

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

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## **SDAP News & Updates**

April 2021

We are excited to share our last newsletter of the semester. This edition highlights our graduating staff and scholars. We are so proud of everyone's accomplishments! Keep reading to learn more.

*Photo by Marie Freeman*

# Best Buddies Talent Show

On April 7, Best Buddies held a virtual talent show! We loved seeing everyone's special talents, including some dancing, piano playing, singing, and more! Thank you to everyone who shared their amazing talents with us. If you missed it, you can check out some of the talent show videos on our instagram!

Best Buddies also recently held their executive team elections. Congratulations to everyone who was elected into a new position! We also wish a special thank you to Jess Deal, who led Best Buddies this last year. Jess, your passion and leadership made the club such a success - thank you for all of your hard work!



# Congratulations to our SDAP graduates!

These next few pages highlight our graduating scholars of SDAP. We are so proud of all of their hard work over the last two years. They have accomplished so much, including making it through college during a pandemic, working new jobs, attending classes, joining clubs, and so much more! We will miss you all very much and are so proud of you. Congratulations!

*Class of*  
**2021**

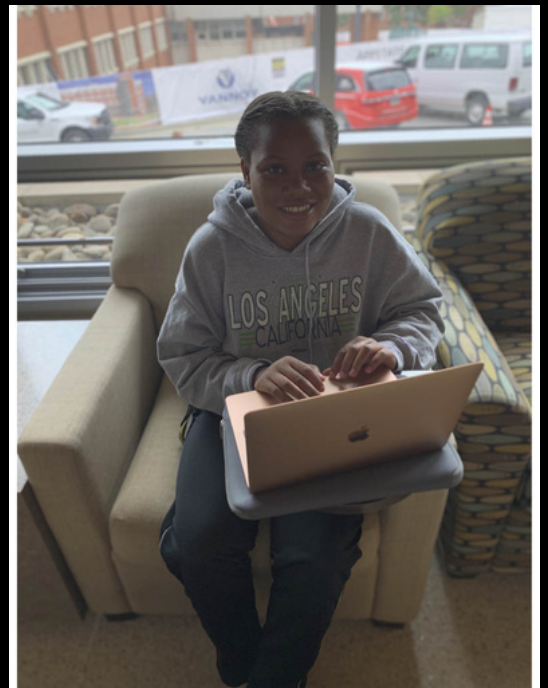


# Congrats, graduates!



Congratulations to Tyler Shore!  
Tyler's favorite memory at App State is going to Mellow Mushroom for dinners with SDAP. His favorite class was College and Beyond taught by Dr. Cummings. Tyler hopes to get a job at Watauga Opportunities. We can't wait to see what you accomplish, Tyler!

Makayla Adkins, congratulations on your graduation! Makayla's favorite class was weight lifting. Her favorite thing about App State was joining Best Buddies. After graduating, she plans on finding a job related to her interests back home and working to get an apartment. We can't wait to hear about what all you do in the future!





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Congratulations to Micah Gray! Micah's favorite part about college was hanging out with friends. His favorite class was Tai Chi. He looks forward to working at Texas Roadhouse upon graduation. Micah, best of luck in your future endeavors!

We are so excited for Taylor Ruppe! Taylor's favorite memory at App State is going to Washington, D.C. with scholars and friends last year. She also loves sewing! Her favorite class was hiking. Upon graduation, Taylor will be starting a new job at Panera. Congratulations on all of your achievements, Taylor!



# **Congratulations to our SDAP staff graduates!**

We also want to congratulate the members of our staff and volunteer team who are graduating this year. You all have done so much for SDAP over the years and we will all miss you! Wishing you all the best in your future. Congratulations!

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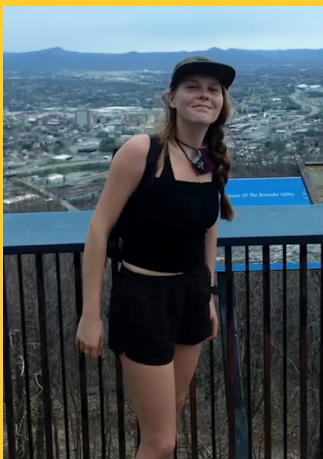
## **Tiffany Harris - Graduate Assistant**

Graduating with a Masters in  
Marriage and Family Therapy with  
an Addictions Counseling  
Certificate



## **Emily McCall - Intern**

Graduating with a  
Bachelor of Social Work



## **Catherine Pierce - Intern**

Graduating with a  
Bachelor of Social Work

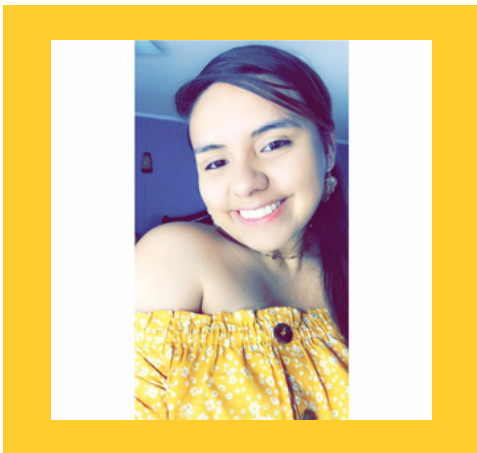


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## **Jess Deal - Fellow**

Graduating with a Bachelor of  
Science in Special Education



## **Jess Trejo - Volunteer**

Graduating with a Bachelor of  
Science in Elementary Education



## **Lauren Shaw - Volunteer**

Graduating with a  
Bachelor of Social Work



# **SDAP 2021 Application**

We are very excited to share that we have admitted eight new scholars to join us in Fall 2021! We are so excited to welcome them to campus in the fall and look forward to what our returning and new scholars accomplish next year. Thank you to everyone who supported us during the application and interview process. 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.



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<https://sdap.appstate.edu>

# Upcoming Events



**April 28**

Last Day of Classes



**April 30**

Last Date to Move Out



**May 7:**

Graduation!

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 and have a great  
summer!