

# Student Veteran Services Newsletter

February 2020 Edition



## GREETINGS & SALUTATIONS!

It's my first week working in the Student Veterans Resource Center, and I must say, I couldn't be happier to be here. Judy provided a great introduction last month, so I won't bore you with all of those details again. Just know, I am here to listen, provide support, and advocate for you all.

During the next few weeks, I will be spending much of my time getting oriented with my new responsibilities. I will also be working on plans and goals for myself and for the Center. If you have comments or suggestions, please let me know. I've created an anonymous [suggestion form](#) you can complete, or you are welcome to send me an [email](#).

Please feel free to reach out, or come by for a visit, if there's anything I can do to be of assistance.

Best wishes to you all!

*Jennifer*

In the last newsletter, Judy mentioned that my family has "lots of fun" on the weekends. Here's a sneak peek of what we do.....



## ACADEMICS

It is hard to believe, but it is already the fourth week of the semester. I hope that everything is going well and that your courses are challenging, but manageable. If for any reason you find yourself needing any academic support, there are ample resources at your disposal:

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

If you would like additional information about any of the services listed above, please let me know!

## MIDTERM GRADE REPORTS (MGRs)

Administered through the Support Services area of the Student Learning Center and the Office of Student Success, Midterm Grade Reports are a mechanism for collecting faculty feedback at the midpoint of the semester. This feedback serves as a mechanism for offering kudos for a job well done or providing targeted support, encouragement, or improvement strategies for students who may be struggling.

## A SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS

Last month Judy mentioned the kindness and generosity of Mark and Mimi Ross for the creation of an endowed scholarship for student veterans. This month I have the pleasure of recognizing them for another gift. In addition to the scholarship, Mark and Mimi have donated a new laptop to the Center. I will let you all know when it is available for use. THANK YOU, Mark and Mimi! Your generosity is appreciated!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## CAMPUS EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

- [Income Tax Clinics](#)
  - FREE tax help offered by the Department of Accounting
  - February 4 – April 15
  - 5 pm – 7 pm
- [Graduate School Fair \(AppState Programs\)](#)
  - February 10: 10 am – 1 pm
- [Outdoor Jobs Fair](#)
  - February 12: 10am – 2pm
- [Internship and Job Fair](#)
  - February 25: 12pm – 4 pm

## SVA EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

- Fundraiser (ongoing)
  - Krispy Kreme vouchers
    - Buy-One/Get-One \$20
    - One Dozen Gift Certificates \$9
- Care Packages
  - Drop-off care package items in SVRC
  - Will be sent to deployed former, current, and future Mountaineers
- Boone Docks MMA/BJJ (ongoing)
  - Thursday Nights: 7 pm
- SVA Social at High Country Lanes
  - February 6: 5 pm
- SVA Meeting - SVRC
  - February 18: 6 pm

## GRADUATION

- Spring 2020 Commencement
  - May 8 & 9

If this is your final semester, it is not too soon 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](#)
- [Start your Job/Internship Search](#)

## RECAPPING NATCON

In January, five members of Appalachian's Student Veterans Association (SVA) travelled to Los Angeles, California to the Student Veterans of America National Conference (NatCon). NatCon provides opportunities for networking, professional development, and fellowship for student veterans from across the nation.



If you would like more information about NatCon and its benefits, feel free to reach out to any of these folks:

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**IT IS SCHOLARSHIP SEASON! SEEK THEM OUT AND APPLY, APPLY, APPLY!**