



AUGUST 2026

EVENTS & GATHERINGS

Family Day & Military Appreciation Day - Alumni Welcome Tables

Saturday, September 12

10 a.m.

East & West Ram Stadium Entrances

Join us for Family Day combined with Military Appreciation Day! Be sure to stop by the Alumni Association tables at both entrances to sign up for your SUAA Membership, get some info about all of our great programs and events, and a FREE GIFT!

Athletic Hall of Fame Breakfast

Saturday, September 19

9 a.m.

Storer Ballroom - Student Center, 3rd floor

Join us as we celebrate the rich history of Shepherd Athletics and induct four new members to the Shepherd University Athletic Hall of Fame. The Induction Class of 2026 includes Chris Pratt, Men's Tennis, Erin Phelan Ziemba, Women's Lacrosse, Deante Steele, Football and Brantley Osborne, Men's Basketball.

Tickets are \$40 per person for breakfast only, or add on a game ticket at \$50 per person. [RSVP here!](#)



Come Home this Fall!

Cheer on your Shepherd University Rams as we take on the Bloomsburg University Huskies!

Kick off your Saturday morning with us:

- Alumni Breakfast on McMurrin Hall Lawn — 9 a.m.
- Homecoming Parade down German Street — 10 a.m.
- Game vs. Bloomsburg at Ram Stadium — Noon
- Post-Game Gather at Panagiota's Taste of Greece — after the game until 7 p.m.

Plus many more additional activities throughout the week. Find more information [here](#).

EXPLORE ALL UPCOMING EVENTS

MEMBERSHIP & BENEFITS

JOIN OR RENEW TODAY for the 2026-2027 cycle!

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.



BECOME A MEMBER

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

June 2026 - Aly Nazarok '22, '24

From her time as a student-athlete and leader on campus to her current role helping individuals and families navigate housing and financial challenges, Aly continues to make a meaningful impact in her community. She also stays connected to Shepherd by teaching and mentoring students. Her advice? Don't be afraid to show up—and trust that everything will work out.

[Watch her full interview.](#)



Aly Nazarok '22, '24
June 2026



Justin Arner '09
July 2026

July 2026 - Justin Arner '09

From Shepherd University's MedStep Program to serving as a physician for the Pittsburgh Steelers and the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Team, Dr. Justin Arner's journey is a testament to the power of mentorship, hard work, and community. Justin shares how Shepherd helped shape his career, the importance of building meaningful relationships, and what it's like working with elite athletes around the world.

[Watch his interview.](#)

August 2026 - Mike '21 & '23, Molly '23 & '24, & Maddy '25 & '26 McCook

From growing up on the sidelines of Shepherd Football to building careers and businesses of their own, Mike, Molly, and Maddy McCook are carrying the Ram spirit forward. Mike now serves as Shepherd Athletics' Coordinator for External Relations, while Molly and Maddy have turned their entrepreneurial dreams into reality with Lightsome Coffee in Hagerstown.

Their story is one of family, community, hard work, and making the most of every opportunity Shepherd has to offer. Read more about how these alumni are creating an impact both on campus and beyond.

[Watch their full interview.](#)



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Rams First Business Highlight - Meredith Moore '88

A 1988 graduate of Shepherd College, Meredith M. Moore has spent nearly four decades building a successful career as an entrepreneur. In 2018, she and her husband, J. Kelly Moore, launched Kelly Moore Sheds & Marketplace in Williamsport, Maryland, combining their shared passion for customer service, quality craftsmanship, and community engagement.

Read more about Meredith and her business [here](#).

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CAMPUS & RAMS NEWS



Be Featured in Shepherd University Magazine

Have exciting personal or professional news to share? Whether you've started a new job, earned a promotion, received an award, gotten engaged or married, welcomed a new family member, or reached another meaningful milestone, we'd love to celebrate with you.

Submissions are now being accepted for the Winter 2026 issue of *Shepherd University Magazine*. Share your update for inclusion in the **Shepherd Students Succeed** section and help fellow Rams stay connected to your story.

[Submit your news online](#), or reach out to Katie Swayne, Director of Alumni Affairs, at kswayne@shepherd.edu with questions.

Shepherd University Alumni Association Announces 2026 Alumni Award Recipients

The Shepherd University Alumni Association will honor David Decker '89 as the 2026 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year and recognize Justin Arner '09, Alex Lemley '10, and Brooklyn Vetter '14 as the newest members of its Finest Under 40. The honorees will be celebrated during the 2026 Alumni Awards Reception on Thursday, October 15, from 6–8pm in the University's Storer Ballroom.

[Read more...](#)





Shepherd Adds Four to Athletic Hall of Fame

The Shepherd University Athletic Hall of Fame will induct four new members on Saturday, September 19, at the annual induction ceremony at the Storer Ballroom on the Shepherd campus. Football player Deante Steele '11 joins Erin Phelan Ziemba '16 (women's lacrosse), Chris Pratt '14 (men's tennis), and Brantley Osborne '15 (men's basketball) as the 40th class to be inducted. The "fabulous four" brings the total number of inductees in the Shepherd Athletic Hall of Fame to 177.

[Read more...](#)

Just in time for kickoff - Shepherd Select Double Oak Bourbon is ready for game day!

Mark September 5th on your calendars, Ram Fans! Shepherd University and Devil's Due Distillery are proud to introduce their first-ever Double Oak Bourbon release.

Crafted from a blend of corn, rye, and malt, this premium bourbon was aged for five years in toasted and charred American white oak barrels before being finished in a second set of new oak barrels, creating a rich, complex flavor with exceptional depth in every sip.



A significant portion of every bottle sold directly supports Shepherd University, making it the perfect gift, keepsake, or tailgating companion for alumni, family, fans, and friends.

Look for bottles at the distillery, local spirits shops, and soon in the new Devil's Due online store. Visit www.devilsduedistillery.com to learn more and join their mailing list.

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