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We're Updating Our Schedule!

Beginning in 2026, this newsletter will move to a quarterly distribution. You'll still get the same great stories, updates, and highlights—now thoughtfully curated and delivered four times a year. Thank you for staying connected with your Ram Fam!

UPCOMING EVENTS

GIVING TUESDAY
SHEPHERD UNIVERSITY

DECEMBER 2, 2025

Join with millions across the globe to raise awareness and support for nonprofits and people who are helping communities by participating in this year's Giving Tuesday! Consider making a gift of any amount to the Shepherd Fund and allow us to continue to position our students and faculty for success as global citizens and leaders.

The Shepherd Fund provides dollars for virtually every aspect of the Shepherd University experience, and donations to this fund are more vital now than ever.

[Donate Online](#)

Spring 2026 Events

Inspiring Excellence: Investing in Women's Athletics

Thursday, February 5 at 5:30 p.m.

Storer Ballroom, 3rd floor, Student Center

More details and formal invitations to come.

Basketball Alumni Day

Saturday, February 7

butcher Center, Starkey Skybox

Full details including times and RSVP form to come.

Professional Connections Day

Wednesday, February 11 at 11 a.m.

Student Center

Full details to come and outreach to alumni professional to present breakout session topics to start soon.

ONEShepherd: Day Of Giving

Wednesday, March 4 - All Day

Online

The ONEShepherd Day of Giving is a 24-hour celebration of community and philanthropy at Shepherd University. Our goal is to come together as a University and inspire alumni, students, staff, faculty, donors, parents, and friends to support the causes at Shepherd University. More details to come!

Third Annual SUAA Legacy Gala for Scholarships

Friday, March 13 (tentative) at 6 p.m.

Location TBD

Full details, formal invitations, and RSVP link coming soon.

Full List of SUAA Upcoming Events



ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS



October Highlight - Eric '95 & Joy '91 Lewis

Eric and Joy Lewis are the October Alumni Highlight and our 2025 Outstanding Alumni of the Year! They have dedicated their professional lives, volunteer service, and personal passions to advancing Shepherd University and the Eastern Panhandle community. Read their full story [here](#).

November Highlight - Hannah Brumbaugh '18, CSDA '20

Hannah Brumbaugh is the November Alumni Highlight and was just named a 2025 Finest Under 40! After graduation, Hannah's dedication to Shepherd has never wavered. Read Hannah's story [here](#).



LET US KNOW WHO WE SHOULD HIGHLIGHT NEXT!



RAMS FIRST BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT



Meet Joseph Hooks '08, this quarter's Rams First Business Highlight. He is the founder of 480 Club LLC and a true pillar of his community. Joseph is a decorated leader whose work is rooted in service, advocacy, and empowerment.

Read more about Joseph and 480 Club [here](#).

Are you an alumni business owner? [Check out the Rams First Initiative!](#)

MEMBERSHIP & BENEFITS



Discover all of the perks of being part of the Ram Fam!

CAMPUS NEWS

WISH Awards \$145,000 in Grants to Shepherd Programs and Area Nonprofits

Women Investing in Shepherd (WISH), a women's giving circle sponsored by the Shepherd University Foundation, presented four grants totaling \$145,000 to two Shepherd University programs and two community nonprofits. [Read more about the 2025 recipients.](#)

Shepherd Names Thompson Dean of the College of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Nursing

Shepherd University has appointed Dr. Richard J. Thompson, Jr. as dean of the College of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Nursing (STEMN). He will begin his role when the spring semester starts in January 2026. [Find out more about Dr. Thompson.](#)

Shepherd University Provost Selected for National Leadership Program

Shepherd University Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Jack DeRochi is among 26 higher education leaders selected to be part of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) 2025 Academy for New Provosts. [Learn more about the academy.](#)

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ATHLETIC HEADLINES

[Tyson Bagent Initiative](#)

[Shepherd Trio Named PSAC 75th Anniversary Distinguished Keystones](#)

[Shepherd Volleyball Winning Continues; Hoekstra Hits 200 Wins](#)

On November 1, we celebrated the 70th anniversary of Shepherd's 1955 undefeated football team! Members of the team gathered before the game to reminisce over coffee and pastries, and were recognized on the field between the first and second quarters.

We were thrilled to welcome back three incredible representatives of that historic team — Jimmy Omps '57 (team trainer), Paul "Soupy" Hillyard '58, and Neville "Bunny" Leonard '59.



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