# **AccessAbility**

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# DASS Disability Accommodations & Success Strategies

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Your DASS Link login to access your DASS Link portal.



### **TOPICS**



- SIDDIQUE SCHOLARSHIP
- **SNL MEETING 3/10/21**
- **SPRING LETTERS**
- **FACULTY EDUCATION**
- **6TH WEEK CHECK UP**

## Calling All Students with Disabilities

Join us for a jointly hosted peer discussion with SMU student organizations: SNL (Students for New Learning) and ReMI (Redefining Mental Illness) to talk about "disability and the pandemic"...what has been working, and what hasn't...

DASS Staff Member David Tylicki will be in attendance as well as Assoc. Provost Sheri Kunovich.

> Date: Wednesday 3/10/21 Time: 5-6pm CST on Zoom

https://smu.zoom.us/j/96977392215

#### Did You Know?

DASS publishes a faculty newsletter, "The DASS Insider" to keep faculty updated and informed about how to effectively work with students with disabilities. Faculty members have an important role to assist and support our SMU students with disabilities. We share an ultimate goal of educating and creating a learning environment that encourages and challenges our students. Published every semester, the newsletter can be found on the DASS website and is shared by email with faculty.

# **Ryan Siddique Scholarship**

The mission of the Ryan Siddique Scholarship Fund is to provide financial scholarships and support services to SMU students diagnosed with epilepsy. Deadline to apply is March 1st to be considered for the following academic year. Students who wish to apply for the scholarship must be in good standing with the University and provide:

- A 1-2 page essay discussing one or more of the following: why you should be selected for the scholarship (e.g., outstanding awards, community involvement), how epilepsy has impacted your life, and/or how the scholarship will benefit you.
- Include your name, student ID, email address, cumulative GPA, anticipated graduation date, phone number, and email to dass@smu.edu by 3/1/21. Subject line of email: Siddique Scholarship due 3/1/21

#### **SPRING Letters**

Have you shared your accommodations letter with your professors this semester?



Tests on the horizon?



Login to your DASS Link account and submit a "Semester Request". Here is your log in: <a href="https://shibboleth-smu-accommodate.symplicity.com/sso/">https://shibboleth-smu-accommodate.symplicity.com/sso/</a>.

From the home page; click Accommodation>>Semester Request>>Add new. Make sure you select the correct semester before your click "Review the Renewal". For each accommodation listed, select only classes you are currently enrolled in. You may see other classes listed that you either dropped or took out of your schedule.

#### **NEXT STEP**

Contact your instructors to set up a time to discuss your accommodations as that is the student's responsibility to follow up with their professors to confirm their accommodations for each class and put a plan in place to implement the accommodations.

# 6th Week Checkup

When we were little, we would go to the doctor for check-ups. Not because we were sick, but because it is good to ro	outinely check on our
health and stay ahead of any possible troubling issues. It's time for your academic check-up!	
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- How did the first round of tests go?
- Did you make adjustments in your studying based on those results?
- Have you put your DASS accommodations in place with each instructor?
- Have you seen a tutor at the A-LEC?
- Do you have a completed Semester at a Glance on your wall in order to keep an eye on upcoming dates and deadlines?
- Check in on your mood...do you need to tend to your mental health? There are lots of <u>resources</u> on campus to help with all of these: A-LEC and Bob Smith Health Center are available to all students.

Please feel free to contact DASS for assistance. We're here to point you in the right direction.