

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

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## **SDAP News & Updates**

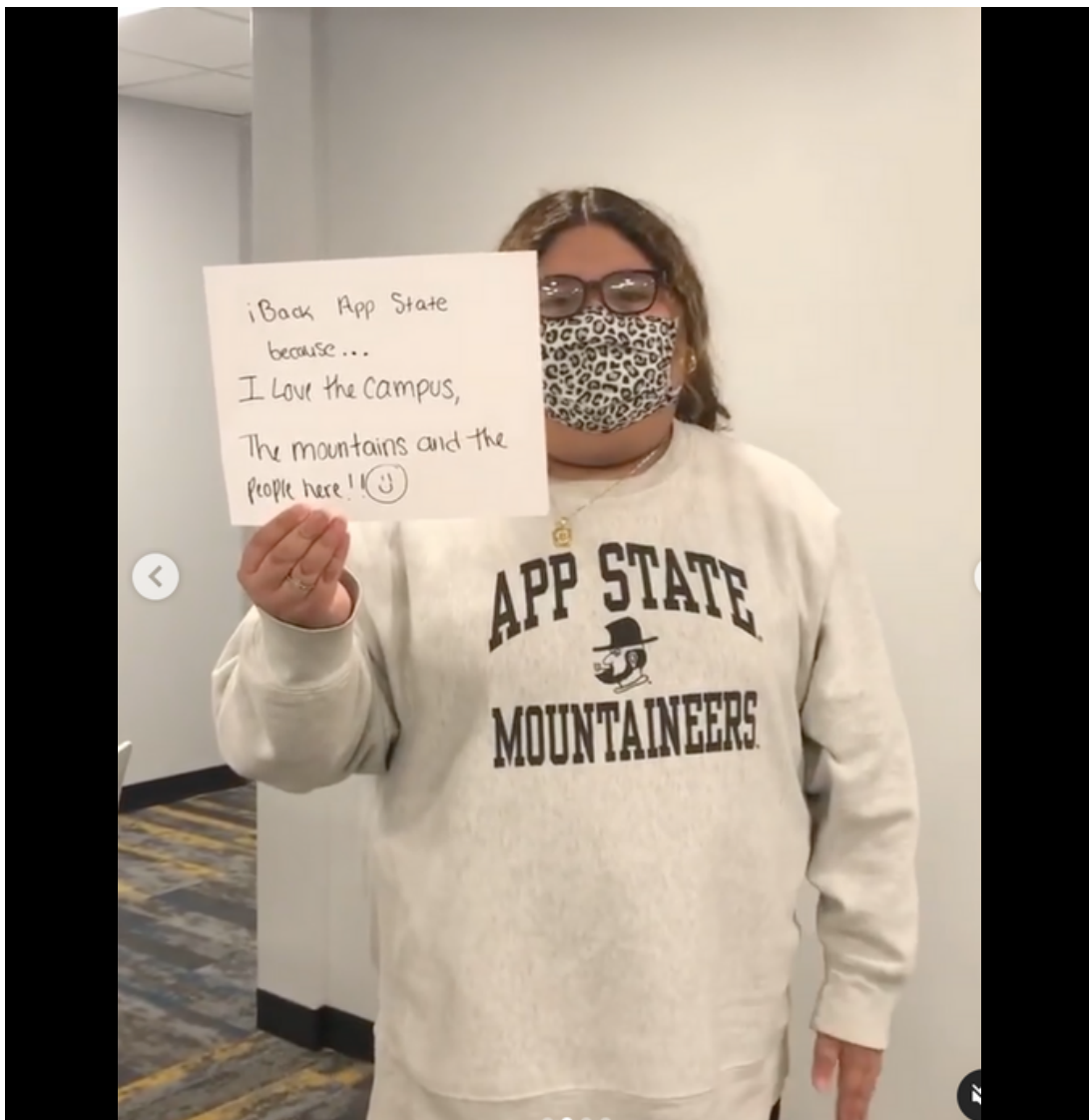
March 2021

We are excited to share our March newsletter with everyone. Keep reading to learn more about what our staff and scholars have been enjoying this month!

*Photo by Marie Freeman*

# iBackAPP Day

On March 4th, our scholars showed their school pride by participating in iBackAPP day! This day of giving is held every year to raise funds for the university and specific programs within Appalachian State University. Our students shared why they back App in videos that can be found on our instagram! More information about the day can be found in the [iBackAPP website](#). Thank you to everyone who participated and Go Mountaineers!



# Best Buddies Coffee Talk

We are excited to celebrate National Best Buddies month with another coffee talk on Friday, March 19! This month's event is Spring themed and we will do a flower project, play bingo, share a recipe book, and more! Submit any recipes to Best Buddies by emailing [mccallem@appstate.edu](mailto:mccallem@appstate.edu). We hope to see you there!

## SPRING COFFEE TALK SCHEDULE



- Information about SDAP/BB
- Pamphlet
- Flower Project
- Bingo
- Recipe Book
- Lightning Scavenger Hunt
- Community Art Piece



**WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE  
YOU THERE!**

MARCH 19TH  
9AM-10:45AM  
ZOOM

# Aportfolio Awards

We are thrilled to share that our own SDAP scholar, Tyler Shore, has created an Aportfolio that has been submitted for an Aportfolio Scholars Award and is ranked in the top ten! This award honors and acknowledges Appalachian State University students who develop outstanding, creative, scholarly, and professional Aportfolios, which are visual boards that can be used to share information for class or for personal use too. Congratulations Tyler on this great achievement!



## NCWorks

Our SDAP scholars have started working with NCWorks on resumes and interviewing skills. NCWorks is an employment search service that offers tools to help people across North Carolina prepare for and find employment. They recently held a session with our SDAP scholars to talk about soft skills for employment. Scholars will also soon have one-on-one sessions for continued career development.



# SDAP SPOTLIGHT

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



"Hi! My name is Taylor Ruppe and I am a 2nd year SDAP scholar. My favorite part about SDAP is being around people, hanging out and seeing different people every day. My favorite thing to do in my free time is to draw or color. My favorite restaurant in Boone is the Daniel Boone Inn. I want to work hard and finish the program and work at a daycare. A fun fact about myself is that I took a class and learned how to sew in high school."

"Hi, my name is Alex Carter and I am an intern at SDAP! My favorite part about working at SDAP is working with all of the students and all of the staff! Everyone is so sweet and welcoming! The students always make my day whenever we meet because they are always so happy and excited to talk about how their weeks have been as well as the activities I plan for them! The staff are always super helpful and are always there for you when you need them! My favorite thing about Boone is going on the parkway whenever it's a nice sunny day here! It's always so pretty whenever I go on there and I can just drive for hours!"



# SDAP 2021 Application

In March, we began conducting virtual interviews with prospective students and we are excited to share more details in the coming weeks. Even though we are holding our interviews virtually, it has been so great to meet our prospective students and learn more about them via Zoom interviews, written responses, digital vision boards, and more! As a reminder, the SDAP Application for Fall 2021 students is live! Visit our website here for more information about how to apply. If you have any questions, feel free to email us at [sdap@appstate.edu](mailto:sdap@appstate.edu).

## Social Media

For more updates about SDAP, we encourage you to check out our social medias, linked below.



@appalachianstatesdap



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<https://sdap.appstate.edu>

# Upcoming Events



**March 19 | 9am-10:45am EST**  
Best Buddies Coffee Talk



**April 10**  
Open House



**Ongoing**  
[SDAP 2021 Student Applications](#)

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comments, or other feedback, feel  
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Thanks for reading!