

# 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](#)

- Counseling Services facilitated two workshops for the Student Leadership Conference on February 8th. Topics included Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) and Sources of Strength on a College Campus.
- Counseling Services is offering multiple Spring support groups including:
  - Grief and Loss Support Group
  - Happiness Workshop
  - Yoga and Mindfulness
  - Stress Reduction
  - Yoga for Stress Reduction
  - Chronic Health Issues Support Group
- Counseling Services continues to collaborate with Accessibility Services, the Student Health Center, and the Wellness Center for monthly Connection with Counselors outreach tabling events.

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

- Fraternity and Sorority Life, Title IX, Counseling Services sponsored a training for students focused on healthy relationships and consent on Thursday, Feb. 13. More than 120 students attended the panel discussion and training and learned about healthy boundary-setting and communication.
- Fraternity and Sorority Life celebrated Greek Week from March 24-28 with competitions, game shows, a Greek pageant, a penny war to benefit Relay for Life, and a food drive to support the Shepherd Ram Pantry.

### **Student Success Center**

- **Peer Success Leaders**
  - The Student Success Center has nine Peer Success Leaders available to meet with all Shepherd students. As of March 18, 2025, the Peer Success Leaders completed over 115 office hours and meeting hours combined. Peer Success Leaders complete three office hours per week, which allowed them to serve approximately 10 students outside of regularly scheduled meetings. Approximately eight students scheduled formal meetings with Peer Success Leaders.
- **Walk-In Hours**
  - 29 students utilized walk-in hours for the Student Success Center during the Spring 2025 semester. Walk-in hours are available for all Shepherd students and no appointment is required, the hours are Mondays 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM and Thursdays 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM. Walk-in hours are for short-term success coaching and connecting students to additional campus support resources. Walk-in hours are advertised on Student Affairs social media platforms and RamPulse
- **Shepherd Success Academy (SSA)**
  - As of midterm for Spring 2025, our 29 SSA Students (three students were added to the Fall 2024 cohort from the Spring 2025 Cohort) have an average GPA of 2.37 compared to Sample B's average GPA of 2.13. During the first round of SSA invites for the Fall 2025 cohort, over 60 students were invited. We will continue to invite incoming first-time students who have been admitted for Fall 2025 as the semester progresses
- **New Success Coach**
  - The Student Success Center welcomed our newest Success Coach, Hajra Malik in March! There are now four full-time Success Coaches available to support students. Hajra is assisting with SSC programing, the Beacon Early Alert System, and meeting with a cohort of students.
- **Beacon Early Alert System**
  - Data insights in the Beacon Early Alert System were posted for students receiving midterm grades of a D, F, or IF. Success Coaches are using these insights and reached out to 135 students who had a midterm GPA of 0.51 - 1.99 via email and phone to offer additional academic support,

bolster retention efforts, and help students increase their GPA. Students are responding to these reach outs and have scheduled meetings with a success coach.

- As of March 13, 2025, 119 alerts and 605 updates have been posted in the Beacon Early Alert System. The most common categories utilized were class attendance, registration notice, academic performance, and missed assignments.
- **Orientation Programming**
  - This year the Orientation sessions will occur on June 10th (College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences), June 12th (College of STEM and Nursing), and June 17th (College of Business, Recreation, and Education). Transfer sessions will be held on July 11th and August 8th. Additionally, sessions for Current Dual Enrollment Students and for students accepted into the Honors College have been scheduled for late April to early May.
- **A-Team**
  - A-Team applications for the summer positions were open until April 1st. Offers for those positions have been sent out with a deadline of acceptance of April 11th.
- **Orientation Pop-Up Event Planning**
  - This year we are planning on hosting eight unique Pop-Up Events for students to participate in prior to the Fall semester's start.
- **Veterans and International Students Support**
  - As a member of the Veteran's Alternative Healing Coalition, which is made up of campus and community members. The group is co-sponsoring with Blue Ridge CTC Chapter of Student Veterans of America, a S'mores and Hot Cocoa Veterans Social on March 26 at Blue Ridge Community and Technical College.

### Student Community Service

- Ram Pantry supervisors attended a collaborative event at the Presbyterian Church held by Mountaineer Food Bank (MFB) to discuss state legislation and processes around fighting food insecurities across our county and state. We also completed our yearly food handling training and site visit through MFB.
- Ram Pantry and Rams Closet collaborated with Dining Services to host a Wellness Fair in the Riverside Market. Information about campus and local resources were shared with campus and student-staff relations were broadened through valuable conversations. A campus food scarcity survey will also be shared to campus prior to the end of campus to best understand how to serve our student population.