

HOW IT WORKS

Only gifts given between June 15th, 2021 and June 14th, 2022 will count towards the 2021-22 SUAC Membership year.

Your **FIRST benefit-eligible gift** of the year qualifies you for benefits in the chart below at the level of your gift.

All additional gifts given after your initial gift will be added together at the end of the year to form a cumulative giving total. This total can qualify you as a SUAC Annual Contributor, making you eligible for benefits at that level. Reaching the SUAC Annual Contributor level for three consecutive years qualifies you as a SUAC Recurring Contributor, and reaching \$50,000 in lifetime giving to Shepherd Athletics qualifies you as a SUAC Lifetime Contributor.

2021-2022 BENEFITS	DORAN	PARKER	BARR	STARKEY	CATER
	\$25 - \$249	\$250 - \$499	\$500 - \$999	\$1,000 - \$2,499	\$2,500+

SUAC E-NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
NAME RECOGNITION ON SHEPHERDRAMS.COM	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
RAMS CAR MAGNET	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
RAM TEAM SHOP GIFT CARD		\$25	\$50	\$100	\$250
2021 - 2022 RAM OLYMPIC SPORT PASS			1	2	4
2021 - 2022 FOOTBALL OR BASKETBALL SEASON TICKETS*			2 (GA)	2 (RESERVED)	4 (RESERVED)
2021 - 2022 FOOTBALL PARKING PASS*				CREE LOT 1	CREE LOT 2

SUAC "ANNUAL CONTRIBUTOR" (Yearly giving total of \$2,500+)

- 2 COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS TO 2022 "RAM FEST"
- RECOGNITION AT ANNUAL HOMECOMING EVENT

SUAC "RECURRING CONTRIBUTOR" (3 consecutive years of giving \$2,500+)

- 2 COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS TO THE ANNUAL ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME BANQUET
- SPECIAL RECOGNITION FROM ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

SUAC "LIFETIME CONTRIBUTOR" (Lifetime SUAC giving total of \$50,000+)

- PERMANENT SPECIAL RECOGNITION ON CAMPUS
- PERSONALIZED ATHLETICS IMPACT REPORT

* Please note that in order to receive the football benefits available at each level, donors must give their membership gift by no later than August 31, 2021. Any donors who give their initial membership gift after that date will qualify for the non-football benefits as well as have the remainder of their gift considered tax-deductible. All gifts designated towards athletic scholarships or capital projects are not eligible for benefits.

Sydney Clayton
FREDERICK, MD



THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND AS A BOOSTER...

Once an individual becomes a booster, he or she remains as such for life. According to NCAA Rules, the institution is responsible for all actions of its boosters.

NCAA Legislation does not allow for a booster to play any role in the student-athlete recruiting process. Only those coaching staff members who have passed the coaches certification exam are permitted to recruit prospective student-athletes.

For additional information about your role as a booster, please visit suathleticclub.org/booster-faqs

FOLLOW AND VISIT THE SUAC & SU ATHLETICS:

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- 🌐 suathleticclub.org | shepherdrams.com

- TAX INFORMATION -

Since the SUAC operates within the Shepherd University Foundation, contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. The Shepherd University Foundation, Inc. is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c) (3) organization and its tax exempt identification number is 556020064.

Please direct any questions, comments, or concerns to:

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- 2021-2022 - MEMBERSHIP GUIDE

WHAT IS THE SUAC?

The Shepherd University Athletic Club (SUAC) is a volunteer membership organization of champions and advocates dedicated to supporting **ALL ATHLETIC PROGRAMS** at Shepherd University, with the intent of providing resources that allow all student-athletes to compete at the highest level possible.

SUAC MISSION STATEMENT

The Shepherd University Athletic Club's mission is to create opportunities that directly contribute to the university's intercollegiate athletics programs' overall goals, while establishing an organization that provides sustained levels of engagement and financial support for all men's and women's teams.

AVENUES OF GIVING

Unrestricted Gifts: General gifts to Shepherd University Athletics without restrictions or designations are the most important avenues of giving, allowing the gift to be utilized at the discretion of the athletic department on priority projects or needs at any time.

Sport-Specific Giving: Gifts designated towards a Shepherd athletic program or its specific giving club will still count towards SUAC membership and benefit levels, all while directly helping your program of choice.

Athletic Scholarships: Donors can direct their gifts towards a new or an existing scholarship fund. Designating your gift for a scholarship fund has an immense impact, helping our programs and student-athletes reach their goals both in the classroom and on the field of play.

Capital Projects: SUAC gifts designated for capital projects help the athletic department maintain their current facilities as well as allow them to work towards new facility plans and projects. These facilities directly impact the programs, coaches and student-athletes at Shepherd and are vital to the overall success of the athletic department.

THE COST OF Excellence

BREAKING DOWN THE COST OF EXCELLENCE FOR

Jared Carr MARTINSBURG, WV

IN-STATE TUITION, ROOM, BOOKS AND FEES:
\$18,500 (Out of state: \$29,000)

EQUIPMENT, GEAR, AND CLOTHING:
\$1,000

TEAM TRAVEL, INCLUDING MEALS:
\$1,600

SPORTS MEDICINE/TRAINING ROOM:
\$550

COST OF ATTENDANCE MISC. EXPENSES:
\$1,000

TOTAL "COST OF EXCELLENCE":
= \$22,650 PER YEAR

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I've been around Shepherd my entire life. One thing that ultimately drew me here was the atmosphere - game days at Fairfax Field are electrifying. Over the last four years, I have noticed many improvements, not only within the baseball program but to our athletic department in general. Your donations provide ample opportunity for athletes to maximize their potential, both on the field and in the classroom. I have opportunities to continue playing after college thanks to Coach McCarty, Coach Smith, and the consistent support of you, Ram Nation.”



Sam Lassahn BALTIMORE, MD

“ I want to thank the SUAC for their dedication and support of our lacrosse program. Because of the generosity of Ram Nation, our team has been given the opportunity to grow, compete and show what it means to be a Ram. Your support has allowed me to reach my goal of becoming a collegiate student-athlete, and I'm proud to call myself a Shepherd Ram.



Owen Elliott HEDGESVILLE, WV

“ I want to extend a tremendous "thank you" to the SUAC community for their support throughout my time at Shepherd University. As a Ram, I've had the opportunity to compete at the highest level in DII sports while also representing my hometown university. In addition, I've watched our program take major strides, now offering both a men's and women's golf team. This season has been record-setting, as our men's team is ranked one of the top teams in the region. However, our accomplishments would not be possible without your contributions to our athletic department. We appreciate your support and generosity. Roll Rams.



Georgia Olmke FALLS CHURCH, VA

“ The support of Ram Nation has helped the volleyball program build a solid foundation, which allows us to compete at a high level and ultimately accomplish the goals we've set out for ourselves. The SUAC helps support our needs and individuality so that we perform as a cohesive unit, helping us win and represent the Shepherd community with pride. Over the past 3 years, being a Ram has taught me the value of community and how important it is in my individual success, and for that, I am incredibly grateful.



Hunter Reed MARTINSBURG, WV

“ For most of my life, Shepherd was where I wanted to go to college, but the lack of a cross country program steered me towards another institution. Now I'm here! What I love most about our cross country program is the family-like atmosphere my teammates and I share. I want to thank Coach Walters, who has been instrumental in the recreation of this program. I am overjoyed to be doing what I love in the place where I've always wanted to be. While our foundation is still being built, your contribution to my team through the SUAC will allow us to continue to grow and eventually bring medals back to Shepherdstown.

