

Student Affairs BOG Report

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The below images are the top reached posts from our social media accounts. Student Affairs communicates mostly through the Instagram and Facebook platforms.



Accessibility Services

- From February 16 to March 28, 103 exams were proctored and from March 28 to April 20 and over 70 exams have been scheduled with more to come as finals near.

Counseling Services

- Counseling Services provided a Mental Health Literacy presentation to all students enrolled in Student Athlete FYEX courses this spring on March 27 and 29, 2023. In addition, a Wellness Workshop was hosted to all Department of Music majors on March 1, 2023.
- Counseling Services partnered with the Student Success Center to provide their senior Social Work and Psychology interns with opportunities for peer wellness coaching. Interns have been meeting with selected student participants to develop personal wellness plans and connection with additional campus resources. Data will be kept determining how well this extra resource, coupled with Success Coaching, works for students to increase their academic success.
- Wendy Baracka, Director of Counseling Services, will be inducted into Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi on April 13, 2023.
- Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) suicide prevention training was provided to the Division of Student Affairs, Shepherd University Police Department, and Residence Life staff on Wednesday, March 29, 2023. Additionally, QPR Training for student leaders was offered on Friday, April 7, 2023, in partnership with SGA and Program Board to develop a campus chapter of the Green Bandana Project.
 - *THE BANDANA PROJECT is a mental health awareness and suicide prevention campaign that uses backpacks and bandanas to support peers in getting help. From prompts for everyday conversations to providing links to suicide prevention trainings, The Bandana Project works against stigma and reinforces solidarity in mental health awareness.*



Dean of Students

- Reports from February 16 to March 28 included 15 Student Conduct Reports, 17 Behavior Interventions Cases, and 65 Non-Conduct FYI Reports.
- Emma Lardner will serve as Shepherd's Student Leader for the WVCIA (West Virginia Collegiate Initiative to Advance Healthy Campus Communities). Emma will be co-supervised by Wendy Baracka and Jake Mellow and will work on initiatives to increase high risk substance use prevention, promote recovery services and networks, present trainings, and participate in local and regional conferences.

Currently, the position is 10 hours a week and ends in Summer of 2023, but has been expected to be refunded by WVCIA for additional semesters.

Office of Social Equity, Title IX, and Multicultural Student Affairs

- A documentary was created by student leaders from the Multicultural Leadership Team and Office for Social Equity, Title IX, & Multicultural Student Affairs to celebrate the many phenomenal women of Shepherd University. This event took place on March 29, 2023, in the Erma Ora Byrd Auditorium.

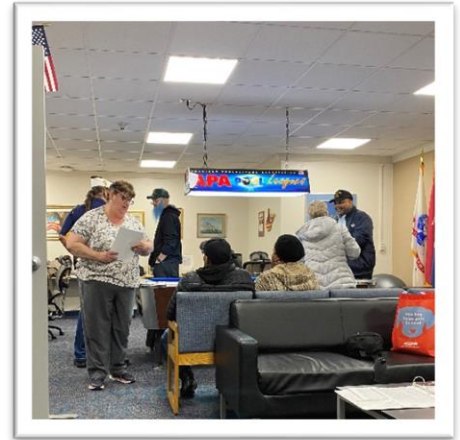
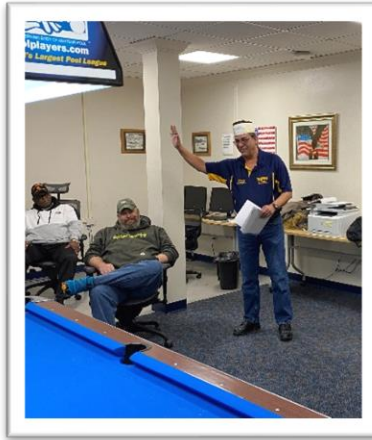
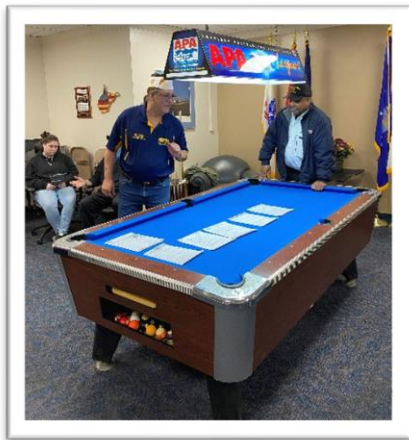
Office of Student Activities, Leadership and Fraternity & Sorority Life

- Student Activities and Program Board sponsored its annual Greek Week competitions the week of March 27-30. All 10 chapters in Fraternity and Sorority Life participated in a Monsters University-themed spirit week competing in a game show trivia competition, “Scare Games” field day, a lip sync battle, scavenger hunt, and an All-Greek banquet and awards ceremony where students were awarded superlatives as well as leadership awards.
- Over the spring semester the Student Government Association has continued to address a variety of student concerns as well as welcomed guest presenters to share updates about University initiatives with the student body including Dr. Scott Barton, Dr. Heidi Hanrahan, and President Hendrix.

Student Success Center

- During both Accepted Students Days, the Orientation Schedule was publicized to all prospective students. A table was staffed to answer questions and help with registration. Over 200 students registered for an Orientation session during both days with more coming in on a regular basis.
- On Monday, February 27, the Shepherd University Student Veteran Organization (SUSVO) held a Veterans Mixer for student veterans and dependents to meet one another, socialize, and learn more about campus and community resources. More than 20 students and community members were in attendance.
- A Veteran Recognition Dinner was held on Friday, April 14 to honor student veterans who are graduating this year. Dinner was provided, and graduating veteran students received their Veterans cord for graduation as well as a Shepherd University Challenge Coin to commemorate their collegiate experience.
- The Veteran’s Services Coalition, in which Mary Beth Myers and Juneau Daggs take part, has continued to meet throughout the semester to create ways to improve experiences and resources for veteran students and dependents.
- Nine Peer Success Leaders (PSLs) hosted an event on February 16 and February 17 in the Rams Den. The PSLs provided students with Midterm motivation and information on how to schedule a meeting with a peer mentor for additional academic and social support.

Picture below are from the Student Veteran Organization’s Mixer.



Student Community Service

- Over 80 Shepherd students sprang into service from March 6-10 before departing for Spring Break. Throughout the week, student-led organizations hosted seven community service opportunities in and around Shepherdstown. The week started with students weaving potholders to donate to the Martinsburg Rescue Mission. The project was co-sponsored by the Bonnie and Bill Stubblefield Institute for Civil Political Communications' ListenLearnEngage Initiative (LLE) and the Office of Student Community Service and was guided by graduate assistant Aly Nazarov. Two groups—Tau Kappa Epsilon and the Shepherd Environmental Organization with Dr. Brooke Comer's sustainable development class—completed service events that focused on cleaning up trash and debris in the community and along the C&O Canal towpath. Sociology and Criminology Club members teamed up with LLE to facilitate a panel about the opioid crisis and pack bags of hygiene products, some with Naloxone, to donate to statewide organizations supporting those in need. Panelists were Dr. Joshua Stout, assistant professor of criminal justice at Shepherd; Tara Mayson, founder and CEO of the Hope Dealer Project; and Brad Martin, case manager at Berkeley Day Report Center and Shepherd alumnus.

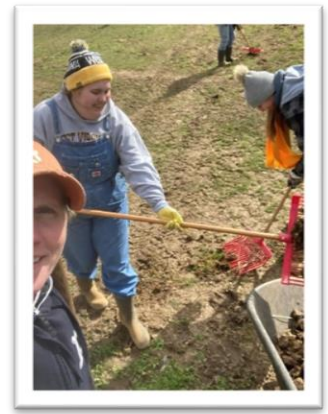
Other projects completed during the week:

- The Program Board gathered students to paint spring-inspired art for residents of Canterbury Center nursing home
- Members of Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity made dog toys from repurposed shirts for local animal shelters

The Office of Student Community Service provides opportunities to connect with and impact the local community throughout the year. For more information, visit the Office's [RamPulse](#) page.

- Relay For Life leadership team hosted multiple team captain's meetings and promoted current Relay team's fundraisers in support of the April 14 through April 15 event. As of April 7, Relay had 43 teams and 281 registered participants who are ready to celebrate, fight back and remember!

Below are pictures from the Student Affairs' Relay Team and the Alternative Spring Break trip to Johnson City, TN.



Technology, Social Media, and Marketing

- The locations feature in our Anthology suite of programs is now being used by the Advising Center. This will help track the number and reason for students stopping into this Center. The Student Success Center is already using this tool.
- As of April 7, the Student Affairs' Facebook page increased their reach and currently have 1,500 followers since December. Instagram is steadily increasing its reach and it currently has 1,390 followers.