HOW IT WORKS

Only gifts given between June 15th, 2023 and June 14th, 2024 will count towards the 2023-24 SUAC Membership year.

Your **<u>FIRST benefit-eligible gift</u>***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.



SUAC E-NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION	- 570	570	570	570	570
NAME RECOGNITION ON SHEPHERDRAMS.COM	550	550	550	550	550
RAMS CAR MAGNET		550	550	570	570
RAM TEAM SHOP GIFT CARD	P	<mark>\$25</mark>	\$50	\$100	\$250
2023 - 2024 RAM Olympic sport pass			1	2	4
2023 - 2024 FOOTBALL OR Basketball season tickets*			2 (GA)	2 (RESERVED)	4 (RESERVED)
2023 - 2024 FOOTBALL PARKING PASS*				CREE LOT	CREE LOT

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

- > 2 COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS TO 2023 "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, 2023. 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.



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 studentathlete 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*.



- 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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2023-2024 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.

Sana Houn WOMEN'S SOCCER AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND ECONOMICS MAJOR

I want to thank the SUAC for their constant support of the women's soccer team. The work they put in behind the scenes is what helps us succeed on the field. My experience as an athlete at Shepherd has been memorable because of how the SUAC supports our program. The friendships, memories, and learning experiences will last forever and I cannot thank the SUAC and Shepherd University enough! Roll Rams!





OUR NFFD

Gifts to the SUAC are critical to the success of Shepherd Athletics and its 300+ student-athletes. These gifts help Shepherd achieve its goal of being a competitive member of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference by providing the necessary resources for scholarships, travel assistance, equipment upgrades, recruiting enhancements, and other essential budget expenses.

Katie Lang WOMEN'S SOFTBALL AND CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION MAJOR **BRFAKING DOWN 1**

IN-STATE TUITION, ROOM, BOOKS AND FEES: \$19,278 (Out of state: \$29,718) EQUIPMENT, GEAR, AND CLOTHING: \$1,000

TEAM TRAVEL. INCLUDING MEALS: \$1.500

SPORTS MEDICINE/TRAINING ROOM: \$550

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

TOTAL "COST OF EXCELLENCE": =\$23,328 per year

I would like to thank the SUAC for their endless support of the softball team. We are so grateful to be able to practice and play on a gorgeous field. We are also thankful for all of the opportunities we have had to travel and grow stronger as athletes and as a team. I am so lucky and proud to be a Shepherd Ram and I cannot thank the SUAC enough for their support.

MEN'S GOLF AND Chris Meighbors DATA ANALYTICS MAJOR

> *I want to give a well-deserved thank you to the SUAC for their* support of the golf program and all teams at Shepherd University. Your support has allowed me and my teammates to become competitive and reach our goals.





Cana Minon WOMEN'S BASKETBALL AND ENGLISH EDUCATION MAJOR



