

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

# **SDAP**

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## **SDAP News & Updates**

March 2022

We are excited to share our March newsletter with you! Keep reading for SDAP updates and a formal introduction to some of our scholars and staff.

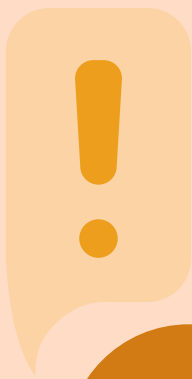
# Welcoming Back

## Coffee Talk!

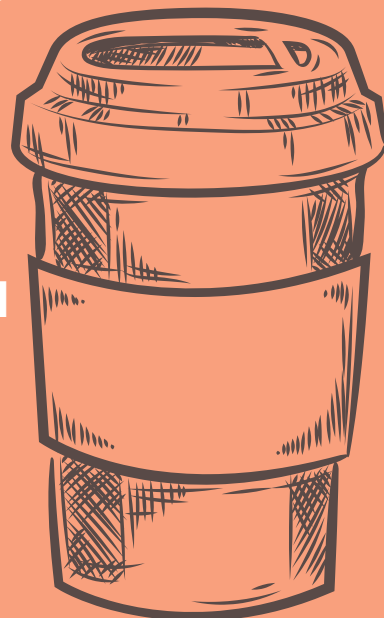


**Join us Friday March 25th at 8:30 a.m.**

The Scholars with Diverse Abilities Program created Coffee Talk in 2017 for our scholars to have an opportunity to connect with other members of the university and share their experiences with SDAP. For this event we are partnering with the teachers and staff from App State's Academy at Middle Fork.



**Coffee and treats will  
be provided along  
with great  
conversation!**



# BEST BUDDIES

Since the academic year will be coming to an end soon, the SDAP Best Buddies Club held their executive board elections for the 2022-23 year! They hold club elections every year at this time to provide plenty of time for the new club leadership to prepare for the next academic year. This is the first year that the club has offered joint positions, and they are excited for this opportunity for students to collaborate and foster teamwork to promote the success of the club. President Jordan Kelley expressed that she is very excited to have more of an inclusive executive board to work with and serve the club! This team has strong plans for next year that include another Valentine's Dance, participating in volunteer opportunities, the annual Buddy Match party, and hosting more events to promote friendship and inclusivity. We are excited for another great year within the club!

## The results of the election were as followed:

President: Jordan Kelley

Vice President: Savannah Wilson

Secretary: Alex Kellogg & Anne Carol Sheely

Treasurer: Emma Estudillo & Bridger Robinson

Social Media Manager: Charlotte Butler

Buddy Director: Web English

Congratulations to these club members!



**Anne Carol**  
as co-secretary



**Web English**  
as Buddy Director



**Bridger Robinson**  
as co-treasurer

*Best Buddies is committed to creating an inclusive, loving, and caring environment where everyone feels welcome and comfortable being themselves!*

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

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# Leadership Project

**For the past few weeks our scholars have been engaged in a leadership project with the Appalachian State University Academy at Middle Fork. The Academy at Middle Fork is a free and public literacy-focused lab school that serves grades K-5 in Winston-Salem.**



SDAP scholars were each paired with a 5th grade scholar from Middle Fork as their penpal! Using zoom they had a virtual Meet and Greet with one another earlier in the semester. During that meeting they filled out a questionnaire based on their interests, likes, and hobbies. Over the course of the semester the SDAP scholars have exchanged letters with and mentored their pals at Middle Fork.

This project has provided the SDAP scholars the opportunity to improve their leadership and writing skills. The scholars are also happy to connect with new people they would not have otherwise met.

To welcome the partnership with Middle Fork staff and celebrate the project, SDAP is hosting them at Coffee Talk on March 25th!



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

# Celebrating

# 10 YEAR

# Anniversary

**Come join us on April 22, 2022 from 3-5 p.m.**

★ Doors open at 2:45 p.m.

**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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# SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT



## Remington 'Remi' Douglas

Remi is a first year SDAP student from Indian Trail, N.C. He enjoys spending his free time outside, playing basketball and participating in fencing club. Remi also loves writing and reading, and he is thoroughly engaged with Literacy Cast offered by the Anderson Reading Clinic. (more to come about Literacy Cast next month so stay tuned...)



Emily is currently a first year graduate student in the Department of Social Work at Appalachian State. She also has a Bachelor's degree from App in Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies. Emily joined SDAP because she loves working with people! As a social work intern she provides person centered planning (PCP) advising to four of the scholars. She helps her scholars to set and achieve their individualized goals! PCP advising is the core work of SDAP.

# Upcoming Campus Events



**April 9th @ 11 a.m.**

SDAP Spring Open House at Reich College of Education



**April 22nd @ 3 p.m.**

SDAP Ten-Year Anniversary At the Grandview Ballroom in Kidd Brewer Stadium



**April 23rd**

Best Buddies Friendship Walk on Campus

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).



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