

# Friends of Music announces new Scott Beard intern



Matthew Jagela, a Shepherd University music major, is shown with Friends president Judy Jones, right.

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Friends of Music has announced that its Scott Beard Intern

for the 2024-2025 academic year is Matthew Jagela, a Shepherd University music major who began his sophomore year this fall.

The Friends created the internship three years ago in honor of Dr. Scott Beard, a much-beloved Shepherd professor of music, provost, and vice president for academic affairs, who passed away suddenly in the spring of 2021. At that time, Dr. Beard had recently joined the Friends' board of directors.

Developed in consultation with Shepherd's School of Music, the internship is open to talented Shepherd music students who are interested in arts administration. It gives them a chance to learn about managing and sustaining a professional arts organization by helping in the Friends' office on a regular basis, and they receive a stipend. Duties include assisting with musician contracts, concert management, box office management, records management, and learning about budgeting and fundraising.

Support for the internship is being provided by the Marion Park Lewis Foundation for the Arts, which is based in Winchester, VA.

Matthew, who is from Weirton, WV, is proficient with several instruments, most notably trombone, bass trombone, tuba, and piano. At Shepherd, he has performed in numerous ensembles such as the Ram Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz

Band, Orchestra, Piano Ensemble, Trombone Choir, and Masterworks Chorale. He is involved in the honors program and serves on the piano accompaniment team for various performances.

In high school, he played with several community musical organizations, including the Wheeling Symphony Youth Orchestra. In his junior year of high school, he was selected for the WVU Honor Band and Honor Jazz Band and received an Outstanding Junior Award. In his senior year, he was selected for the West Virginia Region One Honor Band, the WVU Honor Jazz Band, and the West Virginia Music Educators Association All-State Band, and received a West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission Academic Achievement Award, and a John Philip Sousa Award.

For more information about Friends of Music, go to its web page at [www.friendswv.org](http://www.friendswv.org).