

# Student Affairs BOG Report

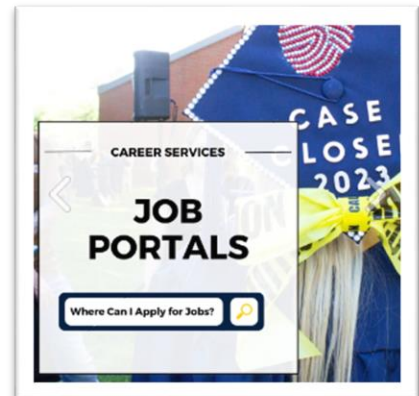
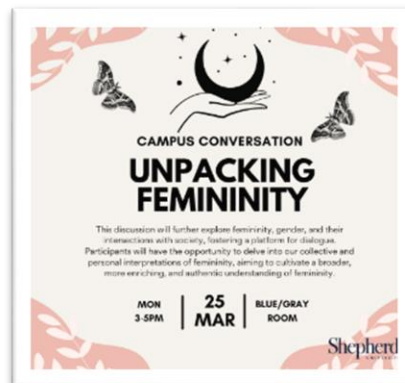
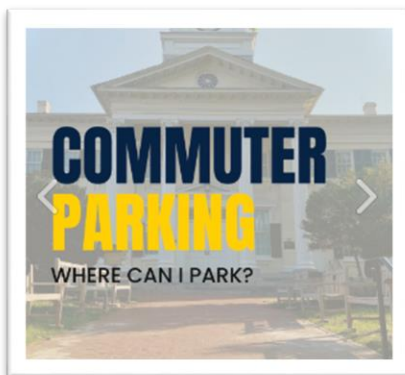
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*The below images represent events, programs, and celebrations posted on the Division of Student Affairs' social media accounts. Student Affairs communicates mostly through the Instagram and Facebook platforms.*



### Counseling Services

- **The Stress Management Group** has been thriving, typically with about 4-6 active participants. Feedback consistently has suggested that it has been incredibly impactful, increased stress management skills, and enhanced social connections for participants.
- **LGBTQIA+ Support Group** will be holding an additional 2-3 more groups before the semester comes to an end; it continues to be an active group. Regulars have expressed interest in enhancing this group to become more peer-led for potential broader campus activities. Members are determined to support one another in unique and applicable ways. Juneau Daggs, Success Coach and Jami Cross, Counselor, are pleased to continue offering this group and look forward to finding ways to expand community support and collaboration with student leaders.
- **Yoga for Stress Reduction** keeps getting bigger with more athletes joining on a weekly basis; particularly from football.
- **2024 Collegiate Suicide Prevention Conference** Karen Martin, Counselor and Wendy Baracka, Director of Student Success will be representing Shepherd at the Collegiate Suicide Prevention Conference in Huntington, WV at Marshall University on April 1 and 2 and will receive training in Collaborative Assessment and Management of Suicidality (CAMS). This is a free conference and training opportunity with grant funded support through MU for travel, lodging and meal reimbursement.

### Dean of Students

- Student Conduct addressed 64 reports as of 3/18/2024
- The Behavioral Intervention Team addressed 15 reports as of 3/18/2024
- The ACHA NCHA survey, an all-encompassing wellness survey to gather data about student mental and physical health, was conducted in February. 600 students were sent the survey. The survey was administered state-wide, and results will be shared over the summer; administration of the survey was covered by WVCIA (West Virginia Collegiate Initiative to Address Healthy Campus Communities)
- Nine "One Boxes" Emergency Opioid Overdose reversal kits were installed across campus (Scarborough Library, White Hall, Stutzman Slonaker Hall-Commuter Lounge", Knutti Hall, Student Center, Frank Center, Butcher Center, and Potomac Place) in February. These boxes were provided at no cost by the Office of Drug Control Policy.

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

- A student panel was held on Thursday, February 15 as part of a collaborative effort with Fraternity and Sorority Life, Title IX, and Counseling Services for students focused on consent and bystander intervention. In addition, these groups partnered with the Common Reading program's program "Red Flag or Romance" held on February 27. More than 100 students attended these two programs exploring healthy vs. unhealthy relationship behaviors.
- Fraternity and Sorority Life celebrated Greek Week from March 25 to 29 with competitions, game shows, a Greek pageant, and a day of service to raise funds for Shepherd's Make a Wish child.
- March and April have been very busy months for the Student Government Association (SGA). In March, SGA participated in a statewide month of service featuring drives for school supplies, food, and clothing and a Shepherdstown trash cleanup at Riverside Park. In addition to addressing student concerns and student life, SGA has also been working to educate and engage students in our local candidate races by hosting its first For Students, By Students Town Hall Forum with our local candidates for the WV Legislature on April 11.

### Student Community Service

- **At Home Alternative Spring Break**

- **Make-A-Wish**
  - The [Wishmakers on Campus](#) group hosted a party for Gabe, Piper, and GW. The group continues to raise funds to meet their goal of \$5K.
- **Spring Into Service**
  - During this year's Spring Into Service event, students packaged almost 2,000 eggs for the community Easter Egg hunt and over 100 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for meals on wheels.

### Student Success Center

- **A-Team for Orientation**
  - Interviews for the 2024 A-Team Peer Orientation Leaders are underway with plans to hire our largest A-Team in recent years. A-Teamers will participate in several new orientation events with the opportunity to make connections and support incoming students.
  - The A-Team will be announced on social media near the end of April to assist with orientation promotion for incoming students.
- **Peer Success Leaders**
  - Peer Success Leader (PSL) recruitment for the 2024-2025 academic year is underway. Our 10 PSLs have participated in approximately 10 meetings to support Shepherd students achieve their personal and academic goals. By midterm, approximately 20 office hours were completed by PSLs allowing walk-in students to receive additional peer support.
- **Orientation Planning**
  - The schedule of events for all Orientation sessions for summer 2024 has been published on the Orientation page on Shepherd's website. There will be both a morning and afternoon session on each of the following dates: Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - Orientation representatives attended the Accepted Students Days on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, and Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> to meet accepted students and help them register for orientation sessions in the summer.
  - Plans for five Summer Pop-Up events have also been continually solidified.
- **Shepherd Success Academy**
  - Our Success Coaches continue supporting Fall semester students who ended the semester on Academic Probation and by request.
  - Out of our 42 (SSA) students, Fall-to-Spring persistence was 95% compared to Sample B (non-SSA) at 81%. At midterms this semester, 81% of SSA students are in Good Academic Standing compared to Sample B's 64%.
  - The SSC is working with the Registrar's office to determine SSA students who have successfully applied to graduate this May or December. Success Coaches will be reaching out to offer congratulations and a commemorative SSA pin to wear at Commencement.

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

- **Campus Conversation on Femininity | March 25th | 3-5pm | Blue-Gray Room, Student Center**  
This conversation will continue to explore and unpack gender, gender expression, and intersections of both within society, focused on unpacking femininity, and fostering a platform for dialogue. Participants will have the opportunity to delve into our collective and personal interpretations of femininity, aiming to cultivate a broader, more enriching, and authentic understanding of gender and society.
- **Heritage Hideout: Historical Black Speakeasy Celebration | Friday, February 16, 2024 | 7pm | Student Affinity Center (Former Dining Hall) [heritage hideout flyer.png](#)**  
In the style of a 1920s African American speakeasy, this event was an evening of sharing music, poetry, dance, and an experience of history during the time of the Harlem Renaissance in New York City, known as a time of social and cultural revival of Black literature, music, stage performance, politics, and art. The

event was well attended with 55 marked as attending, including students, employees, and community members. Students prepared non-alcoholic drinks and popcorn for the attendees, while all enjoyed student performances of poetry, dance, music, and song. Feedback from the event was overwhelmingly positive with 100% of respondents reporting feeling a sense of belonging during the event and requesting similar event opportunities to attend in the future.

- **Rustin Film Screening and Civil Rights Discussion: | Monday, February 26, 2024 | 4 pm | Reynolds Hall**  
Shepherd Students, employees, and community members were in attendance for the screening of the film *Rustin*, which chronicles the life of Activist Bayard Rustin, a Civil Rights leader who changed the course of Civil Rights history by orchestrating the 1963 March on Washington, while navigating the intersections of racism and homophobia. After the film, attendees split up into small groups to discuss the film as a reference for understanding the history of the Civil Rights Movement through the experience of Bayard Rustin, engaging in dialogue guided by facilitators asking questions about both similar and different challenges faced today as the movement continues, particularly considering complications of digital literacy. Discussion also focused on Bayard's emphasis on the importance of non-violence in the movement for social change. The conversations ended with a reflection activity, taking what we learned into our own communities to create action for change. 20 participants attended the event, and while the response rate was low for the feedback survey, all respondents indicated that the event was relevant, well-planned, and contributed to a sense of safety and belonging on campus.
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#### **Student Affairs Information Technology (SAIT)**

- Student Affairs has been teaming up with Academic Affairs to track on student needs and wants as well as faculty insight. The most recent surveys have been as follows:
  - Dean and Chair/Director Evaluations
  - Childcare Needs Assessment
  - Course Modality
  - Exit Surveys for Athletics
- Beacon Administrators are working with the Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs to increase the use of Beacon when identifying students who are having attendance concerns as well as viewing midterm grades.
- Social Media Updates
  - This semester, our social media intern has deepened the use of our Instagram and Facebook accounts. Department highlights are scheduled every Monday identifying the most "need to know" information about the department. It is geared toward what the student should know about interacting with this department. We avoid stating information that can be found online.
  - Then on Wednesday and Friday a Instagram and Facebook story goes out to our followers that dives into the "how to's" and key details around a resource, event, or process related to that department.