

Student Veteran Services Newsletter

September 2020 Edition



GREETINGS AND SALUTATIONS!

I don't know about you, but I can't believe it is already September. I hope that the first few weeks of classes have gone well for everyone. I know it has been a whirlwind for me.

In this Newsletter, I have included information on several upcoming (virtual) events as well as links to many of our campus resources. All events are (and will be) posted on the Student Veteran Services Events Google calendar. The calendar is linked on the SVS website and [here](#).

There are also two new resources I am excited to share with you this month. First, our Student Veteran Liaison Librarian, Emma Sobczach Schell, has created a student veteran specific library guide. The library guide can be found [here](#). Next, Michelle Bowers has created an Advising FAQ for student veterans. In the FAQ, Michelle covers some of the most common (and cumbersome) questions she has received from your fellow veterans. The FAQ is available [here](#).

During the VA Medical Center (VAMC) Outreach ZOOM Sessions that took place last week, I found out that the VA recently opened a clinic in [Mountain City, TN](#) (link to location). The new clinic offers basic health care services and is linked to the Johnson City (Mountain Home) VAMC. Despite the clinic being tied to the Johnson City VAMC, the outreach folks in Asheville are still willing to assist you with getting enrolled with the VA if you want to use that clinic. Let me know if you want their contact info. I also hope to offer another session with them soon.

If there's ever anything you need, or if you would like to provide ideas or feedback, please reach out.

Best wishes and stay safe!

Jennifer

RESOURCES

Appalachian State University is proud to offer a wide variety of student support services. Please don't hesitate to utilize any and all that you feel will benefit you and your academic success:

- [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](#)
 - [Research Assistance](#)
 - [Library Guide for Student Veterans](#)
- [Counseling Center](#)
- [Wellness and Prevention Services](#)
- [FREE COVID Testing](#)

Please note: most of these services are being offered virtually for the Fall 2020 semester.

STUDENT VETERANS ASSOCIATION - ELECTIONS

The Student Veterans Association of Appalachian State is seeking nominations for all leadership positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Events Coordinator, and Social Media Coordinator. You can nominate yourself, or a fellow student veteran. Send your nominations to studentveterans@appstate.edu by Wednesday, October 14, 2020. Elections will be held in November. For more information or if you have any questions, you may email studentveterans@appstate.edu or contact our current Secretary, Steven Klingler (klinglersr@appstate.edu).

Also, be sure to connect with the SVA on [Engage](#).

IMPORTANT INFO:

UPCOMING VIRTUAL/REMOTE EVENTS

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

- [Study Abroad Information Session](#)
 - 09/15 at 2:00 PM
- Career Development Center – Mock Career Fair
 - 09/16 at 2:00 PM
 - Register in [Handshake](#)
- Career Development – Zoom Networking
 - 09/21 and 09/22 at 4:00 PM
 - Zoom links in [Handshake](#)
- Fall Internship and Job Fair
 - 09/23 at 12:00 PM
 - Register in [Handshake](#)
- SVA – Monthly Meeting
 - 10/07 at 7:00 PM
 - Meeting ID: 2770779961
- 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](#)

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](#)

FINANCIAL AID (ONE MORE TIME....)

It STILL isn't too late to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2020/2021 Academic Year! The FAFSA does not impact and is not impacted by VA Education Benefits. Consider it a security blanket for educational expenses – you may even qualify for grants that don't have to be repaid! Visit fafsa.gov to complete the FAFSA.

Please note: The 2020/2021 FAFSA will use your 2018 income information in the determination of your eligibility for aid. However, if your 2018 income was at least 25% higher than what you will make in 2020, you can request a recalculation of your 2020/2021 financial aid eligibility, potentially increasing your eligibility for grants. Contact financialaid@appstate.edu for more information.

JUST FOR FUN

Some of you may already know that my family and I spend most of our spare time racing. Over Labor Day Weekend, my husband raced for 5 days straight! It was exhausting, but SO MUCH FUN! Here's one of the photos taken of his car at the beginning of a test run. *Photo Credit: Terry Ferrell @ Bristol Dragway*



“Strive for progress, not perfection” ~ Unknown