

# Student Affairs BOG Report

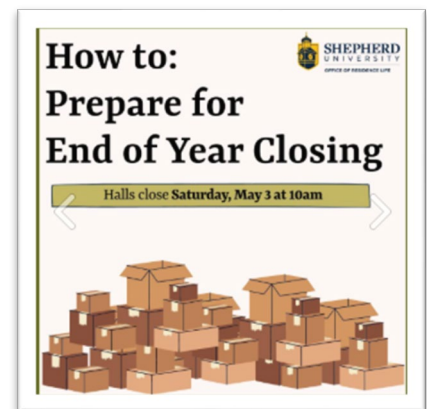
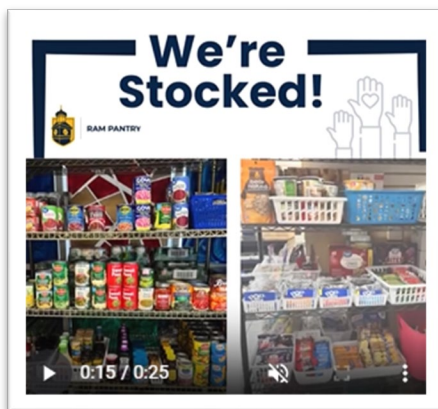
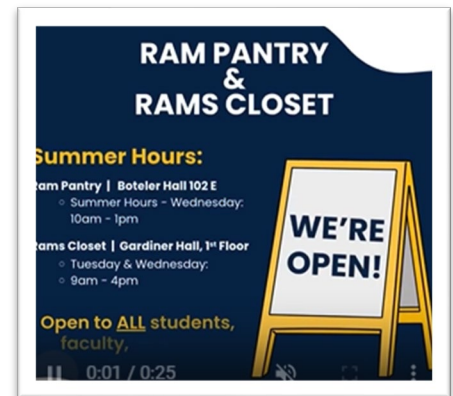
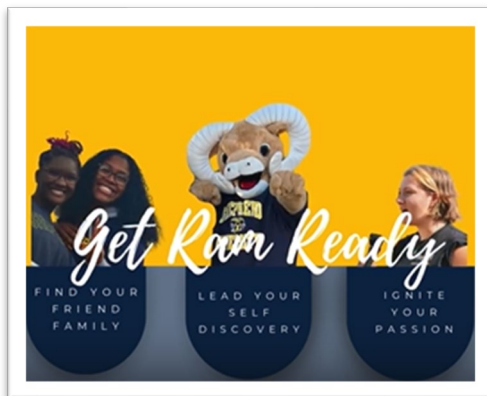
## June 19, 2025

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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.*



## Accessibility Services

- Accessibility Services ended the academic year with a total of 359 registered students.

## Dean of Students

- **BIT:** In AY 2024-2025, BIT responded to 157 students through 96 reports to BIT, the most students ever addressed in BIT. Mental Health crises have been the leading referral cause and have significantly increased over the years. This has led to an increased need for responses, especially from Counseling Services and Residence Life as they are the first points of contact in many of these cases.
- **Student Conduct:** In AY 2024-2025, Student Conduct responded to 247 Code of Conduct violations and updated 5 policies within the Student Code of Conduct: Academic Integrity Policies and Procedures, Active Sports and Micro transportation, Hazing, and ID Cards (all updates can be found in the Student Handbook). All 247 violation processes were completed more efficiently (average of 23.7 days from the time of report to sanctions being completed) than previous years with collaboration efforts between the Dean of Students office and Residence Life staff.

## Counseling Services

- **Sources of Strength:**
  - Shepherd University's Sources of Strength (SOS) program sponsored a Spring Campaign and Bake Sale on April 23rd, 2025. SOS peer and professional advisors engaged students, staff and faculty in identifying their strengths, discussion on wellness promotion, and selling home-made baked goods to support future programming needs. SOS raised over \$350.00 for future programming supplies!
- **Student and Faculty Feedback:**
  - Counseling Services requested feedback from students and faculty in the month of May on department usage and service satisfaction. Information gained through these evaluations will be utilized to inform programmatic improvements. Response rates for both surveys exceeded expectations with approximately 10% return from faculty and 14% return from students who have received direct services in FY 25. Results are in the process of analysis and will be shared in a future report.

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

- **Earth Day Celebrated**
  - Shepherd's beautiful campus is a great place to celebrate Earth Day every day. On April 22, the Program Board hosted a celebration Midway with succulent planting, tote bag painting, and a farm animal petting zoo attended by more than 200 students.
- **Panhellenic Association** assists with Shepherdstown Senior Citizen Prom
  - On April 27, Shepherd's social sororities came together to decorate and volunteer as hosts for the Shepherdstown Shares Social Seniors' "Seniors in Wonderland" prom at the Shepherdstown Community Club. Women from Alpha Sigma Tau, Delta Zeta, and Sigma Sigma Sigma sororities brightened the night for more than 50 senior citizens who enjoyed dancing to classics

and enjoyed a delicious dinner. The intergenerational fellowship was a delight for both the students and the seniors.

- **Midnight Breakfast**

- Student Affairs hosted the Midnight Breakfast event on Sunday, April 27 from 10 pm to Midnight in the Student Center. 267 students enjoyed free food, dancing, and fellowship at this semester's beach-themed event. The Student Affairs staff served as the party hosts while the WSHC spun the tunes and Program Board transformed the Ram's Den into an island getaway for the night while Student Center Games Zone provided free bowling and billiards. Line dancing helped students to release stress and celebrate the completion of another year.

## **Student Success Center**

- **Shepherd Success Academy (SSA)**

- As of finals for Spring 2025, our 29 SSA Students (3 added for the Spring 2025 Cohort) have an average GPA of 2.44 compared to Sample B's average GPA of 1.84. Three rounds of invites have occurred for the 2025 SSA cohort, with over 100 students being invited and out of that, 37 students registered for SSA for the Fall 2025, invites will continue to be sent throughout the summer and engagement from success coaches to increasing the likelihood they remain registered and participate in the Fall.

- **Student Success Center:**

- Nine Peer Success Leaders successfully supported students during the Spring 2025 semester. 12 student meetings were scheduled with Peer Success Leaders, with many more students stopping by the Student Success Center for quick questions during office hours. Peer Success Leaders are required to have three combined office and meetings hours per week, which amounted to 209 office hours completed during the Spring 2025 semester. For the 2024-2025 academic year, Peer Success Leaders completed nearly 350 office hours.
- Weekly Walk-In Hours were hosted at the Student Success Center on Mondays, 2 pm-4 pm and Thursdays, 9 am-11 am. Walk-In Hours are designed to be a short-term success coaching model, and students are not required to make an appointment. For the Spring 2025 semester, 40 students utilized walk-in services. 12 first-year students, 13 Sophomore students, 12 Junior students, and 3 senior students met with a Success Coach during Walk-In Hours, highlighting the reach of this resource.

- **Beacon Early Alert System**

- The Beacon Early Alert System continued to aid student support through timely reach outs and communication with faculty and staff. 48 notations were posted in Beacon, three being alerts and 45 being updates. The most frequently used categories were health and well-being, academic performance, official withdrawal, and connectedness.

- **Orientation Programming**

- Six successful Orientation Sessions were held in June on June 10th, 12th, and 17th. A morning and an afternoon session was held on each date, with each date being dedicated to a specific college. June 10th was for the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, June 12th was for the College of STEM and Nursing, and June 17th was for the College of Business, Recreation, Education, and Exploratory. On each date over 120 students completed their fall schedule, attended the Information Fair where 19 Shepherd University organizations were hosted, and had their questions answered. Additionally, sessions specific for Honors and Dual

Enrollment students were held in April and about 75 students were given priority registration for Fall classes.

- The June A-Team consisted of six students, including two lead summer A-Teamers. The A-Team supported Orientation Programs by attending each Orientation session. They welcomed students and guests, assisted Academic Advisors as needed during registration, and played a large role in ensuring planning and executing Orientation sessions and pop-up events.
- Four successful Pop-Up Events have been held so far this summer. On June 10th, the “Have You ‘Zine’ Your Future” Zine creation event was held in partnership with Accessibility Services. On June 12th, both the DIY Fidget Toy event with Accessibility Services and the Hagerstown Flying Boxcars Baseball event with the Shepherd University Alumni Association were held. On June 17th, the Wellness Retreat in partnership with Counseling Services, Accessibility Services, and Dining Services was held.
- **Veterans and International Students Support**
  - Eight graduation cords were given out to veterans along with nine challenge coins and Robyn King, Veteran, carried the U.S. flag for the commencement ceremony

## Student Community Service

- On May 10, 2025, students who participated in this year's Alternative Spring Break trip collaborated with the commencement committee to sell roses during graduation. This fundraiser brought in over \$800 with support from the Alumni Association.

## Title IX

- Collaborated with EPEC to provide resources for Sexual Assault Awareness Month, including participation in Denim Day on April 30. The 2025 theme for SAAM ["Together We Act, United We Change"](#) highlighted the importance of working together to address and prevent sexual abuse, assault, and harassment. This campaign focused on enhancing public understanding of sexual violence, amplifying the voices of survivors, and empowering us to work together to promote the safety and well-being of others. Everyone in our communities deserves to live in safe and supportive environments where they are treated with respect. When our workplaces, schools, and communities work together to uphold safety and respect, we make progress in preventing sexual abuse, assault, and harassment.
- Attended the annual WV Sexual Violence Prevention summit in Flatwoods, WV from May 14-15, which provided an opportunity to learn, network and build connections to create safer communities and reduce incidents of sexual violence on campus and throughout the state of West Virginia. The conference provided opportunities for networking with other campus representatives and obtaining additional information/resources for youth protection, mandatory reporter obligations, and hazing prevention.