



ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION
SHEPHERD UNIVERSITY

RAM REVIEW

FEBRUARY 2026

EVENTS & GATHERINGS

Day of Giving

Wednesday, March 4 - All Day

[Online](#)

The Day of Giving is a 24-hour celebration of community and philanthropy at Shepherd University. This year, we're inviting our Ram Family to support The Shepherd Fund, a fund that touches every corner of campus. Gifts to The Shepherd Fund provide critical support for scholarships, academic and cultural programs, faculty development, athletics, and campus improvements that benefit students every day.

Annual SW Florida Regional Community Alumni Gathering

Sunday, March 8, 2 p.m.

Duffy's Sports Grill (21253 Stoneybrook Golf Blvd. Estero, FL 33928)

Organized and hosted by SW Florida Ambassadors Pamela Link Wilmer '69 and John Wilmer. For questions, contact Pam at 304-671-3614.

Fourth Annual SUAA Legacy Gala for Scholarships

Friday, March 13, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Shepherd Dining Hall - upper floor (East Campus Loop)

Join fellow alumni for an unforgettable evening of music, connection, and philanthropy in support of the Shepherd University Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship Fund. The evening will begin with a cocktail reception featuring beer and wine service, followed by a plated dinner accompanied by live music. [RSVP here](#).

Sans Merci 50th Anniversary Celebration

Thursday, April 16, 6 - 8 p.m.

Marinoff Theater

Sans Merci is an award-winning annual magazine, founded in 1976, featuring works of writing and art, and entirely run, by Shepherd students in the Department of English and Modern Languages and the Department of Contemporary Art and Theater.

McMurrin Scholars 65th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, April 25, 5 - 8 p.m.

Shepherd Dining Hall - upper floor (East Campus Loop)

Join us for a special dinner reception to celebrate 65 years of the McMurrin Scholars award! Formal invitations and RSVP link to come.

SAVE THE DATE! - SUAA Hagerstown Flying Boxcars Mixer

Friday, June 19, 5:30 p.m.

Meritus Park - Hagerstown

More information about the 2026 SUAA Hagerstown Flying Boxcars Bullpen Mixer to come! **RSVPs will be required.** Be on the lookout for more information via social media and our upcoming events webpage!

EXPLORE UPCOMING EVENTS

MEMBERSHIP & BENEFITS



You journey at Shepherd University doesn't end after graduation, it's just the beginning of lifelong connections. Whether you're expanding your professional network, staying informed about campus news, or reconnecting with friends, the Alumni Association is here to keep you engaged and inspired.

BECOME A MEMBER

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

Ray Alvarez '62

Upon retiring to Shepherdstown, Ray became one of the University's most dedicated alumni leaders. He lectured in classrooms, mentored business students, and worked tirelessly to raise funds for scholarships, faculty excellence, and campus priorities.

[Read Ray's story.](#)





Daniel Sweeney '17

Daniel is a Member and Audit Director at Decker & Company. His journey with the firm began during his time at Shepherd, when an internship opportunity led to the career he now describes as "a dream come true."

[Read Daniel's story.](#)

Katie Warehime '09 with Laura Harkins Kelly '08

We're excited to introduce our first-ever podcast-style Alumni Highlight! Katie Swayne, director of alumni affairs, and Randy Friend, president of the Shepherd University Alumni Association, sat down with alumni Katie Warehime and Laura Kelly for an engaging conversation about their experiences and journeys.

Watch the full interview and read transcript [here.](#)



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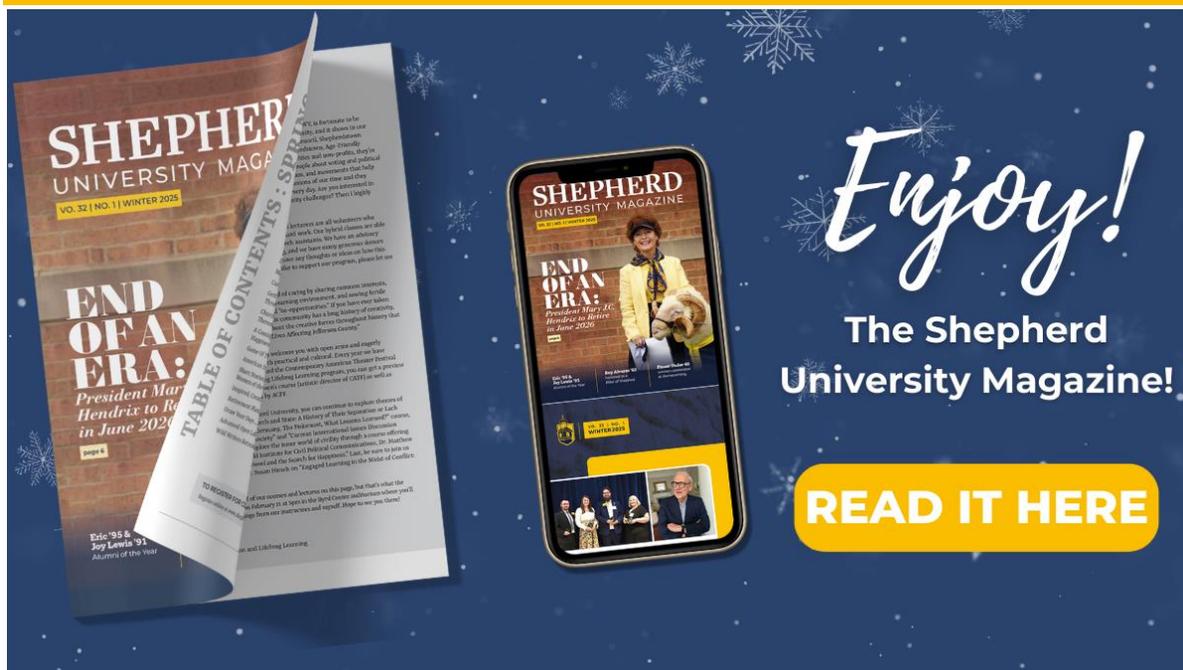
Rams First Business Highlight - Paula Jackson '82

Paula Jackson '82 blends a career of service with a passion for entrepreneurship. Read how Proud Peacock Boutique became her newest way to uplift and connect with her community.

Read more about Paula and Proud Peacock Boutique [here.](#)

CHECK OUT RAMS FIRST

CAMPUS & RAMS NEWS



Shepherd University Board of Governors Welcomes Omps-Botteicher and Snyder as Newest Members

Bernard Lee Snyder and Lara Omps-Botteicher were sworn in during the regular Shepherd University Board of Governors meeting on December 18. [Get to know the new members.](#)

Shepherd Names Pérez Assistant Provost for Student Academic Enrichment

In this role, Dr. Michelle Pérez will provide collaborative leadership and strategic direction for student academic support, career readiness, and enrichment programs. [Read more about Dr. Pérez.](#)

Shepherd University Appoints Tashana Curtis as Registrar

As registrar, Curtis will oversee academic records, registration, and related services essential to student success and institutional integrity. [Read more about Ms. Curtis.](#)

Shepherd University Joins the Rachel Carson Campus Network

Shepherd University has joined the Rachel Carson Campus Network (RCCN), a national coalition of colleges and universities dedicated to expanding student engagement in environmental advocacy, public health, and climate justice. [Find out more about the partnership.](#)

Professor to Present on AI Applications for Agriculture

Dr. Brooke Comer, a professor of sustainable agriculture at Shepherd University, will present on the practical use of artificial intelligence in agriculture at the "Introduction to AI for Agriculture: Harnessing AI to Help Small Farms Flourish" workshop in Hillsboro, Virginia on Tuesday, February 17. [Learn more about this project and Shepherd Agriculture Innovation Center.](#)

Fifteen Shepherd Student-Athletes Named to Inaugural PSAC Academic All-Conference Team

The new honor was created to increase academic recognition for high-achieving student-athletes, which was a priority for the Conference's membership highlighted in its most recent Strategic Plan. Read about the [requirements and who was selected.](#)

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