

Student Veteran Services Newsletter

April 2020 Edition



THIS TOO SHALL PASS...

I can say with total honesty, I would have never imagined things would be as they are right now. I recognize we are all going through something totally new and completely unprecedented. With that being said, I want you to know I am here for you – for questions, support, resources – for whatever you may need.

If you have not already done so, I encourage you to check out the [Keep Learning](#) resource page. The page incorporates a variety of resources and strategies to assist you as you navigate online learning at Appalachian. If you think of any resources that are missing or would benefit you (and/or others), please let me know and we will get it added.

As far as GI Bill benefits are concerned, rest assured, the VA and Congress are looking out for students. Your benefits will not be impacted by the UNC System's decision to keep classes online through summer. Additionally, the addition of a pass/fail grading option has been approved by the VA. However, I STRONGLY recommend that you speak to your advisor and financial aid (Stephanie Jones to be specific) before making the election to switch to pass/fail.

If you plan to use VA Education Benefits during upcoming terms (summer and/or fall), don't forget to submit your request for certification (Enrollment Data Sheet) once you register for classes. The online submission form will be available on or after Wednesday, April 8. You will receive a communication from Financial Aid once they get those added.

Best wishes and stay safe!

Jennifer

ACADEMICS

I've said it already, but don't forget to take advantage of the resources available to you:

- [Student Learning Center](#)
 - [Tutoring Services](#)
 - [Learning Labs](#)
 - [Study Strategies](#)
 - [Personal Consultations](#)
- [University Writing Center](#)
- [Office of Student Success](#)
 - [Student Resources](#)
- [Belk Library & Information Commons](#)
 - [Research Assistance](#)

Even though the physical locations are currently unavailable, ALL of these resources remain available virtually.

MIDTERM GRADE REPORTS (MGRs)

Midterm Grade Reports went out to faculty on March 5. Due to current circumstances, these reports will remain available through the conclusion of the semester and we will reach out as needed to offer support or congratulations.

PRIORITY REGISTRATION

Early registration opens on April 8, 2020, with priority registration beginning April 13. Since April 10 is a holiday, priority registration begins on Monday the 13th, my apologies for the previous misinformation.

Be sure you complete required advising BEFORE early registration begins so that you don't miss your opportunity to register. Academic advisors will provide the early registration PIN numbers to all eligible students. If you don't have your PIN and you have completed advising, reach out to [Bob](#) or [Michelle](#). On April 13, juniors will register at 8am, sophomores at 11 am, and freshman at 2 pm.

EVENTS and INFO:

UPCOMING VIRTUAL/REMOTE EVENTS

Please note: all SVRC and relevant campus events are also posted on the [SVRC Events Calendar](#).

- [Career Development Center: Career Meetups](#)
 - Daily at 10 am & 2 pm, except April 10 (Holiday)
- [Research Hour with Kelly McCallister](#)
 - April 22 @ 3 pm
 - April 27 @ 2 pm

SVA EVENTS IN APRIL

- Per University guidelines, no formal, in person gatherings will be held until further notice.
- Follow the [Student Veterans Association of Appalachian State Facebook page](#) for updates.

CAMPUS EVENTS IN APRIL

- **Lunch'n with your Dean**
An interactive and informative meeting hosted by Appalachian's Interim Dean of Students, Alan Rasmussen, each meeting will also include special guest speakers.
 - [April 9](#) – Pass/Fail and more
 - [April 17 and 24](#) – various topics

GRADUATION

- [Virtual Spring 2020 Commencement](#)

If this is your final semester, it is time to start planning for graduation and beyond. Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- [Update your Resume](#)
- [Apply for Graduation](#)
- [Get your FREE honor cord](#)
 - Send me your address ASAP, please!

[Start your Job/Internship Search](#)

A MESSAGE

From Judy Haas, Associate Dean of Students:

Jennifer is a much more eloquent writer than I am. I just want you all to know that you are missed and that if there is anything I can do for any of you please let me know. I miss seeing the crew that hung out in the Center all of the time. You made my day.

Stay safe and well. Judy

SCHOLARSHIPS

Appalachian State now offers **three scholarships** for our military affiliated students:

- The Appalachian State Warrior Fund
- The Harry & Mary Meinhardt Scholarship
- The Mark & Mimi Ross Scholarship

Keep an eye on your email for information about this year's application process. We are hoping to open the applications soon!

In the Community...

Our K9s for Warriors team of Laura and Winston graduated from their training program on March 16. As you may remember, Mark and Mimi Ross (the same folks who recently created a scholarship for Appalachian's student veterans) contributed to K9s for Warriors in honor of Laura and Winston (pictured below) **on behalf of all of you, Appalachian's Military Mountaineers!**

Graduation video:

<https://www.facebook.com/K9sforWarriors/videos/2743345132381047/>



“When nothing is sure, everything is possible” ~ Margaret Drabble