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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Spring has arrived! The flowers are blooming, our students are smiling, and it is time to feature remarkable programs and people that make Shepherd truly special.

In this issue, we begin our celebration of extraordinary individuals by recognizing Cheryl Roberts '80, Shepherd's 2022 Alumna of the Year. Her story of hard work and dedication—in the classroom and during athletic competitions—has special significance for our students, faculty, and staff. Her continued involvement in various Shepherd activities demonstrates an exceptional commitment to her beloved alma mater. Joining Cheryl as distinguished alumni are the Finest Under Forty, who are making their mark on the world and honoring Shepherd as they succeed.

We proudly welcome James Taylor to our Shepherd community as the new Executive Vice President for the Foundation. He succeeds Monica Lingenfelter in this role and has “hit the ground running” with advancing fundraising goals and donor events. Speaking of the Foundation, we continue to celebrate the remarkable success of Women Investing in Shepherd (WISH) as they topped their aspirational goal of \$1 million—ahead of schedule! WISH's critical support of projects from Shepherd and the community exemplifies the power of informed philanthropy combined with exceptional leadership.

We find ourselves in the enviable position of reveling in the success of our outstanding student-athletes and distinguished coaching staff. Here are some notable firsts our student-athletes achieved recently:

- In 2022, women's soccer players Delaney Bittner and Sara Hohn of the women's soccer team are the first Shepherd women's soccer players to be named Academic All-Americans by the College Sports Communicators.
- Tyson Bagent and Joey Fisher became the first Shepherd football players invited to the Hula Bowl, a postseason college all-star game.
- Joey is the first Shepherd football player to be drafted by the U.S. Football League. He was selected as the 18th overall pick by the Houston Gamblers.
- Tyson is the first Shepherd player to be invited to and participate in the Reese's Senior Bowl, the preeminent all-star game for collegiate players. Joey was also invited to the Senior Bowl but couldn't participate due to an injury.
- Ernie McCook is the first Shepherd head football coach to be named the PSAC East Coach of the Year.
- Continuing the list of distinctions brings us to Coach Monte Cater—the first head football coach from Shepherd University to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame—in Las Vegas on December 5.

Please know that these accomplishments and highlights would not be possible without the support of all of you—our cherished donors, volunteers, alumni, and friends. You are the essence of what makes Shepherd a special place for our students, faculty, and staff—thank YOU for your generosity, kindness, and investment in the future.

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Cover photo
Cheryl Roberts '80, 2022 Alumna of the Year, was honored during Homecoming week. She has remained involved with the University helping with various athletic competitions and participating in many events and activities on campus.

SHEPHERD UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC CLUB raises money, advocates for Athletics

Photo credit: John and Pam Boyle

by **Cecelia Mason**

When Chauncey Winbush returned to his alma mater in 2016 after being named vice president for Athletics, one of his first goals was to find a way to formalize the department's fundraising process.

"The Gridiron Club for football, Hardwood Club for men's basketball, and Diamond Club for baseball were all doing something separate," Chauncey said. "In the environment that I'd come from, we had a more formalized association, so I saw that there was a need for that."

In 2018 the **Shepherd University Athletic Club** (SUAC) officially launched as a volunteer membership organization run by a board of directors that supports all intercollegiate sports at the University.

"The goal was to bring a more formal aspect to donations, fundraising, marketing, and corporate sales, which would hopefully bring more efficiencies from a giving standpoint to Shepherd Athletics," Chauncey said.

"The SUAC also allows for people who are interested in donating to give in an easier manner to all of our sports."

Those who donate at least \$25 are automatically SUAC members and are eligible for benefits that increase depending on the amount contributed. Donors who give up to \$249 receive an e-newsletter subscription, name recognition on shepherdrams.com, and a car magnet. Donors at various levels above \$249 are eligible for Ram Team Shop gift cards, passes to games, season tickets,

and football parking passes. SUAC has an 18-member board of directors, an executive board, and several committees focused on membership, fundraising, and events.

“I personally think it’s been uber successful,” Chauncey said. “Through five years we’ve been able to raise over \$800,000, and 97 percent of those dollars go directly to support Shepherd athletics in some form or fashion.”

Chauncey said SUAC has not only been successful at raising money for itself but has spurred giving to the other groups that support athletics. For instance, the Gridiron Club, which has been in existence for about 20 years, has raised more than \$600,000 since 2018.

“In my opinion, the SUAC has obviously raised the levels of giving for all of our Olympic sports, outside of football, and it has also helped raise awareness of giving to the football club,” he said. “If you combine those two numbers, you’re talking about \$1.4 million over the course of five or six years in support of Shepherd Athletics.”

Money raised by SUAC supports various projects such as the \$30,000 scoreboard that was installed on the softball field in 2022. In 2019, SUAC money went toward a \$50,000 renovation of the weight room in the Butcher Center.

Other initiatives include a \$12,000 LED scorer’s table for the basketball and volleyball programs, a \$12,000 shooting machine that returns the ball when practicing basketball, and \$20,000



Pictured (l. to r.) are Craig Kershner, SUAC board member; Chauncey Winbush, vice president, Athletics; and Tripp Lowe, SUAC president.

to paint and resurface the men’s and women’s tennis courts. Chauncey said SUAC is working to raise money to renovate the men’s locker room in Butcher Center so it meets the standard of the women’s locker room, which was renovated a few years ago. Money raised by SUAC can also be used for scholarships or to support a sport’s operating budget.

“The goal is always to provide a great

experience for our student-athletes,” Chauncey said. “Through the initiatives that the SUAC has taken on, we’ve been able to provide funding for the different programs so they can have better meals on the road. Or if their operating budget can’t facilitate an overnight stay, they have the funds for some of those needs. From a scholarship standpoint, if a coach needs an extra couple thousand dollars, they now have those dollars to help support incoming students.”

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SUAC hosts several events throughout the year to help raise money:

- Ramfest, a partnership with the Rotary Club of Shepherdstown and the Bavarian Inn, takes place in August. Ramfest has raised about \$50,000 over the course of five years.
- SUAC Homecoming Party held the Friday evening before the game encourages alumni to come back to Shepherdstown for the full weekend.
- Football Golf Outing in June organized by SUAC and the Athletic Department.
- Thankful to be a Ram campaign, a social media-driven effort from mid-August to mid-November, which has raised more than \$200,000 over five years.

“One of the best things about Thankful to be a Ram is we incorporate each program—our coaches and our student-athletes—to help spread the word about giving and the reasons to support their programs,” Chauncey said. “We are able to teach our student-athletes the importance of philanthropy and giving back while they’re here, so hopefully when they become alum, they’ll

remember ‘oh, Thankful to be a Ram, it’s important for me to give back in some way.’”

Creating a business plan

Coming off its first five years of successful fundraising, SUAC is looking for ways to grow in the future. During the fall 2022 semester, students from the College of Business taking the Business Administration Capstone class taught by Dr. Jim Koshar worked with SUAC board of director members to create a business plan for the organization.

“When you ask for someone to do a strategic plan, it’s almost like someone is looking at you and your organization better than what you can,” Jim said. “They’re seeing things, more possibilities, more ideas that you maybe haven’t thought of yet.”

MBA student Mike McCook of Hagerstown, Maryland, took on the project manager role as part of a graduate course, working with the undergraduate students to create the plan. It was McCook’s first experience as project manager.

“It is definitely something I am more interested in now than I was a couple months ago,” he said, adding that this

was a fun project to work on. “It was probably one of the highlights of my academic career here at Shepherd.”

Students in the undergraduate class were divided into two groups—one focused on operations and another on marketing. Business administration major Bailey Bakken of Shenandoah Junction, West Virginia, managed the team that created the operating plan. Recommendations included expanding the donor base among area businesses, hosting athletic training camps to raise money and give students practical experience, hosting concerts and community entertainment, and selling branded merchandise.

Andrew Chandler, a business administration major from Hagerstown, Maryland, headed the marketing plan team.

“It involved taking ideas that Bailey’s team generated for the operations and essentially crafting recommended strategies, tactics, and marketing channels as well as developing an executive director role that SUAC can use as a template job description when they look for an executive director in the future,” said Andrew, who believes the experience will be a valuable addition to his resumé.



Andrew’s team evaluated SUAC’s target market, which includes parents and relatives of student-athletes, alumni, students, residents of Jefferson and Berkeley counties in West Virginia, as well as residents of Washington County, Maryland, and Loudoun County, Virginia. The team recommended strengthening social media and website use as well as utilizing direct mailers, flyer handouts, and newspapers. It also recommends advertising during Shepherd sporting events. The students were told to think outside the box and suggested one idea that is a stretch—SUAC owning a franchise and/or sports bar.

As an aspiring entrepreneur, Bailey found that helping create a business plan for SUAC was a beneficial experience.

“The biggest lesson I learned from this class is the value of collaboration and the value of conflicting thoughts,” Bailey said. “It’s human nature to think your idea is always the best way. You discover really quickly that’s not the case after discussing something with other people and you learn things or view them from a perspective that you had never had before. In business that not only can save you money and time, but it also ensures a better product and better service.”

At the end of the semester in December 2022, the students presented their ideas to members of SUAC.

“The expectation here was a two-way street and a collaboration to have through younger peoples’ eyes, to see through their lens, their silo if you would, what is the SUAC,” said SUAC president Tripp Lowe. “We hope this plan will help us understand where we are right now, what direction we want to move in the future, and how we can engage and be impactful with students and student-athletes who are already here.”

“They did a great job,” said board member Craig Kershner. “They went above and beyond and gave us some great ideas to take a look at.”

Chauncey said the collaboration with students in the business classes presented a great opportunity to engage young people, especially students from the University.

“We’re trying to figure out how we can get younger alumni engaged,” he said. “If we can meet them where they are before they graduate, maybe it’s something that will be beneficial from a donation and financial standpoint moving down the road for the SUAC.” ■

PICTURED ABOVE:

Left: Business Administration students worked with MBA student Mike McCook and members of SUAC to create the business plan. Pictured (front row, l. to r.) Dr. Ben Martz, dean, College of Business; Mike McCook, Hagerstown, Maryland; James Fitzgerald, Gapland, Maryland; Trey Campagna, Herndon, Virginia; Julia Shroades, Inwood, West Virginia; Michelle Lemus, Ranson, West Virginia; Corey Anderson, Charles Town, West Virginia; Jacob Haynie, Fairfax, Virginia, back row, l. to r., Craig Kershner, SUAC member; Bailey Bakken, Shenandoah Junction, West Virginia; Andrew Chandler, Smithsburg, Maryland; Tripp Lowe, SUAC president; Chris Davidson, Ranson, West Virginia; Dr. James Koshar, adjunct faculty, business administration; and Chauncey Winbush, vice president, Athletics;

Middle: Members of the marketing team from the Business Administration Capstone class present their ideas for publicizing SUAC to Vice President for Athletics Chauncey Winbush and SUAC members;

Right: Members of the operations team from the Business Administration Capstone class present their ideas for growing SUAC to Vice President for Athletics Chauncey Winbush and SUAC members.



CONNECTING STUDENTS

with area professionals

Networking, break out sessions, and a fashion show help students learn how to connect with the professional world.

On February 10, the Office of Alumni Affairs partnered with the Office of Career Services to bring back Professional Connections Day. More than 60 current students mingled with over 30 professionals across various industries during an information-rich afternoon. Grammy Award nominee Carolyn Malachi '06 started the event with her keynote speech over lunch. The after-lunch program featured two breakout tracks. The first featured topics such as The Art of Networking and Relationship Building, Best Practices and Uses for LinkedIn, Resume Review and Interviewing Etiquette, and Graduate Studies Options. The second track featured several industry-specific sessions with panels of professionals working in the field. The day concluded with a social networking mixer and a fashion show with business professional clothing from our very own Ram Closet, an on-campus free clothing resource for students, faculty, and staff. The team is already busy planning the next event. If you are interested in being a panelist for a future Professional Connections Day, contact Jessica Gill at jgill@shepherd.edu. ■



Women Investing in Shepherd SURPASSES \$1 MILLION MILESTONE

by Meg Patterson

When Women Investing in Shepherd (WISH) started in 2014, it had a goal of raising \$1 million in 10 years to invest in the community and University. WISH surpassed that \$1 million mark early through the recruitment and retention of 284 membership gifts in 2022.

To date, the women's giving circle sponsored by the Shepherd University Foundation has provided more than \$500,000

to regional nonprofits and \$500,000 to University academic programs and learning initiatives. A "one-woman, one-vote" policy ensures that each \$500 annual membership gift has played an equal part in reaching the \$1 million milestone.

"WISH is a women's giving circle comprised of alumnae and community members—created to educate, engage, and empower women to achieve their philanthropic goals," said Shepherd President Mary

J.C. Hendrix. "Each year, half of the grants awarded are community focused and the other half are Shepherd oriented. Our University and community have benefitted significantly from the fundraising efforts and success of this remarkable group of dedicated volunteers." ■



Scan the code to learn more about this milestone achievement and the WISH story.



8 questions with

James Taylor,

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT,
SHEPHERD UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

by Dana Costa

In early March, we caught up with James Taylor who started as executive vice president of the Shepherd University Foundation in December 2022. James explained how the Foundation will learn from the past as a way to improve the lives of Shepherd Students, his favorite things about the Eastern Panhandle...and whether McMurrin Hall is haunted.

1 *What drew you to join the Shepherd University Foundation?*

James Taylor: I saw the position advertised and one of my best friends, Buck Browning, is a Shepherd alum. I just started to explore it and it became an intriguing idea. As I had the opportunity to visit, I learned more about the University, more about the community, and I really saw that this was a place where people come together. Certainly, in my line of work, that makes a big difference in how things go. The opportunity came my way and it seemed like one I should take.

2 *You have decades of experience in fundraising and philanthropy. As you assess the Foundation, what similarities and what differences do you see to previous organizations you've led?*

JT: I think a couple of different things in terms of similarities. Certainly, donor outreach is such a critical part of anything that you do in terms of fundraising, and building that and working with donors to understand what their goals are is also a key

component of that. I think that one of the differences I see is that the Foundation in particular has been very focused on donor intent, and there's an opportunity for us to channel that a little bit more narrowly to better serve the needs of the University more effectively. I believe that's something that I bring to the table from my years of fundraising with the United Way—trying to put out a value proposition that people can support, certainly allow people to give what they want for other things as well, but try to build that pipeline of revenue so the University can succeed well into the future.

Dana Costa: So, sharing the University's priorities with donors?

JT: I believe we've done some of that so-called shepherding of donors, but I think there's more opportunity for that. And helping donors to understand where the biggest needs are as opposed to where their main focus might be—and the two can be the same, but often they might be slightly different. Helping to negotiate through how that becomes an opportunity to really advance the University in its mission to continue to educate a lot of first-generation folks from this region so they can do the good work that we all benefit from.

3 *How do you feel your extensive experience will apply to the continued growth of the Shepherd University Foundation?*

JT: My role with the Foundation is to

serve as its chief executive officer while also working with the University around fundraising. My experience as a chief executive officer will go a long way toward helping build that. A lot of that is in terms of understanding the practices within the Foundation—policies, procedures, and those kinds of things—and looking at the kinds of ways that we engage with donors as well as engage with our investment professionals and so forth to try to make sure we grow our assets responsibly while also making sure we are providing maximum value for the University and the purposes of the gifts that are given to us.

DC: I believe that may be something that people who have never engaged in a Foundation may not understand: that there is market growth that goes along with that. So, it's not just money in, money out; it is money we will then get dividends from in order to continue to grow that endowment.

JT: Absolutely. Of course, market growth can also mean market shrinkage, depending on what is happening in the markets, so working with investment professionals to manage the risk appropriately. We have a “forever” time horizon which gives us a bigger window on risk tolerance than perhaps some investment portfolios might have, but we also try to be fairly conservative because we're not interested in squandering donor resources.

4 *Shepherd University just celebrated its 150th year—and the Foundation its 60th anniversary. What can we learn from the past to impact—positively—the future?*

JT: I think we should look at that history very carefully, particularly at key inflection points in history. What we see right now is a significant set of changes happening across the globe. So many different organizations and institutions are being challenged by new and different realities. In some cases, those challenges look like advancement and creative disruption and in other cases, they look like regression. Thinking about, for example, the war in Ukraine. We would not have thought 10 years ago that a ground war in Europe was likely, and now we have one going on for a year. Those kinds of realities, I think, create change in an institution like a university or a foundation; looking back on the history of how we navigated through some of those changes in the past, whether it's the Great Recession just 10 or 15 years ago, or a more dramatic change coming through like the Great Depression, World War II, and coming out of that into the massive growth that followed. All of those kinds of experiences are there for the University to look at to understand what it might mean for us today. From the Foundation perspective, I think we should look very closely at what was the inspiration 60 years ago when the Foundation was started and what really built that growth and how we do the work differently now, but also similarly. We've had great blessings with Monica Lingenfelter in terms of her 25 years of stewardship and growth in the Foundation. Looking at how we work within the context of what she created, but also, prior to her tenure, and looking forward as to how we might meet today's challenges with new and different strategies.

DC: *Donors have changed over the years in their motivations and their abilities to give—and their places to give. How does that impact the assessment that you're making?*

JT: Finding ways to compete, if you will, for donor intention is an important part of that. There are significant

interesting opportunities with alumni. We don't have an enormous alumni participation rate, so finding ways to tap into our alumni support—even if we aren't talking about creating massive endowments—to create a pattern of giving, a culture of giving within our alumni base. But additionally, we do have significant support from friends—nearly half of our donors are people who are not alumni or parents or employees of the University. These are people in the community or around the community who find Shepherd to be a rewarding place to invest resources. Finding ways to create additional value for those individuals who are adding value for our students here at Shepherd is an opportunity. All that is part of the strategy of trying to understand where is the connection between Shepherd and the donor. Why are so many people who are technically not really affiliated drawn to writing checks to this University? It's an important question to answer and then we need to figure out how to do more of that.

5 *As we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, what opportunities do you see in engaging with alumni and friends that weren't possible for the last few years?*

JT: I think one of the most important things for any fundraiser is to spend time talking to donors, specifically one-on-one conversations—you can do small groups in a lot of different ways, you can certainly do large events—but one-on-one conversations really give you an opportunity to understand what the priority is for that donor. If they've given small amounts in the past, what would they give more to? And maybe they've not been asked to give more. If they've given a large amount, do they have any interest in giving more? Do they have the ability to give more? Have they thought about planned giving and bequest-type giving or are they really focused on a significant project? Are they really excited about Shepherd football? Are they really excited by our music programs? Do they get really focused on the kinds of things in the College of Business or the School of Nursing? All those are opportunities

to really say, "how do we do this?" At the same time, remind them that our core institutional value around the liberal arts is helping our students learn how to learn.

6 *What—if anything—has surprised you in the months you've been at Shepherd/in Shepherdstown?*

JT: I will say the housing market has surprised me in Shepherdstown. That's one thing. I think the other piece has been getting to know more about the community's engagement with the University. You hear about town and gown; any college town talks about that as a priority, but understanding that really on average somewhere between 45-50% of our donors each year are not alumni, faculty, staff, or students—that was a big surprise. It's a great opportunity, but it's a big surprise. That was useful information for me to learn fairly quickly, but the opportunity is also to learn what to do with that and how to navigate its growth going forward.

7 *There are many things to do in Shepherdstown, the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia, and this region. As the weather begins to warm, what are you and your family looking forward to experiencing in the area?*

JT: We certainly enjoy the C&O Canal and walking along the river is always a very nice thing for us to do. We enjoy hiking and being on the Appalachian Trail, those kinds of things will be things we'll be looking to do. We have family in the area and we're of an age where taking care of folks is a priority. Whether the weather is good or otherwise, we have some quality time on I-81 and that will happen regardless of the weather.

8 *There are rumors that McMurrin Hall is haunted—have you experienced any ghostly experiences or unexplained activities?*

JT: I will say this: I have not had any paranormal experiences, but I will say the clock is consistently messing with us. So, whether something is haunting the clock or it's just aging mechanisms...I'll leave that to the reader. ■



Cater selected to the **2023 COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME CLASS**

Photo: Sarah Hoffman-Benadom

Former Shepherd University head football coach Monte Cater has been selected to the 2023 College Football Hall of Fame Class. Cater is one of four head coaches that join 18 First Team All-Americans in this year's class.

"I can't think of a more deserving person for this esteemed honor than Coach Cater," said Shepherd University Vice President for Athletics Chauncey Winbush. "As one of his former players, I know that I can speak for all football alumni as we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Coach Cater for the opportunities he provided us as student-athletes. He changed the lives of so many people through

his service as a coach at Shepherd. I know that Ram Nation is extremely proud of Coach Cater for earning this tremendous honor."

After 37 years as a head coach, Monte Cater retired following the 2017 season as the nation's winningest active football coach among all NCAA levels, earning wins in more than 70 percent of his games and notching a total of 275 victories. The Shelbyville, Illinois,

native now becomes the first person from either Lakeland University (WI) or Shepherd University (WV) to enter the College Football Hall of Fame.

Cater's teams made 13 postseason appearances (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics: 2; NCAA Division II: 11) during his career, and his teams appeared 16 times in the final national rankings. In 2015, he led Shepherd to the Division II championship game, finishing as the national runner-up. His teams claimed three Super Region One titles, and Shepherd led the nation in rush defense from 2011-2014. He coached 24 First Team All-America players, including 2007 Division II Rimington Award winner Ryan Pope, and he was named the Vince Lombardi Foundation Coach of the Year in 2015.

Named conference coach of the year 13 times during his career, he won at least a share of 17 conference titles (13 West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WVIAC) and 4 Mountain East Conference), giving him the most victories and coaching titles in WVIAC history. His teams went undefeated in conference play 11 times, and he coached 182 First-Team All-Conference players.

Cater had only four losing seasons in his 31 years at Shepherd, and he posted winning records during each of his final 14 years with the Rams. He posted six undefeated regular seasons, including his last three from 2015-17, and his 245-93-1 (.724) record in 31 seasons at Shepherd makes him the winningest coach in school history.

Prior to coming to Shepherd, Cater was the primary architect in reviving the Lakeland College program in Plymouth, Wisconsin. He led the Muskies to a 30-24-1 record in six seasons, winning three conference titles in his last four seasons while garnering Coach of the Year honors twice.

Cater began his collegiate coaching career as an offensive line coach at

his alma mater, Millikin University (Illinois), where he would also serve as co-offensive coordinator. During his coaching stint at Millikin, the Big Blue posted a record of 28-8.

Cater has been inducted into the West Virginia Sports Hall of Fame (2020), Shepherd Hall of Fame (2007), and the Millikin Athletics Hall of Fame (1999). He served as Shepherd's athletics director from 1993-2004, and he served as a member of the NCAA Division II Football Committee and the American Football Coaches Association Board of Coaches. In addition to graduating with a degree in physical education from Millikin in 1971, Cater earned his Master's in physical education from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

"We are extremely proud to announce the 2023 College Football Hall of Fame Class," said Archie Manning, National Football Foundation (NFF) chairman and a 1989 College Football Hall of Famer from Mississippi. "Each of these men has established himself among the absolute best to have ever played or coached the game, and we look forward to immortalizing their incredible accomplishments."

The 2023 College Football Hall of Fame Class will officially be inducted during the 65th NFF Annual Awards Dinner Presented by Las Vegas on Dec. 5, 2023, at the ARIA Resort & Casino Las Vegas.

The inductees will also be recognized at their respective collegiate institutions with NFF Hall of Fame On-Campus Salutes, presented by Fidelity Investments, during the fall. Their accomplishments will be forever immortalized at the Chick-fil-A College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta, Georgia, and each inductee will receive a custom ring created by Jostens, the official and exclusive supplier of NFF rings. ■

2023 COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME CLASS

PLAYERS

ERIC BERRY—DB, Tennessee (2007-09)

MICHAEL BISHOP—QB, Kansas State (1997-98)

REGGIE BUSH—RB, Southern California (2003-05)

DWIGHT FREENEY—DE, Syracuse (1998-2001)

ROBERT GALLERY—OT, Iowa (2000-03)

LAMICHAEL JAMES—RB, Oregon (2009-11)

DERRICK JOHNSON—LB, Texas (2001-04)

BILL KOLLAR—DT, Montana State (1971-73)

LUKE KUECHLY—LB, Boston College (2009-11)

JEREMY MACLIN—WR/KR, Missouri (2007-08)

TERANCE MATHIS—WR, New Mexico (1985-87, 1989)

BRYANT MCKINNIE—OT, Miami [FL] (2000-01)

COREY MOORE—DL, Virginia Tech (1997-99)

MICHAEL STONEBREAKER—LB, Notre Dame (1986, 1988, 1990)

TIM TEBOW—QB, Florida (2006-09)

TROY VINCENT—DB, Wisconsin (1988-91)

BRIAN WESTBROOK—RB, Villanova (1997-98, 2000-01)

DEANGELO WILLIAMS—RB, Memphis (2002-05)

COACHES

MONTE CATER—275-117-2 (70.1%); Lakeland [WI] (1981-86), Shepherd [WV] (1987-2017)

PAUL JOHNSON—189-99-0 (65.6%); Georgia Southern (1997-2001), Navy (2002-07), Georgia Tech (2008-18)

ROY KRAMER—83-32-2 (71.8%); Central Michigan (1967-77)

MARK RIGHT—171-64-0 (72.8%); Georgia (2001-15), Miami [FL] (2016-18)

Foundation announces nine new named funds

Privately funded awards created through the Shepherd University Foundation provide vital support for student scholarships, academic programs, faculty excellence, and more. This year the Foundation is pleased to announce nine new awards. 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 James Taylor at 304-876-5397 or jtayl02@shepherd.edu.

Arthur J. Auxer III Endowment for the Suzanne Shipley Wellness Center

The Arthur J. Auxer Endowment for the Suzanne Shipley Wellness Center was established by former Shepherd University President Suzanne Shipley and her husband, Randall Wadsworth. The fund was named in honor of Arthur “Jim” Auxer ’69, a dedicated Shepherd graduate and longtime mayor of Shepherdstown. The endowment will support the programs and operations of the Suzanne Shipley Wellness Center.

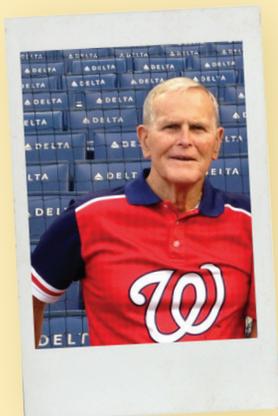


Dolores Snyder Smith Scholarship

The Dolores Snyder Smith Scholarship was created in support of West Virginia residents pursuing studies in the area of business at Shepherd University. The endowed scholarship was established by Shepherd alumnus and former president of the Shepherd University Foundation, Michael A. Smith ’89, in honor of his mother, Dolores Snyder Smith. Dolores passed away soon after the creation of this award, but her legacy will support generations of future students.

Jack and Pat Egle Athletic Scholarship

The Jack and Pat Egle Athletic Scholarship was established by longtime supporters of Shepherd University, graduates Jack ’61 and Pat ’60 Egle. The annually funded award will support student-athletes participating on the Shepherd University women’s basketball, men’s basketball, and women’s volleyball teams.



James Barry “Huntz” Hall Baseball Scholarship

The James Barry “Huntz” Hall Baseball Scholarship was established by James Barry “Huntz” Hall ’57. Huntz is a member of the Shepherd Athletic Hall of Fame and played on the undefeated 1955 football team. The endowed award will support baseball team position players, excluding pitchers and catchers, with a preference for students from the Virginia counties of Prince William, Stafford, and Spotsylvania, and the city of Fredericksburg.

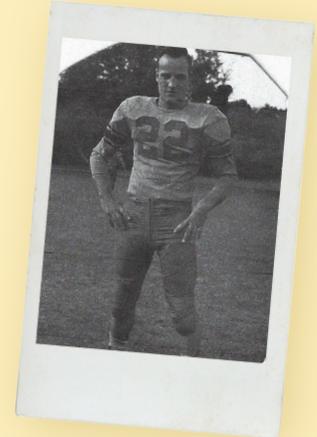


Kathy Windle Ram Band Color Guard Scholarship

The Kathy Windle Ram Band Color Guard Scholarship was established by Wesley Windle in memory of his wife, Kathleen “Kathy” Windle. Kathy was a performer, educator, trainer, and award-winning choreographer who loved and lived a life of storytelling through music and movement. She was the owner of the New Hopewell Center for the Arts and instructor of the Jefferson High School Band Color Guard and the Shepherd University Ram Band Color Guard. The endowed award will support Jefferson High School and Washington High School graduates who participated in their high school band color guard and who are enrolled in the Shepherd University Ram Band Color Guard.

Manross Family Scholarship in Honor of Bill Manross

The Manross Family Scholarship in Honor of Bill Manross was established by Ira '60 and Joan '61 Manross in honor of Ira's brother, William “Bill” Manross. Bill graduated from Shepherd in the Class of 1953 and was one of the first members inducted into the Shepherd Athletic Hall of Fame. The endowed scholarship will support students pursuing studies in education.



Melinda Merk Law Scholarship

The Melinda Merk Law Scholarship was established by Melinda Merk '91 with the intention of supporting future generations of students in the study of law. This deferred award will support a deserving student who is pursuing studies in political science with a preference for students who are pursuing the legal studies concentration with a goal to attend an accredited law school.

Michael and Dianne Rissler Alvarez Scholarship for Nursing

The Michael and Dianne Rissler Alvarez Scholarship for Nursing was established in memory of Michael “Mike” Alvarez and in honor of his wife of 51 years, Dianne Rissler Alvarez. Mike and Dianne were born and raised in Jefferson County, West Virginia. Mike attended Shepherd College before joining the United States Navy. The endowed award will support students pursuing studies in the field of nursing.



Vicki Johnson Family Scholarship

The Vicki Johnson Family Scholarship was established by Matthew Johnson '22 to honor the memory of his grandmother, Vicki Johnson. The annually funded award will carry on Vicki's legacy of compassion. It is designated in support of graduates of Spring Mills High School in Berkeley County, West Virginia. ■

Photobiomodulation

gives Shepherd's student-athletes an edge

by Dana Costa

In March 2022, the Center of Excellence for Photobiomodulation at Shepherd University officially opened, thanks to \$500,000 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) money from West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice.

Photobiomodulation (PBM) is cutting-edge therapy using laser light that aims to reduce the impact of deadly diseases such as COVID-19, treat pain to help fight the ongoing opioid crisis, and accelerate recovery from injury and illness.

A designated space in Shepherd's Suzanne Shipley Wellness Center houses the equipment needed for PBM therapy sessions. Treatments take just minutes per session and can be repeated up to three times per week. Known PBM benefits include improved overall wellness and athletic performance, temporary relief from pain and soreness, and reduced joint stiffness.

Over the course of 12 weeks during fall semester 2022, Shepherd graduate student Brandon Hurt conducted a study of Shepherd student-athletes' use of the University's photobiomodulation bed to assess the efficacy of the treatment for workout recovery, comfort, and convenience.

Brandon, who is also a member of the men's soccer team and a College Sports Communicators Academic All-District selection, followed participants as they took photobiomodulation therapy 2-3 times per week, and asked for feedback at two points during the study: at six weeks and 12 weeks. In his study write-up, Brandon reported results using codes rather than participants' names.

Overall, study participants reported that they fell asleep faster and felt more well-rested after starting PBM therapy. One participant noted, "[better sleep] assisted my ability to recover efficiently and continue enhancing my performance every day."

Another participant reported, "PBM benefits my mood, and overall wellness, and enhances my ability to perform tasks at a high level. Recovery is essential and PBM, directly and indirectly, assists in the process."

"The Center's vision is to universally improve health and wellbeing by using the science of PBM and the devices to deliver therapies to speed recoveries from injury and illness," said Dr. Jennifer Flora, director of PBM Wellness. "We are in the business of changing lives for the better. Our goal is to help people thrive using innovative technology and it starts today at the Wellness Center with convenient PBM services for our campus and surrounding community."

PBM therapy is available to the public at the Wellness Center. For information on pricing and hours, visit the Suzanne Shipley Wellness Center website. ■

Dr. Jennifer Flora, director of PBM Wellness, chatted with Shepherd football standout Tyson Bagent after the 2023 NFL Combine about his experiences with PBM therapy—and the competitive edge it provides him.

Dr. Jenny Flora (JF): How is photobiomodulation helping you prepare for the NFL Draft/Pro Day?

Tyson Bagent (TB): I think the photobio bed is helping me stay fresh and continue to feel recovered so that I can be at 110% for my upcoming workouts.

JF: What did you experience progressing through your photobiomodulation sessions during the football season?

TB: I noticed I was able to endure a lot more. Now, that could have been coincidence, but it also just so happened to be the first time I was using the photobiomodulation bed, so I would like to think it was not a coincidence and that the photobio bed had a lot to do with me being able to feel fresh 15 weeks into the season.

JF: What value do you see in having direct access to PBM therapy on your college campus?

TB: I think it's huge, especially for college student-athletes. I think that if you were to go somewhere and try to pay for [PBM] treatment it would probably cost you an arm and a leg, so being able to have that tool and resource—especially free to student-athletes—I think is huge just with the overall amount that they'll be able to do and endure throughout their season.

JF: Do you think this gives you a competitive edge, having this available?

TB: No doubt. I think it's just another tool in the toolbox that people at Shepherd can use. If we can use it and other schools don't have it, it's just an edge that we have and they don't. It's a big blessing for University Athletics.

JF: And the NFL already uses [PBM], so you'll know how to work the machine when you make the team!

TB: There we go!



Pictured (front row, l to r.) are Alumni Association President Jim Auxer '69 and President Mary J.C. Hendrix '74, back row, l to r., Bryan Newlin '05, Erik Sassak '05, and Jessi Gregory '10.

Alumni Association names three Finest Under 40 Winners

by Katie Swayne and Jessica Gill

Three Finest Under 40 Award nominees were recognized on October 13, 2022: Bryan Newlin '05, Erik Sassak '05, and Jessi Gregory '10.

Bryan graduated in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in accounting and a minor in computer information systems. During his time as a student, he was involved in the music department as a member of the Ram Band for two years and the performance brass quintet, served on Program Board, was a resident assistant, served as an accounting and IT tutor, and worked in student services as an AV technician. After graduation, Bryan joined Yount, Hyde, and Barbour CPA & Consultants (YHB), and has been working in the firm's Financial Institutions Audit practice for 15 years. Bryan continues to be involved with the Shepherd community, speaking with students about public accounting, information technology, and career opportunities for the Shepherd audit capstone course. Bryan attends the Shepherd University Accounting Club Meet the Firms night each fall and the accounting alumni dinner each spring. These interactions are integral in YHB hiring at least two to three Shepherd accounting students each year.

Also a 2005 graduate, Erik holds a degree in secondary education, concentrating in social studies. During his time at Shepherd, Erik dedicated himself to his studies and

preparing himself for his career. Through this, he had a tremendous impact on his interdisciplinary and campus communities by modeling professionalism. After graduating, Erik continued his education, earning a Master of Science in educational administration from Shenandoah University, graduating in 2009. Since 2005, Erik has worked for Loudoun County Public Schools in a variety of roles that include 6th- and 7th-grade social science, and 8th-grade civics, five years as a co-coordinator for the summer arts programs, and seven years as an Extreme Journey Summer Camp instructor leading a two-week trip for middle schoolers around the surrounding area to learn about American history. Erik has received the Loudoun Business Magazine Top 30 Young Professionals award, the Fairfax Resolves Chapter Teacher of the Year award, was a Washington Post Agnes Outstanding Teacher Award nominee,

and was recognized by the Virginia Senate for his teaching accomplishments.

Jessi Gregory, a 2010 graduate from the Honors Program with a degree in accounting, was the first in her family to graduate with a bachelor's degree. While at Shepherd, she was active in the Alpha Sigma Tau sorority, Relay For Life, created the Mr. AST philanthropy fundraiser, and was a Tau Kappa Epsilon sweetheart. She also worked on campus as a tutor, lifeguard, and assistant to the Department of Accounting. After graduation, Jessi went on to receive her Master of Science in forensic studies: accounting and investigation from Stevenson University. She has made a great impact in the Los Angeles finance and accounting industry from working as a consultant to leading finance teams at some of the world's largest media and entertainment groups. Currently, Jessi is a manager at Netflix, leading a global finance team out of the company's Los Angeles office. ■

Now accepting nominations for 2023-2024!

The Shepherd University Alumni Association is now taking nominations for the 2023-2024 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 June meeting. Criteria and nomination forms can be found at www.shepherd.edu/suaa/alumni-recognition-programs

All nominations are due by June 1, 2023.

Award recipients will be celebrated during Homecoming Weekend on October 21.

CHERYL ROBERTS '80

serves as 2022 Alumna of the Year

by Cecelia Mason

For 2022 Alumna of the Year Cheryl Roberts '80, Shepherd University was an extension of her backyard. Roberts grew up in the Shepherdstown neighborhood near Fairfax Field and spent much of her childhood wandering the campus.

"When I was growing up, Shepherd was always here for us," Cheryl said. "The campus facilities were always

here for us. The doors were open. The fields were open. If we wanted to play softball, if we want to throw a frisbee or play basketball or swim or whatever we wanted to do, we did it on Shepherd's property."

Cheryl has fond memories of hanging out on campus as a young person. She was a student-athlete in middle and high school and enjoyed attending college games. She also got to know some of the female students living in the residence halls.





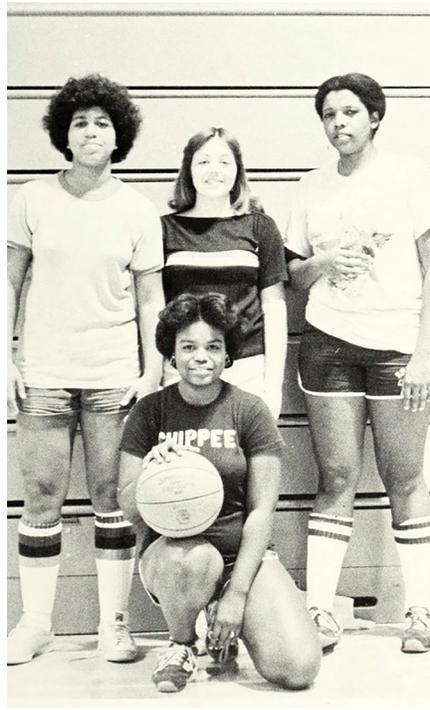
“A couple of friends my age would come over with me to the dormitories and those students would welcome us,” she said. “They would play games with us and teach us things and give us supplies for school.”

When the time came for Cheryl to attend college, she decided to go to Fairmont State University, where she was on the women’s basketball and field hockey teams and served as freshman class president. After her freshman year, she came home for the summer.

“My friends I went to high school with were playing basketball at Shepherd. I missed my family, I missed my friends, and I missed the neighborhood,” she said.

“During that summer I got recruited by the town and by some professors on campus and they encouraged me to transfer to Shepherd. Getting away—that was a great experience, because it was the first time I’d been away from home. I cherish that, but I also knew where I belonged and where I fit in, and I fit in here.”

Cheryl calls returning to Shepherd one of the best decisions she’s ever made. She played on the Rams basketball, softball, and tennis teams, gaining recognition as a top player in both basketball and softball.



She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in therapeutic recreation. She went on to earn her Master of Arts in adult education and gerontology from the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) and gained national recognition as the first full-time women’s assistant for a men’s collegiate basketball team at UDC.

In 2015 Cheryl was inducted into the Shepherd University Athletic Hall of Fame. She has had a successful career working for the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, currently serving as a national project manager with the Institute of Leadership, Education, and Development.

Cheryl remains active at Shepherd. Fans attending women’s and men’s basketball games will find her on the sidelines keeping the scoreboard and sometimes the clock. Since 2016 she has worked as a game-day assistant for Shepherd volleyball and basketball and has done public address announcements for lacrosse, soccer, softball, and baseball games. She is also involved with the Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History and Education and is vice president of the Shepherd University Athletic Club board of directors.



“I spend so much time on the campus and I enjoy engaging in all the activities, whether it’s athletic or cultural. It’s just a wonderful place for people to gather.”

As Alumna of the Year, Cheryl spoke at Founder’s Day, rode in the Homecoming parade, and was recognized on the field during the football game.

“Homecoming is such a special time of the year when you see classmates from earlier times, and they let you know what year they were here and if they remember you and if they were in class with you,” she said. “It just brings back all the great memories.”

Cheryl believes it’s important for alumni like her to remain actively connected to Shepherd. She sees her role as a marketing advocate for all the good things that happen at the University.

“I think it’s important because we’re always recruiting. It’s not an athletic recruit, it’s an academic recruit as well,” she said.

“I feel like I’m a representative of the University. I speak highly. I always have. Everyone knows that our main slogan is ‘Shepherd Students Succeed.’ I was brought up with that and I wanted to be a Shepherd student who succeeded—and I think I’m doing that.” ■



The Spirit of Service:

Community service initiatives bring the campus together

Among Shepherd's core values is service. "Shepherd University sees itself as an integral part of its community, and we prioritize giving our time and talent to a variety of worthy initiatives. Besides providing service opportunities campus-wide, we encourage our campus community to volunteer for the causes that are important to them."

The commitment to service at Shepherd isn't just words on a page. Students, faculty, and staff regularly volunteer their time to serve the University, the community, and the greater good. While at Shepherd, students can get involved in service projects that give back, while developing skills that they will carry with them beyond graduation.

Aly Nazarok, graduate assistant for student community service and special initiatives, has witnessed firsthand the transformative power of community service at Shepherd. Working in the Office of Student Community Service,

Aly coordinates programs such as Make-a-Wish, Relay For Life, Alternative Spring Break, and Our Campus Cares.

After the absence of some of these programs due to COVID, Aly has been instrumental in bringing back—and growing—these service initiatives.

"[The University has] been really great at saying 'you're allowed to make this your own or do this in whatever way makes sense' now because COVID changed everything," Aly said. "I've just been really grateful that they've allowed me to push myself and open these doors while also being there to help me."

The University's commitment to community service on campus demonstrates the value of the experience. Through these initiatives, students develop leadership skills, gain professional experience, and build relationships that will last for years.

"Sometimes students need an incentive to get involved, but once they do they

discover that it's way bigger than whatever little incentive they did it for in the beginning," Aly said.

Melanie Ford, who oversees the Office of Student Community Service, has watched students develop vital personal and professional skills through Shepherd's service initiatives. Community service creates room for engagement, involvement, and development. The dedication across campus to support community service initiatives can be felt from the classroom into the community. Each service event presents a different opportunity and a new chance to bring everyone closer together.

"Many of these volunteer opportunities are unique because students, faculty, and staff are serving side-by-side with a shared purpose," Melanie said.

The common goal of service has united individuals and departments across campus. One example is Emerging Leaders in Service (ELS), organized through a partnership between Shepherd's Division of Student Affairs and the Bonnie and Bill



Students completing service projects during Spring into Service in March 2022

Stubblefield Institute for Civil Political Communications' ListenLearnEngage! initiative. ELS helps students make connections, strengthen leadership skills, and engage in community service both on and off campus prior to their first semester.

The spirit of service has always been active at the University, but a grant from the

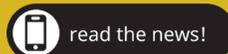
Department of Social Work and an office on campus has helped it flourish and evolve.

"There has always been a component of the campus doing service for the community, but I think the Department of Social Work formalized it," said Holly Morgan Frye, vice president for student affairs and director of community

relations. "They wrote a grant, they got a position to have somebody to really own it, and then Student Affairs took it over and that's where we are today. That is the best way to pull people together, to have them work together on a common goal that is more than themselves." ■

Have you missed the stories about Shepherd in the news?

Now you can catch up!





'67 Jefferson High School's library has been renamed to honor **Sara Lueck**, which is now named the Sara Lueck Library and Media Center. Sara has been a fixture at the high school as the librarian and media director since 1978.



'13 Elizabeth Sanchez was recently recognized as the West Virginia Foreign Language Teachers Association Outstanding Teacher of the Year. This is her 17th year teaching in Berkeley County Schools, and she has spent the last 11 years at Spring Mills Middle School.



'99 Joseph Martorella, a 17-year veteran of Trader Joe's, just opened the grocery chain's newest location in College Park, Maryland. This is the first Trader Joe's in Prince George's County.

SHEPHERD STUDENTS SUCCEED

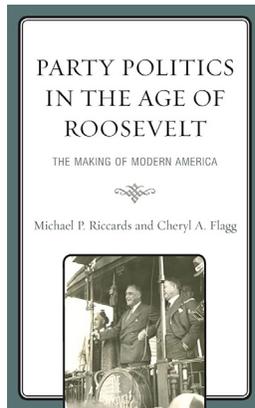


To read more about some of the alumni below use the QR code to visit our webpage at www.Shepherd.edu/SUAA/Alumni-Highlights



'22 Nicholas Chapman has been promoted to Senior Associate at SEK, CPAs & Advisors. He prepares individual tax returns for business owners and assists with preparing tax returns for small- to mid-sized businesses.

'95 Christian Stambaugh coaches men's and women's tennis at Mary Baldwin University in Staunton, Virginia. He started this position in 2019.



'69 Cheryl A. Flagg, along with Michael P. Riccards, has co-authored two books including *Party Politics in the Age of Roosevelt: The Making of Modern America* and *Woodrow Wilson as Commander in Chief: The Presidency and the Great War*. Cheryl has also worked with Riccards as an editor and collaborator on 17 other volumes.



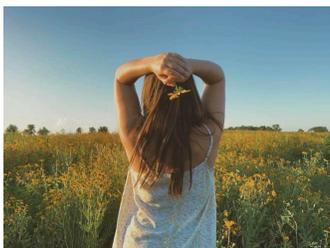
'17 Jill Upson was named executive director of the West Virginia Women's Commission. Upson is a former member of the West Virginia House of Delegates, a recipient of the Governor's Civil Rights Award, chair of the Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission, and chair of the COVID-19 Advisory Commission on Racial Disparities.



'07 The Berkeley County Development Authority (BCDA), has promoted **Jennifer Smith** as its new executive director. The mission of BCDA is to facilitate growth of business in the county.



'01 **Amber Nichols** has been named 2023 West Virginia Teacher of the Year. She is currently a kindergarten teacher at Eastwood Elementary School in Morgantown, West Virginia.



'16 Local musical artist **Mary Remsburg**, also known as Mister Mae, created an Appalachian-style song album, titled "Sounds Like Home," with Shepherd University music graduates and musicians in the local area.



'09 **Dr. Justin Arner** assists as an orthopedic surgeon for the Pittsburgh Steelers under long-time head team physician Dr. James Bradley.



'04 **Lona Lozinski**, owner of Mohalu Wellness yoga studio, teaches yoga to veterans and civilians to help heal traumas. Lona has been a service member for 22 years and now works with the Air National Guard in diversity, equity, and inclusion.



'87 **Howard 'Tad' Carper III** has just become the senior vice president for communications at the Dallas Cowboys. He was previously with the Cleveland Cavaliers for 22 years before leaving in May.



'15 Charles Town City Council Member **Elizabeth Ricketts** will be a part of the third class of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Champions Institute. The Initiative equips a hand-picked group of elected officials to effectively advocate for and support safer and more complete streets in their communities.



'03 **Justin McConnaughey**, principal of Hillcrest Elementary School in Frederick, Maryland, has been named a finalist for the Washington Post Educators of the Year award.



'06 BCT-Bank of Charles Town appointed **Sandy Hamilton** to the Advisory Board for Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia.

CELEBRATING THE *Ram Fam*

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Rachel Wiley '10 and husband, Brian Wiley, welcomed two daughters, Lily Wiley (born 7/2/2019) and Jade Wiley (born 4/6/2021).

Cheryl A. Flagg '69 and **Frederick W. Bauserman '63** were married on January 11, 2023.

Thomas Banks '54 and Nancy McLoughlin were married on February 8, 2023, in the Chapel at Homewood in Williamsport, Maryland. They will continue residing in their retirement home on that campus.

Get involved!

SEE WHAT YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HAS TO OFFER

Regional Alumni Communities: Stay connected wherever you are!

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

Update Your Information

Have you had a significant event, personal or professional, happen in your life? Maybe a new job or work promotion? Have you been honored with an award? Did you recently get engaged, married, or have an addition to your family? We would love to share happiness with you! Share your news with us to be published in the Class Notes section of the Shepherd University Magazine! Update your information at www.shepherd.edu/suaa/update-your-contact-information or email Jessica Gill, alumni and annual giving coordinator, at jgill@shepherd.edu.

Sustaining Membership

New for 2023-2024: Young Alumni Membership! If you have graduated in the last 5 years (2019-2023), enjoy all the sustaining membership benefits at a discounted rate of \$35!

We encourage you to transform your experience with SUAA by upgrading to a sustaining membership. As an SUAA sustaining member, you'll receive all the standard membership benefits,

plus: one homecoming football game ticket, one basketball game ticket, and two national discount programs: TravelPerks platinum and Working Advantage. You can purchase your sustaining membership for \$50 annually, or purchase a joint membership for you and your spouse for \$75 annually. The membership year runs July 1-June 30, however memberships purchased in March are rolled forward into the new membership year, giving you an extra 3 months, free! Learn more about benefits at www.shepherd.edu/suaa/sustaining-membership.

Make memories, plan travel, become engaged with your alma mater, build relationships, and begin transforming the future of you!
Once a Ram, Always a Ram!

Meyer and Associates

The Shepherd University Alumni Association sponsors an Alumni Benefits Program as a service to alumni. The program offers a variety of attractively priced insurance products, most of which are available to alumni, students, faculty, and staff, plus their spouses, domestic partners, children, parents, and siblings. Some insurance products include auto, home, and renter's insurance, life insurance, travel insurance, pet insurance, identity theft protection, student loan refinancing, and more.

For more information visit shepherd.meyerandassoc.com or contact our program administrator, Meyer and Associates, at 800-635-7801.



Learn more about benefits at www.shepherd.edu/suaa/sustaining-membership.



Traveler Testimonials

“We had a delightful experience traveling with other SU folks in 2019 to Scotland. Our group was small and we were joined by a few other travelers who also were traveling with the same agency that arranged the trip. Events and hotel accommodations were very well planned at each stop. This trip was our first planned by the Alumni Association and spurred our interest to return to the British Isles sometime in the future. A very delightful experience overall.” —E. Hugh Browning III '70 and wife Bonnie Browning – Discover Scotland, 2019

“It was a wonderful tour. We loved the people on tour. The hotels were wonderful and I would not have thought to book some of the resorts on my own. The tour director was very knowledgeable and very on top of the plan.” —Betty & Guy Rini – Painted Canyons of the West, 2021



Upcoming Trips

SHAMROCKS AND LEPRECHAUNS // DEPARTURE DATE: JUNE 18, 2023 10 DAYS – 9 NIGHTS, 2 COUNTRIES

A favorite Ireland trip for families combining happy travels with the luck of the Irish. Find your own pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, cuddling sheep on the Wild Atlantic Way. Ever wondered if boats can fly? See it firsthand in Foynes, all with no schoolbooks in sight.

EUROPEAN CHRISTMAS MARKETS // DEPARTURE DATE: NOVEMBER 28, 2023 9 DAYS, 11 MEALS BOOK NOW through May 29, 2023 to save \$150 per person!

Highlights include Prague's Christmas Markets, Prague Castle, choice on tour, train ride to Dresden, Dresden's Christmas Markets, Vienna's Christmas Markets, Schönbrunn Palace, Viennese candy workshop, Bratislava, locally hosted dinner, Budapest's Christmas Markets, Matthias Church, and Fisherman's Bastion.

New Trips for 2024:

ICONIC IRELAND AND ASHFORD CASTLE // DEPARTURE DATE: APRIL 21, 2024

COLORS OF SCICILY // DEPARTURE DATE: JUNE 18, 2024

PARIS AND NORMANDY RIVER CRUISE // DEPARTURE DATE: AUGUST 11, 2024

For more information on upcoming trips visit www.shepherd.edu/suaa/roaming-rams-alumni-travel-program

VIRGINIA R. SAGLE '45
Kearneysville, West Virginia, 1/30/2023

JUDITH G. POWELL '78
Kernersville, North Carolina, 1/28/2023

JOAN W. McWHORTER '56
Martinsburg, West Virginia, 1/20/2023

ROBERT STANG '72
Hagerstown, Maryland, 12/31/2022

MERELYN SHULTZ KAYE '59
Falls Church, Virginia, 2/3/2023

DIANE BRANDT GRIM '93
Winchester, Virginia, 12/13/2022

WILLIAM ROSS CUNNINGHAM '58
Hagerstown, Maryland, 11/30/2022

SUZANNE J. SHACKELFORD '75
Shepherdstown, West Virginia, 11/18/2022

DAVID M. SMITH '79
Middleway, West Virginia, 10/9/2022

CLARK ANDREW DIXON '75
Ranson, West Virginia, 12/8/2022

HELEN JANE COOK BARROW '40
Arlington, Virginia, 11/11/2022

SABRINA N. McCOY '91
Hagerstown, Maryland, 10/27/2022

NANCY LONG RICKARD '54
Martinsburg, West Virginia, 10/13/2022

JAMES L. CAREY '05
Shepherdstown, West Virginia, 10/7/2022

STANLEY M. MYERS '73
Martinsburg, West Virginia, 10/18/2022

TREVA L. KERNS '71
Martinsburg, West Virginia, 9/9/2022

BEVERLY K. HOLDEN '57
Lake City, Florida, 7/27/2022

ROBERT L. SHERMAN '64
Charles Town, West Virginia, 9/19/2022

LEMUEL W. DIRTING '61
Martinsburg, West Virginia, 9/17/2022

RUTH O. MYERS '67
Martinsburg, West Virginia, 8/12/2022

TAMMY L. KILMER '13
Berryville, Virginia, 8/21/2022

DENISE A. CERAVALO '95
Charles Town, West Virginia, 8/12/2022

BENJAMIN J. GUNN '14
Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, 7/31/2022

MARY MACLEOD WOODRUFF '78
Middleburg, Virginia, 2/16/2022

ALDA SENCINDIVER '50
Martinsburg, West Virginia, 7/14/2022

GUNTHER MAX GOTTFELD '58
Columbia, Maryland, 2/5/2023



Harding Parks Wescott, Jr '76 passed away on February, 12, 2023, in Columbia, Maryland. He was born in Nassawadox, Virginia, and grew up on a farm, where he developed his love of nature, friends, and family. In 1964, he enrolled in Chowan University and played football. Two years later, he transferred to Shepherd and received his degree in 1968. After graduation, he opened the Red Ram bar in town. He met his wife, Claudia Panter, while at Shepherd and settled down in Columbia, Maryland, after getting married in 1973. Harding became an ironworker and later began managing large-scale jobs and helping to design bridges. He was a major contributor to the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project that spans the Potomac between Virginia and Maryland and the Elizabeth River Tunnels in Virginia. Harding was known by union and non-union ironworkers in the region as an intelligent, hardworking, and fair ironworker.



Dr. Joseph J. Renn '60 passed away on September 30, 2022, his home in Indian Land, South Carolina. Joe graduated from Shepherd in 1960 and enjoyed a successful career as a pulmonary and critical care physician and clinical professor at the WVU School of Medicine. Joe's mother and two sisters also attended Shepherd and he believes that Shepherd gave him a solid basis for fulfilling his dream of going to medical school. He met his wife, Robin, while both working at the Monongalia General Hospital in Morgantown, West Virginia. Robin worked as an x-ray technologist at the hospital for 30 years. Upon retirement, they moved to South Carolina. The couple established two scholarships at Shepherd: Elsie Brown Renn and Joseph J. Renn, Jr. Endowed Memorial Scholarship in support of biology majors as a tribute to his mother and two sisters, and the Dr. Joseph J. Renn, III '60 and Robin L. Renn Endowed Scholarship in support of students pursuing degrees in the biological and medical sciences.

MEMORIAL

Shepherd University student continues a legacy of kindness

by Kristi Veach-Ross

Matthew Johnson '22 watched his grandmother, Vicki Johnson, live a life led by kindness and compassion. Now, through establishing the Vicki Johnson Family Scholarship, Matthew intends to carry on her legacy of generosity.

“I wanted to honor my grandmother in a way she would be proud of,” he said.

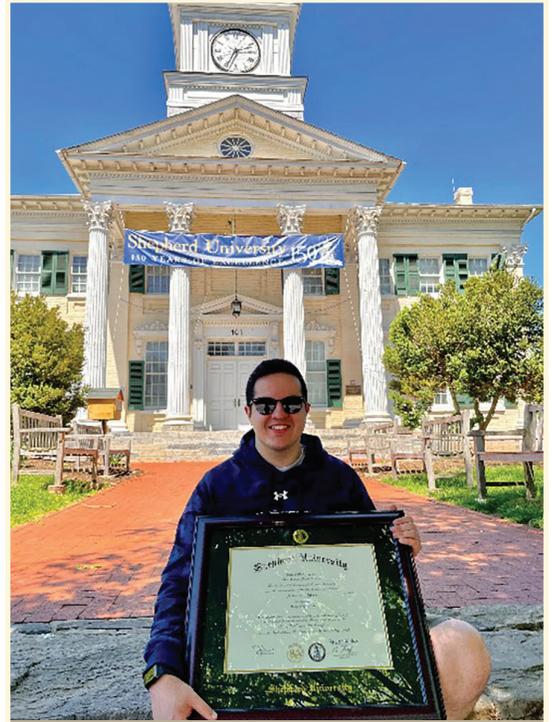
A recent Shepherd graduate, Matthew is currently continuing his studies in Shepherd’s online MBA program. Shepherd offered Matthew the opportunity to pursue his education while staying closer to family. The intimacy of a smaller school allowed thorough exploration of his field and enabled him to build relationships with professors, many of whom have written letters of recommendation that have assisted Matthew in achieving his goals.

“Shepherd offers an intimacy that big schools don’t,” Matthew said.

After discovering his passion for business, Matthew followed this path immediately after graduation. He started his career with an internship at JLG Industries, Inc. in product management on the Boom Lifts Product Management team. In this role, he had the opportunity to work on countless projects and develop an array of experience. After spending seven months as an intern, he was offered a full-time opportunity—his current position as a product specialist associate with the Connected Solutions Product Management Team.

Matthew now works tirelessly to balance his exciting career with his graduate studies. His desire to work in the product management field blossomed at Shepherd. During his undergraduate program, a guest speaker sparked the passion that fueled his career. Now, he enjoys the flexibility offered through his online courses and is able to pursue his graduate studies while also excelling in his current position.

“I was very blessed to get through college without loans, partly due to Foundation scholarships,” Matthew stated.



Having experienced firsthand the impact of giving at Shepherd, Matthew found a way to provide educational opportunities to generations of future students through the Vicki Johnson Family Scholarship. In doing so, he is continuing his grandmother’s legacy of kindness and demonstrating the difference that one gift can make.

“Whether it’s through volunteering your time or sponsoring a scholarship, giving back to the Shepherd community is tremendously important to ensure that Shepherd University is able to continue providing affordable secondary education to graduating high school students—just like we were once provided,” Matthew stated.

Matthew’s desire to give back to the Shepherd community will leave an impact that will be felt for years to come. Despite balancing his busy schedule of a growing career and graduate classes, Matthew works to support the goals and aspirations of others. The generosity of donors like Matthew is crucial to the continued success of Shepherd University. ■

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SCARBOROUGH SOCIETY
CELEBRATES LEADERSHIP
OF OUTGOING PRESIDENT
RAY ALVAREZ '62



by Meg Patterson

When the Shepherd University Foundation worked with a core group of volunteers in 2001 to create a giving society that would generate financial support for the Scarborough Library, no one knew just how vital that annual support would be. As part of that volunteer group, Ray Alvarez '62 stepped up to serve as the Society's first and only president until his retirement this past fall. Through his leadership efforts, the Society raised over \$1 million in funding for the library, which includes two large endowments for programming and faculty excellence.

For nearly 50 years, Ray has worked tirelessly to give back to Shepherd University and the local community. His philanthropy stems from an early donation by the Shepherd University Alumni Association, facilitated by the late Dr. Charles Printz, that helped Alvarez continue his college education. Since that gift, Alvarez has spent his adult life "paying it forward" to others in the Shepherd community.

Not only have Ray and his wife Mary established four endowments through the Shepherd University Foundation, but Ray also served as the Foundation's president from 2006-2012 and as the vice-chair of the University's Create Campaign. This comprehensive campaign raised more than \$26 million in support of capital projects, scholarships, faculty excellence, and other programming initiatives.

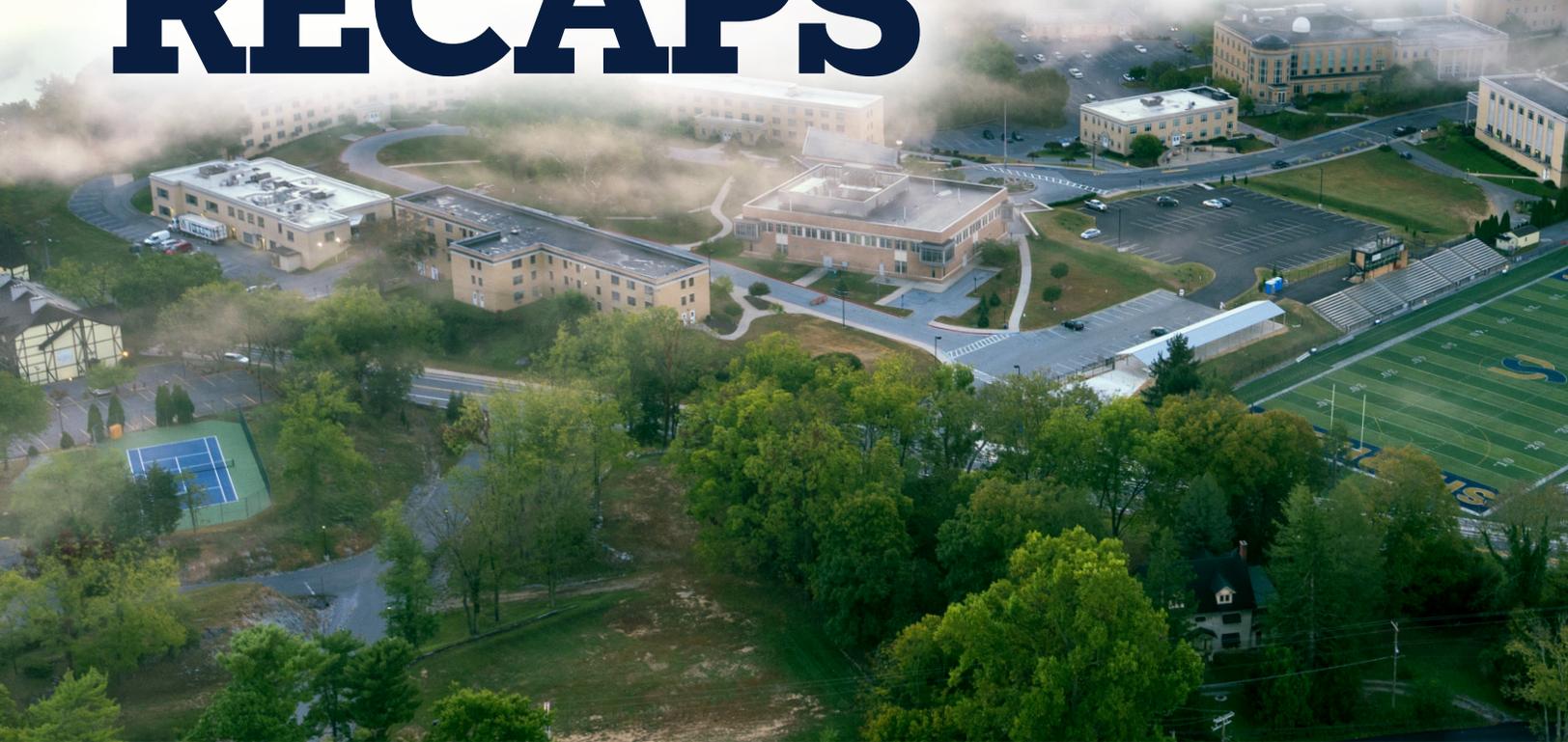
On October 27, 2022, Shepherd University President Mary J.C. Hendrix '74 recognized Ray's outstanding leadership during the Scarborough Society's annual meeting. President Hendrix enumerated many of the Society's contributions to the library under Ray's leadership, including:

- The annual gala typically raising more than \$25,000 each year for library support
- The sponsorship of the annual Art and Lecture Series on campus which provides free events highlighting diverse authors and artists
- Funding for the EduTech Center that provides technology and training space for students, faculty, and staff
- Funding for the digitization of library collections
- Funding for new equipment, furniture, and online databases
- Creation of the Community Reading Room
- Creation of new partnerships and sponsorship of initiatives including with the Shepherdstown Film Society, the Society for Creative Writing, and the Student Library Advisory Board

As the Scarborough Society enters a new era of leadership under President Austin Slater '76, the organization will be forever grateful to Ray's promotion of the welfare and mission of the Scarborough Society to provide new sources of supplemental funding for the Shepherd University Scarborough Library system. ■

FALL SPORTS RECAPS

by **Chip Ransom**



MEN'S SOCCER

The men's soccer team recorded a 1-11-6 overall mark with a 0-9-3 record in conference play. The Rams recorded a 1-0 win over Pitt-Johnstown and added ties against Bloomfield, Slippery Rock, Shippensburg (two), Frostburg State, and East Stroudsburg.

Junior defender/midfielder **Conner Brown**, senior defender **Brandon Hurt**, and senior goalkeeper **Billy Wood** were selected to the 2023 College Sports Communicators (CSC) Academic All-District Team

Conner, who appeared in 16 games with 15 starts, boasts a 3.94 grade point average as a biology major. He recorded four shots with one goal.

Starting in all 17 games he played,

Brandon boasts a 3.71 grade point average as a health promotion and exercise science major. He recorded one assist for one point on the season.

Billy carries a 3.96 grade point average as a business major. He appeared in 16 games with 15 starts. He recorded a team-best 48 saves with a .724 save percentage. He posted a 2.08 goals against average and had three shutouts on the year.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The women's soccer team posted a 7-7-4 overall mark with a 6-7-3 record in PSAC East action. This marks the first time the team has finished with a .500 record or better since the 2015 team recorded a 7-7-5 overall record.

Senior midfielder **Sara Hohn** garnered

second team All-PSAC honors as she topped the team in goals (7), assists (5), and points. Sara paced the team with four game-winning tallies and was named PSAC East Offensive Athlete of the Week for September 28. She also garnered second team D2CCA All-Atlantic Region Team honors.

Sara is joined by sophomore midfielder **Delaney Bittner**, junior midfielder/forward **Paris Kimbrell**, senior defender **Madison Michael**, graduate student defender **Alyssa Nazarok**, and sophomore midfielder **Myra Striebig** as 2023 CSC Academic All-District Team selections.

Sara boasts a 4.0 grade point average as a business major.

Delaney boasts a 4.0 grade point average as a health promotion and exercise



Volleyball players Mikayla Hoy and Claire Ellis (photo: Jami Marceron)

science major. She appeared and started in all 18 games. She recorded six goals and two assists for 14 points.

Paris has a 3.78 grade point average as a business major. She appeared in 18 games with six starts. She took seven shots with three on goal.

Madison boasts a 3.58 grade point average as a business major. She appeared in 15 games.

Alyssa has 4.0 grade point average as a political science and global studies major as an undergraduate and is currently pursuing a master's degree in Appalachian studies at Shepherd. She appeared in 17 games with 16 starts. She recorded a pair of assists for two points this year.

Myra boasts a 3.55 grade point average as

an education major. She appeared in 18 games with 14 starts. She had one assist for one point.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The men's cross country team competed in six meets this season. The Rams placed 13th in a 17-team field at the Inter-Regional Border Battle in New Jersey, their best showing of the season.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The women's cross country team competed in five meets. The season was highlighted by a seventh-place finish at the Galen Piper XC Challenge.

VOLLEYBALL

The volleyball team finished the season with

a 21-7 overall mark with a 12-2 conference as the top team in the PSAC East.

Three members of the team earned PSAC East All-Conference honors, redshirt-sophomore libero **Claire Ellis** was named PSAC East Defensive Athlete of the Year, senior outside hitter **Mikaylah Hoy** was named PSAC East Athlete of the Year, and head coach **Alex Hoekstra** was selected as PSAC East Coach of the Year.

Claire, a two-time PSAC East Defensive Athlete of the Week choice, paced the Rams in digs (380) and digs per game (4.04). The first-team All-Conference choice added a team-best 54 service aces, 87 assists, and three kills. Her 0.57 service ace average was third in the PSAC.

Mikaylah, a repeat first team All-Conference choice, paced the Rams in

kills (302), kills per game (3.32), and ranks second in digs (239). She was fourth on the team in assists (21) and aces (21).

Coach Hoekstra led the Rams to a 21-7 overall mark with a 12-2 record in conference play as the PSAC Eastern Division champions. Shepherd finished the season winning 13 of its last 14 matches.

Sophomore middle hitter **Renee Killough**, a second team selection, topped the team in blocks (112), block solos (16), and block assists (96). She added 129 kills, 44 digs, 21 aces, and 10 assists. Killough, who ranked third nationally in blocks per set (1.32), helped Shepherd lead NCAA Division II in blocks per set with a 2.67 average.

FOOTBALL

The football team finished with a 13-2 overall mark with a 7-0 record in PSAC East action.

Seventeen members of the football team were named to the 2022 All-PSAC East Team. Additionally, senior quarterback **Tyson Bagent** was named PSAC East Offensive Player of the Year, and head coach **Ernie McCook** was selected as Coach of the Year.

Tyson helped lead the Rams to a PSAC East title and a berth into the NCAA Division II Football Tournament. Bagent completed 400-of-572 passes for 4,580

yards and 41 touchdowns. Bagent's 159 career passing touchdowns are the most for all NCAA levels.

Coach McCook was named PSAC East Coach of the Year—the first Shepherd head football coach to earn the honor—after leading the Rams to the PSAC East Title. Under Coach McCook, Shepherd was first in the PSAC in scoring offense averaging 39.2 points per game, and third in scoring defense allowing 17.9 points per game. They also were known for getting it done on third down, converting 76-of-173 attempts, good enough for a 43.9 percent clip.

Joining Tyson as first team selections were junior running back/return specialist **Ronnie Brown**, senior offensive lineman **Joey Fisher**, senior tight end **Brian Walker**, junior wide receiver **Marlon Cook**, redshirt-sophomore wide receiver **Ryan Beach**, redshirt-freshman offensive lineman **Ty Lucas**, senior defensive end **Malik Holloway**, senior defensive end **Kyle Smith**, junior linebacker **Dewayne Grantham**, junior defensive back **Keyshawn Hailey**, and redshirt-sophomore defensive back **Klayton Batten**.

Ronnie was a first team choice as a running back and a return specialist. He rushed 219 times for 1,863 yards and 19 touchdowns. He added 56 receptions for 589 yards, five scores, and 19 kickoff returns for 546 yards and a touchdown.

Joey and Ty anchored an offensive line that helps Shepherd rank second in total offense (489.3), second in first downs offense (354), seventh in passing offense (312.5), and ninth in scoring offense (39.2).

Brian had 63 receptions for 799 yards and five touchdowns from his tight end position for the 2022 season.

Marlon paced the Rams in receptions (68), receiving yards (1,030), and touchdown receptions (8).

Ryan had 51 receptions for 411 yards and five scores despite only playing in 11 games.

Malik had 51 tackles (24 solos) with 10 tackles-for-loss (-37 yards) and 6.0 sacks

NOTABLE SHEPHERD ATHLETICS FIRSTS

- Women's soccer players Delaney Bittner and Sara Hohn of the women's soccer team are the first Shepherd women's soccer players to be named Academic All-Americans by the College Sports Communicators.
- Tyson Bagent and Joey Fisher became the first Shepherd football players invited to the Hula Bowl, a postseason college all-star game.
- Joey is the first Shepherd football player to be drafted by the U.S. Football League. He was selected as the 18th overall pick by the Houston Gamblers.
- Tyson is the first Shepherd player to be invited to and participate in the Reese's Senior Bowl, the preeminent all-star game for collegiate players. Joey was also invited to the Senior Bowl but couldn't participate due to an injury.
- Ernie McCook is the first Shepherd head football coach to be named the PSAC East Coach of the Year.

(-26 yards). He added two pass breakups and a pair of forced fumbles.

Kyle had 60 tackles (33 solos) with a team-best 21.5 tackles-for-loss (-110 yards) and a team-best 13.0 sacks (-97 yards). He also had a pair of pass breakups, an interception returned for a touchdown, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery, and a blocked kick.

Dewayne topped the team in tackles (93), solo tackles (52), and assisted tackles (41). His four interceptions tied for the team lead. He added 7.0 tackles-for-loss (-26 yards) and 3.0 sacks (-17 yards), adding two pass breakups and a forced fumble.

Keyshawn had 77 tackles (42 solos), three tackles-for-loss (-7 yards), an interception and a pair of forced fumbles. His five pass breakups are second on the team.

Klayton recorded 53 tackles (43 solos) with 1.5 tackles-for-loss (-2 yards), and three pass breakups. His four interceptions tied for the team lead.

Graduate student center **Adam Stilley**, redshirt-sophomore offensive guard **Wyatt Pellicano**, redshirt-freshman offensive tackle **Chandler Brown**, graduate student defensive lineman **Solomon Alexander**, and sophomore defensive lineman **Jurnee Dunbar** were second team selections.

Adam, Wyatt, and Chandler keyed an offensive line that helped Shepherd rank second in total offense (489.3), second in first downs offense (354), seventh in passing offense (312.5), and ninth in scoring offense (39.2).

Solomon had 24 tackles (13 solos), 2 tackles-for-loss (-5 yards,) and one sack (-4 yards). He added a pair of pass breakups and an interception.

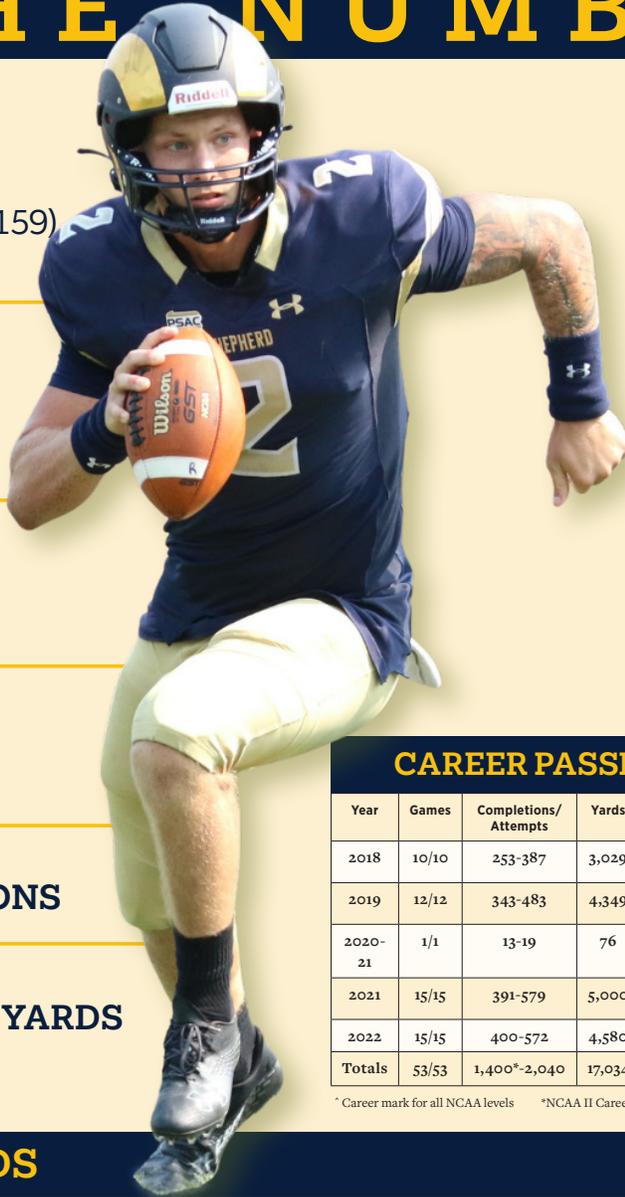
Jurnee recorded 25 tackles (16 solos), 3.5 tackles-for-loss (-10 yards), and a fumble recovery. ■

Pictured left are (top) Joey Fisher (photo: William Ransom); (middle) Ronnie Brown (photo: Jack Ransom); (bottom) Tyson Bagent (photo: Jack Ransom).



TYSON BAGENT

BY THE NUMBERS



#1 RANK

for career touchdown passes (159)
across all NCAA divisions

#2 JERSEY NUMBER

from his sophomore
to senior seasons

43 WINS

for the Rams as starting QB

518 PASSING YARDS

in his collegiate debut

1,400 CAREER COMPLETIONS

17,034 CAREER PASSING YARDS

CAREER PASSING STATISTICS

Year	Games	Completions/Attempts	Yards	Touchdowns	Interceptions	QB Rating
2018	10/10	253-387	3,029	29	13	149.13
2019	12/12	343-483	4,349	36	13	165.86
2020-21	1/1	13-19	76	0	1	91.49
2021	15/15	391-579	5,000	53	13	165.79
2022	15/15	400-572	4,580	41	8	158.05
Totals	53/53	1,400*-2,040	17,034	159*	48	-----

* Career mark for all NCAA levels *NCAA II Career Mark

HONORS AND AWARDS

2023 NFL Scouting Combine participant
 2023 Senior Bowl participant
 2023 Hula Bowl invitee
 2022 Don Hansen All-American Second Team
 2022 D2Football.com Elite 100 Second Team
 2022 D2CCA All-American Second Team
 2022 AP Division II All-American Second Team
 2022 Harlon Hill finalist
 2022 AFCA Division II Coaches' All-American First Team
 2022 D2CCA Super Region One Offensive Player of the Year
 2022 D2CCA All-Super Region One First Team
 2022 PSAC East Offensive Player of the Year
 2022 All-PSAC East First Team
 2022 PSAC East Offensive Athlete of the Week
 (9/5, 9/19, 9/26, 10/24, 10/31 11/7)
 2021 Hardman Award Winner
 (Top Amateur Athlete in West Virginia)

2021 Harlon Hill Trophy Winner
 2021 Don Hansen Division II Offensive
 Player of the Year
 2021 Don Hansen All-American First Team
 2021 D2Football.com Offensive Player of the Year
 2021 D2Football.com Elite 100 First Team
 2021 AP Division II All-American First Team
 2021 D2CCA Ron Lenz Offensive Player of the Year
 2021 D2CCA All-American First Team
 2021 AFCA Division II Coaches' All-American First Team
 2021 D2CCA All-Super Region One Offensive
 Player of the Year
 2021 D2CCA All-Super Region One First Team
 2021 Harlon Hill finalist
 2021 PSAC East Offensive Player of the Year
 2021 All-PSAC East First Team
 2021 D2Football.com Offensive Player of the Week (11/11)

2021 PSAC East Offensive Athlete of the Week
 (9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 11/1, 11/8)
 2019 NCAA II Statistical Champion Passing Yards
 per Game (362.4)
 2019 NCAA II Statistical Champion Completions
 per Game (28.58)
 2019 Harlon Hill Nominee
 2019 All-PSAC East Second Team
 2019 PSAC East Co-Offensive Athlete of the Week (9/23)
 2019 PSAC East Offensive Athlete of the Week (9/16, 10/21)
 2018 Third Team Don Hansen All-Super Region One Team
 2018 Harlon Hill Nominee
 2018 First Team All-MEC Team
 2018 D2Football.com Offensive Player of the Week (11/1)
 2018 Three-Time MEC Offensive Player of the Week
 (9/17, 9/24, 10/29)

2023 NFL COMBINE

Photos: William Ransom



Tyson Bagent breaks into a smile after his 40-yard dash.



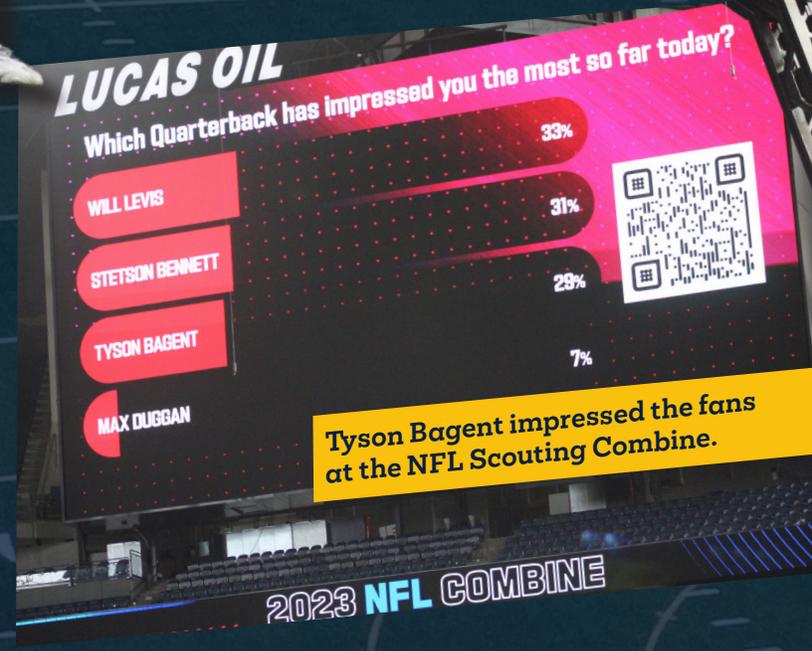
Former NFL linebacker Kirk Morrison interviews Tyson Bagent.



Tyson Bagent shows off his talents at the NFL Scouting Combine.



Tyson Bagent rolls out during a workout at the NFL Scouting Combine.



Tyson Bagent impressed the fans at the NFL Scouting Combine.

2023 NFL COMBINE

McClain-Corley gains All-PSAC East accolades

Junior guard **Daniel McClain-Corley** of the Shepherd men's basketball team has been selected to the 2023 All-PSAC East Men's Basketball Team. Daniel was a first-team selection. Daniel led the Rams in scoring average (15.3 ppg) and points (412). He was second on the team in rebounding (5.0 rpg), assists (2.0 apg), and minutes played (32.9). His 24 steals tied for second on the team. His .787 free-throw percentage was among the team leaders. He was named PSAC East Offensive Athlete of the Week for January 23, 2023, when he scored a career-high 32 points to lead Shepherd to a 96-88 win over #14/20 East Stroudsburg.

Mertz, Poffenberger earn CSC Academic All-District honors

Junior guard **Madison Mertz** of the women's basketball team and sophomore guard **Carson Poffenberger** of the men's basketball team have been named to the 2022-23 CSC Academic All-District® teams.

Madison boasts a 4.0 grade point average as a recreation and sport studies major. She appeared in all 27 games with four starts. She averages 3.7 points and 2.4 rebounds. Her 12 three-pointers are fifth on the team, while her .750 (42-56) free-throw percentage ranks her fourth on the team. Her 19 steals rank her third on the team.

Carson has a 4.0 grade point average as a health promotion and exercise science major. He started in all 29 games for the Rams and averaged 8.7 points and 3.4 rebounds for the season. His 35 three-pointers are fourth on the team. His .851 (40-47) free throw percentage was among the team leaders. His .484 field goal percentage was second on the team.



The Shepherd University Athletic Hall of Fame inducted three members at the annual induction banquet on October 7, 2022, at the Student Center Storer Ballroom. **Chad Broadwater '98** (football) joined **Ric Hutterly '65** (men's swimming), and **Glenn Edwards '74** (men's tennis) as the 36th class to be inducted.

Pictured (l. to r.) are Ric Hutterly '65, Glenn Edwards '74, and Chad Broadwater '98 (photo: John and Pam Boyle)

Shepherd trio gains CSC Academic All-American honors

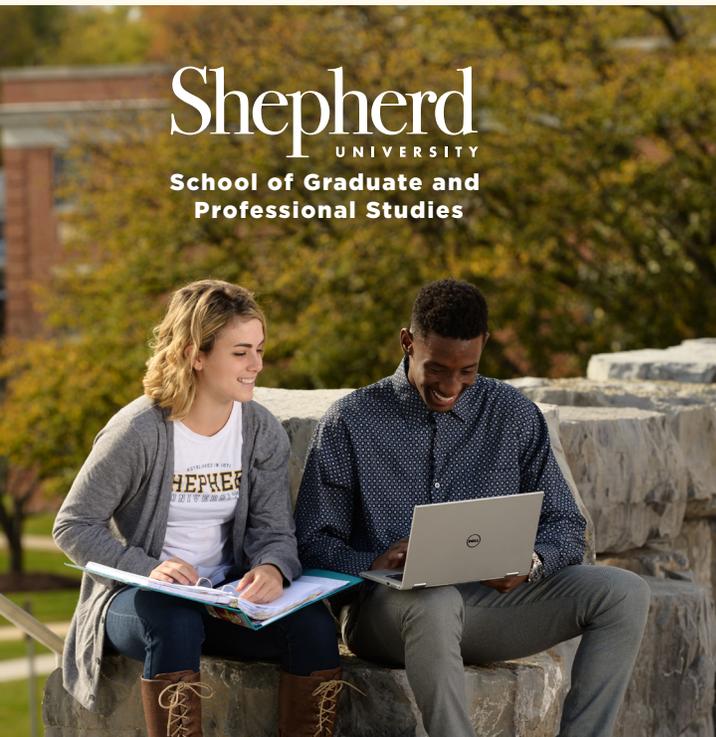
Graduate student center **Adam Stilley** of the football team and sophomore midfielder **Delaney Bittner** and senior midfielder **Sara Hohn** of the women's soccer team have been named to the 2022 Academic All-American® Teams, selected by the College Sports Communicators. Delaney and Hohn are the first Shepherd women's soccer players to garner this honor.

Adam, a first team selection, boasts a 4.0 grade point average as a health promotion and exercise science major as an undergraduate while concurrently pursuing an MBA. Adam has started all 15 games at center for the Rams. He was recently selected as the PSAC Football Champion Scholar and was a second team All-PSAC East choice this season. He also earned 2022 PSAC Fall Top Ten honors for his prowess on the field and in the classroom.

Delaney, a first team selection, boasts a 4.0 grade point average as a health promotion and exercise science major. She appeared and started in all 18 games where she recorded six goals and two assists for 14 points.

Sara, a third team choice, boasts a 4.0 grade point average as a business major. She topped the team in goals (7), assists (5), and points (19). She had four game-winning goals on the season and scored the game-tying goal in a pair of ties for the Rams.

Pictured left are (top) Delaney Bittner (photo: Jami Marceron); (middle) Adam Stilley (photo: William Ransom); (bottom) Sara Hohn (photo: Chip Ransom).



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