

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

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## **SDAP News & Updates**

November/December 2021

This edition highlights some of our team members and scholars. We are thrilled to introduce them to you! Keep reading to learn more about what we are up to!

# TWEETSIE



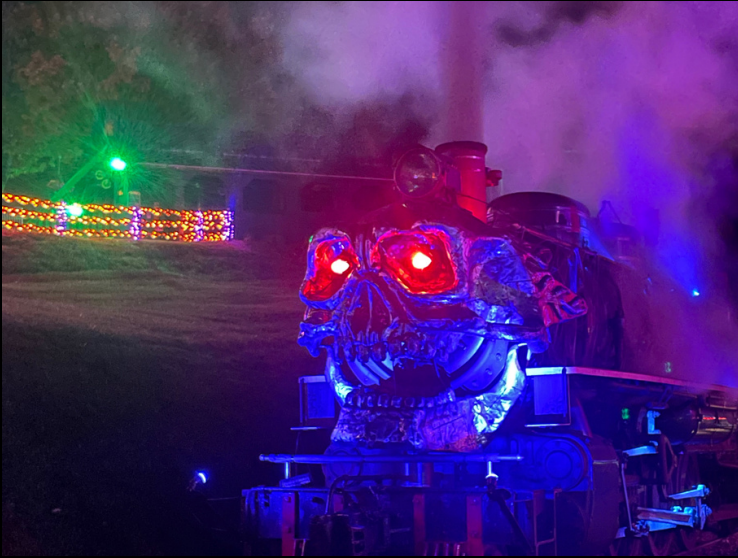
Thanks to a very generous donor, the Scholars with Diverse Abilities Program team was able to enjoy the haunted thrills and frights at Tweetsie Railroad's Halloween Ghost Train experience.

The team got to spend time together and bond over shrieks of terror in the Haunted House, Freaky Forest, the Black Hole and of course the Ghost Train. After the train ride, the team had fun riding the Creepy Carnival rides, drinking hot chocolate and eating chocolate covered goodies!

Despite the chilly weather and rain, everyone truly had a blast and appreciated the opportunity to see what Tweetsie's Ghost Train was all about!



# TWEETSIE



## Thank you!

Thanks to a very generous donor SDAP was able to enjoy a wonderful night full of Halloween frights and laughter at **Tweetsie Railroad!**

We truly appreciated the experience our program was gifted.



## Social Media

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



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# TWEETSIE





# APP STATE FOOTBALL



With the end of the semester quickly approaching, that does mean the end of the Appalachian State University football season as well. Our scholars loved cheering on our Mountaineers at the Rock! Besides the concession stands and their yummy popcorn, first-year scholar Web states he enjoyed getting to say "Go, Fight, Win App," while first-year scholar Anne Carol enjoyed chanting "first down and third down." With only one game left in the season, we hope our scholars are excited to cheer on our Mountaineers one last time in person or from home!!



# BEST BUDDIES



This semester has flown by for Best Buddies and our scholars! The group was thankful to have an evening to spend together and celebrate Friendsgiving. Gathering at the Jimmy Smith Lounge, the scholars and many of their Buddies enjoyed a meal together in place of their final club meeting. We can't wait to see what fun events they are planning for next semester.

**Best Buddies is open to anyone to join!**

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# STAFF SPOTLIGHT



## **STEFANIE.**

Stefanie Klinge is the Scholars with Diverse Abilities Program communications intern. The Grand Rapids, Michigan native is a senior at Appalachian State University majoring in public relations and minoring in human resource management.

As the communications intern, she writes monthly newsletters, social media posts, takes photos and attends events with the scholars! Stefanie joined SDAP to gain experience working in communication but also because she wanted to help spread awareness about this awesome program!

When she isn't working, you can find Stefanie relaxing to the sound of waterfalls in the Solarium!



# STAFF SPOTLIGHT



## CHRIS.

Chris McPhillips is a senior at Appalachian State University majoring in psychology with a minor in LGBT studies. Chris goes by he/him pronouns and is originally from Wake Forest, North Carolina.

Chris' favorite food is Tofu, and his favorite place on campus is the Belk Library! Chris is the Scholars with Diverse Abilities Program office assistant; this role includes assisting staff, helping with projects, and supporting the scholars to help further their futures. Chris joined SDAP to gain experience with individuals with diverse abilities and help promote their opportunities. Chris plans to use his skills learned from SDAP to further support various individuals!



# SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT



## **BRIDGER.**

Bridger Robinson is a first-year scholar of Scholars with Diverse Abilities Program at Appalachian State University. Bridger is a Morganton, North Carolina, native.

Bridger has a special love for all things trains. He enjoys visiting local attraction, Tweetsie Railroad, whenever he gets the chance. On campus, Bridger's favorite spot is the Kidd Brewer Stadium! Bridger's favorite thing to do when he is not in class or visiting Tweetsie is to relax in Blowing Rock. You can find him enjoying his favorite treats: chocolate and Air Heads! His favorite thing since moving to campus is being able to go to Bible Study. Bridger is most excited for the football and basketball games! Roll 'Neers!



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**ANNE**

**CAROL.**

Anne Carol Sheely is a first-year scholar of Scholars with Diverse Abilities Program at Appalachian State University. Anne Carol is originally from Raleigh, North Carolina.

Anne Carol's favorite treat is dairy-free ice cream and her favorite class and activity is participating in Appalachian Choral (Check out their upcoming concert Nov. 30th at 8:00 pm!). She also enjoys spending her free time at her favorite spot on campus: Plemmons Student Union.

Her favorite thing to do outside of class is to hang out with her friends at the Solarium! Since moving on campus, Anne Carol's favorite thing has been meeting new people and she is most excited about the home football games.

Her goal after her time at the program is to come back to Appalachian State University for her bachelor's degree.



# FELLOW SPOTLIGHT



## DELLA.

Della Caudill is a sophomore social work major originally from Kannapolis, North Carolina. Della's favorite spot on campus is Crossroads and her favorite treat is Ice cream!

Della has a Fellowship with SDAP which means she helps support the scholars in any way they require in the dorm and navigating campus.

Della wanted to work with SDAP because she has always wanted to help others and she hopes to use these skills when she works in the social work field in the future. Della loves working at SDAP and she describes her love for the community it has brought to her life.



# Upcoming Events



**November 30 @ 8 p.m.**

Appalachian Choral Concert



**December 1**

Reading Day



**December 3**

Move out day for winter break!



**December 13 - January 7**

Winter Break!



**January 10**

First Day of Spring 2022 Classes!

Check out [engage.appstate.edu](https://engage.appstate.edu) for more 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!



