

# AccessAbility

DASS Newsletter  
Disability Accommodations and Success Strategies

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DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS AND SUCCESS STRATEGIES  
PRESENTS:

## DASSapalooza!

Join DASS staff members and students for **food** and **fun** while you learn about:

- The benefits of weekly academic coaching
- Students for New Learning, the SMU org. for (and led by!) neurodivergent students
- Our DASS Peer Mentor pilot program
- And meet your Coordinator

Thursday, Sept. 4  
4:30-5:30 pm  
A-LEC 202N



### Looking for 3 students to participate in our pilot Peer Mentoring Program

If you're new to SMU, connect with a Peer Mentor for support! DASS is launching a Peer Mentor Program to help students, whether first-year or transfer, transition smoothly. A trained peer mentor, who is also a student with a disability, can assist you in:

- Navigating campus
- Finding your community
- Problem-solving and staying motivated
- Accessing key resources
- Managing college systems, including DASS
- Staying engaged and on track

DASS Peer mentor office hours on Wednesdays  
from 4-5pm in Fondren Lobby  
room 2L (2nd floor)

Contact David Tylicki at [dtylicki@smu.edu](mailto:dtylicki@smu.edu)  
to get started together!

### Celebrating Dr. Bruce Levy: 50th Recipient of the Extra Mile Award



Since 2008, the organization Students for New Learning, affectionately known as SNL, has recognized outstanding educators. The students who nominated Dr. Levy characterized him as welcoming, caring, understanding, and engaging—a true passion for teaching shines through in his work.

We join in congratulating Dr. Levy on this well-deserved recognition!

## Pony UP!



### Semester Requests = Accommodations

Go to our DASS website and under the DASS Link section for Instructions for submitting your semester request

#### This is very important:

Review your request by scrolling through every approved accommodation listed and only have checked the classes you are going to be enrolled in for the fall. 2 reasons:

- 1) You want a letter sent only to the professors of classes you will be enrolled in.
- 2) It expedites our sending your letter to you and your professors.

\*\*\*It is still your responsibility to reach out to your instructor and discuss your accommodation needs after sharing the letter in DASS Link.

Meet  
the  
DASS  
Team



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DASS Link Student Log-In: <https://shibboleth-smu-accommodate.symplicity.com/sso/>