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*Shepherd captures inaugural  
Mountain East Conference football title*

*'Success comes to those who seek it'*

## Vanessa Rees '08 finds success in NYC as a photographer

After graduating from Shepherd, photographer VANESSA REES '08 went to New York City where she completed her master's degree and started work at a 9-to-5 job—and hated it. She needed a creative outlet. So after work she would pick up her camera and shoot into the night and write a blog featuring her photos, VK Rees Photography. She built a following which led to freelance jobs, and eight months later she was able to quit her job and now runs her photography company VK Rees.

The freelance food and still life photographer's client list includes Don Julio tequila, Chipotle, Midnight Moon, Gwyneth Paltrow's blog Goop, Isa Chandra, Ma Ze Dahr Bakery, and *Saveur* and *Vegnews* magazines. She won *Saveur* magazine's Best Food Blog Award for Best Photography and was nominated for Framed Awards' Best Food Photographer.

"The goal is to find photography that complements, uses the aesthetic, and tells the story," she said and often works with a food stylist and prop stylist to make that happen. "I make sure the client and I are on the same page and that we have an understanding of where they're coming from and what their voice is."

Rees credits social media with growing her audience and clients contacting her for jobs. She said she does not do any other marketing and that all her jobs come through her blog. And whether she is shooting sugar-dusted cookies for holiday cards or fresh salads for a cookbook, she finds satisfaction in making beautiful things.

"It's a fun job trying to make something fun to look at, good to look at, something you like," she said. "Food is about so much more than food itself — it's about who you're with, who taught you the recipe."

Growing up in Blacksburg, Virginia, she admits she wasn't a good student and preferred hanging out in the art room to her scheduled classes but decided in her junior year to focus on long-term goals and began to look for colleges.

She said she fell in love with Shepherd after visiting campus. "The town was charming and the classes were the right sizes, so I applied, and I was rejected. It was terrible," she said. "I was devastated because I knew I wanted to come to Shepherd, and I knew it was the right place for me."

Just before her high school graduation, her application was reconsidered, and she was accepted.

"Thankfully, because I came here and I met my boyfriend of eight years and all my best friends," she said. "But most importantly I got a kick-ass education that totally set me on my career path."

Rhonda Smith, chair of the Department of Contemporary Art and Theater, said Rees approaches her life, work, and education with openness and a willingness to meet all challenges. She remembers her required senior exhibit.

"Success comes to those who seek it and Vanessa Rees sought it," Smith said. "She was seeking success even as a student. She didn't wait for opportunities to find her, she went looking for people and places where she could have a chance to demonstrate her abilities, build her résumé and learn within a professional context."

Rees said she received an amazing education at Shepherd. "I went to New York afterward, and I was just amazed at how



Photo courtesy Vanessa Rees

Vanessa Rees '08

people who went to some of the top art colleges didn't know more than I did. I got a top-notch education for like a tenth of the price," she said.

Rees returned to Shepherdstown from Brooklyn in early December 2013 to talk to a group of photography students about her work and career.

"As a graduate of our program, she reaffirms Shepherd University as a creative incubator that has helped launch students into productive and rewarding lives," Smith said.

Rees said when she thought about what to talk about she remembered her time as a student at Shepherd and what she would have liked to have known. She told the audience that it is possible to make a secure living as a freelance photographer and explained the steps to getting there.

"Never stop photographing," she said. "And then put your stuff on social media and then, I swear, it will happen. I'm not kidding."

See Rees's portfolio at [www.vanessarees.com](http://www.vanessarees.com) and read her blog at [www.vkreephphotography.com](http://www.vkreephphotography.com). — Carolyn Wilkie



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## From the President

### The value of athletics

If you visit Shepherd's campus on a lovely spring or fall day, you will see and hear the sights and sounds of athletics. Fans are cheering, referee whistles are blowing, bats are cracking, and speakers are blaring with musical selections tailored to the players. The energy of competition infuses the campus with vibrancy



Gary Kable

Dr. Suzanne Shipley

and adds to the excitement of learning and living on campus. The students involved in team and intramural programs, either participating in them or engaged as fans, learn from this aspect of campus life as well.

Athletics play a role in human development. Student-athletes learn discipline and develop maturity as coaches shape and perfect character. A coach's positive interactions with each player will follow that player through life. Discipline and the ability to focus

are developed in those who might not be interested in college. Competitive Division II athletic programs may attract and retain young males at a higher level than institutions without them; women may rise to leadership roles on teams that can help them transition with confidence to similar roles off the court or field.

In addition, students competing on college teams develop healthy habits and learn the joy of exercise and competition.

Shepherd is proud to be part of NCAA Division II athletics. Division II does not benefit significantly from media revenues; it focuses on a personal payoff rather than a financial one. Division II stresses academic achievement and service to the campus and community, while providing thousands of students at some 300 colleges and universities the opportunity to compete at the collegiate level. This life balance has graduation as its ultimate goal.

I appreciate the faculty and staff members who work so diligently throughout the academic year in dealing with student-athletes' absences due to travel across our newly formed Mountain East Conference for games in West Virginia, Virginia, and Ohio.

Sports make Shepherd special—they change the intensity and flavor of the school year and buoy campus spirit. In the fall the campus is abuzz with activity: the marching band is practicing for halftime performances, team buses are loading up and heading out to games, the excitement of students, faculty, and staff is palpable. As the spring semester gets underway, everyone is full of anticipation for the spring sports season to begin, even in the face of the playing fields being snow covered as they were this February when women's lacrosse was slated to begin (luckily, the sun and some snow removal did the trick).

The Shepherd community is proud of the success of our 12 Division II sports teams, and even prouder of the student-athletes who represent Shepherd on campus, on the road, in the community, and in their post-Shepherd lives as alumni. Go Rams! ☺

## Commencement speaker announced

Dr. Emir Kamenica, professor of economics at the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business, will be the speaker at Shepherd's 141st Commencement Saturday, May 10. He also will be awarded an honorary doctorate.

Judge GINA GROH '86, U.S. District Court, Northern District of West Virginia, will be the President's Award recipient.

Kamenica, a refugee from the war in the former Yugoslavia, earned a scholarship to Harvard University, where he graduated with an A.B. in applied mathematics and a Ph.D. in economics.

Kamenica's academic career has been in the department of economics at the Booth School of Business at the University of Chicago, where he is a tenured full professor at the age of 36. His research is in behavioral economics and applied microeconomics and has touched on analysis of a wide range of topics including the nature of suspense and surprise, the dilemmas of consumer choice, dating preferences, placebo effects, and voting behavior.

Judge Gina Groh was nominated by President Obama in 2011 to fill the seat on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia that had been vacant since 2006. Groh had been appointed in 2006 to a newly created judgeship in the state's 23rd Judicial Circuit by then-Governor Joe Manchin and was re-elected to a full term in 2008, presiding over cases in both Berkeley and Morgan counties.

Prior to becoming a judge, Groh spent nine years as a litigation associate at firms in Martinsburg and Washington, D.C., and later served as an assistant prosecuting attorney in Berkeley and Jefferson counties for more than eight years. She earned her juris doctor degree from the WVU College of Law and currently serves on the board of directors of the Shepherd University Alumni Association. ☺

## Strategic Alliance Partnership program offers discounted tuition at Martinsburg Center

Shepherd's Martinsburg Center offers a partnership agreement with local businesses that enables the employees of partnership members to take courses at the Martinsburg Center at a possible savings of up to 25 percent off the current tuition for in-state and out-of-state students. Regardless of where the business is located, the Strategic Alliance Partnership can help businesses provide the benefit of education to their employees. To date, 21 tri-state businesses and agencies have signed on to take advantage of the tuition breaks for their employees taking classes at the Martinsburg Center.

"This is a great opportunity for employees of Strategic Alliance Partnership member organizations who are thinking about expanding their skills or continuing their education," said Jim Klein, director of the Shepherd's Martinsburg Center. "Education and training are investments that an organization can use to demonstrate that it values its employees. Best of all, the partnership can be created at no cost to the employer. It's a benefit that an organization can use to recruit and retain employees."

The Martinsburg Center, located in the Berkeley Commons building at 261 Aikens Center just off Edwin Miller Boule-

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## Shepherd to offer special education endorsement at Martinsburg Center

Shepherd University has been approved to offer the master of arts in curriculum and instruction, multi-categorical special education degree and the multi-categorical special education endorsement by the West Virginia Department of Education. The multi-categorical special education endorsement will prepare teachers to teach students with specific learning disabilities, emotional/behavioral disabilities, and intellectual disabilities, thereby creating teachers who are knowledgeable of learners with exceptionalities and their diverse needs.

The new degree program and endorsement will enable teachers to meet the requirements of the West Virginia Department of Education and West Virginia Policy 2419 and 5202, which mandate initial teacher certification for the delivery of special education courses and that teachers must be “highly qualified” to work with these students. One way educators can accomplish this in West Virginia is through an endorsement in special education. The five courses in Shepherd’s multi-categorical special education program will fulfill the state requirement. All courses for the special education endorsement are offered at Shepherd’s Martinsburg Center, conveniently located just off I-81 (exit 16E).

Offered in a cohort style, the endorsement program will enhance teachers’ ability to collaborate with professionals and families, a vital part of the special education profession. Students taking the five courses to receive their special education endorsement must have already received their initial licensure in either elementary or secondary education in one of five content areas: social studies, math, English, science, or biology. In addition to completing the five required courses, students must pass the Praxis II test and complete a field placement experience.

The completion of the endorsement may also lead to a master of arts in curriculum and instruction with a specialization (concentration) in multi-categorical special education. The M.A. degree in curriculum and instruction is a 33-credit hour program of study, where the students complete 15 credits in educational pedagogy and 15 credits in a discipline-specific content area. The program culminates with a capstone and thesis course and comprehensive examination.

For more information about the program, tuition discounts and more, visit the Martinsburg Center webpage at [martinsburgcenter.info](http://martinsburgcenter.info) or contact the graduate program coordinator Dr. Belinda Mitchell at [bmitchel@shepherd.edu](mailto:bmitchel@shepherd.edu) for more information. ☛

## Ellzey named W.Va. Professor of the Year first runner-up

Dr. Mary Elizabeth “Betty” Ellzey, professor of English, was named first runner-up for the West Virginia Humanities Council’s 2013 Faculty Merit Foundation Professor of the Year in March.

Ellzey, who is chair of the Department of English and Modern Languages, specializes in Old and Middle English language and literature and Medieval and Renaissance drama.

“I am definitely very honored,” she said.

Ellzey joined Shepherd’s faculty in 1989 and likes that the small size of the school allows her to get to know both students and faculty. She said she loves teaching and working with students.

“I just love teaching in general, but I especially like introducing students to early literature, Medieval, Renaissance, Shakespeare,” she said.

Ellzey is also the director of The Rude Mechanicals and



Carolyn Wilkie

Dr. Betty Ellzey

Medieval and Renaissance Players, a theater company performing Medieval and Renaissance drama, which she created 15 years ago in her Medieval literature class. The troupe has performed across the country and in Europe.

“I think the best way to learn about drama is by being somehow involved with the performing of drama,” she said. “I’m very interested in hearing the students’ voices and in the way they can express themselves in a theatrical production.”

Dow Benedict, dean of the School of Arts and Humanities, said he feels fortunate to have Ellzey as a faculty member, chair, and role model for other faculty.

“She has equally earned a reputation as a very demanding teacher, but experience has taught me that the majority of demanding teachers also demand, and give, a great deal of themselves. That is certainly the case with Dr. Ellzey,” he said. “Having Dr. Ellzey named as a finalist pleases me greatly. She is a wonderful representative of the quality of faculty at Shepherd.”

Ellzey earned her bachelor’s degree from Carnegie-Mellon University, her master’s degree from the University of Pittsburgh, and her doctorate in Old and Middle English language and literature from the Catholic University of America.

Previous winners from Shepherd include Dr. Ed Snyder, Dr. Sylvia Shurbutt, and Dr. Linda Tate and previous finalists are Dr. Scott Beard, Dr. Laura Clayton, and Dr. Jerry Thomas.

☛ Carolyn Wilkie



## Hively tells Shepherd's history through archival photo book

**D**r. Dorothy E. Hively, associate professor of special education and director of disability support services at Shepherd, has written the book *Shepherd University*. Part of Arcadia Publishing's Campus History Series, the book tells the story of Shepherd University from its beginning in 1871 through photographs.

"It features a historic overview," Hively said, "beginning with all the early presidents and activities, and then moves on to the students, buildings, athletics, and what has happened here over time, written through the lens of teacher education since Shepherd began as a normal school."

Hively said she thought to write the book after seeing a display of similar books about the history of Shepherdstown and surrounding towns in the Shepherd bookstore in 2012. She gathered photographs and stories from the Scarborough Library archives, Office of University Communications, and alumni.

Using the publisher's template allowed for a prescribed number of photographs, which Hively found the most challenging aspect of the process. She said she sifted through more than 500 photographs and had to scan nearly every one.

"To get the essence of Shepherd in a brush stroke, that's hard when you're trying to get more than 100 years in and do justice to the place," she said.

While researching the book, Hively learned that early on students from West Virginia attended Shepherd for free, that in 1903 the seventh principal of the school left with his family in the middle of the night after he forced a female faculty member to resign based on an anonymous accusation of criminal activity of which she was innocent, and that in 1925 the storytelling club had a "Good English" box in which they collected for amusement examples of misused grammar heard around campus.



Carolyn Wilkie

Dr. Dorothy E. Hively

"There are a lot of interesting history stories that come out of this that I learned along the way that made me appreciate Shepherd even more," she said.

The book, funded by the Shepherd University Foundation and the Office of the President, is available at the Shepherd University bookstore ([www.shepherdbook.com](http://www.shepherdbook.com)), local bookstores, and online booksellers. All proceeds from the book will benefit Shepherd students. ♡ Carolyn Wilkie

## Messenger awarded fiction writing fellowship at Virginia Center for Creative Arts

**D**r. Carrie Messenger, assistant professor of English, has been awarded a three-week fellowship in May to the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts (VCCA).

The fellowship will allow her to focus on writing which takes a backseat to that of her students during the school year. She said by summer her brain and notebook are jammed with ideas.

"I think I'll be recharged," Messenger said. "Being in a position where you are teaching but not necessarily practicing what you preach can sometimes make me feel like a fraud, so after this next academic year I won't feel like that—that I'm a fraud. I'll be able to say I lived the life for those three weeks."

It is the first residency for the creative writing professor who will be working on a series of short stories. She said she knew she wanted to be a writer since she was a kid and learned how to read. "Once I figured out that somebody had written what I was reading, I realized I wanted to do it, too," she said.

Messenger said she is looking forward to talking with other residents who work in fields different from her own. At Shepherd she is one of the faculty advisors for *Sans Merci*, the student literary magazine.

"I like the Shepherd students. It's true — getting to work with students who are excited and engaged is really great," she said.

Dow Benedict, dean of the School of Arts and Humanities, said Messenger's selection in the highly competitive program was a great honor. "Obvious to anyone who knows Dr. Messenger, she belongs in this rare group, and this is yet another example of the quality of faculty at Shepherd and the esteem they have earned in their profession."

VCCA is located in Amherst, Virginia, in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, and serves roughly 350 artists a year. During their residencies at VCCA each artist is provided with a comfortable private bedroom, a private studio, and three prepared meals a day. Beyond the breakfast and dinner hours, there are no schedules or obligations. Artists are able to be highly productive because the residency provides them the crucial elements they need—time and space to do their work.

Messenger received her bachelor's degree in English from Yale, her master of fine arts degree in fiction from Iowa Writers' Workshop and her doctoral degree in English from the University of Illinois at Chicago. ♡ Carolyn Wilkie

# Leadership Circle

Shepherd University is pleased to announce the launch of the Leadership Circle. The group was formed to honor and recognize the work of Dr. Suzanne Shipley during her first six years as president.

Membership in the Leadership Circle is extended to individuals who have shown uncommon commitment to Shepherd's academic excellence through their annual support. Their willingness to invest in Shepherd through annual gifts of \$1,000 to \$5,000 (or more) has set the leadership standard for all alumni and friends of the university. Their gifts to the university are a true demonstration of Shepherd passion and pride.

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## Young alumni make a gift

Shepherd G.O.L.D. (Graduates of the Last Decade) alumni participated in the unveiling of the new Shepherdstown sign, which welcomes visitors to the town as they enter West Virginia from Maryland on Route 480.

Representatives from the Shepherd University Classes of 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012 came together to make a gift to support this project that reflects the collaborative service Shepherd University students, both past and present, contribute to the community.

Pictured (l. to r.) are Salle Mickey '13, Dr. Christopher Ames, vice president for academic affairs, Bassell Franks '12, Marshal DeMeritt '09, Kristen DeSantis '10, and Anthony Jackson '11.

Carolyn Wilkie





## Class Notes

'64

DR. ROBERT A. HOLMES won three gold medals in the swimming competition in the 50-, 100-, and the 200-yard breast-stroke events at the 31st Annual Georgia Golden Olympics in September 2013. Bob has been a competitive athlete in numerous sports throughout his adult life, ranging from the martial arts (Tae Kwon Do-Black Belt) in the 1970s and 1980s; more than 150 road races (5Ks to marathons) from the 1970s to the present; and cycling, road racing, and sprint tri-



Robert A. Holmes '64

athlons (swimming, bicycling, and running) from 2000 to the present. He decided to become a competitive swim-

mer and began two years ago to focus on training for the breast stroke events in the 2013 Georgia Golden Olympics.

The Georgia Golden Olympics Committee invites all men and women age 50 and over to participate in several competitive athletic events (ranging from basketball and cycling to track and field and swimming) and it is patterned after the International Olympic Games. Bob was awarded an honorary doctorate of humanities degree from Shepherd in 2001 and served on the Shepherd University Foundation board of directors.

'69

THOMAS L. HARRISON was appointed to the board of directors of rVue advertising technology platform in September 2013. Thomas is chairman emeritus of the Diversified Agency Services division of marketing communications holding company Omnicom Group, Inc., a fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine, a governor of the New York Academy of Sciences, partner and board member in Dipexium Pharmaceuticals, and a trustee

of the Kent Preparatory School. He holds a doctor of humane letters and a master of science degree from WVU, in addition to a bachelor of science degree from Shepherd. He resides in Ohio.

'82

KEITH ADAMS recently accepted a senior executive service position with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Utility Service (RUS) as the assistant administrator for telecommunications. He will lead RUS in accomplishing its mission and program goals of expanding broadband services to underserved rural communities through a diverse workforce of approximately 100 employees including managers, loan specialists, and engineers. The position requires close coordination with other rural development programs along with a focus toward economic development opportunities in rural America. Keith will be responsible for planning, directing, and coordinating with counterparts at the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration, which serves as

## Wolf '70 retires after a 43-year career at Shepherd

KARL L. WOLF '70 retired from Shepherd in June 2013 after a 43-year career with his alma mater. Karl served as director of admissions from 1970 until 2004, at which time he was named director of athletics. In 2009 he was named assistant to the vice president for academic affairs for compliance and athletic initiatives.

During his long stint as admissions director, he was awarded the Richard Apperson Award in 1992 by the Potomac and Chesapeake Association for College Admission Counseling in recognition of his extraordinary service to students. In 2003, the Shepherd University Alumni Association recognized his achievements by naming him Outstanding Alumnus of the Year.

During his five-year tenure as director of athletics, the football team participated in four NCAA regional post-season championships, and women's basketball, softball, and baseball each participated in NCAA regional post-season championship play. Under his leadership, Shepherd joined the honor society of Chi Alpha Sigma to recognize outstanding academic achievement by Shepherd athletes, completed the five-year NCAA institutional self-study, and added women's lacrosse as a sixth women's sport. Facilities improvements included new chair-back seating in the Butcher Center and a new center-court hanging scoreboard for basketball

and volleyball, six new competition tennis courts, FieldTurf in Ram Stadium for the football and women's lacrosse programs, new bleachers and press box at Fairfax Field for the baseball program, and new bleachers and press box at the softball field.

Karl earned a B.S. in business administration at Shepherd and an M.B.A. from George Washington University in 1973. He serves on the Shepherd University Foundation board of directors and is a charter member of the Foundation's Joseph McMurran Society which recognizes alumni and friends who include the university in their estate plans. In 2012, Karl established four deferred endowments with the Foundation: NEW AND EMERGING SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP, LAMBDA CHI ALPHA SCHOLARSHIP, GENERAL ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIP, and GENERAL ENDOWMENT.

A member of Lambda Chi Alpha, he was awarded the Order of Merit from the fraternity in 1998. Karl is a member of Shepherd's Delta Sigma Pi fraternity and Phi Kappa Phi honor society, and the Kiwanis Club of Shepherdstown. ☺



Karl L. Wolf '70



the President's Advisor on Telecommunications, the White House's Office of Technology and Science, the Federal Communications Commission, and other federal, state, and local authorities. Keith's last position was with the U.S. Agency for International Development's Office of Food for Peace where he had been since 2006. A member of the basketball team while at Shepherd, Keith resides in Landover, Maryland.

## '80 and '81

McShea & Company, Inc., a full-service real estate services company based in Gaithersburg, Maryland, was acquired by Avison Young, one of the largest real estate firms in the Washington Metro area. McShea & Company was founded by TIM MCSHEA '80 and his brother, Jack. Tim now serves as a principal at Avison Young and as a co-managing director of the suburban Maryland office. He has more than 30 years of experience in real estate. Tim is currently a member of the Washington/Baltimore Chapter of the World Presidents Organization (WPO) and is on the board of directors of the Shepherd University Foundation. He resides in Frederick, Maryland, with his wife, Carole.

STEVE LYNCH '81 of McShea & Company became a principal of Avison Young and a director of residential management. He has worked for McShea & Company for 20 years and also served as CFO. He became president of McShea Residential Services in 2010. Steve is a member of the National Multi-Family Housing Council, the Institute of Real Estate Management, and the Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants. He serves on Shepherd's M.B.A. Advisory Council and resides in Frederick, Maryland.

BOB DICKMAN '81 also will be a principal at Avison Young. His responsibilities will include client relations, new business development, and brokerage transactions. Previously, Bob was executive vice president for McShea. Bob, who was a member of Shepherd's basketball team, coaches youth sports. He resides in Rockville, Maryland.

## '93

KEVIN LYNOTT won USA TODAY's Best High School Football Coach in Maryland

award and the Best High School Football Coach in Region 2 (Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia) award. Kevin is a teacher and head coach at Middletown, Maryland, High School. He placed second in the USA TODAY's Best Coach in the Nation competition, earning more than one million votes and winning \$1,000 for his high school's athletic department.

Kevin started his coaching career in 1994 as an assistant coach at Brunswick High. He then moved to the Middletown coaching staff as an assistant coach and in 2008 became head coach. He has a career record of 55-12 and has led the Knights football team to state competition with an undefeated season last year. Kevin graduated in 1994 with a degree in secondary education, was on the 1991 and 1992 WVIAC Championship football team, and was team captain in 1992 and 1993. The 1992 team also made it to the Final Four NAIA National Championship. He resides in Myersville, Maryland, with his wife and three children.

## '95

SANDY SPONAUGLE, founder and CEO of Platinum PR in Shepherdstown, was presented with the 2013 Maven Award for Public Relations Professional of the Year. The award was given by the American Advertising Federation-Greater Frederick. Sandy was previously on the AAF board and was re-elected to the board the same night she received the award. Sandy is a Shepherd University Alumni Association board member and heads the marketing and membership committee. She

resides in Shepherdstown.

## '03

ERIN SPONAUGLE, a fifth-grade teacher at Tomahawk Intermediate School in Hedgesville, was named 2014 West Virginia Teacher of the Year. Erin has been teaching for 10 years and began her current position in 2005. She serves as the advisor of her school's student council and school newspaper and organizes the school's social studies fair. She was awarded the Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award in 2013 and serves as a master mentor for new educators. She received the Honeywell Scholarship for the U.S. Space and Rocket Center Teacher Academy in 2011 and was a Transatlantic Outreach Program Fellow in 2013. Erin represented West Virginia in the National Teacher of the Year competition.

In January, Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin presented Erin with \$5,000 and a new car donated by Toyota for Erin's use as she travels the state this year as state teacher of the year. "It is no secret our state's future lies in the hands of our children and it is my honor to recognize Erin for her continued commitment to inspire, guide, and encourage students in her classroom, helping them to be their best," he said. "I'm proud of our teacher of the year for her continued dedication to her students and her passion for creating and inspiring a lifetime of learning."

Erin earned a degree in elementary education from Shepherd and a master's degree from West Virginia University. She resides in Martinsburg.

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## Williams '01 featured in Glamour's Women in Hollywood

JUDEE ANN WILLIAMS '01 was named one of Glamour Magazine's 35 under 35, Women in Hollywood. An agent at Creative Artists Agency since 2002, she was recently named co-director of the Creative Artists Agency Foundation. CAA is the world's leading entertainment and sports agency. At Shepherd she was president of the Class of 2001, co-captain of the women's soccer team, and a member of Delta Zeta. She is currently based in New York City.



## Class Notes

'03

CHARLES "CHUCK" ASBURY will open a new data center, the first of its kind in West Virginia, at the Rockefeller Science and Technology Center at Eastern Regional Airport. Chuck, who created DC Corp in 2011, is the CEO. DC Corp is a premier custom hybrid data facility for businesses seeking world-class colocation and data center services. Previous entrepreneurial endeavors included the creation of Clear Solutions, LLC, an IT consulting firm focused on creating cost-effective technology solutions for small to mid-size companies. He is married to LORA WYBIERACKI '05.

'06

JAMES MCDANIEL was named the first inpatient facility director for Hospice of the Panhandle. He will oversee the opening of the unit and is responsible for hiring staff, setting policy, and general operations. The 14-bed inpatient unit, set to open early this year, will offer short-term stays for about five to seven days for patients whose pain is unmanageable at home.

James, who worked at the Berkeley Medical Center prior to joining the Hospice nursing staff in 2009, received his bachelor of science in nursing from Shepherd and holds an M.S.N. He is teaching at Shepherd while pursuing his doctorate.

'11

HANNAH WILLIAMS, a student in American University's M.A. program in English, had an article, "A Single Day: Isolation and Connection in Virginia Woolf's Mrs. Dalloway and Christopher Isherwood's A Single Man," selected for publication in the *Oswald Review: An International Journal of Undergraduate Research and Criticism in the Discipline of English*. Her article was a revision of a paper that she had written in Dr. Timothy Nixon's class while attending Shepherd.

'13

ASHLEE K. WISHMYER has joined Decker & Company PLLC as a staff accountant. She will be responsible for individual and business tax preparation, accounting, and auditing, as well as marketing, and other functions. After 10 years in the United States Air Force where she served on three continents and through two major deployments, Ashlee returned to Shepherd University to obtain her degree in accounting. Ashlee joins Shepherd graduates DAVID DECKER '89, owner/member, and JIM JESSEE '92, staff accountant. Decker & Company PLLC is a certified public accounting firm located in Martinsburg.

BETHANY KNIGHT had a piece of creative non-fiction published in the most recent volume of *The Rectangle*, Sigma Tau Delta's national journal of creative writing. ☺



Pictured above (l. to r.) are Jennifer Baker, John Haurykiewicz, Allen Baker '70, Jane Grieve Baker '68, BoAnn Bohman '67, Rudee (hunter/guide), Diana Donegan, Delmas Humphrey '67, Patricia Cupillari-Humphreys, and Steve (hunter/guide).

Four Shepherd alumni, along with family and friends, enjoyed a two-week photo safari while travelling through Namibia, Africa, in September 2013. Making the trip were ALLEN BAKER '70, JANE GRIEVE BAKER '68, Allen's daughter, Jennifer Baker, John Haurykiewicz, DELMAS HUMPHREY '67, Patricia Cupillari-Humphreys, BOANN BOHMAN '67, and Diana Donegan.

The group traveled to Windhoek, Namibia, where they met up with their safari guide and transferred to Mount Etjo Elephant Lodge, situated in northwest Namibia and surrounded by hundreds of square miles of rugged African country. Here the group went out on game drives each day and observed a wide range of African wildlife, including the small dik-dik antelope, elephant, and both white and the endangered black rhino. Rhino, heavily poached for their horn, are fully protected and enjoy a safe haven at Mount Etjo conservancy and are expanding their numbers.

After three days at Mount Etjo, the group travelled further northwest over hundreds of miles of gravel and sandy roads to Palmway Lodge at the edge of the Kalahari desert. The next two days were spent at the Bushman rock carvings, visiting the Damara and Himba tribes, and participating in a desert game drive. During the game drive, a special treat was provided when the guide spotted two desert black rhino, a very rare sighting because of the low numbers and harsh terrain where these animals survive.

The group then travelled west across many miles of desert to the Skeleton Coast on the Atlantic Ocean. The Skeleton Coast is notorious for its treacherous currents, which resulted in many shipwrecks, especially the sailing ships of the 1800s. The unfortunate crews of these ships, if they survived the wreck, then faced hundreds of miles of burning desert and unfriendly tribesmen.

The next stop was at Cape Cross, noted for its seal colonies, and then on for two days at the beautiful German town of Swakopmund, where the group enjoyed living desert tours and shark fishing.

The travelers' theme during their travels was "expect the unexpected" as each day offered a new and exciting experience where the unexpected was the norm. The group's remaining question? "When do we go back?" ☺



## Alumnae dedicate iron railing at Homecoming

The iron railing of the Yellow House, the historic Entler-Welzheimer House on High Street, was dedicated by Phi Sigma Chi sorority alumnae on Homecoming Day. The railing was designed, fabricated, and installed by Frank Graves and Daniel Tokar and reads "In honor of the Phi Sigma Chi Sorority, 1948-1960."

The Yellow House served as home to the sorority from the 1940s until the 1960s. A brief ceremony included BETTY LOWE '52, president of the sorority, who extended thanks to the sorority sisters and community members who helped fund the project. President Suzanne Shipley also thanked the sorority members for their efforts. Dr. Keith Alexander gave a tour of the house following the program.

The one-and-a-half story log structure was built around 1770 and is one of the oldest buildings on campus and is believed to be the oldest log home in Shepherdstown. Over the years, the Yellow House has served as a tavern, nursery school, and residence. It was owned by the Entler-Welzheimer family from 1815-



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*Present for the dedication of the Phi Sigma Chi sorority railing dedication at Homecoming were (l. to r.) Eleanor Ann Shirley '51, Joanne Moler, Nancy Smith '54, Frank Graves, railing designer; Althea Miller '57, Mona Kissel, Advancement Office; Mary Ann Morgan '53, Barbara Knott Nickell '52, Diane Steece '63, Jean Riordon '55, Clarissa Stemple '53, and Betty Ann Lowe '52.*

1926 and was purchased by the state in March 1926 to be used by Shepherd. The structure was renovated through a match-

ing grant from the West Virginia Division of Culture and History during 2011-12.

☛ **Mona Kissel**



## Chinese factory filling SU order when Price '93 visits

While on a business trip to China last year, TONY W. PRICE '93 took a factory tour. When he inquired about what was produced there, he was surprised to be shown a Shepherd University roll-up banner that is part of the Admissions Office recruitment materials for 2013-14. Tony is pictured above with his hosts holding the piece.

Tony, a member of the Foundation board of directors, recently started a new accounting firm with BRIAN ROMINE '93. PriceRomine PLLC is located in Shepherdstown.

## April dinner scheduled for accounting alumni

The Shepherd University Accounting Club will be hosting an alumni dinner April 24 in the Storer Ballroom of the Student Center. This event provides a great opportunity for networking with other Shepherd alumni working locally in the accounting field, meeting current Shepherd students, and sharing your insights with these future accountants.

If you have not been receiving communications and invitations to these accounting alumni events and you would like to stay connected, please send your updated contact information to [alumni@shepherd.edu](mailto:alumni@shepherd.edu) and include "Accounting Alumni" in the subject line.

To stay up to date on the club's latest activities and events, please "Like" the Shepherd University Accounting Club on Facebook.

Help spread the word to other alumni working in the accounting field about this networking opportunity. ☛



## Weddings



*Above: Dana Salas '08 and Drew Norris were married September 27, 2013 in Mt. Airy, Maryland. The wedding party included Kristan Baal '09 and Ashley Webley '09. Alumni attending the wedding were Andrew Pahl '10, Bill Taylor '10, Casey Perry '08, Desiree Shaffer '06, Katie Rogers '11, David Canada '11, Donna Spickler '07, Missy Hill '06, Erin Kaknis '10, Ellie Lloyd '10, Theresa Marinelli '10, Graham Sowash '11, Lela Brill '08, and Liz Carter '09.*



*Above: Kaitlyn Baird '11 and Kenny May '09 were married in Reynolds Hall during the summer of 2013. The wedding party included maid of honor Charlotte Mason '12, best man J.D. Getz '10, Travis Moreland '10, and Adam Edgeson '10. The couple met at Shepherd, where Kaitlyn was a McMurrin Scholar.*



*Left: Kelli Dawn Summers-Pike '92 married Kristen Marie Pike-Summers '92 on August 3, 2013 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Boonsboro, Maryland.*

*Both Kelli and Kristen played softball for the Shepherd Rams and were on the first team to go to the bi-district playoffs. Kelli is a member of the Shepherd University Athletic Hall of Fame.*

Bryan Wachtel



## Engagements



*Above: Denny Clark '12 and Bethany Knight '13 were engaged in March 2013 and will be married on May 17, 2014.*

## New Arrivals

SARAH BECKER-MARRERO '99 and CHRISTOPHER MARRERO '01, a son, Thomas Becket Richard, born March 23, 2013. He joins big brother Jude.

MARA KAFTON CROCE '04 and husband Matthew, a son, Dominic Matthew, born May 23, 2013.

MEGAN PAINTER CHILDERS '00 and husband Jason, a daughter, Ever Grace, born May 30, 2013. She joins big sister Bella.

KEITH FANJOY '04 and JANICE YONOSKO FANJOY '02, a son, Calvin William, born July 17, 2013. The family resides in Shepherdstown.



*Calvin Fanjoy*

KARL SMITH '99 and wife Lauren, a son, Kyle Allen, born September 22, 2013. He joins big sisters Lyla, 4, and Adalyn, 2.

## Calling all Ram Band alumni!

The Department of Music and the Ram Band are gearing up for another exciting year and they want band alumni to be a part of it.

A Ram Band Reunion is being considered for Homecoming 2014. If you are interested in reconnecting with fellow Ram Band members, please send your current contact information to [alumni@shepherd.edu](mailto:alumni@shepherd.edu) with "Ram Band Reunion" as the subject line.



*Above: Kain Metz '10 and Kaitlin Drake '13 will be married May 30, 2014 at Thorpewood in Thurmont, Maryland.*



*Above: Caitlyn Houck '13 and Ben Leighty '12 were to be married on Saturday, September 14 at the Rumsey Park in Shepherdstown. The couple met at Shepherd University on January 9, 2012 and both are now employees at American Public University System in Charles Town and reside in Hedgesville.*

## Your Shepherd University Alumni Association makes changes to foster lifelong connections to graduates

For two years, the Shepherd University Alumni Association (SUAA) and the Office of Alumni Affairs have been working to assess and evaluate how we can better serve our alumni through our programming and events.

With a network of more than 16,000 alumni, all uniquely connected through their experiences at Shepherd, the SUAA's mission is to enrich and diversify the university and strengthen fellowship, involvement, and communication between students and alumni. We are proud to announce our first major initiative to effectively realize our mission and vision for our alumni and Shepherd.

Effective July 1, 2014, the Shepherd University Alumni Association will make the transition to a non-dues paying organization by recognizing all Shepherd University graduates as members of the SUAA. We are confident that this move will broaden the reach of our organization, while creating a stronger bond between our alumni and the University.

These changes to the SUAA's membership structure are a result of our desire to increase alumni involvement and engagement. Although we will no longer be asking alumni for membership dues, we will continue to rely on your support, whether that means attending events, reading the *Shepherd University Magazine*, volunteering on behalf of Shepherd, or making a gift to support the SUAA's programs.

We hope that this new approach will allow you to become more involved with your alumni association.

try to establish regional clubs. This is a new direction for the SUAA, and alumni in local communities are coming together through these clubs to plan events and activities that provide networking and socializing opportunities. Our regional approach to alumni engagement will help strengthen professional and personal bonds with our alumni throughout the country.

If you are interested in starting a regional club or becoming part of an existing club, please contact the Office of Alumni Affairs by phone at 304-876-5157 or via e-mail at [alumni@shepherd.edu](mailto:alumni@shepherd.edu). Please include your current contact information so that we can put you in touch with other alumni in your area.

### Stay Connected:

Join our alumni group on LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter, update your alumni profile with your latest information, and browse the Alumni Directory to find and reconnect with old friends. For more information, visit us online at [shepconnect.shepherd.edu](http://shepconnect.shepherd.edu).

### Be Recognized:

We want to hear all about your accomplishments! Have you just earned another degree, expanded your family, or been recognized within your community? We want to make sure your fellow alumni share in your accomplishments. Class Notes are included in each issue of the *Shepherd University Magazine*, as well as in your online alumni community, ShepConnect. Please e-mail your updates to [alumni@shepherd.edu](mailto:alumni@shepherd.edu) and include in the subject line "Class Notes."

### Volunteer:

Community service is a tradition at Shepherd that does not end once you graduate. Volunteering is one of several components that defines our success, which impacts Shepherd's ability to receive grants. Opportunities abound both on and off campus to volunteer for, or in the name of, Shepherd University. Whether you serve on the SUAA board of directors or join current students in the semi-annual Day of Service activities in the local community, we invite you to let us know about your service. Please visit ShepConnect at [shepconnect.shepherd.edu](http://shepconnect.shepherd.edu) to report your volunteer hours by June 30, 2014.

### MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

All alumni will now receive great benefits which include:

#### Exclusive Access:

Use of Scarborough Library, access to the Career Center, and 10 percent discount on membership packages at the Wellness Center.

#### Be in the Know:

All alumni will receive the *Shepherd University Magazine* twice a year.

### PROGRAMMING

As a member of the SUAA, we encourage you to get involved with and stay connected to Shepherd University.

#### Events:

The SUAA organizes events, activities, outings, and networking opportunities that are open to all Shepherd alumni. Be sure to visit our online alumni community, ShepConnect, at [shepconnect.shepherd.edu](http://shepconnect.shepherd.edu) on a regular basis to see the most up-to-date information on events and happenings being planned on and off campus.

#### Regional Chapters:

The SUAA has recently started working with alumni throughout the coun-

*Each year, the Shepherd University Alumni Association selects and honors outstanding alumni, like this year's honorees Al '67 and Sara '67 Lueck, pictured (l.) at Homecoming 2013.*



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### *Affinity Partners and Discount Programs:*

Discount programs are offered through national retailers including 1-800-FLOWERS, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, and Nationwide Insurance. These affinity partnerships provide a vital source of funding for the SUAA from the activity generated through the participation of our alumni. This revenue is used to fund alumni events and programs as well as support for the University.

Please visit us online at [shepconnect.shepherd.edu](http://shepconnect.shepherd.edu) for more information on how to obtain these discounts.

### *Lifetime Members:*

We appreciate the support our lifetime members have shown over the years. Please know that your investment in the SUAA through your lifetime membership has allowed us to fund scholarships and alumni events and programs.

Effective July 1, 2014, the Lifetime Membership program will be discontinued. Alumni who had previously become lifetime members will continue their special relationship with the SUAA and Shepherd and will receive the same benefits as all alumni.

### *Sustaining Members:*

All Shepherd University alumni are eligible to become sustaining members with a minimum yearly donation of \$35 to the SUAA.

This special membership level includes discounts to the Shepherd University Bookstore and local retailers and businesses, including Captain Bender's Tavern as well as Rambler Perks Partners Brown's Tire, Towing and Auto Care Center; Shepherdstown Pharmacy; and Two Rivers Treads. Sustaining membership cards must be presented to obtain discounts.

Sustaining members will also receive a 10-visit punch pass to the Wellness Center and a complimentary ticket to the Homecoming football game (to be picked up the day of the game).

For more information on the sustaining membership, please contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at 304-876-5157 or [alumni@shepherd.edu](mailto:alumni@shepherd.edu).

### *Giving Back:*

We recognize and welcome those alumni that would like to continue to support the University and alumni programs and events with an annual contribution to the SUAA.

Your Alumni Association has contributed funds raised from



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*Alumni reunite with classmates at the Emeritus Club luncheon, held each May. The Emeritus Club represents alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago from Shepherd.*

membership dues to help advance Shepherd. Since 2007 the Shepherd University Alumni Association has contributed:

- \$60,000 for the library endowment;
- \$25,000 to the Alumni Association Student Scholarship;
- \$52,000 to event and program support;
- \$29,000 to alumni recognition events;
- \$24,000 to the *Shepherd University Magazine*; and
- \$65,000 to non-revenue sports.

With more than \$250,000 in support provided by our alumni to various programs in the last five years, it is clear that your support makes a difference.

### *How do I make a gift to support the SUAA?*

Contributions can be made by check or credit card and are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

Contributions can be mailed to the Office of Alumni Affairs at P.O. Box 5000, Shepherdstown, WV 25443. Please indicate on your notes section of your check: Shepherd University Alumni Association.

To make your gift online via credit card, please visit our secure online alumni community at [shepconnect.shepherd.edu](http://shepconnect.shepherd.edu).

## **FUNDING**

SUAA programs and events will continue to be offered and will be open to all alumni. In addition to the continued and generous financial support of our alumni donors, the SUAA is grateful for the support provided by Shepherd.

As we work through this transition we want to hear from you. If you have an idea or suggestion you would like to share, please contact us by phone at 304-876-5157 or via e-mail at [alumni@shepherd.edu](mailto:alumni@shepherd.edu).

If you are on campus, we are located on the second floor of McMurran Hall, at the corner of King and German streets.

The Alumni Association is the official body representing alumni, and, building on the proud history and tradition of the University, encourages and fosters lifelong involvement of the alumni in partnership with the university, through advocacy, support, service, and communication. The SUAA is a volunteer-driven, non-dues paying, non-profit organization in partnership with the Office of Alumni Affairs to continue to strengthen the bond between alumni and Shepherd University. ☺



Carolyn Wilkie

*The Shepherd University Alumni Association hosts the post-Commencement reception each May for the newest members of the alumni family — newly minted graduates — along with their families and professors. Pictured (l.) is the 2013 alumni-sponsored reception held in the Wellness Center.*

## Obituaries

**JAMES “JIM” WILSON JR. ’50**, of Lecanto, Florida, died September 2, 2013. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II on a USS LSM. James worked for Martin Marietta and retired from the Capital Cement Corporation. A personal friend of Gene Sarazan, he was a lifelong golf enthusiast who had eight holes-in-one. He and his late wife, Frances Flagg Wilson, were members of the Foundation’s Joseph P. McMurran Society.

**JOSEPH FRANKLIN GAMBINO III ’52**, of Martinsburg, died August 20, 2013. He received his Ph.D. from Wintergreen College in Littleton, Colorado, and did post-graduate work at WVU and Shippensburg University. He taught at Hedgesville High School until 1962, and he worked for Washington County, Maryland, Board of Education in various positions from 1962 to 1999. During his tenure at Washington County Board of Education, he received certification in education technology. After retirement, he shared his knowledge and love of his fossil collection with local grade school and middle school children.

**FRANK HARRY MILLER ’55**, of Mt. Airy, Maryland, died May 19, 2013. He earned an M.M. from West Virginia University in 1963 and did post-graduate work at University of Maryland and Western Maryland College. He served in the U.S. Army in 434th Army Band (1955-57) and was a member of the Shepherd Band. He was employed by Carroll County Public Schools 1957-1989 where he taught instrumental music at several Carroll County schools. He was assistant principal at South Carroll High School and supervisor of vocational education. He was a member of Carroll County Education Association, Maryland State Teachers Association, National Educational Association, National Association of Secondary School Principals, American Vocational Association, and National Retired Teachers Association. He was recognized as Honorary State Farmer and Honorary State Agriculturist, the highest degree bestowed on supporters of FFA in Maryland in 1985, named to Who’s Who in America, and was a member of Phi Delta Kappa, honor society for educators. He is survived by his wife, **ALTHEA VICKERS MILLER ’57**, whom he married on June 21, 1957. He and Althea received the Jack Heise Terrapin Spirit Award from the University of Maryland in 2011 and were inducted into the UMD M Club as honorary members in 2012.

**MEREDITH A. “MERDY” BOYD, SR. ’58**, of Greenville, North Carolina, died July 18, 2013. He was a member of the 1955 undefeated football team at Shepherd. After graduating from Shepherd, he was a teacher and coach for nine years in Waynesboro, Virginia. In 1968, he accepted a position as a physical education coach at George C. Marshall High School, Falls Church, Virginia, where he taught for 13½

years, winning two district track titles and having numerous state championships. In 1981 he accepted a position as a teacher, assistant football coach, and track coach at W.T. Woodson High School in Fairfax, Virginia. Merdy was inducted into the Shepherd University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1999, a proud moment in his life as his whole family celebrated this great event with him.

**WILLIAM P. GRIFFITH ’58**, of Shepherdstown, died October 8, 2013. He began teaching in Jefferson County before moving to Baltimore County, Maryland. While at Sparks Elementary, he was promoted to assistant principal and served in that position at Sparks Elementary, Chase Elementary, and Padonia Elementary until his retirement in 1991. After his retirement, he worked as an office manager of a local insurance company. He earned a bachelor’s degree in elementary education at Shepherd and a master’s degree from Western Maryland College. He was a member of Shepherd’s 1955 undefeated football team and a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He ran teen centers, preteen centers, flag football, basketball, and softball programs, and summer playground activities in Baltimore County.

**CHARLES HUGH VIA ’60**, of Ranson, died July 19, 2013. He was registrar and director of admissions at Potomac State College, Keyser, and Piedmont Virginia Community College, Charlottesville, Virginia. He received a bachelor’s degree from Shepherd in 1960 and a master’s degree in 1964 from Atlanta University.

**WILMA RUTH WOLFE ROUMEL ’61**, of New York City, died August 13, 2013. She was a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma, received an Outstanding Student Award, and was voted Homecoming queen while at Shepherd. After graduation, she taught school in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. She graduated from George Mason University Law School in 1980 and practiced law in Washington, D.C., before joining the family’s real estate business, where she invested, developed, and managed commercial and residential properties in Maryland, Virginia, D.C., and West Virginia. She also worked to conserve her home place of Wolfe Mountain in West Virginia.

**DIANE WOODS WATSON ’63**, of Bogart, Georgia, died February 8, 2013, 12 years after being diagnosed with a degenerative neurological disease. At Shepherd she was a member of Alpha Sigma Tau. She taught at Boonsboro, Maryland, Elementary for two years and in Fairfax County, Virginia, for 27 years prior to her retirement in 1996. In Fairfax County, she received evaluation ratings of exemplary and provided in-service programs for colleagues. She was also profiled on the school system community TV channel in



a segment called Teacher Feature. In retirement, she lived in Rappahannock County, Virginia, before moving to her final home in Georgia. She is survived by her husband, G. **RAYMOND WATSON '66.**

**MARIE LOUISE DEMASI WOJCIK '63**, of Westfield, New Jersey, died on October 1, 2011 after a two-year battle with cancer. At Shepherd, she was a member of the Home Economics Club, SNEA, Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority, Panhellenic, and Newman Club, and served as editor of the 1962 *Cohongoroota*. She earned a master's degree in education from Seton Hall University and taught home economics at Linden High School for 38 years, retiring in 2002. She began a second career in real estate in 2003.

**HARRY JOSEPH HIGH '64**, of Phoenix, Maryland, died March 10, 2013 of multiple myeloma. He earned a degree in business administration and was a founding member of the business fraternity, Delta Sigma Pi. He was the owner of Eastern Mechanical Contractors in Baltimore, Maryland.

**M. KIRBY LLOYD '68**, of Star Tannery, Virginia, died December 11, 2013. He received his bachelor of science degree from Shepherd University, his master of education from James Madison University, and his Ph.D. from LaSalle University. He began his career as a social worker for the Frederick County, Virginia, Department of Social Services, was a supervisor for the 26th Judicial District Court Service Unit, and in 1978 became the executive director of the Henry and William Evans Home for Children. Upon his retirement he became a board member of Fremont Nursery where he continued his advocacy for children. In July 2004, the Evans Home dedicated the Lloyd House in his honor.

In 1995 he was awarded the Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award by the Winchester-Frederick Chamber of Commerce. He served as president of Stonewall Elementary PTA, coached little league baseball, served as a member of Back Creek Ruritan Club, the Virginia Association of Children's Homes, and Access Independence. A lifetime runner and tri-athlete, he was a member of the Winchester Wheelman and Shenandoah Valley Runners.

**SAMUEL H. BENNETT '69**, of Martinsburg, died October 21, 2013. He was a member of Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity and was employed by the Department of Corrections at the Eastern Regional Jail.

**GEORGE EASTHAM ALLEN V '86**, of Charleston, died June 18, 2013. He attended Charleston High, majored in business administration at Shepherd, and was a member of the tennis team. After graduation, he worked in Atlanta, Georgia, for three years before returning to Charleston.

**BRENDA SWARTZ DOSS '96**, of Shepherdstown, died September 23, 2013. She was formerly employed as a child social service worker. She was a huge Orioles, Redskins, and West Virginia fan and enjoyed being in the outdoors.

**CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL FILES '06**, of Martinsburg, died October 25, 2013. He was employed at the Falling Waters Campsite as a bookkeeper and had just returned to Shepherd to study accounting and financial planning. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends and riding motorcycles. He was a member of the NRA. He is survived by his wife, **MICHELLE FRAVEL FILES '06**, an adjunct accounting faculty member at Shepherd. ☺

## Regional alumni chapter updates

### Southern Delaware

Members of the Southern Delaware alumni chapter packed and shipped exam survival boxes to current Shepherd students from Delaware. The alumnae elves included **SUSAN PAPOLA BREEDING '72**, **RITA CANNON HOVERMALE '79**, and **CHRIS ERICKSON HENDERSON '69**.

**ROGER '72** and **RITA '79 HOVERMALE** hosted a send-off event for incoming freshman and returning Shepherd students from Delaware in August. The event included Shepherd alumni living in the area as well as students and their families.

### Winchester, Virginia

**EUGENE B. SMITH '76** hosted a reception at his art gallery for Winchester-area alumni November 7, 2013. Alumni in the Winchester area interested in helping to plan events in the Winchester region, please send your contact information to [alumni@shepherd.edu](mailto:alumni@shepherd.edu) and include the subject line "Winchester Alumni."



Southern Delaware alumnae Susan Papola Breeding '72, Rita Cannon Hovermale '79, and Chris Erickson Henderson '69 packed exam survival kits for Shepherd students from Delaware.

## Hall of Fame inducts four new members in October 2013



John Boyle

*The Shepherd University Athletic Hall of Fame inducted four new members at the annual induction banquet October 18, 2013 at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Shepherdstown. Pictured above with President Suzanne Shipley are (l. to r.) Joel Gordon '03 (football), Cassie Murray '07 (women's basketball), former men's soccer coach Mike Doran, and Rob Bradford '87 (football). The four new members bring the total number of inductees in the Shepherd Athletic Hall of Fame to 133.*



*Taylor Rudd '58 (near right) and Charlie Yates '56 (far right) were co-recipients of the 2013 Athletic Hall of Fame Medallion. Each honoree is pictured with B.J. Pumroy, director of athletics.*



John Boyle



John Boyle



## Schmitt is member of 2013 Grey Cup Champion Saskatchewan Roughriders

*Former Shepherd football standout Ricky Schmitt (near left) completed his first full Canadian Football League season as a member of the 2013 Grey Cup champion Saskatchewan Roughriders. The Roughriders recorded a 45-23 win over the Hamilton Tiger-Cats in the 101st Grey Cup. Schmitt punted seven times for a 35.1 average with a long punt of 49 yards in the Grey Cup victory. He also handled the kickoff duties for the Roughriders. Schmitt was among the top punters in the CFL this year with a 45.0 punting average.*



## Rams undefeated in conference, ranked 9th in final coaches poll

The Rams football team, ranked ninth in the final AFCA Division II Coaches Poll, recorded an 11-1 overall mark with a 9-0 record in Mountain East Conference play. Shepherd's undefeated conference mark earned the team the inaugural MEC title. The top seed in Super Region One, the Rams handed Winston-Salem State a 7-0 setback before dropping a 28-7 decision to West Chester in the national quarterfinals.

Shepherd led NCAA II in rushing defense for the third consecutive season with a 48.3 per game mark. The Rams also ranked second in scoring defense (13.4), total defense (244.8), and time of possession (34:51). Shepherd ranked third in passing efficiency defense (96.68), fifth in kickoff returns (25.74), and seventh in pass sacks (3.58).

Head coach Monte Cater gained Mountain East Conference Coach of the Year honors and senior defensive lineman Robert Hayes, Sterling, Virginia, earned MEC Defensive Player of the Year accolades, while redshirt-freshman running back Jabre Lolley, Wilmington, Delaware, and freshman linebacker Octavius Thomas, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, gained MEC Offensive and Defensive Freshman of the Year honors. A total of 19 Rams earned MEC All-Conference accolades.

Cater, who garnered nine WVIAC Coach of the Year honors, led the Rams to their third undefeated regular season (2005, 2006) and 14th overall conference title over his 27-year tenure at Shepherd. The Rams also made their eighth NCAA II post-season appearance under Cater.

Hayes led a dominant Shepherd defense in 2013. He finished the year with 12 tackles-for-loss and 11 sacks. Hayes anchored a defense that was nationally ranked in numerous categories.

Lolley led the MEC in rushing touchdowns with 15. He also averaged 4.6 yards per carry and rushed for 925 yards.

Thomas was second on the team with 65 tackles (39 solo) on the season. He had 9.5 tackles-for-loss and four sacks.

First team selections were sophomore running back Allen Cross, Elkridge, Maryland; sophomore fullback/H-back Jonathan Hammer, Jarrettsville, Maryland; senior offensive lineman Jordan Dixon, Woodsboro, Maryland; junior offensive lineman Isaiah Shelton, Temple Hills, Maryland; senior defensive lineman Mike Franklin, Silver Spring, Maryland; senior defensive end Howard Jones, Woodbridge, Virginia; junior outside linebacker Levi Barber, Alexandria, Virginia; senior free safety Corey Washington, Alexandria, Virginia; sophomore kicker Ryan Earls, Stevensville, Maryland; redshirt-freshman return specialist CJ Davis, Hagerstown, Maryland, and Hayes.

Cross rushed 237 times for a team-best 1,100 yards and 12 touchdowns for the Rams. He rushed for 100 yards or more on five occasions.

Hammer, a key component as a blocker to the Shepherd rushing game, had seven catches for 20 yards and one carry for five yards on the season.

Dixon and Shelton were key on a Shepherd offense that ranked second in NCAA II in time of possession.

Franklin had 29 tackles (16 solo) on the season with six tackles-for-loss and a pair of sacks. He also had a pass breakup, a fumble recovery, and a blocked kick.

Jones, a Cliff Harris Award finalist, had 35 tackles (21 solo) with 12.5 tackles-for-loss and eight sacks. He added two forced fumbles, a fumble return for a touchdown, and a pass breakup. Jones is Shepherd's all-time sack leader with 35 career sacks.

Barber was fourth on the team with 54 tackles (37 solo). He also had eight pass breakups, two interceptions, and a fumble return for a touchdown.

Washington had 46 tackles (28 solos) on the year. He also recorded five pass breakups, a team-best three blocked kicks, two interceptions, and a forced fumble.

Earls has connected on 49-of-53 extra points and 12-of-15 field goals for 85 points this season.

Davis paced the Rams in punt returns with a 24.9 average and kickoff returns with a 38.6 average. He had four returns for touchdowns this year and his 24.9 punt return average led NCAA II.

Junior center Hussam Ouri, Annapolis, Maryland; senior defensive lineman Xavier Tyler, Richmond, Virginia; junior outside linebacker De'Ontre Johnson, Upper Marlboro, Maryland; Lolley, and Thomas were named to the second team, while senior wide receiver Robert Byrd, Alexandria, Virginia; junior cornerback Dontrewell Kelley, District Heights, Maryland; and senior punter Troy McNeill, Daleville, Virginia, were honorable mention selections. ♡ *Chip Ransom*



William Ransom

## Hayes earns Academic All-America Honors

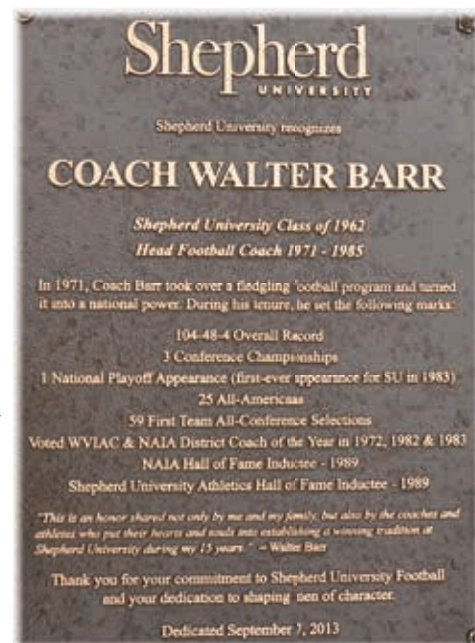
Senior defensive lineman Robert Hayes, Sterling, Virginia, was named to the 2013 Capital One Academic All-America® NCAA Division II football team as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Hayes, a second team selection last year, is the first Shepherd student-athlete to gain first team CoSIDA Academic All-America accolades. Hayes, the 2013 Mountain East Conference Defensive Player of the Year, recorded 24 tackles (19 solo) with 12 tackles-for-loss and a team-best 11 sacks this year. Hayes boasts a 3.44 G.P.A. as a fitness and exercise science major.

## Plaza named in honor of Walter Barr '62



Carolyn Wilkie

Chip Ransom



Carolyn Wilkie

*Coach Walter Barr '62 (l.) was honored in September 2013 when the stadium plaza was named the Coach Walter Barr Plaza in recognition of his achievements as Shepherd head football coach from 1971 to 1985.*

## Big Horn tournament raises \$6k

The Big Horn Club Corporate Challenge Golf Tournament, in support of men's basketball, was held September 16, 2013 at Cress Creek. The event raised more than \$6,000 for the Shepherd Men's Basketball Scholarship Fund.

The men's basketball program thanks silver sponsors Holtzman Propane, Jefferson Security Bank, and United Bank for sponsoring this event; lunch and dinner sponsors, Holtzman Propane and Ours, Lawyer, Lewis, & Company; and beverage sponsors Jefferson Distributing and Shepherd University Dining Hall.

One individual deserves special recognition, the chair of the Big Horn Club, Hank Walter, who is the driving force behind the tournament and a big reason why it is such a successful event for the men's basketball program.

The winning corporation was Whale of a Wash, which consisted of Bob Forthofer, Trevor Hedges, Kirk Waldeck, and Hank Walter. The winning foursome received two season tickets, a basketball signed by the 2013-2014 Rams, four gift certificates to the pro shop at Cress Creek, and the name Whale of a Wash on a banner which hangs in the Butcher Center this season. The winning team was presented with the Big Horn Trophy during the mid-season reception on February 8.

The second place finisher was Center for Orthopedic Excellence, which consisted of Todd Hoffmaster, Rich Pell, Doug Tucker, and Kory Tucker. They received four gift certificates to the pro shop at Cress Creek.

This year's tournament will be held on Monday, September 15. For more information, contact Hank Walter at 304-676-7500 or [hwalter@frontiernet.net](mailto:hwalter@frontiernet.net) or Coach Justin Namolik at 304-671-2319 or [jnamolik@shepherd.edu](mailto:jnamolik@shepherd.edu).



William Ransom

## Davis garners Daktronics All-American Honors

Redshirt-freshman return specialist CJ Davis, Hagerstown, Maryland, was named to the 2013 Daktronics All-America squad as selected by the Collegiate Sports Information Directors of America.

Davis had 18 punt returns for 448 yards (24.9 average) with two touchdown returns. His 24.9 average led NCAA II. He added 12 kickoff returns for 463 yards (38.6 average) with a touchdown return. He recorded a total of four touchdown returns on the year. Davis did not become a return specialist for the Rams until the fifth game of the season.



# Fall sports round-up

## Volleyball

The volleyball team finished the year with a 15-17 overall mark and an 8-8 record in conference play. The Rams advanced to the MEC semifinals before falling to eventual conference and regional champion Wheeling Jesuit.

Junior middle hitter Kayla Motheral, Sterling, Virginia; senior outside hitter Melani Lewis, Bay Shore, New York; and freshman libero Lauren Summa, Bear, Delaware, gained Mountain East Conference honors.

Motheral, a first team all-conference selection, helped Shepherd lead the conference and rank 20th nationally in blocks as she topped the Rams in total blocks (90) and blocks per set (1.01). She recorded 152 kills with an impressive .301 attack percentage. Motheral also contributed 18 digs and two assists.

Lewis, an honorable mention all-conference choice, led the Rams in kills (237), kills per set (2.28), points (299), and points per set (2.88). She was second on the team with 269 digs, while adding 50 blocks (team-best 16 solo blocks), 21 aces, and four assists. Lewis was also named to the MEC All-Tournament Team.

Summa, who was named to the MEC All-Freshman team, led the Rams in digs (431) and digs per set (4.23). Her 4.22 digs per set mark ranked her sixth in the conference. She added 55 assists, 22 aces, and five kills.

## Men's Golf

Men's golf finished as the runner-up out of a 12-team field at the MEC Championship. The second place finish is the best conference championship finish in program history.

Shepherd also placed second at the MEC Northern Regional.

## Men's Soccer

Men's soccer finished the season with a 2-15-1 overall mark and an 0-11-1 record in conference play. The Rams recorded wins over Chowan (4-0) and California (Pa.) (3-2) and battled to a scoreless tie with Concord.

Junior midfielder Kyle Ransom, Shepherdstown, gained MEC All-Conference honors. Ransom, a second team selection, played and started in 16 games. He recorded four goals and an assist for nine points on the season. His four goals and nine points led the Rams in both categories.

## Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team completed the season with a 7-8-3 overall record with a 4-7-3 mark in conference play. The Rams advanced to the MEC Tournament semifinals before falling to Notre Dame College.

Senior defender Erika Martin, Germantown, Maryland; junior midfielder Taylor Amsley, Saint Thomas, Pennsylvania; junior midfielder Kasey Canterbury, Berryville, Virginia; and junior defender Kelsey J. Smith, Hagerstown, Maryland, garnered MEC All-Conference honors.

Martin, a first team selection, played and started in 18 games.



Chip Ransom

## Martin gains All-Region Honors

Women's soccer team senior defender Erika Martin (pictured above), Germantown, Maryland, was named to the 2013 NSCAA/Continental Tire NCAA II Women's All-Atlantic Region Team. Martin, a third team choice, played and started in all 18 games for the Rams. Martin keyed a defense that recorded six shutouts and allowed only one goal on six occasions. She tallied a pair of goals on the season.



She keyed a Shepherd defense that has posted six shutouts and allowed only one goal on six occasions. Martin scored two goals on the season for four points.

Amsley, a second team choice, played in 19 games with 14 starts. She led the Rams with five goals for 10 points on the year. Amsley also tied for the team lead with two game-winning tallies.

Canterbury, a second team choice, played in 19 games with 17 starts this year. She had two goals and three assists for seven points on the year.

Smith, an honorable mention selection, started in 18 games for the Rams this season. Also a key component for the Shepherd defense, Smith had one assist on the year.

## Women's Tennis

The women's tennis team recorded a 5-9 overall mark with a 2-5 record in conference play.

Junior Katelyn Mumaw, Charles Town, was named a first team MEC All-Conference selection. ♡ *Chip Ransom*

## Moore, former Shepherd AD and coach, dies

Dr. William Milton Moore, of Farmington, Connecticut, died December 22, 2013. Moore began his career in 1951 as the director of athletics, head football coach, and head basketball coach at Shepherd until 1953. He was inducted into the NACDA Director of Athletics Hall of Fame in 2008. ♡

## Your gift makes a difference

The unique beauty of a Shepherd University education lies in its ability to turn dreams into realities through creative and engaging learning experiences. Our alumni know this well and many generously choose to give back to Shepherd in the form of private gifts.

One such gift is the JOHN R. CONARD SCIENCE FUND, created by the late John Conard in support of the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. A lifelong learner, John grew up on his family's farm in Shepherdstown and attended Shepherd for two years before transferring to West Virginia University, where he earned his B.S. degree in chemistry. John enjoyed a successful career as a chemist with Union Carbide in Alloy, West Virginia, before returning to the family farm upon retirement. In 1999, he created a charitable remainder unitrust that would provide income to him for life and benefit various philanthropic interests upon his death. That trust endowed the John R. Conard Science Fund, reflecting John's decision to pass on to others his belief in the importance of education and the opportunities it affords.

*"The single most important aspect of any gift to Shepherd is how it engages the students."* **Dr. Jason Best, Professor of Astronomy and Astrophysics**

"Endowed gifts such as the Conard fund serve an important purpose above and beyond operational expenses," said Dr. Colleen Nolan, dean of the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. "These gifts reflect the overall belief of the donor in Shepherd University."

Dr. Jason Best, professor of astronomy and astrophysics with Shepherd's Institute of Environmental and Physical Sciences, echoed this sentiment, saying, "The single most important aspect of any gift to Shepherd is how it engages the students." To that end, the John R. Conard Science Fund serves its purpose in a number of exciting ways.

According to Best, one of the most important skills scientists must hone—one that is crucial to their overall work—is the ability to present their research to a broader audience. The John R. Conard science awards facilitate such endeavors for Shepherd students through the funding of their travel to various conferences and research events, including the West Virginia Academy of Science (WVAS) and the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges (CCSC). At these events, students have the opportunity to present and be recognized for their research, as well as work with other students from across the nation, sharing insights, finding commonalities, and becoming part of the greater scientific community. Additionally, they are able to work with faculty from Shepherd and other institutions, often developing foundations for future collaborations.

"As science, technology, engineering, and mathematics take on more global importance, having students who are prepared to not only understand these topics but also engage in these fields becomes more and more critical," said

Best, who is serving a three-year term as president of the WVAS, a statewide organization designed to engage scientists in West Virginia. He adds that Shepherd students benefit from the John R. Conard Science Scholarship through the value it adds to their education by financially allowing them the opportunity to step beyond the boundaries of lectures and labs and perform actual field work that ultimately benefits our society overall. Such occasions invigorate students and allow them to truly connect with the scientific research taking place around the world.

Nolan also is in favor of the fund's support of student and faculty collaboration at state and national conferences. "Our students always represent Shepherd well, which speaks to our faculty and their training and mentorship," she said. "Not only do these trips put a public face to the university, they also demonstrate good use of Mr. Conard's gift."

Shepherd faculty across all disciplines want to see their students actively engage in their work in ways that excite them and allow them to become more passionate about their chosen fields. Alumni and friends who recognize Shepherd's influence in their own life's work can and do perpetuate that cycle with private gifts that truly make a difference in the lives of the students they touch.

"As those who have gone before give back to Shepherd, they are both standing behind its students in support and standing with them as they take their first steps into the greater society," said



*Brittani Love '13 (r.) received the John R. Conard Award for Best Student Researcher in Chemistry in 2012 and the John R. Conard Award for Best Graduating Senior in Chemistry in 2013. Currently enrolled in the physical chemistry doctoral program at the University of Texas in Austin, she said the awards provided the financial assistance necessary for her to apply to more competitive graduate programs.*



Best. “Students across all disciplines form a community through their work. Our alumni and friends extend that community with their private gifts.”

### *The John R. Conard Science Fund in Action:*

#### **Engagement**

After receiving a research award from the West Virginia IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (WV-INBRE), Dr. Qing Wang, associate professor of mathematics, used funding from the John R. Conard Science Scholarship to support several students as they traveled to West Virginia University to visit her WV-INBRE mentor, Dr. David J. Klinke. The trip allowed biology students to visit Klinke’s biology lab, where they practiced cell culture lab skills, while math and computer science students participated in a question-and-answer session with Klinke surrounding the Adaptive Markov Chain Monte Carlo (AMCMC) Algorithms. INBRE students later participated in a poster presentation of their work at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the West Virginia Academy of Science (WVAS), a trip also sponsored in part by the John R. Conard Science Scholarship.

“I’m very grateful that this fund was able to support my students’ travel to my mentor’s lab and the WVAS conference,” said Dr. Wang. “Without it, discussions between faculty and students in research projects would have been limited and productivity in research jeopardized.”

#### **Recognition**

Not only does the West Virginia Academy of Science give students the opportunity to present their research, it also rewards them for it. Shepherd has a long history of receiving recognition in both the oral and poster presentation categories at WVAS



*Benjamin Hackett '13 (l.) won first place for Best Oral Presentation by an Undergraduate at the 2013 annual meeting of the West Virginia Academy of Science, a trip made possible with the help of the John R. Conard Science Fund. He is pictured with Shepherd's Dr. Jason Best, who is serving as president of the academy.*

conferences. In 2013, biology major **BENJAMIN HACKETT '13** of Morgantown took first place in the undergraduate oral presentation, following in the footsteps of **MATTHEW GLOVER '11**, who won the category in 2011. Nathan Brandt, an environmental studies senior from Frederick, Maryland, Sarah Barry, an environmental chemistry senior from Martinsburg, and Rhonda Williams, a chemistry senior from Martinsburg, also won in separate undergraduate poster divisions at the 2013 meeting.

Dr. Carol Plautz, associate professor of biology, has taken 15 research students to WVAS meetings over the past five years, using funds from the John R. Conard Science Scholarship. Beyond Shepherd's many wins at WVAS, Plautz notes that the best part of the conference is the invaluable experience it offers by allowing students to present their scientific findings at a professional meeting.

“They are presenting in front of professors, researchers, graduate students, and undergraduates from other institutions,” she said. “They find a community of scientists to appreciate their work and pose questions to them.”

From a student's perspective, Hackett agreed: “Going to WVAS was an experience in itself. It was great to see other projects occur.”  
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*Matthew Glover '11 (center), Tara Jewell '11, and Robert Ciancaglini '11 attended WVAS in April 2011, where Matthew won the Best Oral Presentation by an Undergraduate. Matthew is currently a doctoral student in neurobiology at University of Alabama-Birmingham.*

## Where are they now?

Just as every scholarship has a history, its deserving recipients have a future. We catch up with four former Foundation scholars to see what they've been doing since graduating from Shepherd and how their scholarships influenced their educations and careers.

### Jason Buhi '03 Political Science

For JASON BUHI '03, his Shepherd University education laid the foundation for a career in international law. Following his graduation from Shepherd, the former music-turned-political science major from Brunswick, Maryland, attended Dickinson Law School at Penn State and began his career as a judicial clerk before moving on to a bank. Desiring a career shift, however, he obtained a Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholarship and attends the University of Hong Kong, where he is currently working toward his Ph.D. in comparative constitutional law while engaged in several rule of law development projects. Jason was a diligent student during his time at Shepherd and the recipient of multiple scholarship awards, including the RALPH AND MARGARET BURKHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, FLORENCE AND VELMA SHAW LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP, THOMAS M. AND SHERRY E. LURRY SCHOLARSHIP, and JAMES S. HAFFER SCHOLARSHIP. "Shepherd academics definitely prepared me well for my career," he said.



Jason Buhi '03

### Sarah Spurgas Cooper '05 Mass Communications

As a student at Shepherd, SARAH SPURGAS COOPER '05 received the VERA MALTON SCHOLARSHIP, confirming her desire to major in mass communications. Named in honor of the long-time chair of Shepherd's English department, the scholarship provided Sarah with a greater appreciation for writing. "Writing classes were a favorite of mine while attending Shepherd and they definitely helped me obtain a job after college," said the Shepherdstown native. "Without support from generous donors, I may have chosen a different career path."

Following graduation, Sarah began her career in the development office of Saint James School in Maryland, where she was responsible for the production of online and print publications and management of the school website. Currently employed as a functional analyst contractor at the Operations Systems Center for the United States Coast Guard, Sarah noted, "Writing skills have been essential in both my jobs since graduating from Shepherd." Sarah resides in Charles Town with her husband and fellow Shepherd grad, BRIAN COOPER '05, and their son, Samuel.



Sarah Spurgas Cooper '05

### Jane S. Anderson Yokum '76 Music Education

JANE S. ANDERSON YOKUM '76 is enjoying her 23rd year of teaching music in Hardy County Schools in West Virginia after graduating from Shepherd in 1976 with a B.A. in music education. During her years as a choral director, Jane, who also holds a master's in instructional communication studies from West Virginia University, sponsored more than 38 student members of West Virginia All-State choruses. Currently an elementary music instructor, she has attended several national music conferences. She also serves on the executive board of West Virginia Professional Educators and is the pianist and choir director of her church.

A former recipient of the ELISE HOCH MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP, Jane said, "I am very grateful to have been able to study music at Shepherd." Honored as a McMurrin Scholar during her time at Shepherd, Jane now lives near Petersburg with her family.





*Rachel Probst Kinder '02*

## Rachel Probst Kinder '02 Social Work

RACHEL PROBST KINDER '02 has certainly utilized the social work degree she received at Shepherd University since graduating in 2002. After working for the Department of Health and Human Resources for three years, she went on to earn her master's degree in social work at Ohio University in 2006. Rachel, who resides in Hamlin, now works for Mission West Virginia, a statewide non-profit with a focus on technology, teen health, and foster care and adoption. In addition to recruiting adoptive parents for children waiting in the foster

care system, she is also proud to supervise Wendy's Wonderful Kids, a signature program of the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption. "Coming from Shepherd," she said, "I had a solid background in social work, which translated to confidence in the field. My degree continues to provide me with opportunities to do meaningful work in a variety of different settings in my field."

As an undergrad at Shepherd University, Rachel was awarded the JESSE AND MARY HENDRIX SCHOLARSHIP and the ROBERT W. MCCORMICK SCHOLARSHIP, which helped keep her priorities in focus. "My scholarships were very generous and they allowed me to concentrate on my studies without working an outside job," she said, noting, "I really appreciated that."

◆ Kristin Alexander



*Jane S. Anderson Yokum '76*

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ring all over the state. I just really loved the whole trip and experience."

### Growth

The John R. Conard Science Scholarship also serves to recognize and reward Shepherd students for their hard work and academic excellence through awards for Best Sophomore, Best Graduating Senior, and Best Student Researcher in Chemistry. BRITTANI LOVE '13 of Martinsburg received the Best Student Researcher in Chemistry award in 2012 and the Best Graduating Senior in Chemistry award in 2013. As an undergraduate at Shepherd, she was given the unique opportunity to begin independent research during her sophomore year—an experience many students at larger universities are not offered until their final semesters. The experience proved integral to her decision to pursue additional research opportunities, as well as an advanced degree in chemistry.

"The John R. Conard Best Senior in Chemistry Award provided important financial support, without which I may not have been able to apply to more expensive, competitive graduate programs," said Love, who is currently a first-year graduate student in the physical chemistry doctoral program at the University of Texas in Austin. "The award was an incredibly important part of my academic career. It propelled me closer to realizing my dream of transforming from Brittani Love, undergraduate researcher, to Brittani Love, Ph.D. in chemistry, expert in her field, and advocate of science education." ◆ Kristin Alexander

## To make a gift

If you would like to make a gift of any size to Shepherd University and help make a difference in the lives of deserving Shepherd students, the Foundation stands ready to help. Please contact Monica Lingenfelter, executive vice president of the Foundation, at 304-876-5397 or [mlingenf@shepherd.edu](mailto:mlingenf@shepherd.edu).

## Foundation announces new named funds

**T**he Shepherd University Foundation announces the establishment of new named scholarship programs which recognize donors for their contributions to Shepherd University or offer them the opportunity to honor or memorialize a loved one. The awards provided through these funds will support the educational future of Shepherd students.



*Jim '59 and Sharon Devol '70 Brown*

### James and Sharon Devol Brown Scholarship

JIM '59 and SHARON DEVOL '70 BROWN have made careers out of enriching young lives. Both majored in education at Shepherd and worked within Maryland's Washington County Public School system, teaching and coaching high school sports. Sharon taught grades 3-12 during her 34-year career. Meanwhile, in 1972, Jim led North Hagerstown High School to the state basketball championship. He later took on the roles of head basketball coach, athletic director, and administrator of the Athletic Recreation Community Center (ARCC) at Hagerstown Community College, where he spent the last 23 years of his career. Jim was responsible for leading the private fundraising efforts involved in building the ARCC at Hagerstown Community College and, following his retirement, led the effort to raise funds for the stadium at North Hagerstown High School. The Browns also hold a special place in their hearts for the Boy Scouts of America.

Having begun their life together at Shepherd, the Browns decided to return to their roots in 2013 by establishing the JAMES AND SHARON DEVOL BROWN SCHOLARSHIP designated in support of student athletes majoring in education, with a first preference for those who play basketball. "We started together at Shepherd," they said. "It's been good to us. We felt it was time to put some energy into this program and want to appreciate the positive effect it will have on Shepherd students."

### Jo Ann Mentzer Scholarship

JO ANN MENTZER '60 was a lifelong resident of Martinsburg and former teacher with Berkeley County Public Schools. She was a charter member of the Joseph P. McMurran Society, designated for alumni and friends of Shepherd University who have chosen to share their lifelong financial achievements through estate and other planned gifts. As tuition costs continued to rise throughout her career as an educator, Jo Ann recognized students' need for financial assistance in order to attend college. Through a bequest in her will, she established the JOANN MENTZER SCHOLARSHIP to benefit elementary education majors from Berkeley, Jefferson, and Morgan counties.

"Jo Ann had such a wonderful experience at Shepherd," said SUSAN MENTZER-BLAIR '70, who served as executrix of her late cousin's estate and was instrumental in transforming Mentzer's deferred gift into a scholarship that will financially assist Shepherd students for generations to come. "She wanted to thank Shepherd for the change it made in her life, and she wanted to open doors for other kids like her."



*Jo Ann Mentzer '60*

### Reverend John F. Torrence and Shepherdstown Lutheran Parish Scholarship

Reverend John F. Torrence has devoted his life to the Lutheran church. The son of a physician and grandson of an Episcopalian priest, Reverend Torrence received his calling while serving his country in World War II, where he fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He has spent 62 years in the Lutheran ministry, presiding over congregations in Ohio and West Virginia and serving on the boards of the American Red Cross and United Way. He is deeply committed to The Shrine, a fraternal organization devoted to the physical and emotional care of disabled children. Now semi-retired and serving part-time as minister of the Love Grows Here Lutheran Church in Sharpsburg, Maryland, Pastor John, as he's known by parishioners, maintains close ties with the churches of the Shepherdstown Lutheran Parish, where he ministered for more than a decade.

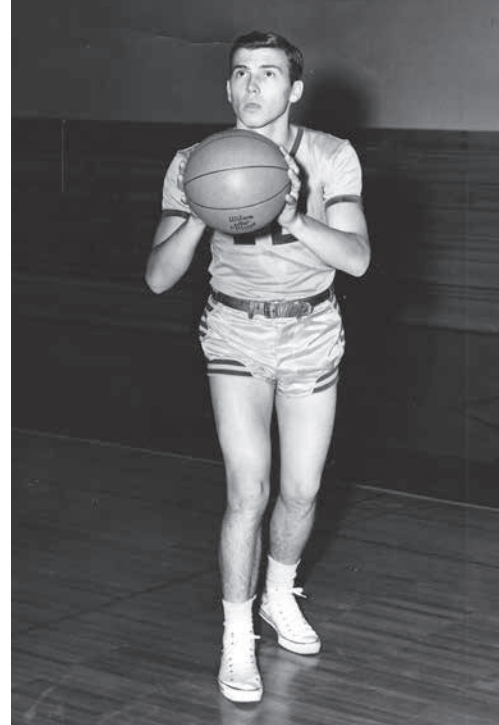
Led by parishioner and longtime Shepherd employee Haydon Rudolf, the congregations of St. Peter's and St. James' Lutheran Churches established and fund the REVEREND JOHN F. TORRENCE AND SHEPHERDSTOWN LUTHERAN PARISH SCHOLARSHIP in honor of his lifetime of ministerial work. "I feel honored," he said of the gesture. "I'm very thankful. The church has always come first. I just love people and they have responded very well [to me]." The REVEREND JOHN F. TORRENCE AND SHEPHERDSTOWN LUTHERAN PARISH SCHOLARSHIP is designated as a general academic scholarship with first preference given to Shepherd students who are members of the Shepherdstown Lutheran Parish.



## Keith L. Hess Scholarship

KEITH HESS '54 is a sports aficionado. But athletics are far from just a hobby for the retired teacher, coach, and officiator—they are a lifestyle. Keith began his career at Fannet-Metal High School in Willow Hill, Pennsylvania, where he initiated the school's basketball program, before taking the role of assistant basketball coach at Shippensburg University. He also enjoyed a long and distinguished career officiating basketball, soccer, and volleyball at the high school and college levels with the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA), who recognized him for 50 years of service in 2012.

While Keith's love of sports—basketball in particular—began in middle school, it wasn't until he began attending Shepherd that his basketball career took off. "I really blossomed at Shepherd," said Keith, who remains among the Rams' top scorers in basketball. Keith chose to show his appreciation for all that Shepherd gave him by creating the KEITH L. HESS SCHOLARSHIP in support of student-athletes involved in the men's basketball program. "I fell in love with Shepherd," he said. "I just felt it was a stepping stone for what followed in my life. It opened up so many opportunities that I wouldn't have had available otherwise. It pleases me to know that other students with a love for athletics will benefit from receiving this scholarship." By establishing an annuity through the Foundation, Keith joined the Joseph P. McMurren Society, which recognizes alumni and friends who have chosen to honor Shepherd University with their planned gifts.



Keith Hess '54



*Pictured above (l. to r.) Karl Wolf '70, Michael "Mickey" Johnson '69, Foundation president Michael A. Smith '89, and Ramon A. Alvarez '62 celebrate the creation of the Delta Sigma Pi, Epsilon Kappa Alumni Association Scholarship. Alvarez and Wolf serve on the organization's scholarship committee.*

## Delta Sigma Pi, Epsilon Kappa Alumni Association Scholarship

The members of the Delta Sigma Pi, Epsilon Kappa chapter at Shepherd University share a unique bond. The organization was originally established on a trial basis under skepticism from the international fraternity that an institution the size of Shepherd would be able to sustain a chapter. "But we not only survived, we prospered," said MICHAEL "MICKEY" JOHNSON '69, chair of the Epsilon Kappa Alumni Association board. The Epsilon Kappa chapter and alumni association have grown significantly since those early days, with 150 members attending the 50th anniversary celebration of its founding. It was this enduring bond that led members of the Epsilon Kappa Alumni Association to establish the DELTA SIGMA PI, EPSILON KAPPA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP using funds from the sale of their property in Shepherdstown. The endowed fund will provide scholarship awards to members of the prestigious business fraternity at Shepherd University.

## Jeffrey W. and Beverly Schwartz Purnell Endowment

You might say it was chemistry that brought JEFF PURNELL '88 and BEVERLY SCHWARTZ '87 together. The couple met as undergrads at Shepherd and bonded over their shared love of science. Jeff, technology manager at Adhesives Research, and Beverly, senior editor at AAAS/*Science Magazine*, established the DR. JOHN F. SCHMIDT SCHOLARSHIP in 2002 with friends and fellow alumni BRENT '89 and LISA '89 MAY in honor of Shepherd chemistry professor Jack Schmidt, who retired in 2008. The scholarship was designated in support of Shepherd students majoring in chemistry.

Now the Purnells have established the JEFFREY W. AND BEVERLY SCHWARTZ PURNELL ENDOWMENT in support of students, faculty, and programs within the areas of natural sciences and mathematics. With their bequest, the couple joins the Joseph P. McMurren Society, whose members have chosen to share their lifelong financial achievements with Shepherd University through estate and planned gifts.

## Drs. Mark and Barbara Stern Endowment

Drs. Mark and Barbara Stern know firsthand the value of a college education and the ongoing support for the faculty members who provide it, having spent much of their own careers in higher education. Mark retired from Shepherd University after serving as vice president for academic affairs from 1994 to 2009 and as University Professor of Political Science from 2009 until his July 2013 retirement. Two months later, Barbara followed suit, retiring as a long-time professor at James Madison University.

In 2013, they established the DR. MARK STERN AND DR. BARBARA STERN ENDOWMENT, designated in support of students involved in the Shepherd University Honors Program, as well as faculty development. As a former administrator of the Honors College at the University of Central Florida, Mark speaks highly of Shepherd's Honors Program, saying, "I think it's a tremendous opportunity for students in the region who want to enter a first-rate program that will help them." He and Barbara also believe that Shepherd benefits directly from ongoing faculty support, saying simply, "Faculty members are the heart of the university."

## John P. and Anne M. Wood Scholarship

JOHN PARRISH WOOD '78 held a great deal of admiration for his father, who enjoyed an active and successful career in the areas of law, public service, and higher education despite suffering from retinitis pigmentosa, a genetic disease that caused him to become fully blind over the course of his adult life. Inspired by his father's perseverance, John and his wife, Anne, established the JOHN P. AND ANNE M. WOOD SCHOLARSHIP in support of general academics, with a preference for students who have overcome tremendous hardship or obstacles to obtain a higher education. "We wanted to focus on people who were bettering themselves through higher education despite their hardships," said the Woods, who divide their time between homes in Fairfax, Virginia, and Duck, North Carolina, and enjoy traveling in their

## Sharon R. Drummeter Endowed Scholarship

Sharon Drummeter was a well-loved and respected assistant nursing professor at Shepherd University. Service and volunteerism were hallmarks of Sharon's contributions to Shepherd, and she was extremely devoted to her students. When she was diagnosed with acute myeloid lymphoma in July 2011, Sharon mentored the medical students on her treatment team at Georgetown University Hospital and viewed her chemotherapy treatments as an opportunity to help them refine their diagnostic and bedside skills.

"She was always focused on her students," said Louis Drummeter, her husband of 29 years. "She really tried to mentor her students and give them the benefit of her experience, which I think is key in education." Despite a period of remission from December 2011 through July of 2012, Sharon succumbed to her cancer on August 27, 2012, with her husband and daughter, Leah, by her side.

As a token of his gratitude to Shepherd for being so supportive during Sharon's illness, Lou established the PROFESSOR SHARON R. DRUMMETER ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FOR NURSING in June 2013. "Sharon was the recipient of a nursing scholarship when she started nursing school for her associate's degree," Lou said, noting that giving back was something she did during her life.



*Sharon Drummeter*



free time. A self-employed commercial real estate investor, John still keeps in touch with several college buddies and returns to Shepherd each year for Homecoming. "Shepherd is an incredible place," he said. "My experience there was a wonderful part of my life and I would hope that, with this scholarship, somebody could share the same experience that I had."



*Bob and Linda Carpenter*

## Robert A. and Linda L. Grove Carpenter Endowed Scholarship

Bob and Linda Carpenter believe that education is the foundation for the future of students attending Shepherd University. To contribute to the educational excellence of the University, Bob and Linda have provided funds to support the ROBERT A. AND LINDA L. GROVE CARPENTER ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

Bob and Linda have their roots in local areas of Clear Spring, Maryland and Martinsburg. Bob graduated from Clear Spring High School and pursued a 22-year career in the U.S. Air Force. Later he entered corporate America with the General Electric Company, retiring as an information technology manager from its GE Nuclear Energy Division in Silicon Valley, California.

Now retired, Bob and Linda visited the Shepherd University campus and were impressed with the opportunities that the university is providing the students from their hometown areas. After their visit to Shepherd's campus, they decided to establish the ROBERT A. AND LINDA L. GROVE CARPENTER ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, an endowed award in support of students pursuing studies in engineering or other hard sciences who reside in Washington County, Maryland, or Berkeley County. In recognition of Bob's military service with the Air Force, the scholarship award will give preference to veterans or family members of veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. ☛



## From the Foundation

### Donors/Scholars Reception hosted by President Shipley, SU Foundation

President Suzanne Shipley and the Shepherd University Foundation hosted the biennial reception for donors and scholars on Sunday, November 10, 2013 in the Erma Ora Byrd Hall atrium. Student scholarship and faculty excellence recipients, their family and friends, prominent faculty and staff members, representatives from university leadership boards, and Shepherd alumni and friends who have established awards comprised the 250 guests at the event.

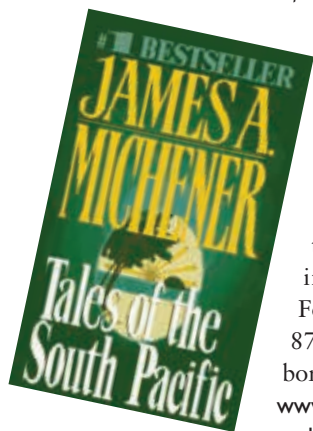
The event featured inspirational messages from President Shipley, Foundation Board member SUE MENTZER-BLAIR '72, and Foundation Executive Vice President Monica Lingenfelter. Junior Jason Carnes, a secondary mathematics and mathematical engineering major from Kearneysville, and senior Charlee Fox, an environmental sustainability major from Fairmont, also gave a few words of thanks for the scholarships they have received. The program was highlighted by a musical performance of "Seasons of Love" from the musical *RENT* by the Shepherd University Scene Stealers, which featured six Foundation scholars.

More than 500 endowed and annually funded scholarship and faculty excellence awards are provided through the Foundation. If you would like to learn more about creating an award, or would like to donate to an existing fund, please contact the Shepherd University Foundation at P.O. Box 5000, Shepherdstown, WV 25443, 304-876-5397, [mlingenf@shepherd.edu](mailto:mlingenf@shepherd.edu), or visit [www.shepherd.edu](http://www.shepherd.edu) and click on Alumni and Friends..

### 13th Annual Scarborough Society Gala heads to the South Pacific

The Shepherd University Scarborough Society's 13th annual gala will embrace the tropical paradise depicted in James Michener's novel *Tales of the South Pacific*. This year's event, to be

held Friday, August 8, will showcase the Bavarian Inn's new state-of-the-art infinity pool overlooking the Potomac River. For more information about the gala or to receive an invitation, contact the Foundation office at 304-876-5397 or visit the Scarborough Society's website at [www.shepherd.edu/fndtnweb/scarborough\\_society/](http://www.shepherd.edu/fndtnweb/scarborough_society/).



*Psychology major Sheridan Webb (l.), of Hagerstown, Maryland, poses with President Suzanne Shipley at the 2013 Donors and Scholars Reception. For Sheridan, the encounter provided her the opportunity to not only meet the president of Shepherd University, but her scholarship sponsor as well. Sheridan is the recipient of the Create the Future Endowment, created by President Shipley and her husband, Randall Wadsworth, in support of students studying abroad and faculty conducting research abroad.*

### Annual Joseph P. McMurrin Society dinner to be held on campus April 26

The Joseph P. McMurrin Society will hold its annual dinner reception on Saturday, April 26 at 6 p.m. in the atrium of the Erma Ora Byrd Hall. Hosted by President Shipley and sponsored by the Shepherd University Foundation, the event features a four-course dinner prepared by Chef Scott Anderson and Shepherd University Catering. Additionally, the McMurrin Society will welcome new members JEFFREY W. '88 and BEVERLY SCHWARTZ PURNELL '87.

For more information about the Joseph P. McMurrin Society or the reception, or to receive an invitation, please contact Monica Lingenfelter at 304-876-5397 or [mlingenf@shepherd.edu](mailto:mlingenf@shepherd.edu), or visit [www.shepherd.edu](http://www.shepherd.edu) and click on Alumni and Friends. ☺

## Every scholarship tells a story

Some scholarships are born of joy and nostalgia, others of tragedy and reflection. But each scholarship created through the Shepherd University Foundation recounts a chapter in the lives and legacies of those for whom they are created.

### A source of comfort and hope

The ANNITA CAPOUELLEZ-FLETT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP is a heart-warming story. A graduate of Shepherd University's nursing program, ANNITA CAPOUELLEZ-FLETT '91 was an emergency room nurse who tragically passed away from a heart attack

at a young age. Her husband, David, was devastated by the loss. Christmas was Annita's favorite holiday. According to David, she loved decking the halls of their home, including a Christmas tree in every room.

Aside from Christmas, Annita had a fondness for Beanie Babies. Working long hours in a stressful job, she found that the little stuffed animals represented a sense of sweetness and innocence in a day-to-day existence often fraught with life-and-death situations. Collecting them, David said, provided an ongoing source of comfort and hope for her.

The first Christmas following Annita's passing was a bleak one for David. Distraught over her death, he celebrated Christmas in a special way by designing a photo Christmas card to honor Annita and tell her story. In 2004, a few days after yet another Christmas without his beloved wife, David contacted the Shepherd University Foundation. Speaking with Executive Vice President Monica Lingenfelter, he mentioned that he had been looking around the home he and Annita had shared together—the home she had filled with Beanie Babies—when he'd had an epiphany. "Suddenly I knew what to do," he said.

David had packed up Annita's extensive collection of Beanie Babies. Then, he bought a Santa suit. Enlisting his father's help, the two men had visited homeless shelters in the Westchester, Pennsylvania, area where they lived, giving away each and every one of Annita's beloved tokens of comfort and hope to those who undoubtedly needed some of their own during the holiday season.

It was only after all the Beanie Babies had found new homes that David had contacted the Foundation. He wanted to establish a scholarship in his wife's memory, he said. It was in Annita's spirit of helping others less fortunate and bringing happiness to those in pain that this scholarship was created. Nearly 10 years later, the ANNITA CAPOUELLEZ-FLETT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

continues to provide its own source of comfort and hope for deserving students in the Shepherd University nursing program.

### A gesture of enduring love

Shepherdstown native Jean Skinner Baldwin taught in Jefferson County for many years. When she became ill, her husband bought her an exquisite diamond ring to celebrate their wedding anniversary. The ring was a token of his love for her and a gesture of hope for their future.

Not long after their anniversary, Jean passed away. Her husband chose to honor her life and devoted career in education by selling the ring he had gifted her and using funds from the sale to endow the JEAN SKINNER BALDWIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. The scholarship has provided—and will continue to provide—financial assistance to deserving Shepherd students majoring in education every year into perpetuity, creating quality teachers for generations to come. It is a legacy that would make Jean Skinner Baldwin proud.

These are just two chapters in the hundreds of life stories documented through Foundation scholarships. Every scholarship tells a story.

What's yours? ❖ *Kristin Alexander*

## Embracing Change with Grace and Style panel, fashion show, and tea on April 13

Women and wealth, coping with grief, and pondering life after retirement will be the topics discussed on a moderated panel preceding a high tea and fashion show sponsored by the Shepherd University Foundation on Sunday, April 13, 2-5 p.m. in Erma Ora Byrd Hall. Reservations are required by Friday, April 4, 2014. Contact Meg Peterson at 304-876-5021 or [mpeterso@shepherd.edu](mailto:mpeterso@shepherd.edu) to reserve a space. ❖

## Strategic Alliance Partnerships

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vard, is designed to serve adult learners who are juggling career and family. Shepherd's Martinsburg Center offers courses in the popular credit-for-experience degree, the Regents Bachelor of Arts. Local hospitals may also benefit by having employees enter the R.N. to B.S.N. program with online and evening courses offered through the Martinsburg Center. Master's program offerings include courses in the master of business administration degree, with concentrations in accounting, health care administration, public management, and sport management. A five-course endorsement in multi-categorical special education can help increase the marketability of new teachers or solidify the credentials of current teachers (see details on page 5).

Businesses interested in obtaining the Strategic Alliance Partnership with Shepherd University's Martinsburg Center can contact Jim Klein by e-mail at [jklein@shepherd.edu](mailto:jklein@shepherd.edu). Information and a list of current Strategic Alliance partners is available at [martinsburgcenter.info/alliance.html](http://martinsburgcenter.info/alliance.html). ❖



Annita Capouellez-Flett '91



## Women for Shepherd University thrives due to planning committee

In April 2013, the Women for Shepherd University, sponsored by the Shepherd University Foundation, kicked off its inaugural event. The highly-anticipated Women and Wellness Workshop was a resounding success and paved the way for several more successful events in which women met in a social environment to explore solutions for the various life issues facing them.

Today the group is thriving, thanks in part to the dynamic and motivated women who make up its planning committee. Originally comprised of seven alumnae and friends dedicated to supporting, fostering, and promoting the advancement of women and women's issues within Shepherd University and the surrounding community, the Women for Shepherd University committee is now 22 members strong. The committee meets twice a year to discuss and plan future endeavors.

To learn more about the Women for Shepherd University and how to become involved, contact Meg Peterson at 304-876-5021 or [mpeterso@shepherd.edu](mailto:mpeterso@shepherd.edu).

Cathy New



*Susan Mentzer-Blair '72 (l.) and Bev Hughes '71 are active members of the Women for Shepherd University planning committee. Here they pose together at the Center for Contemporary Arts Tour and Inspired Philanthropy Presentation, sponsored by the Women for Shepherd, the Shepherd University Foundation, and Capital Fiduciary Advisors, Inc., held in October 2013 at the new CCA building.*

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## Phonathon 2014: Calling all alumni!



Julia Krall

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