

Student Veteran Services Newsletter

December 2020 Edition



YOU MADE IT!

As this semester is coming to its end, I wanted to take a moment to thank each and every one of you for your patience and versatility this semester. I know it has been hard on everyone, and your resilience has been tested. Now the only thing standing between you and a much-deserved break is exam week. I wish you all the best as you complete your exams and final projects, and I hope you get the opportunity to relax and unwind during the break.

Registration for the spring semester is still open, with new students gaining access this week. Don't forget, if you plan to use VA Education Benefits (GI Bill ®) in the spring, you will need to complete an online certification request. The form should be available on your Appalnet account. Please complete the form AFTER you have registered for classes.

If you are graduating in December, don't forget to stop by the SVRC to pick up your Graduation Honor Cord! If you can't stop by, be sure to email me your address and I will mail it to you. Virtual Commencement will be held on Friday, December 11 at 4:00pm. For more information, visit the [Commencement website](#).

Due to the closure of the Student Union for the winter break, the SVRC will be closed to the public from December 12 through January 10. We will reopen at 8:00am on Monday, January 11. The spring semester begins on January 19, 2021.

Finally, I need your help. Please complete this [short survey](#) (less than 10 minutes) to help me plan for the spring semester. My goal is to offer the best programs and services I can, and your feedback will guide planning for next semester and beyond.

Best wishes and Happy Holidays!

Jennifer

ACADEMICS

With final exams upon us, please don't forget that there are many support resources available.

- [Student Learning Center](#)
 - [Final Exam Plan](#)
 - [Tutoring Services](#)
 - [Study Strategies](#)
 - [Personal Consultations](#)
- [University Writing Center](#)
- [Belk Library & Information Commons](#)
 - [Library Guide for Student Veterans](#)

GRADUATION

If this is your final semester, you should already be planning for graduation and beyond. Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- Pick up your **GRADUATION HONOR Cord**
 - If you cannot come to the SVRC to pick up your cord, you can email your mailing address and we will mail it out.
- [Update your Resume](#)
- [Start \(continue\) your Job/Internship Search](#)
- [Apply for graduation](#) (if you haven't already) – December 10 is the final day to apply.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Career Development Center let me know there are several immediate job openings available for our December grads, as well as others for folks finishing up in May. Visit [Handshake](#) to see what's available.

There's also a part time position currently available for folks interested in farming/sustainable agriculture. Here's the [job posting](#). The Watauga Democrat just published an article about the grant, Frontline to Farm, that is funding the position. Check that out [here](#).

IN OTHER NEWS:

UPCOMING VIRTUAL/REMOTE EVENTS

Events will also be posted on the [SVS Events Calendar](#).

- Virtual Commencement
 - 12/11 at 4:00 PM
 - Visit the [Commencement website](#) for more information.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

In light of the many challenges we all face, especially in the wake of COVID-19, App State offers several support programs for members of the Appalachian Community:

- [Mountaineer Meal Share](#)
- [Mountaineer Emergency Grants](#)
- [Appalachian Cares](#)
- [FREE COVID Testing](#)

SVA National Conference: Feb 19-20, 2021

Registration for NATCON 2021 is still free for students. Visit the [SVA NATCON website](#) ASAP to register before the free registrations are gone.

When we return in January,
DON'T FORGET....

There are **FREE COFFEE CARDS** available for pick up in the SVRC. Each card will "purchase" a 12oz cup of drip coffee from Crossroads Coffee House on the first floor of the Plemmons Student Union.

SVA ELECTION RESULTS

The election of officers for the Student Veteran Association of Appalachian State University is officially closed and complete.

The election results are as follows:

President: Trey Eastman eastmanj@appstate.edu

VP: Blaze Carswell carswellbk@appstate.edu

Treasurer: Zane Clark clarkz@appstate.edu

Secretary: Chase Vallery valleryca@appstate.edu

Thank you to all who voted. Please feel free to reach out to your new officers with questions, concerns, ideas, etc. We all look forward to serving you in 2020/2021.

Happy Holidays from Student Veteran Services!



"When I started counting my blessings, my whole life turned around."

~Willie Nelson~

I consider each and every one of you a blessing in my life. I wish you all the best, now and always!

~Jennifer~