

Student Veteran Services Newsletter

October 2020 Edition



HALF WAY THROUGH!

It is hard to believe the fall semester is almost half-way over. For me, time flies some days and crawls on others. Either way, I hope that your semester is going well so far and that you aren't overwhelmed with midterm assignments.

Before I go any farther, I want to let you know that I am here for anyone and everyone who needs support in the days following the loss of one of our fellow Mountaineers. The loss of a student is always devastating, and it impacts each of us differently. No matter what, please know I am here for you. And because of the nature of Chad's death, I must humbly and respectfully ask that everyone remain vigilant in following the safety protocols set forth to prevent/reduce the spread of COVID-19.

With midterms upon us, now is a good time to utilize the academic resources the University has to offer. Whether you need a short tutoring session to prepare for an exam or assistance with writing/research (*check out our Upcoming Events for more info on writing/research assistance*) for a midterm paper or report, there are many quality resources literally at your fingertips. If you need advice or a point of contact for any of the resources listed, please let me know.

After midterms comes registration. I've provided the dates and times for registration, including priority registration, in the next column. Additionally, a revised [academic calendar](#) for the year has been posted. There were two important updates to the spring calendar: the start of class has been pushed out to January 19 and Spring Break has been eliminated due to starting a week later. The roster of spring courses will be posted soon. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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](#)
 - [Advising FAQ](#)
- [University Writing Center](#)
- [Office of Student Success / Student Resources](#)
- [Belk Library & Information Commons](#)
 - [Library Guide for Student Veterans](#)

MIDTERM GRADE REPORTS (MGRs)

Midterm Grade Reports went out to faculty on September 23. This program, administered through the Support Services area of the Student Learning Center and the Office of Student Success, provides 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.

PRIORITY REGISTRATION

Early registration opens on November 9, 2020, with priority registration beginning November 11. 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 November 11, juniors will register at 8am, sophomores at 11 am, and freshman at 2 pm.

IN OTHER NEWS:

UPCOMING VIRTUAL/REMOTE EVENTS

All events are also posted on the [SVRC Events Calendar](#).

- [Boyles Distinguished Lecture](#)
 - 10/02 at 10:00 AM
 - Register [here](#)
- Writing Center and Library Resource Session
 - 10/07 at 2:00 PM
 - Via [Zoom](#)
- SVA – Monthly Meeting
 - 10/07 at 7:00 PM
 - Meeting ID: 2770779961
- Non-Traditional Student Social/Panel with App State Veteran Alumnus, Jeremy Barnes!
 - 10/08 at 12:00 PM
 - Register/Join Session in [Engage](#)
- [Healing Vets – Issues Affecting Veteran Women of Color Panel](#)
 - Sponsored by Pamlico Rose and East Carolina Veterans Coalition
 - [Register to attend](#)
- All-NC Student Veteran Virtual Happy Hour
 - 10/09 at 5:30 PM
 - <https://unc.zoom.us/j/93966984757>
- Library Information and Support with Emma
 - Every Wednesday
 - Meeting ID: 97099699141
 - Passcode: 680677

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](#)

ADMISSIONS REQUEST – SUPPORTING FUTURE MOUNTAINEERS

The Office of Admissions has asked me to reach out to see if some folks would be willing to share some of their positive experiences, advice, etc. at Appalachian for future student veterans. They are hoping to highlight several short videos on their website as well as in email communications to prospective students. If you would like to participate or provide any ideas for the project (they are very much interested in student input and guidance), please let me know via email.

GRADUATION

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](#)
- [Start your Job/Internship Search](#)

In the Community.....

Mark and Mimi Ross (the same amazing folks who recently created a scholarship for Appalachian's student veterans) continue to provide monetary support to Appalachian's Military Mountaineers. In addition to prior donations to support SVRC operations, their most recent donation has allowed me to purchase **FREE COFFEE CARDS** that will soon be available for pick up in the SVRC (I will send out a separate communication when they are available). Each card will "purchase" a 12oz cup of drip coffee from Crossroads Coffee Shop on the first floor of the Plemmons Student Union.

YOUR OPINION MATTERS

If you have ideas or feedback regarding programs and services we can offer through the Student Veteran Services and the Student Veteran Resource Center, please let me know. You can send the feedback via email or this Google [form](#).

"Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today."

~Malcolm X~