and positivity. She remembers being in West Virginia public schools, sharing her stories and being a good role model that was making a difference in the lives of youth. Morgan saw the opportunity to make a lasting impact on someone's life by sharing her platform and building meaningful relationships. Every day was a new adventure. She traveled thousands of miles to share her platform in schools and found each interaction with students more special than the last.

"I heard stories of children who faced bullying and hardships and how that affected them. These children inspired me to make a greater change and work harder to combat bullying. Every day brought something special. It was a wonderful year that I will always treasure. I am blessed to have been able to meet so many students who have made a significant impact on my life."

Being Miss West Virginia was a special title for Morgan, but not as special as her current title as mom. Morgan is the proud mother to daughter Montani and had her second daughter in February 2022. Primarily, Morgan hopes to instill values of kindness, love, courage, and perseverance in their lives. She also thanks Shepherd for the positive experiences and introducing her to her husband. Morgan currently works at Liberty University Online Academy as a Family and Consumer Science instructor.

Tiffany Lawrence '04

Miss West Virginia 2006



The Miss West Virginia Organization provided Tiffany Lawrence with a voice for her platform, "The Power of Positive Self-Esteem," which focused on making

strides in the behavioral health community, especially with youth. Her time as Miss West Virginia supported her desire to continue her education in professional studies. Tiffany was crowned in June 2006, a week after she graduated from Shenandoah University with her MBA and just two years after her graduation from Shepherd with her Bachelor of Science with a double major in political science and business administration. Due to the Miss West Virginia and Miss America scholarships she received, Tiffany is proud to say she graduated in 2019 with her doctorate in executive leadership at the University of Charleston in West Virginia.

Tiffany credits Shepherd for affording her opportunities that honed critical life and career-based skills, particularly through internships with the West Virginia legislature and local nonprofits. She improved her public speaking and critical-thinking skills during her time as class president, Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity president, and chair of the Judicial Board. Those experiences taught Tiffany how to juggle multiple projects at once, create work life balance, and build meaningful and positive relationships.

The title of Miss West Virginia set her career in motion by opening many doors around the state of West Virginia, which

helped shape her journey in business, non-profit work, and public policy.

"I attribute much of what I have been afforded in life to the experiences I was given during my time at Shepherd and as a volunteer and supporter of many programs and projects at Shepherd during my years as an alum."

- Tiffany Lawrence '04, Miss West Virginia 2006

"The title opened my eyes to the regional diversity in our state and made me want to work continuously for change and upward mobility for all West Virginians. Since that time, my passions have been working on policy, projects, and with organizations that strive for changes in healthcare and education (both on the K-12 level and through higher education advancements). The job also taught me to never underestimate the vision of one individual, but to believe in the power of a village."

Tiffany is currently a strategic communications professional and serves as the senior account executive for Orion Strategies. She leads the Shenandoah Valley regional office and is responsible for creating and managing outreach strategies for clients, including public relations, government affairs, grassroots advocacy, polling, research, and creative services. Tiffany is the former vice president of membership and development at the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, director of resource development and marketing for United Way of the Eastern Panhandle, and the marketing and public relations manager for Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races. She served three terms in the West Virginia House of Delegates, representing Jefferson County's 65th district from 2008-2014. During her tenure she served as the assistant majority whip and as the chair of the Committee on Political Subdivisions.

Rebecca (Porterfield) Rose '15

Miss West Virginia 1985



Miss West Virginia 1985, Rebecca (Porterfield) Rose '16 graduated from Shepherd with her Bachelor of Arts in elementary education.

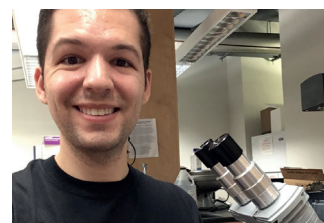
Rebecca was unavailable for further comment on the experience as Miss West Virginia and at Shepherd.



'17 Amanda Spain works as a preschool teacher at Golden Path Academy and thanks Shepherd University for hands-on experiences in a classroom and for the opportunity to work at the on-campus nursery.



'14 Julia Franks has brought support to a total of approximately 250 students since the start of the Shepherd Success Academy in 2017. The Student Success Center officially opened in Fall 2020 and now houses several key success initiatives, including a Peer Mentor Program, the Shepherd Athletic Success Program, and the Academic Probation Recovery program.



'15 Michael Fagiola is pursuing his career in forensic toxicology, working at the Nassau County New York medical examiner's office. He is also a current Ph.D. candidate in toxicology at St. John's University in Queens.

SHEPHERD STUDENTS SUCCEED



To read more about some of the alumni below use the QR code to visit our webpage at <https://www.shepherd.edu/suaa/alumni-highlights>

Regional Alumni Communities: Stay Connected Wherever You Are!

Shepherd has active regional alumni groups in Eastern Shore/Delaware and Southwest Florida areas with more groups forming. Reach out to the ambassador nearest you to join or become an ambassador in your area. Visit <https://www.shepherd.edu/suaa/regional-communities> for more information and photo galleries. Contact Jessica Gill with interest or questions at jgill@shepherd.edu or call 304-876-5157.



'95 Kevin Howley works with the World Food Programme (WFP) and has had opportunities to live and work in Zambia, Congo, Tanzania, and other locations. In 2020, WFP was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for the work completed in conflict settings.



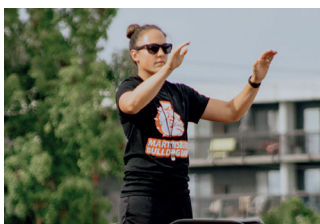
'93 Tara Aycock fulfilled her dream of working as a teacher and principal in K-12 schools, but took an early retirement to pursue her passion of art and help run the family antique business. Currently, one of Tara's children is attending Shepherd University.



'05 Dr. Euan Edmonds is a professional freelance trombonist and current adjunct faculty at Shepherd University who has performed with groups such as the Temptations and the Glenn Miller Orchestra and can be heard on recordings of "Tri-Colored Eyes" by Clark Gibson (2019), "Liminality" by Erik Skov (2019), and "Desafio Candente" by Gustavo Cortiñas (2021).



'93 Toby Peer accepted the head football coaching job at Cambridge-South Dorchester High School in Cambridge, Maryland. Previously, Peer served as the South Hagerstown High School coach and athletic director.



'14 Casie Rogers Adams is making history as the first female director of bands at Martinsburg High School. She earned this position after her mentor, John Paul Lynch, Sr., retired.



'16 Zachary Janiak has been included in Hatchery International Magazine's Top 10 Under 40 list, an annual program designed to recognize leadership and innovation of fish and shellfish hatcher professionals under the age of 40.



'15 Cindy Brockman received the Professional of the Year award from Strathmore's Who's Who Worldwide Honors—in recognition of excellence, dedication, and success in recreation/marketing.



'14 Audrey Muhammed owns Perch Media Services, a virtual event solutions company that can assist in virtual production, recording, editing, and platform training.



'03 Mary Beth Group was named the principal of Jefferson High School in July 2021.



Career and Life Video Series

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To view previous videos, sign-up online, or review the FAQ visit <https://www.shepherd.edu/suaa/careerlife-video-series>

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Casie '14 and Richie '21 Adams were married December 26, 2020, in Martinsburg, WV.



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Makenna Raine Neterer was born on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, at 8:44 p.m. at Berkeley Medical Center in Martinsburg, WV, to proud parents Jacob '18 and Kelsey '17 Neterer. She weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. and was 20 inches long.

PAULINE PHELPS, '46
Ogdensburg, NY, 09/25/2021

CORA ROULETTE DOVE, '49
Williamsport, MD, 06/28/2021

ROBERT SUTPHIN, '53
Frederick, MD, 09/26/2021

PHYLLIS S. YINGLING, '54
Martinsburg, WV, 08/30/2021

VIRGINIA L. BUTLER '56
Martinsburg, WV, 11/05/2021

JAMES CARPENTER MOON '58
Fairmont, WV, 12/27/2021

JAMES M. DAVIS, '59
Winchester, VA, 07/26/2021

JOYCE E. HIETT, '60
Lake City, FL, 07/18/2021

RICHARD SCOTT STRITE, '60
Inwood, WV, 08/15/2021

JOANN CAMPBELL COHEN, '64
Middletown, VA, 05/31/2020

NANCY E. GARDENHOUR, '65
Dover, DE, 11/11/2020

SALLY LOU FIERY, '72
Hagerstown, MD, 09/28/2021

MICHAEL T. MYERS, '74
Falling Waters, WV, 11/09/2021

JOHN K. TAYLOR, '85
Martinsburg, WV, 10/29/2021

TYLER SPRECHER, '87
Waynesboro, PA, 11/28/2021

WILLIAM C. LINEBURG, '91
Berkeley Springs, WV, 07/02/2021

PAULA R. PAYNE, '97
Myrtle Beach, SC, 10/10/2021

EDWARDINE A. BAIN, '99
Inwood, WV, 08/08/2021

ELIZABETH A. SPAUR STICKLEY, '99
Harrisonburg, VA, 11/09/2019

JONATHAN W. DAY, '06
Charles Town, WV, 10/15/2021

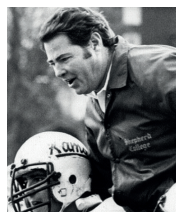
WILLIAM E. RIGHTNOUR, '19
Berkeley Springs, WV, 08/04/2021

IN MEMORIAM ARTICLES



Ling Kong Louie, '98, of Hagerstown, MD, passed away October 21, 2021. Louie graduated from South Hagerstown High School in 1970 and then entered the United States Marine Corps, where he served during the Vietnam Era. He reached the rank of Sergeant and served until honorably discharged in 1974. Louie was an avid sports fan.

In 1980, he finished the John F. Kennedy 50-mile hike-run for the 10th time—he was the sixth person to complete the feat. He was a “life member” of Washington County Football Officials Association, a member of the Washington County Umpires Association, and Washington County Volleyball Officials Association. Louie officiated for the Professional Association of Volleyball Officials, which provided officials for the NCAA. He also was employed by the Washington County Board of Education from 1997 until 2014, working as a Behavioral Specialist and a Paraprofessional in Special Education. Previously he worked for the State of Maryland with the Department of Social Services and the State of Maryland Division of Corrections.



Coach Walter Barr, '62, of Winchester, VA, passed away October 29, 2021. Barr was a Clarke County High School athlete in the 1950s and had extensive coaching experience, including two stints at James Wood High School (1967-1970 and 2005-2007), four years at Sherando High School (1994-1997), one year at Loudoun County High School (1990), 15 years at Shepherd (1971-1985), and two years at Shenandoah University (2000-2001). He guided James Wood to its only state football championship in school history in 1970 and he took Sherando to its first back-to-back state championship games. Barr guided the Rams to three conference championships from 1971-1986. Barr played for three years as quarterback at Shepherd and is in the Shepherd University Athletics Hall of Fame. He is also in other Halls of Fame—at Clarke County High School, James Wood High School, and Shenandoah University.



James L. Taylor, '59, of Ranson, WV, passed away September 7, 2021. Taylor served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. After his service, Taylor attended Shepherd where he was the first African American to play on the team in the history of the college. After graduation from Shepherd, Taylor earned his master's degree in 1965 from

West Virginia University. He then became a teacher at his former high school, Page-Jackson High School, where he taught biology and physical education and coached football, basketball, and track. Taylor then accepted a position at Harpers Ferry Job Corps where he taught math, reading, and GED classes. He coached basketball, cross country, track, and boxing. Taylor then took a teaching position at Jefferson High School, where he taught biology, human anatomy, and physiology. In addition, he coached junior varsity football, was the assistant basketball coach, and head coach for cross country and track and field. Outside of the classroom, Taylor had an affinity for history and was one of the founding members of the Jefferson County Black History Preservation Society, Inc., to which he was elected president.

Alumni Love TRANSFORMING SHEPHERD'S FUTURE

Barb Bourne Farnham '88 and Tim Farnham '87 met at Shepherd after visiting a dance club. They started dating a week later



and in January 1988 they were married in Shepherdstown. Barb and Tim's daughter Elizabeth J. Farnham '12 attended Shepherd,

as did son Benjamin '15 and daughter-in-law Samantha '17. In addition, Barb's sister Patricia (Patty) Bourne McIntyre '90, brother-in-law Jeffrey McIntyre '89, and niece Katlyn (Katie) McIntyre '16 are also Shepherd University graduates. Elizabeth, Benjamin, and Katie were all residents of Turner Hall during their attendance. Barb, sister Patty, and brother-in-law Jeff were also Turner residents—Jeff was one of the first males to live in Turner after it transitioned from an all-female residence hall to a co-ed residence.

Michelle '88 and Rick '87 LaFollette met at Shepherd while Michelle was on a scavenger hunt for her sorority, KTE. She ran up and kissed him on



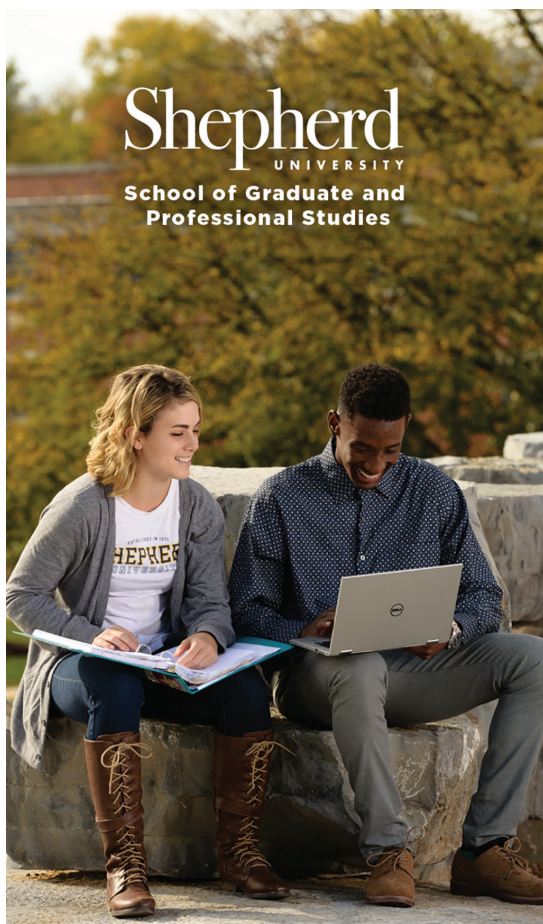
the cheek and the rest is history! Michelle and Rick are one of several TKE and KTE couples. Their oldest son, Matthew, graduated from Shepherd in 2020 and their youngest son, Mason, is a current student. Michelle's family

has been connected with Shepherd for years, beginning with her grandmother Marie Kain Shewbridge, who graduated from Shepherd College State Normal School in 1922. Other familial graduates include Michelle's brother Howard "Skip" Lee Shewbridge III '97, sister-in-law Susan LaFollette (Pryor) '87, cousins Anthol Shewbridge Jr. '85, Sharon "Sherry" Lee Smith '80, Christopher Donald Smith '90, Kenneth Hiram Frye '74, Dr. Deborah K. Shewbridge '87 and her husband Randall Kevin Clarke '85, and Stephanie Frye '14. Deborah and Randall's son Colton Randall Clarke will be a first-year student in 2022.

Charles Lutman '66 and sister Gloria Eshelman '71 met their spouses, Jeanne Morton '66 and Ray Eshelman, at Shepherd, beginning a relationship with their alma mater for generations. Family members who are



alumni include Charles and Jeanne's daughter, Karla Miller '95, grandchildren Kelsey Miller '18 and Kylie Miller '24, and Charles' son Jason Lutman '06 and his wife Katie '13, who met at Shepherd and have since had two future Rams, Brody and Caroline. Charles's brother Doug Lutman '61, niece Lisa Jenkins '88, and great-niece Cassidy Lutman '21 are also alumni. Pictured above (l. to r.) are Karla Miller '95, Cassidy Lutman '21, Kelsey Miller '18, Kylie Miller '24, Charles Lutman '66, Jason Lutman '06, Katie Lutman '13, and future Rams Brody Lutman and Caroline Lutman.



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Patterson Family Analytics Scholarship



Andrew Peterson

The Patterson Family Analytics Scholarship is designated for Shepherd students pursuing studies in the College of

Business. This annually funded award was established by Andrew Patterson '95, one of four brothers who attended Shepherd University. Three of the siblings, including Andrew, went on to enjoy successful careers in data and analytics. (*Learn more on page 22.*)

Henriksson History Award



Anders and Ann Henriksson with Belle Erikson, first recipient of the Henriksson History Award

The Henriksson History Award is designated for Shepherd history majors. This annually funded award was established by Anders and Ann Henriksson, who have a combined 60 years of service to Shepherd University.

Philip W. Fearnow Scholarship



Philip W. Fearnow '62

The Philip W. Fearnow Scholarship is designated as a general academic award for Shepherd students who graduated from a high school in Berkeley County, WV. This deferred endowment was established by Shepherd alumnus Philip W. Fearnow '62.

Richard L. Knode Baseball Scholarship

The Richard L. "Dick" Knode Scholarship for Baseball is designated for student athletes who are members of the Shepherd University men's

Richard L. "Dick" Knode '61

FOUNDATION

announces 14 new scholarship awards and two major gifts

Privately funded awards created through the Shepherd University Foundation provide vital support for student scholarships, academic programs, and faculty excellence. This year the Foundation is pleased to announce 14 new awards and two major gifts. To learn more about these awards and the heartfelt stories behind them, please visit us at shepherduniversityfoundation.org. For more information about creating a named fund, please contact Monica Lingenfelter at 304-876-5397 or mlingenf@shepherd.edu.

baseball team. This endowed scholarship was established by the family of former Shepherd athlete Richard L. "Dick" Knode '61 in memory of their husband and father.

Preston Elliott and June Oland Best Memorial Scholarship

The Preston Elliott and June Oland Best



Preston E. Best, Sr. and June Oland Best on their wedding day in February 1946

Memorial Scholarship is designated for secondary education majors from Berkeley and Jefferson counties, WV, and Frederick County, MD. This endowment was established by Shepherd alumnus Preston Best, Jr. '70 in memory of his parents.

Jason Alan Easley Men's Basketball Scholarship



Jason Alan Easley '00

The Jason Alan Easley Men's Basketball Scholarship is designated for student athletes who are members of the Shepherd University men's basketball team. This annually funded award was established by Michaela Easley in memory of her husband, a varsity member of the men's basketball program.



Dr. Charles W. Carter

Charles W. Carter Memorial Scholarship

The Charles W. Carter Memorial Scholarship is designated for Shepherd English majors. This endowment was established through a gift from the estate of the late Charles W. Carter, former chair of the Department of English and Modern Languages.

Miller-Waters Family Scholarship



Miller-Waters Family

The Miller-Waters Family Scholarship is designated for Shepherd education majors. This endowment was established by Shepherd alumni Emily Waters '57 and Althea Miller '57 in tribute to their family's legacy at Shepherd.

Margaret M. Alia and Family Continuing Education Endowment

The Margaret M. Alia and Family Continuing



Margaret M. Alia

Education Endowment Fund is designated for students pursuing a Master of Arts in Teaching or Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction, with

a preference for special education. This endowment was established by retired special education resource teacher Margaret M. Alia '64 and her siblings, Patrick Alia and Phyllis Alia Greeley.

West Virginia State Horticultural Society Scholarship

The West Virginia State Horticultural Society Scholarship is designated for students pursuing environmental studies degrees. This annually funded award was established by the West Virginia State Horticultural Society through a significant gift. A portion of the gift will also support the Agricultural Innovation Center at Tabler Farm.

Charles A. Tesconi, Jr. Memorial Scholarship



Charles "Buddy" Tesconi

The Charles A. Tesconi, Jr. Memorial Scholarship is designated for education majors. This annually funded award was created by Shepherdstown resident William "Bill" Carrigan in honor and memory of a lifelong friendship.

Bowman Family Men's Soccer Scholarship

The Bowman Family Men's Soccer Scholarship is designated for student athletes who are members of the Shepherd University men's soccer team. This annually funded award was created by Todd and Tracey Bowman of Sharpsburg, Maryland.

TB2 Harlon Hill Award for Excellence Scholarship

The TB2 Harlon Hill Award for Excellence Scholarship is designated for student athletes who are members of the Shepherd University football team. This annually funded award was created by a group of founding donors in honor of Harlon Hill award recipient Tyson Bagent.



Tyson Bagent

Brianne Hamilton-Frazier Memorial Scholarship for Women's Basketball

The Brianne Hamilton-Frazier Memorial Scholarship for Women's Basketball is designated for the Shepherd University women's basketball program. This annually funded award was created in memory of Brianne Hamilton-Frazier '05 by her former coaches, teammates, and friends.

West Virginia Horticultural Society President Dr. Stephen Miller and Secretary/Treasurer, Jean Slonaker

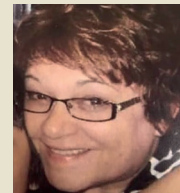
One-Time Awards



Amanda Wilkins '08

Amanda Wilkins Scholarship

The Amanda Wilkins Scholarship is designated for nursing students. This one-time award was created by the family of Amanda Wilkins '08 following her passing from stage IV metastatic breast cancer.



Elizabeth "Liz" Piercey Church '78

Elizabeth "Liz" Piercey Church Memorial Scholarship for Social Work

The Elizabeth Piercey Church Memorial Scholarship for Social Work is designated for social work majors. This one-time award was created by Carolyn Fleenor '78, with additional contributions from family and friends.

Major Gift Announcements



Mary Bell (front) pictured with Foundation Executive Vice President Monica Lingenfelter

Seeding Your Future Initiative Gift

The Shepherd University Foundation received a major gift to support Shepherd University's Seeding Your Future Initiative. The gift was made by Mary C. Bell in memory of her late wife, Sandra Jenkins.



Carrol E. Kline and Mary Ellen Kline

Kline Trust Gift

The Shepherd University Foundation received a legacy gift from the Carrol E. Kline and Mary Ellen Kline Trust in support of a scholarship previously endowed by the couple during their lifetimes. The Carrol and Mary Ellen Wareham Kline Scholarship is a general academic award designated for residents of Berkeley, Jefferson, and Morgan counties in West Virginia.



THE FUTURE IS NOW

How one family's legacy is **transforming the future for Shepherd business students**

BY KRISTIN ALEXANDER

“Information is being collected about everything. You log onto Facebook and see ads based on your browser history—that’s analytics at work. **It’s data science figuring out what to present to you.**”

Shepherd Students Succeed. This is the mantra that inspired the latter half of Shepherd University’s sesquicentennial theme, “Honoring the Past, Transforming the Future.” And it’s personified by three brothers, all Shepherd alumni, who forged careers in an industry that is truly transforming our world.

“You can already see how data analytics is shaping the future,” said Andrew Patterson ’95 of Burke, Virginia. “Information is being collected about everything. You log onto Facebook and see ads based on your browser history—that’s analytics at work. It’s data science figuring out what to present to you.”

Andrew is the youngest of three brothers to graduate from Shepherd and go on to enjoy a successful career in the revolutionary field of data analytics. Defined as the discipline of using data and tools to make business decisions, the industry has enjoyed expansive growth in the 40 years

since his eldest brother, Mahlon Patterson ’81 of Elkton, Maryland, began his career. Since then, Mahlon has provided analytics in the industries of banking and life sciences and is now self-employed as an analytics consultant in life sciences.

“I was one of a select few interested in focusing on data analytics early in my career,” he said. “With each decade, I’ve seen the marked importance of data collection as it contributes to success in business.”

While Mahlon and Andrew both majored in business administration at Shepherd, John Patterson ’86 took a slightly different path toward his career as a former enterprise architect for SAS and head of analytics for DeticaDFI.

“I earned my degree in biology, which taught me to respect critical thinking and how to utilize the scientific method to solve problems. My Shepherd education gave me a deep appreciation of science, business, and logic,” said John, who currently resides



“I feel very fortunate to have been successful over the course of my career and I believe the foundation I received at Shepherd played a big role in that.”

- ANDREW PATTERSON '95



“With each decade, I’ve seen the marked importance of data collection as it contributes to success in business.”

in Buenos Aires, Argentina, as a delegate with the U.S. Department of State.

Andrew shares in his brothers’ gratitude. Having begun his career at MicroStrategy during the dot-com boom, he often worked alongside colleagues with Ivy League educations. Despite the high-pressure environment, Andrew felt his Shepherd education had left him just as qualified as his peers.

“In the early days especially, I worked with a lot of the best and brightest, but I never felt like I was behind the times. I always felt like I could keep up with them,” he said.

In 2010, Andrew co-founded Datastrong with several of his MicroStrategy colleagues.

Over the next 10 years, they grew the firm from a team of five to an organization of almost 100 employees and contractors. In December 2020 Datastrong was acquired and Andrew remained with the new organization as a principal. Following the acquisition, he created the Patterson Family Analytics Scholarship in support of rising seniors who intend to pursue careers in business analytics.

In addition to the gift of his treasure, Andrew donates his time and talent to Shepherd as well. He frequently collaborates with the College of Business to deliv-

“The creation of the Patterson Family Analytics Scholarship is an investment in the future of Shepherd and its students.”

“My Shepherd education gave me a deep appreciation of science, business, and logic.”

er “pop-up” analytics classes to business students and recently joined the Shepherd University Foundation board of directors.

“I feel very fortunate to have been successful over the course of my career and I believe the foundation I received at Shepherd played a big role in that,” he said.

Mahlon and John share Andrew’s appreciation for Shepherd and are proud of their brother’s contributions to their alma mater.

“Never before in our history has the availability of information and knowledge been more important in helping us solve real-world problems,” said Mahlon. “The creation of the Patterson Family Analytics Scholarship is an investment in the future of Shepherd and its students.”

Transform

YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Your alumni association is offering new benefits for standard and sustaining members for the 2022-23 membership year! New benefits include national access to discounts and travel opportunities.

The Shepherd University Alumni Association does not require a purchase of membership; all graduates are standard members. Our standard members have access to services at Scarborough Library, discount rentals of Popodicon, a discount to the Suzanne Shipley Wellness Center, access to the Handshake job portal, a bi-annual alumni magazine, a bi-monthly newsletter, Freewill, and access to a brand-new benefit: TravelPerks discounts and promotions.

The new TravelPerks benefit includes seven day-a-week reservation assistance from trained industry specialists for the best vacation choices, maximum savings and bonuses, access to group savings and services (even for one reservation), price reduction monitoring, shore excursions savings, travel insurance shopping guidance and savings, and price assurance guarantee.

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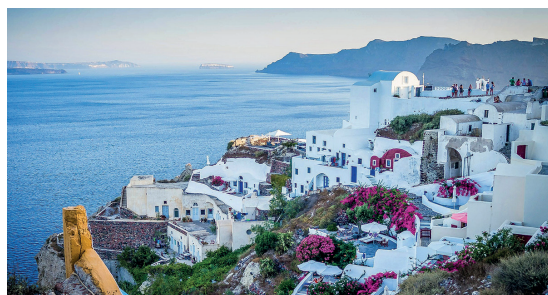
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Bagent stands next to the 2021 Harlon Hill Trophy that he was awarded as the most valuable player in NCAA Division II.

Bagent wins Harlon Hill Trophy and Hardman Award

In December 2021, junior quarterback Tyson Bagent (Martinsburg, WV/ Martinsburg H.S.) of the Shepherd football team was named the 2021 Harlon Hill Trophy winner as announced by the Little Rock Touchdown Club in conjunction with the Great American Conference. Bagent is the first Shepherd player to earn this award.

Bagent led the Rams to a 13-2 mark in 2021

"I can't say enough about my coaches, teammates, friends, and family members who helped me get to this point. I hope I have made everyone in my life and Shepherd University proud."

and an appearance in the national semifinals. He completed 391 of 579 passes for 5,000 yards and 53 touchdowns. He led NCAA Division II in passing yards (5,000), touchdown passes (53), and points responsible for (338). He passed for four or more touchdowns in nine games. A five-time PSAC East Offensive Athlete of the Week during the 2021 season, Bagent also

threw for 300 yards or more in 10 contests. He is the ninth player at all NCAA levels—and only the second in Division II—with at least 5,000 passing yards and 50 touchdown passes. He garnered a great deal of national attention when he led the Rams to a pair of last-second postseason victories.

"I'm thankful and blessed to be the Harlon Hill award winner," said Bagent. "I can't say enough about my coaches, teammates, friends, and family members who helped me get to this point. I hope I have made everyone in my life and Shepherd University proud."

Bagent was honored for his Harlon Hill Trophy win in a ceremony at the Martinsburg Roundhouse on April 15.

Also in April, Bagent was named the 2021 Hardman Award winner as West Virginia Sports Writers' Association's (WVSWA) Amateur Athlete of the Year for West Virginia. He is the first Shepherd student-athlete to win this award. Previous honorees include Jerry West, Mary Lou Retton, and Randy Moss. The Hardman Award is the oldest award given by the WVSWA, dating back to 1934.

Beeman Earns All-American Honors

Junior guard Abby Beeman (Ridgeley, WV/Frankfort H.S.) of the Shepherd women's basketball team became the first Shepherd women's basketball player to garner All-American honors. She was named to the Women's Basketball Coaches Association NCAA Division II Coaches' All-America team, the Division II Conference Commissioners Association All-America team, and the World Exposure Report NCAA Division II Women's Basketball All-

America squad.

Beeman led Shepherd to a 25-8 overall mark as she topped the Rams in scoring (19.0 ppg), assists (8.1 apg), and steals (2.9 spg). She topped the team in three-pointers (74) and minutes played (1252:17). She led NCAA Division II in assists (267), assists per game, and minutes played. Her 19.0 point scoring average topped the PSAC. Beeman also ranked fourth nationally in steals (95). She was a four-time PSAC East Athlete of the Week honoree

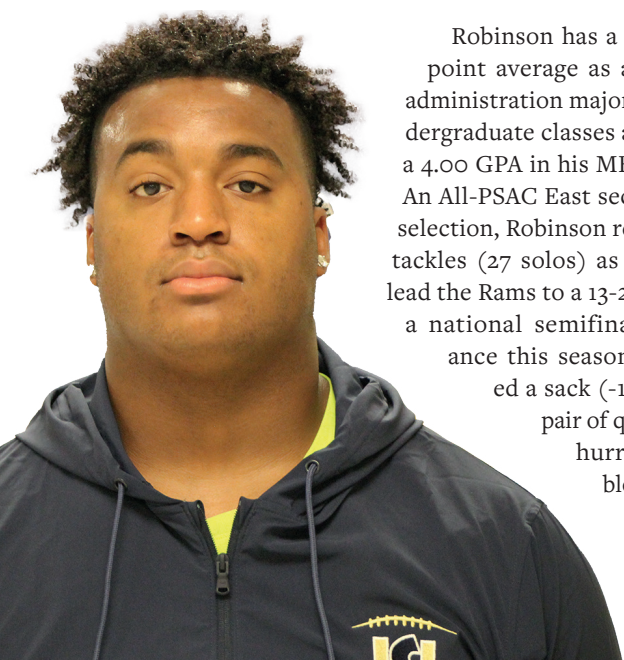


this season. Beeman scored 20 or more points in 16 games and handed out eight or more assists in 20 games.

Robinson Earns Third Consecutive Academic All-American Recognition

Graduate student defensive lineman Ricky Robinson (Mathias, WV/East Hardy H.S.) of the Shepherd football team has been named to the 2021 College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-America® Football Team. Robinson was a first-team selection for the third time in his career. He is the first Shepherd student-athlete to become a three-time first team CoSIDA Academic All-American.

Robinson has a 3.88 grade point average as a business administration major in his undergraduate classes and boasts a 4.00 GPA in his MBA classes. An All-PSAC East second-team selection, Robinson recorded 45 tackles (27 solos) as he helped lead the Rams to a 13-2 mark and a national semifinal appearance this season. He added a sack (-11 yards), a pair of quarterback hurries, and a blocked kick.



Daggett Gains Academic All-American Honors

Senior forward Kyle Daggett (Walkersville, MD/Walkersville H.S.) of the Shepherd men's basket-

ball team has been named to the 2021-22 Academic All-America® men's basketball teams selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Daggett was a third-team selection. He is the first Shepherd men's basketball player to gain this honor.

Daggett, a first-team All-PSAC East Selection this season, led the Rams in scoring (17.1 ppg), rebounding (7.8 rpg), and blocked shots (17). His .398 (37-93) three-point field goal percentage led the team, and his 37 three-pointers were third on the team. He also topped the team with a .600 (198-330) field goal percentage. Daggett paced the team with six double-doubles. He boasts a 3.85 cumulative grade point average as a biology major and is now pursuing an MBA.



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