

# Courage to Inspire, Strength to Empower Award

Women Investing in Shepherd (WISH) is seeking nominations for outstanding female student leaders whose service and commitment to excellence benefit and inspire the members of the Shepherd Ram family. WISH is committed to impacting and enhancing the Shepherd community. This award recognizes a student who, through her meaningful philanthropic work on- and off-campus, embodies this commitment. The award will be presented by President Mary J.C. Hendrix at the 2026 WISH Membership Reception on Wednesday, April 29.

## About WISH

WISH is a women's giving circle, created by Women for Shepherd University and sponsored by the Shepherd University Foundation, that was created to inspire, educate, and develop the amazing potential of women's philanthropy. Our high-impact grants to Shepherd University and our tri-state community affect positive changes, bring new funding resources, and make philanthropy accessible. Since 2015, the 293 member-strong organization has offered a cumulative \$1,463,500 in grant funding.

\*The winner will be invited to serve as an honorary member on the 2027 Grant Committee and vote for the 2027 award recipients. A monetary award sponsored by the Shepherd University Rotaract will also be presented to the recipient.

## Nominations

Must Include:

- Candidate's name and contact information
- Nominator name and contact information
- A brief description of how this student has impacted Shepherd and/or her community through meaningful philanthropic work (up to 500 words)

## Deadline

Nominations must be submitted no later than  
**Wednesday, March 11**

Email your nomination to  
**Meg Patterson, Director of Donor  
Engagement and Strategic Initiatives**  
mpeterso@shepherd.edu