

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

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## **SDAP News & Updates**

February 2022

We are excited to share our February newsletter with everyone! This edition will announce our upcoming events, keep reading for more updates and a formal introduction to some of our scholars and staff.

Appalachian State University's  
Scholars with Diverse Abilities Program (SDAP) is

# Celebrating

# 10 YEAR

# Anniversary

**Come join us on April 22, 2022**

**At the Grandview Ballroom in Kidd Brewer Stadium  
135 Jack Branch Drive  
Boone, NC 28608**

Since our program began we have been working hard to change lives through inclusion and challenge, now its time to celebrate SDAP's Ten-Year Anniversary! We will be hosting a Coffee Talk, Campus walk, Scholar presentations, and more!



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# TALENT SHOWCASE

Now's the time to show everyone what you're made of!

During the Ten-Year Anniversary we will be holding a talent showcase for our scholars and alumni. We are asking all musicians, singers, dancers, artists, magicians, comedians, and everyone with a talent that they would like to showcase to reach out to us!

If you're interested in performing or know anyone who would be, please contact us through email at [sdap@appstate.edu](mailto:sdap@appstate.edu).



# BEST BUDDIES

## Valentine's Dance



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Who doesn't love a Valentine's Dance Party! The Scholars with Diverse Abilities Program Best Buddies Club in partnership with the Appalachian Educators Diverse Abilities Committee held a Valentine's Dance last Saturday, February 19. More than 100 App State students showed up and danced the night away. This event gave our scholars the space to come together, be themselves and have fun! Best Buddies Club Secretary Sydney McKeaver explained the best part about planning the event was seeing how excited everyone was for it, she said "People volunteered at the dance and took time to all come together and celebrate inclusivity and friendship. It was an amazing time and we were so glad to see everything come together to create amazing memories!"

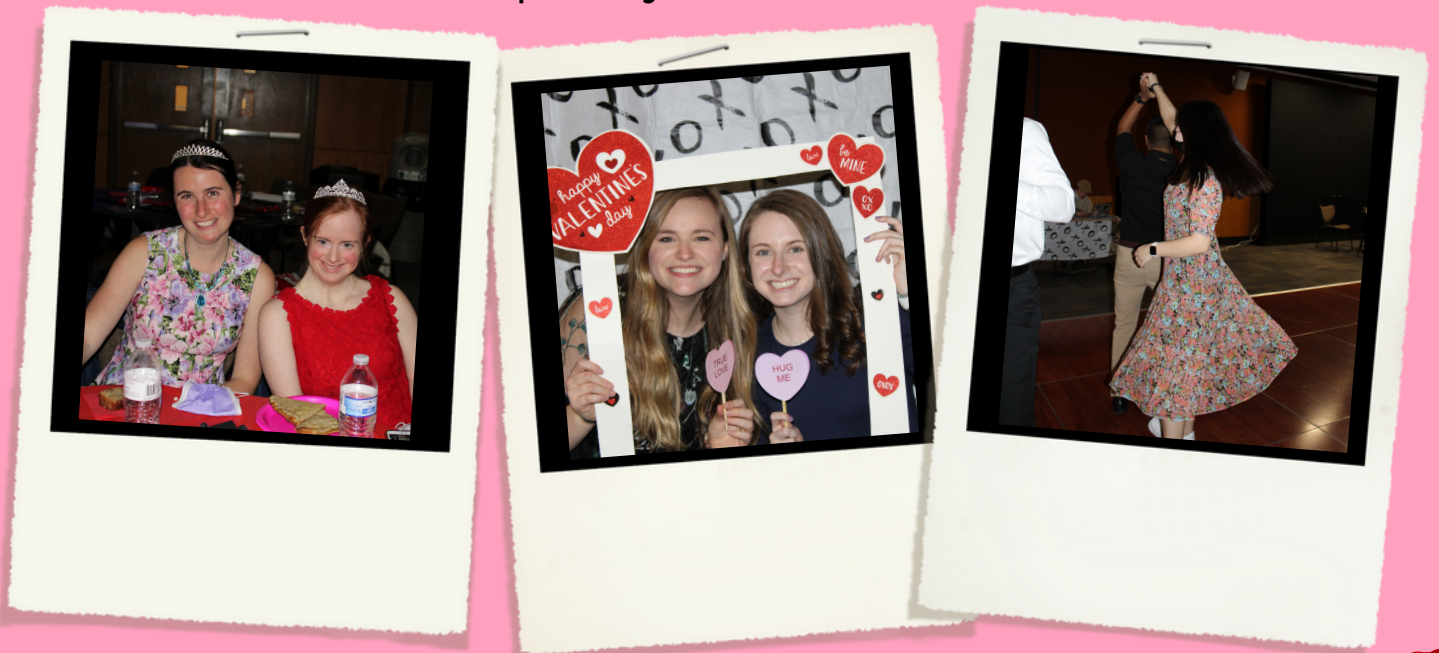


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## Valentine's Dance



The dance took place at the Blue Ridge Ballroom in the Plemmons Student Union decorated specially for the occasion, complete with a proper dance floor and photo booth for a night of fun. The refreshments provided by Stick Boy Bread Company was a hit at the dance, especially the raspberry cheesecake.



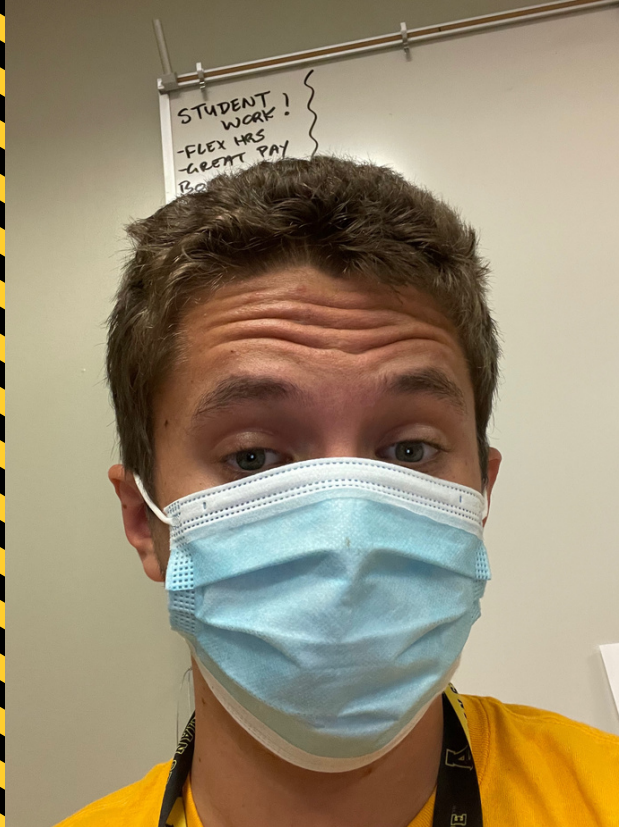
Our scholars had a blast at the Valentine's Dance, Grace C.'s favorite moment of the dance was having the chance to slow dance and dance with her friends.

Anne C. said her favorite part was meeting and interacting with new people. With such a wonderful turnout, SDAP's team anticipates to keep this excitement rolling with more events, activities, and partnerships within this semester.



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# SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT



## WEBER "WEB" ENGLISH

Webster is a first-year student of SDAP and he is from Charlotte, NC. He is very fond of learning about psychology and his favorite classes are Literacy and Effective Study Skills. Outside of class Web loves to paint, go on hikes and attend Bible Study.



# STAFF SPOTLIGHT



## MYASIA JARRETT

MyAsia is SDAP's Communication Intern, in her final year at Appalachian State and is working towards her Bachelor's degree in Public Relations with a minor in Non-Profit Organizations. Having experience working with a Charlotte-based mental health agency, she joined SDAP to be part of a team that makes a difference in the community. MyAsia is beyond excited to see what new experience, connections, and challenges this semester will bring while working with the program.

# Upcoming Campus Events



**March 1st @ 5:30pm**

Coffee Talk with SDAP

In the Solarium at **Plemmons Student Union**

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

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