



College Student Development and Administration (CSDA) Program



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Congratulations CSDA Graduates!

Saturday, May 6, 2017, not only marked Shepherd University's One Hundred and Forty-Forth Commencement exercises, but for the first time, a Graduate Commencement Ceremony was held to honor master degree recipients. The following CSDA students were awarded a Master of Arts degree

Mark Adelsberger
Frederick, MD

Katie Matero
Dallastown, PA

Brittany Baer
Frostburg, MD

LaVell Simpkins
Philadelphia, PA

Megan Ball
Hagerstown, MD

LaShawn Taylor
Washington, DC

Emily Bannon
Boonsboro, MD

Rose Tribby
Bunker Hill, WV

Mia Carte
Inwood, WV

Alex Vogl
Huntington Beach, CA

Sherry Donovan
Hagerstown, MD

Claire West
Winchester, VA

Rich Goodman
Martinsburg, WV



Dr. Richie Stevens (L), fall 2016 and spring 2017 CSDA graduates, and Dr. Tom Segar (R) pose for a group photo after the Graduate Commencement Ceremony.

CSDA Students take 1st place @ MSAC



Claire West ('17) and Mark Adelsberger ('17)

The annual Maryland Student Affairs Conference (MSAC) hosted a case study competition on February 10, 2017. Upon registering, the students were given a specific case study, which this year was sexual assault on college campus. They then had to do extensive research and answer the issue. Mark and Claire were initially chosen as one of the 3 finalists from the initial submissions. They then attended the conference and presented their case findings and provided a defense in front of a set of panelists where they had 30 minutes to defend their case analysis and answer question from the reviewers during the conference. Mark and Claire were awarded first place in the competition! Congratulations to both of them as they proudly represented Shepherd University's CSDA program.



CHI SIGMA ALPHA Update



Chi Sigma Alpha, an international honors society, is comprised of graduate students, alumni, faculty, and student affairs professionals to promote and recognize excellence in academics, research, and service to the profession of student affairs. The Epsilon chapter of Chi Sigma Alpha was founded at Shepherd University in 2010. To be considered for membership in Chi Sigma Alpha, candidates must earn a cumulative graduate G.P.A. of 3.75 or higher and complete at least 9 credits in the CSDA program. Listed below are the newest chapter officers and recent inductees.

Spring 2017 Inductees

Chris Carter ('18) - President
 Kayla Turner ('18) - Secretary
 Lourie White ('18) - Vice President
 Tracy Seffers, SU Registrar (Honorary)

Fall 2017 Inductees

Fadela Belhaj Soulami ('18) - Treasurer
 Eric McMahan ('18)
 Blaise Marshall ('18)



From L to R; **Chris Carter**, President ('18), **Lourie White**, Vice President ('18), **Kayla Turner**, Secretary & Treasurer ('18), & **Tracy Seffers**, SU Registrar

Capstone Posters and Pecha Kucha

May 2017 saw another successful iteration of CSDA 678 capstone presentations. It was the first time Dr. Stevens invited alum still working in higher education to participate as evaluators. Given time and date of presentations. Two alum Victoria Buchbauer ('10) and Mara Wines (Kinard, '11) were able to participate. Alum needed to have at least 5 years post Master's experience in order to participate. Alum who graduated in 2013 or earlier and are still working in student affairs, enrollment management, academic support or other higher education areas are encouraged to reach out to Dr. Stevens if interested in helping spring 2018. Date and time are: Tuesday, April 24 starting at 5pm.

2017 Preview Program Well Attended



Graduate Assistantship (GA) candidates participated in a question and answer session about the CSDA program and the student affairs profession with a panel of CSDA faculty.

The 2017 Preview had a record number of admitted students attend in March 2017. We had over 20 students who were admitted in for spring 2017 and fall 2017 attend the program and interview for assistantships. The 2018 Preview Day is already set for March 1-2. We look forward to having lots more new students attend.

WELCOME New CSDA Students!



The following students are the newest members of the CSDA program.

Cullen Byers
Shepherd University

Gaby Cabrera
Mount Saint Mary's University

Keira Cale
Shepherd University

Katie Coleman
Shepherd University

Alexis Ellsworth
Shepherd University

Jon Galnares
Hood College

Ayana Jean
Shippensburg University

Beth Kane
University of Virginia

Megan Kennedy
Millersville University

Chris Korcsmaros
Shepherd University

Theresa Marshall
Elizabethtown College

Eric McMahan
University of North Carolina; The Citadel

Jacob Mellow
Shepherd University

Traci Moyer
Shippensburg University

Naim Muhammad
Shepherd University

Brendan Scott
Keene State College

Crystal Smiles-Tharp
Shepherd University

Emily Unnone
West Liberty University

Tori Wilds
St. Mary's College of Maryland

Mitch Woolley
Shepherd University

Class of 2011

Sarah Wright

Student Success Coach

Northwest-Shoals Community
College

Class of 2012

Sage Ober

Service Operations Manager
Keene State University

Class of 2016

Amanda Gelber

*Coordinator of Student En-
gagement*
Randolph College

CSDA Alumni Updates



Current CSDA students, CSDA alumni, and CSDA faculty members take a moment to engage in lively conversation and a few laughs at ACPA17 in Columbus, OH.

Alum (l-r): Mike Golze ('15), Christina Reich ('15), Julia Flocco ('14), Tim Maggio ('15), Maria Wines (Kinard) ('11), Victoria Buchbauer ('10), Jenny McCauley ('16), Jess Lanciano (Oswald) ('12)





Graduate Commencement Ceremony

Graduate Commencement Ceremony | 11 a.m. | Frank Arts Center Theater

To elevate and recognize the outstanding achievements of graduate master and doctoral degree candidates, Shepherd University held a separate ceremony to celebrate graduate student accomplishments. The ceremony took place on the same day, but at a separate time, as the undergraduate ceremony.

The ceremony included many of the same elements as the undergraduate commencement ceremony: a processional, the national anthem/alma mater, a guest speaker and honorary degree recipient, hooding of candidates by their graduate program coordinator, awarding of degrees, and recognition of graduate faculty and graduate student award recipients. Proceedings of the graduate commencement ceremony were included in the overall commencement booklet that all students and guests received.

May 2107 Graduate commencement ceremony speaker was CSDA’s own Dr. John “Quincy” Adams. While serving in many administrative roles in Students Affairs, he was well known for his many classroom contributions within CSDA. Dr. Adams completed his final class for the program in December 2016.



Stevens—Acting Dean

Dr. Stevens has been named Acting Dean for Graduate Studies and Continuing Education for 2017-2018. Former Provost Ames stepped down from his position this summer to assume a presidency in New York. Dean Beard



was named Acting Provost while the search for a new Provost begins. Dr. Stevens still serves as the

CSDA Program Coordinator, but new adjunct faculty have assumed some of his teaching load.

Current CSDA Student Updates

Kayla Turner ('18) is serving as chair for the CSDA 2018 **Preview Program**

Blaise Marshall ('18) and **Traci Moyer** ('19) were selected to serve on Gender and Women’s Studies Committee.

Kayla Turner ('18) and **Crystal Smiles-Tharp** ('20) were selected to serve on Dean’s Advisory Council.

Fadela Belhaj Soulami ('18) was elected Treasure of Chi Sigma Alpha.

