

# Student Affairs BOG Report

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*The below images represent events, programs, and celebrations posted on the Division of Student Affairs' social media accounts. Student Affairs communicates mostly through the Instagram and Facebook platforms.*

#### Division of Student Affairs

- Jessica Anders, Director of Accessibility Services, conducted a training for the Division of Student Affairs titled, Building an Inclusive Campus. This shared data on students with invisible disabilities on campus, the common types of disabilities shepherd students have, language around disability, and best practices supporting students in the disability community.

#### Accessibility Services

- Accessibility Services is utilizing the Locations feature through Campus Labs. This feature allows for staff to track student interactions with different offices on campus. As of October 17, 2023, the Accessibility Services offices is averaging between 28-36 visits from students a week for various reasons.

#### Counseling Services

#### Dean of Students

- Student Conduct addressed 10 incident reports and 74 "FYI" reports as of 10/16/2023.
- The Behavioral Interventions Teams addressed 34 reports of students in crisis as of 10/16/2023.
- The Student Life Council welcomed new members and reviewed and voted on amendments to their Constitution and Bylaws on 10/12/2023. These amendments will be provided to the Shepherd University Assembly for their approval at the next assembly meeting.

#### Office of Student Activities, Leadership and Fraternity & Sorority Life

- **Student Affairs focuses on Suicide Prevention:** Student Affairs hosted a variety of programs focusing on student mental health in recognition of Suicide Prevention Month. Two student organizations, [Rams Care](#) and [The Hidden Opponent](#), partnered with Counseling Services to host a candlelight vigil and suicide prevention program on the East Campus Midway. Students and staff shared their personal experiences with suicide and mental health and learned about vital resources and support systems in our community. The Student Government Association has also hosted two suicide intervention trainings (Question, Persuade, Respond) led by Shepherd's Counseling Director, Wendy Baraka. The QPR training teaches individuals how to recognize risk factors for suicide, intervene with loved ones, friends, or community members in distress, and help people in emotional

distress to prevent suicide. The SGA has a goal of training at least one student in every student organization to become QPR trained peer leaders this year.

- **Shepherd Homecoming 2023:** Homecoming 2023 brought together Shepherd student groups for the annual Spirit Week competition to show their Ram Spirit. Student Activities and Leadership and Program Board sponsored a diverse array of activities from a Family Feud game show, lipsync battle, banner competition as part of the Founders Day celebration, day of service, and the parade float competition. In addition, students selected an outstanding group of students to represent the core values of the University and what it means to be a Ram to serve as this year's Homecoming Court. They include: Chrislynn Bard, Jackson Heath, Katie Keckler, Anna Mooney, Lillian Robbins, Paul Teter, Hannah Trenary, and Madison Weatherholtz.
- **Shep-or-Treat Children's Carnival:** The annual Shep-or-Treat Halloween children's carnival was held on Wednesday, October 25 from 6 to 8 pm. This free event is sponsored by SGA and Program Board with involvement from dozens of student clubs and organizations and departments. This popular service project serves hundreds of children from our local community with carnival games, crafts, and candy.

### Health Center

- The Suzanne Shipley Wellness Center in collaboration with Shepherdstown Pharmacy is offering a flu vaccine clinic on Wednesday, October 4, from 12:30-3:30 p.m. in the Wellness Center. The clinic is open to students, Shepherd employees, and community members. No appointment is necessary. Bring a copy of your insurance card with you. Vaccines cost \$25 without insurance.

### Student Success Center

- **Shepherd Success Academy (SSA)**
  - As of midterms, our 40 SSA students have an average GPA of 2.6 compared to Sample B's average GPA of 1.75. 80% of our SSA students are trending to end the semester in Good Academic Standing, compared to Sample B's 50%. Sample B students are those who were invited to participate in the program but declined or did not respond to the invitation.
- **Student Success Center:**
  - **Peer Success Leaders**
    - The Student Success Center now has 11 Peer Success Leaders (PSLs) available to mentor Shepherd students.
    - On September 25, the Peer Success Leaders hosted a "Midterm Motivation" table in the Student Centers Rams Den! PSLs handed out scantrons, helpful study tips, and Student Success Center giveaways.
    - Peer Success Leaders host office hours in the Student Success Center weekly to assist students in need of short-term support and peer connection. As of midterms, PSLs have met with over 15 students.
- **Veterans and International Students Support + SAT Testing**
  - The SAT was administered at Shepherd University on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. More than 70 students attended and completed the examination in five different classrooms in White Hall, including an accommodation room. Five proctors were in attendance to support the process.

### Student Community Service

### Technology, Social Media, and Marketing

### Social Equity, Title IX, and Multicultural Student Affairs

- **Affinity Awareness Mixer | Friday, September 15, 2023**
  - Student Affinity Organizations (Black Student Union, Students for Reproductive Rights, Gender Sexuality Alliance, Global Shepherd Students, Rams Care, The Hidden Opponent & Shepherd Environmental Organization), in collaboration with Multicultural Leadership Team hosted a week-long initiative to raise awareness for student Affinity Organizations on campus, which included ally education opportunities,

tabling, and ended with the Affinity Mixer event in the new Affinity Center. The Affinity Mixer provided an opportunity for campus and community members to learn more about the Affinity Organizations and collaboration on future opportunities to engage the campus. The students participated in activities, discussed plans for the Affinity Center, and engaged in meaningful conversation during the Affinity Mixer.

- **Poet and Anti-Violence Educator Ebony Stewart presents Seeing RED as keynote following Ram's Rally for Respect, March to End Violence | Monday, September 18, 2023**
  - Rams Rally for Respect is an annual anti-violence march and rally aiming to promote a culture of respect on Shepherd's campus and surrounding community. Its goal is to empower students, staff, faculty, and community members to stand up for violence in all forms. Students and community leaders shared their own take on violence prevention and the role empowerment has in changing a community. This event provided an opportunity for student Affinity leaders and the Multicultural Leadership Team to collaborate, demonstrate solidarity, and stand up to promote racial, gender, sexual, environmental, and economic justice. Students met at Potomac Place lawn to rally and marched over to the Student Center to see the keynote presentation and discussion from Ebony Stewart. Stewart presented a workshop entitled Seeing (RED), which tied in aspects of generational trauma learned through relationships with the foresight of healing through poetry and storytelling. Stewart connected with the students immediately and provided a space for healing, dialogue, love, and respect.
- **Sexual Health Campus Conversation Panel | Monday, September 25**
  - This panel discussion addressed topics relating to sexual communication, experiences, media influence, and youth to adult education on wellness related to sex, intimacy, gender, and sexuality. Sexual health, pleasure, and wellbeing information should be widely accessible, and all people should have the right to make educated decisions about their bodies and know all the options.
- **Indigenous People's Day Celebration with Mindful Movement | Monday, October 9, 2023**
  - Multicultural Student Affairs partnered with Mohalu Wellness to celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day to honor Native American peoples and commemorate their histories and cultures. This program created a space for mindful movement and meditation to connect with the earth and reflect on the sacrifices and contributions of indigenous peoples connected to this land and in the local communities. Student leaders who participated in the event were grateful for an opportunity to engage in mindful movement and connect with the earth.
- **LGBTQ+ Know Your Rights Training with ACLU | Wednesday, October 11, 2023**
  - In honor of LGBTQ+ History Month and National Coming Out Day, we partnered with community advocacy organizations EPEC and the ACLU to host a training to educate the campus and community on how we can take action to support and protect LGBTQ+ rights. The training and discussion provided a safe space to connect, mobilize for action, and continue to find the joy in our solidarity.
- **Mask of Masculinity & Men's Mental Health Campus Conversation | October 30**
  - This annual conversation will take place on October 30 from 3-5pm in the Cumberland Room of the Student Center. The discussion will explore masculinity, gender, and society, providing students, faculty, and staff with the space and opportunity for critical, constructive, and contemplative dialogue around our individual and shared understandings of masculinity. Panelists will share powerful personal narratives and engage in discussion to unpack how masculinity impacts all of us and how we can shift cultural norms to move toward an expanded, healthier, and more authentic experience.