

Student Affairs BOG Report

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



Accessibility Services

- At the end of the Fall 2024 semester, Accessibility Services registered 344 students – the most they’ve ever had.

Dean of Students

- The Dean of Students and Student Life Council (SLC) passed revisions to the Academic Integrity policies and procedures at the end of the Fall 2024 semester. The policies and procedures were shared with the SLC, Faculty Senate, Student Government Association, and Academic Deans for feedback. The new policy expands on definitions of academic integrity, specifically Generative AI while the procedures clarified the steps faculty must take to address an allegation of a violation, as well as

students' rights and responsibilities in responding to a violation. Faculty were provided an Academic Integrity guidebook. The information can be found here as well: [Code of Conduct](#) and [Academic Rights and Responsibilities](#).

Office of Student Activities, Leadership and Fraternity & Sorority Life

- Program Board welcomed students back to campus with a week of events designed to reconnect students to campus life with paint night, bingo, crafts, and more with a total attendance of more than 400 students.
- Student Government Association opened the semester with a spring 2025 Involvement Fair to provide students with opportunities to connect to engagement opportunities and clubs and organizations. The spring semester of SGA Senate meetings will address a variety of topics from proposed fees and tuition to special University initiatives and administrative prioritization.

Student Success Center

- **Peer Success Leaders**
 - o The Student Success Center has 9 Peer Success Leaders available to meet with all Shepherd students. As of December 17, 2024, the Peer Success Leaders completed over 130 office hours and meeting hours combined. Peer Success Leaders complete three office hours per week, which allowed them to serve approximately 20 students outside of regularly scheduled meetings. Approximately 10 students scheduled formal meetings with Peer Success Leaders.
- **Walk-In Hours**
 - o 38 students utilized walk-in hours for the Student Success Center during the Fall 2024 semester. Walk-in hours are available for all Shepherd students and no appointment is required. Walk-in hours are for short-term success coaching and connecting students to additional campus support resources.
 - o Walk-in hours for the Spring 2025 semester are held on Mondays 2-4 pm and Thursdays 9-11 am in the Student Success Center.
- **Beacon Early Alert System**
 - o A joint email from the Beacon team regarding the Beacon Early Alert System was sent to all faculty during the first week of the Spring 2025 semester to share updates, helpful reminders, and strategies to maximize the Beacon experience.
- **Orientation Programming**
 - o Spring Orientation was completed on Friday, January 10, 2025, for 103 students who registered to attend. Of the students who attended, 19 were First Year College Students and 84 were Transfer students. Students and guests participated in sessions for Culture of Respect, Convocation, and an Information Fair staffed by offices from around campus.

Social Equity, Title IX, and Multicultural Student Affair

- The Lunar New Year was held on **January 27 at 3:30pm in the Cumberland Room** of the Student Center. The Lunar New Year is an event celebrated by billions of people across the world on the first new moon of their calendar. Commonly known as the Spring Festival in China, Lunar New Year is a fifteen-day celebration marked by many traditions. At home, families decorate windows with red paper

cuttings and adorn doors with couplets expressing auspicious wishes for the new year. The new year starts on the new moon nearest the midpoint between the winter solstice and the spring equinox (falling on January 29, 2025). The Lunar New Year's Eve reunion dinner is the highlight that kicks off the holiday, a feast with a spread of symbolic dishes, such as a whole fish representing abundance, that brings good luck and fortune. The fifteenth and final day of the holiday is the Lantern Festival, during which people have tangyuan, or sweet glutinous rice balls, and children carry lanterns around the neighborhood at night to mark the end of the celebration. The bright lights of the Lantern Festival celebrate the first full moon after the Lunar New Year. In the Chinese zodiac, 2025 is the year of the snake. Different regions across Asia celebrate Lunar New Year in many ways and may follow a different zodiac.

Student Community Service

- Relay For Life held its annual retreat on January 11, 2025. This year's event will be held on Saturday April 12, 2025, from 12 pm (noon) to 12pm (midnight). The goal is to register 30 teams and over 350 participants. We have currently raised over \$42,000.