

Student Affairs BOG Report

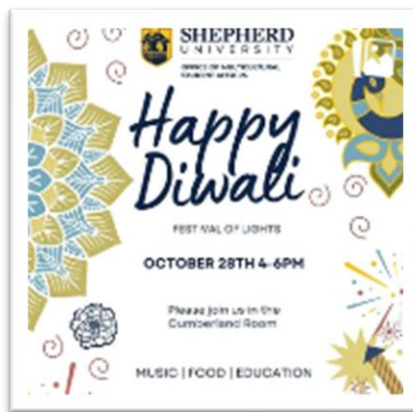
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The below images represent events, programs, and celebrations posted on the Division of Student Affairs' social media accounts. Student Affairs communicates mostly through the Instagram and Facebook platforms.



Student Success Center

- **Shepherd Success Academy (SSA)**
 - As of midterms, the cohort of 31 SSA Students have an average GPA of 2.4 compared to Sample B's average GPA of 1.9. 67% of our SSA students are trending to end the semester in Good Academic Standing, compared to Sample B's 60%. Sample B Students are those who were invited to participate in the program but declined or did not respond to the invitation.
- **Peer Success Leaders**
 - The Student Success Center continues to recruit for the 2024-2025 Peer Success Leaders. The Peer Success Leaders host weekly walk-in hours at the Student Success Center for students needing additional, non-scheduled, support meetings. Nearly 70 hours have been completed this semester. Eight Peer Success Leaders assist with open house events and Student Success programming throughout the semester.
- **Walk-In Hours**
 - As of 10/23 over 30 unique students have utilized Walk-In Hours at the Student Success Center this semester. Walk-ins are defined as students who were referred by staff, faculty, Beacon notifications, and/or from other students.
- **Veterans and International Students Support**
 - New to the Veterans Center this semester is a work study veteran student who staffs the Center 4 days a week. The student's presence this semester has increased usage and resources in the Center.
 - A Pizza Party was planned for Veterans Day (November 11) hosted at the Veterans Center.
 - Alternative Healing Coalition, a group of educators and community members, meet once a month in the Veterans Center to discuss ways to reach out to veterans on campus and in the community by getting them involved in activities. For example, at the beginning of the semester we had a get together at the Tabler Farm. A spring event is in the works at the farm. This will engage/introduce students to what is available at the farm as well as networking with veterans in the community.
 - On October 1 students met to discuss ways to get veteran students to participate in starting the Veterans Organization back up, more details to come in the future.
 - A survey will be going out to Veterans and dependents of veterans within the next couple of weeks to gain feedback about participation in programs
- **International Student:**
 - 29 international students are enrolled for the fall semester. Five international students are currently participating in Optional Practical Training (OPT) where they are working for one year post graduation in their field of study. Two international students are currently participating in Curricular Practical Training (CPT) where they are working part-time in their field of study while attending classes. This must be an integral part of their program for participation.

Student Community Service

- Student Community Services launched their Our Campus Cares Holiday donation on November 1st. Thanksgiving Food baskets for senior citizens in Berkley County, Toy Drive for a low-income neighborhood in Jefferson County, and Angel Tags and Stockings for children across the eastern panhandle will be collected and distributed throughout the holiday season. For more information, visit the Student Community Services website under the Our Campus Cares page.
- The Relay For Life Event Leadership Team came together this month to welcome in a new team of students. The team is diverse this year from students who have never been involved on campus to international students who have never been to Relay. There is new energy and excitement. This year's event will take place on April 12, 2025.
- Student Community Services has been actively promoting and organizing student connections with Shepherdstown Elementary School. This year our focus is to get various academic majors and athletic teams in the school to help lead lessons, engage with students, and build confidence of our youth. During Homecoming,

the men's and women's soccer programs gave a lesson on soccer skills and next month we are working with the Art program to engage our Art Education students.

- The Ram Pantry and Ram Closet has increased their visibility and client visits. In October, we opened up a winter coat closet. The pantry held a Food Drive where employees, students, and community members gave donations of food to pack the shelves.
- Our social media team for the StudentsSU account has been quite successful in engaging students and our college community. On October 23, we saw a 299% increase in Reach and a 31% increase in Content Interaction.