



ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION
SHEPHERD UNIVERSITY

RAM REVIEW

MAY 2026



EVENTS & GATHERINGS

SUAA Regional Alumni Mixer – Hagerstown Flying Boxcars
Friday, June 19, 2026
6 p.m.
Meritus Park – home of the Flying Boxcars

You are invited to join the Shepherd Alumni Association at Meritus Park for a Flying Boxcars game in the MICH ULTRA POWER ALLEY PUB!

This event is FREE but [RSVPs are required](#)! Alumni and their families are welcome.

Tickets include entry to the game with a reserved space in right field, one meal and one drink voucher per guest. **Everyone who registers by MAY 27 will receive a free co-branded Shepherd/Boxcars hat! The RSVP portal will close as of June 8.**

[EXPLORE ALL UPCOMING EVENTS](#)

MEMBERSHIP & BENEFITS

One of the best parts about being a Shepherd alum is knowing you're always a part of the Ram Fam, and the Alumni Association is here to keep you connected! Purchasing a membership is a simple way to stay connected, support campus activities and initiatives, and keep our Ram network strong.

The 2026-2027 cycle is now open for [renewal!](#)



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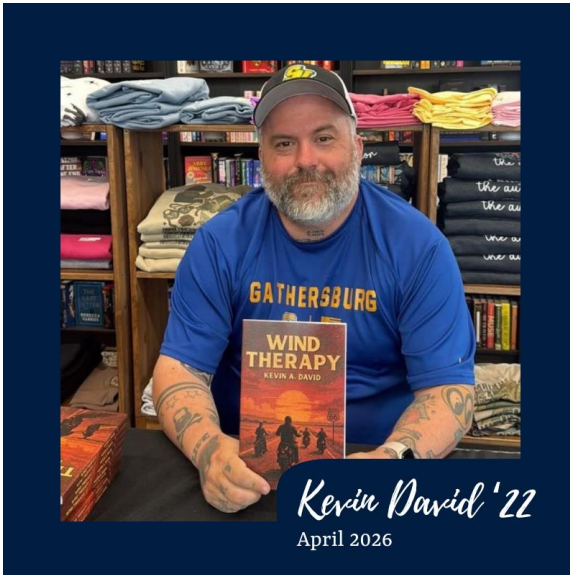
ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

March 2026 - Ryan Baxter '06

From clarinet performance major to shaping global education in China, Ryan proves you never know where your Shepherd journey might lead. After discovering his passion for working with young children, Ryan changed his major to elementary education and hasn't looked back. Today, he serves as the director of academic innovation and pedagogy at Avenues: The World School in Shenzhen, encouraging students to take bold changes along the way.

[Watch his full interview.](#)





April 2026 - Kevin David '22

Kevin shares the inspiration behind his debut novel, *Wind Therapy*, and reflects on his journey from student to special education teacher and first-time author. Drawing heavily from his own experiences as a Marine Corps veteran navigating PTSD and mental health challenges, Kevin crafted a story centered on a VA therapist who takes a group of veterans on a cross-country motorcycle trip in search of healing and purpose.

[Watch his interview.](#)

May 2026 - Jaelyn Wratchford '22, MBA '24

Community leadership has been at the heart of Jaelyn's journey from the very beginning. From organizing voter registration through her high school INSPIRE club and volunteering in local schools, to championing youth development as the 2021 Miss West Virginia, Jaelyn has consistently turned passion into impact. Today, she continues that mission as a Ranson City Councilperson, a Jefferson High School volleyball coach, and a strong advocate for health and wellbeing. Jaelyn truly embodies the power of Shepherd University alumni to lead, serve, and inspire.

[Watch her full interview.](#)



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Rams First Business Highlight - Nicole Chalmers '16

Meet Nicole Chalmers '16, founder of Sun & Hon, a Baltimore-based creative studio bringing brands to life through illustration, web design, and expressive visual identity. With over a decade of experience and a passion for color, strategy, and collaboration, Nicole helps businesses spark ideas and turn them into something unforgettable.

Read more about Nicole and her creative endeavors [here](#).

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CAMPUS & RAMS NEWS



The connections, memories, and pride we share don't end after graduation.

Following the 153rd Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 9, the Shepherd University Alumni Association proudly welcomes and congratulates the Class of 2026. Once a Ram, Always a Ram!

Communications and New Media Students Launch shepTV

Shepherd University's Department of Communications and New Media celebrated the new student-run television station on campus. The official launch party, held on April 8, highlighted the new station that serves as a hands-on learning lab for broadcast and digital media students. [Click here to tune in.](#)

Art Students Brighten Agricultural Innovation Center Through Collaborative Public Art Project

Shepherd University art students have partnered with the University's Agricultural Innovation Center at Tabler Farm to create a series of hand-painted artwork now

displayed throughout the site's 158-acre agricultural property. [Click here to see the students' work.](#)

Peace Corps Prep Students Recognized for Service Readiness

Eight Shepherd University students have earned the Peace Corps Prep Certificate. Students completed a rigorous program designed to prepare them for international service and careers in global engagement. [Read more about Peace Corp prep.](#)

Shepherd University's Agricultural Innovation Center at Tabler Farm Dedicates Wilmoth Agricultural Learning Hub

On Monday, April 20, Shepherd University dedicated the new Wilmoth Agricultural Learning Hub at Tabler Farm, part of the University's Agricultural Innovation Center at Tabler Farm, in honor of Paul Wilmoth '74. [Read more about Paul's contributions to Shepherd.](#)

Shepherd and WVU Medicine Partner for Aspiring Nurses Program

Shepherd University has entered into a partnership with WVU Medicine Berkeley Medical Center and Jefferson Medical Center to expand the WVU Medicine Aspiring Nurses Program. The partnership will strengthen their shared commitment to growing the next generation of nurses and supporting workforce development across the Eastern Panhandle and the surrounding region. The program is designed to connect students with WVU Medicine's facilities early in their education while helping them gain a deeper understanding of the nursing profession and the many career pathways available in healthcare. [Learn more about the program.](#)

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