

Our First-Ever Virtual Life Skills Symposium Starts On Monday, March 15!



Join us for our Virtual Life Skills Symposium, which will be held March 15 - April 15, 2021. You will hear from panelists and guest speakers on a number of topics including (but not limited to): debt management, salary negotiation, retirement planning, financial security, interview skills, workplace professionalism, identity theft prevention, civic engagement & volunteerism, time management & goal setting, international travel & safety, stress management and the "Big Purchase" of a car, home, etc. The symposium will be delivered via live Zoom sessions.

While this event is geared primarily toward our undergraduate students, we'd love to have our alumni attend, if you're interested! Below is the schedule of next week's sessions. To register and learn more information about the event, visit su.edu/lifeskills.

Schedule for Week 1: Monday, March 15 - Thursday, March 18

All sessions will be held at 2 p.m. (EST)

Monday, March 15 - International Travel and Safety
 Tuesday, March 16 - Health, Exercise & Stress Management
 Thursday, March 18 - Civic Engagement & Volunteerism Panel



Today is the last day to register for Virtual Bingo!

Don't forget to register for Virtual Bingo, to be held at 7 p.m. (EST) this Friday, March 12! We've got some awesome prizes we can't wait to give away!

You will be joined by your fellow alumni and current Shenandoah University students for a little friendly competition! Winners will receive their prizes via email or regular mail after the event concludes.

To register for the event, click "REGISTER HERE" below. Registration closes today at 7 p.m. (EST).

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Check Out Our New Alumni-Owned Business Directory!

We are so proud that many of you are business owners in Winchester and across the country. In an effort to promote our alumni and their businesses, we have created an Alumni-Owned Business Directory on our website.

In the directory, you will find alumni-owned businesses for marketing, health care, insurance, entertainment, and so much more. We hope you will support your fellow alumni and their businesses.

If you own your own business and would like to be listed in our Alumni-Owned Business Directory on our website, [please fill out this form](#).

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A Message From Susan Wyatt Helsley '76, '85

Happy (almost) Spring!

All around us are signs of the approaching season. Birds are chirping, flowers are poking their heads above the ground and slowly but surely, spring will make its appearance.

Do you remember what March was like on campus? The wind would literally knock you down as you made your way to the cafeteria. We crowded into the tiny foyer to stay warm!

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Join Us In Wishing Don Black '50 A Happy 90th Birthday!

Former Instrumental Division Chair **Don Black '50** was a major part of the university, serving the Shenandoah Conservatory for nearly 46 years. So, to show him our appreciation for his years of service and dedication, we are throwing him a virtual surprise party for his 90th birthday via Zoom!

The surprise party will be held at 4 p.m. (EST) on Don's actual birthday, which is Monday, April 26. If you can't attend and would still like to wish him a Happy Birthday, email a video message to alums@su.edu. Registration closes at noon (EST) on Wednesday, April 21.

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Join Us For The Educators Alumni Meet-Up On Wednesday, March 31!

Our Educators Alumni Meet-Up is back this year just in time for Spring Break! We hope you can join your fellow educators for a meet-up at 7 p.m. (EST) on Wednesday, March 31!

We will be discussing topics like how the 2021-2022 school year is going so far and what educators are facing in the midst of COVID-19. Registration closes at noon (EST) on Tuesday, March 30.

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Additional University & Alumni News



Shenandoah Physician Assistant Studies Program One Of The Nation's Best

Shenandoah University's [physician assistant \(PA\) studies program](#) is ranked No. 8 in [Intelligent's list of the best physician assistant graduate programs in the U.S.](#) Shenandoah's program also received an accolade for having the best faculty among the 49 programs selected for the list culled from 177 assessed colleges and universities.

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2021 University Commencement Update

Shenandoah University is continuing to plan for multiple in-person University Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 22, and Sunday, May 23. The university is holding multiple ceremonies to allow for appropriate social distancing.

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Successful Alumni Profile: Allison Jones '17, Psychology & Public Health

Allison Jones '17 is a program manager at US Wellness in Germantown, Maryland. With the COVID-19 pandemic, she is managing her clients, scheduling and arranging COVID-19 testing, performing employee digital symptom monitoring and arranging temperature testing events. Prior to her current position, she served as a program specialist for a large pharmaceutical company.

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Featured Class News Of The Month: **Jeanne Gartner (C '72)** was featured in an article on the Air Force Bands website called "Celebrating Women's History: Chief Master Sgt. Jeanne Gartner, a woman of many firsts," which celebrated her retirement. Gartner served the Air Force Band for 30 years. [READ MORE](#)

