

AccessAbility

DASS Newsletter
Disability Accommodations and Success Strategies

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October is Disability Awareness Month

Celebrate by attending
events on and off campus

Spectrum Sparks – October 1-5 at the Frisco Discovery CenterStage Theatre
See Melanie Peterman, SMU alum and former DASS Intern, perform in Spectrum Sparks, a sensory-friendly show written by and for the neurodivergent community, especially neurodivergent kids. But it's perfect for people of all ages and abilities! Tickets are available.

SMU's chartered organization for neurodivergent students, SNL, has two meetings this month:
October 7: Collaboration with "Board Together", SMU's tabletop gaming club.
October 28 at 5 p.m. in A-LEC: Discussion on selecting the right courses for the spring schedule. RSVP on SMU360.

NEW TO SMU?
CONNECT WITH A DASS PEER MENTOR

Whether it's your first year or you're transferring, getting started at SMU can feel exciting, but also overwhelming. To make that transition smoother and keep you more connected, DASS is piloting a Peer Mentor Program.

AS A STUDENT REGISTERED WITH DASS, A TRAINED PEER MENTOR CAN HELP YOU:

- NAVIGATE CAMPUS
- IDENTIFY AND ACCESS KEY CAMPUS RESOURCES
- PROBLEM SOLVE COMMON CHALLENGES & STAY MOTIVATED
- FIND YOUR COMMUNITY
- UNDERSTAND HOW TO MANAGE COLLEGE SYSTEMS, INCLUDING DASS
- STAY ENGAGED, SUPPORTED, AND ON TRACK

YOUR MENTOR IS A FELLOW SMU STUDENT WITH A DISABILITY – SOMEONE WHO KNOWS THE ROPES AND CAN HELP YOU FIND YOUR WAY.

Interested in joining the pilot program and meeting your mentor this semester? **Contact David Tylicki, dylicki@smu.edu.**
Let's start strong together.





**Did you know
DASS is piloting
a peer mentor
program? Meet
our lead
mentor,
Lindsay, during
her office hours
in Fondren on
Wednesdays
from 4-5pm**

DALLAS IDA & SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY
PRESENT

WISH YOU WERE HERE
HOPEVILLE
HOW TO WIN THE READING WARS

A FILM BY HARVEY HUBBELL V

OCT 14 | 5:30-7:30pm
Southern Methodist University
The Auditorium at Frances Anne Moody Hall
6404 Airline Road University Park, TX 75205
FOLLOWED BY A MODERATED PANEL DISCUSSION, FEATURING:

 Charlotte Granger Moderator, Dallas IDA Board Member & SMU PhD Student Researcher	 Jana Jones SMU Coordinator of the Learning Therapy Program & Adjunct Lecturer	 Amber Strubbs Leadership Development & Library Consultant	 Dr. Dayna Russell-Friedman Assistant Professor of Reading Science at Mount St. Joseph University
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**The International
Dyslexia
Association (IDA)
is hosting a
screening of the
documentary
"Hopeville" on
Monday, October
14, at 5 p.m. in
Frances Anne
Moody Hall at
SMU. RSVP via
Eventbrite.**

Students for New Learning

**Study Break:
Board Game Night**

Take a pause from the grind and join us for a night of fun, laughter, and community!

Hosted by Board Together and Students for New Learning, this event is all about relaxing, meeting new people, and having fun.

Food will be provided!

WHEN: October 7th, 7-10 pm
WHERE: HTSC, Room 227 + 226

Register to walk or support a waiker.

**WALK ON THE WILD SIDE FOR PEOPLE
WHO ARE BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED
AT THE DALLAS...**



Join us for **WHITE CANE DAY WALK** at the Dallas Zoo. Let's walk together through a safari to support people who are blind or visually impaired.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH
5:00PM - 7:00PM**


SCAN ME

**REGISTER TO WALK TODAY!
WHITECANEDAYWALK.ORG**

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