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Aspire Appalachian students are invited to the following transfer events hosted both on & off campus. If you plan to attend, please email Matt Huntanar at huntanarmg@appstate.edu to reserve your spot!

**Transfer Social @ Booneshine** - September 22, 6pm-8pm
Venture off campus to Booneshine with transfer students and enjoy one of Boone’s hottest spots! All ages welcome!

**Hike in Boone & Ice Cream** - October 1, 3pm-5pm
Explore downtown Boone, buy ice cream, and meet other transfer students!

**Online Transfer Connect** - October 6, 7pm-9pm
Connect with other transfer students in this online social.

**Transfer Social @ Lost Province’s New Location** - October 20, 6pm
Meet other students off campus at Lost Province. All ages welcome!

**Hike the Parkway** - October 21, 2pm-5pm
Climb Rough Ridge for your best fall mountain photo!

**Transfer Hike at Cone Manor** - November 19, 2pm-5pm
Follow the tower trail for an amazing view of the high country.

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**OCTOBER 2, 2021** **IN PERSON**
**OCTOBER 16, 2021** **VIRTUAL**

**FALL OPEN HOUSE**

**LUNCH & LEARN FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP**

Register at: https://www.appstate.edu/openhouse/
Russell Michaels is a senior studying Environmental Science with a concentration in Life Science. He was born and raised in Hickory, North Carolina and transferred to App State in the spring of 2020. He transferred from Catawba Valley Community College with an Associates Degree, but also spent two years at NC State right out of high school. He took a two year gap between his time at NC State and transferring to App State during which he worked out west in Yellowstone and Colorado and Thru-Hiked the Appalachian trail. He loves hiking, playing soccer and tennis, reading sci-fi and poetry, as well as the occasional video game. Russell serves as a Transfer Student Mentor and helps other students have a successful transfer experience to App State.

Russell believes that the ice-breaker/social events at the beginning of the semester is an excellent opportunity to meet fellow transfers and make new friends. Off campus he enjoys the Boone Greenway. One of his favorite spots on campus is the rock garden outside of the Rankin Science building.

“One piece of advice that I give new transfer students regardless of where they transfer is to not be afraid to get involved. Whether it be attending some club meetings, or going to a student event. I believe that doing something to keep yourself busy will help make the transfer experience better. At first it might be a little out of your comfort zone, however, given time you will not only get used to it but also make some great connections and friendships,” Russell said.

He chose Appalachian because he loved the atmosphere of both the school itself and the town of Boone. Russell thinks the location of the school is amazing, practically located downtown and surrounded by mountains. He learned that App has one of the largest Geologic and Environmental Sciences departments in the state which is what he knew he wanted to study.

If you have any questions about his transfer journey then please don't hesitate to email him at michaelsra1@appstate.edu