

# **SCHOLARS WITH DIVERSE ABILITIES PROGRAM (SDAP)**

# **SDAP**

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**Appalachian State University**



## **SDAP News & Updates**

**November 2020**

**Welcome to our second newsletter of the semester! We are proud of the work our students have done so far this semester. Keep reading to learn more!**

# SDAP 2021 Application

The SDAP Application for Fall 2021 students is now live! Visit [our website here](#) for more information about how to apply. Applications are due by December 2nd.

## SDAP Votes

We are excited that all of our SDAP scholars voted this year! For many of our scholars, this is their first time voting. We are so proud of them for exercising their right to vote!



**Are you an SDAP alumni?** We want to hear from you! Fill out [this form](#) to let us know what you have been up to since you graduated. Look forward to hearing about all of your successes!

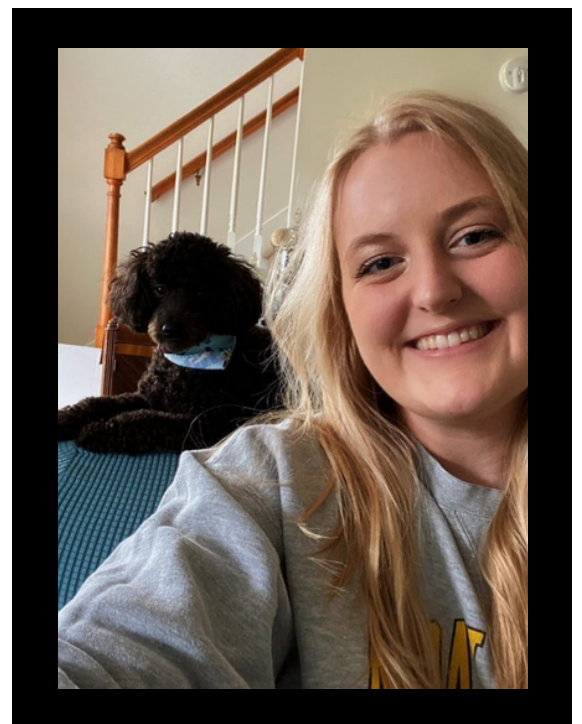
# SDAP SPOTLIGHT

Each newsletter, we will highlight students and fellows of SDAP and share some updates about what they are enjoying about SDAP, App State, and Boone!



"My name is Bri Silva and I am an SDAP scholar. I am 19 years old. My favorite part about App State so far is the campus and meeting some new friends. My favorite class is child development. My career goal is to hopefully become a kindergarten teacher and to teach young kids! I enjoy watching Netflix, hanging out with friends, and exploring Boone!"

"Hi! My name is Madeleine Sybert and I'm an SDAP fellow! I've been involved with SDAP since my sophomore year, but didn't learn about the opportunity to be a fellow until I was a junior! Volunteering with SDAP was so much fun and the program is so important, and I just knew that being a fellow was something I was interested in! Even though I've only been a fellow for a short time, I have made so many friends and memories within the SDAP program! I am so excited for the rest of the year and making more memories and hanging out with everyone!"



# Want to be an SDAP Fellow?

Our 2021-2022 Fellow application is now live! Check out our flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information. The application can be found [here](#) and is due by December 2nd. Priority is given to students who apply before Thanksgiving. Email [sdap@appstate.edu](mailto:sdap@appstate.edu) with any questions.

## Social Media

We post regularly on our social medias and encourage you to check them out! Please note that we have a NEW Facebook page - don't forget to like the new one and recommend it to your friends!







# Best Buddies

*By Margaret Kunki*

In October, Best Buddies partnered with SDAP for some fun and festive Halloween activities! We kicked off the month with our pumpkin painting party which took place over zoom. We got to chat with friends while creating masterpieces on pumpkins.

Our next event was the kick-off for Spooky Duke. During this meeting, we had a dance party DJ'd by our very own Tyler Shore. He played some great tunes, including the Monster Mash. To close off this meeting we had a costume contest which was awarded to winner Gracie who dressed as an adorable cow!

Best Buddies also hosted several Movie watch party throughout the week to get everyone in the Holiday spirit. Some of the movies/tv shows included 1922, Hubees Halloween, and The Haunting of Bly Manor. It was a spooky time for sure!

To close out our festive-filled month, Best Buddies and SDAP students put together Halloween treat bags for the children at the Crossnore School & Children's Home in nearby Avery County. Crossnore School & Children's Homes a non-profit child welfare organization supporting children and families in crisis from North Carolina. The gift bags included goodies such as candy, chips, and mini pumpkins.

Overall, October was a great month filled with lots of fun activities!

# Upcoming Events



**November 18 | 6pm**

Best Buddies Friendsgiving Dinner



**Due by December 2nd**

SDAP 2021 Student Applications



**Due by December 2nd**

SDAP Fellowship Applications

See below for flyers for some of these upcoming events! If you have any questions, comments, or other feedback, feel free to email us at [sdap@appstate.edu](mailto:sdap@appstate.edu).  
Thanks for reading!

# Scholars with Diverse Abilities

APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY



Now Seeking New Members for the SDAP Residence and Life Skills Support Team!

## Fall 2021-Spring 2022 Fellowship



**SDAP AWARDS \$500-\$1000 PER SEMESTER TO OUR COLLEGE LIFE FELLOWS**

SDAP is now seeking undergraduates who would like to offer residential and social support to students with diverse abilities.



### WHAT DO SDAP FELLOWS DO?

- Create a positive community living environment
- Serve as a role model
- Encourage diversity and inclusion on campus
- Support neurodiverse adult students with college life
- Attend and organize events with SDAP students

### YOU SHOULD BE A FELLOW IF YOU...

- like to have fun
- would like to live on campus without having to be put in the housing lottery process
- want to build your resumé
- are interested in interacting with a diverse group of students
- Have a 2.0 GPA or higher and will be at least a 2nd year in Fall 2021

## SDAP SUPPORTS FELLOWS!

While you support SDAP students, the SDAP staff will be there to support you! Training before the start of the fellowship year will help you feel more prepared to support students, and check-ins throughout the semester will give you good feedback for getting the most out of the fellowship experience. SDAP also supports fellows by ensuring they have space in the residence halls; college life fellows do not have to participate in the housing lottery!

**APPLICATIONS DUE DECEMBER 2, 2020!**

*Priority will be given to applicants who apply before Thanksgiving.*

**APPLY TODAY OR CONTACT [HOFMANMC@APPSTATE.EDU](mailto:HOFMANMC@APPSTATE.EDU) FOR MORE INFORMATION**