To the Students at Appalachian State University,

We are so excited to be running to be your Student Body President and Vice-President at Appalachian State University. To say it is an honor would be an understatement! We know that this journey will not be an easy one, filled with many ups and downs, however we also know that our dedication and commitment to providing a voice for you will keep us on course.

Over the last few years we have served in SGA, trying our best to hear you and help make the changes we need at our University. As you read this document, know it is our lifeblood. These are things that we have heard from you, things we know are dear to you, and things we plan on accomplishing for you. We are so grateful to have you on this journey with us and we hope you continue until the end as we strive to grow together with care.

Sincerely,

DeJon and Michael
Our Mission

We aspire to have an administration that focuses the student voice on our campus in a way that prioritizes the holistic wellbeing of students from ALL backgrounds through engaging those students and providing them with the representation necessary to make their voice heard.

Our Vision

We plan to actively engage with the students on our campus to hear their experiences and perspectives, while also partnering with our administration to provide the resources, programs, and initiatives to better serve our student body and promote holistic wellbeing.
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Growth
Just like you, this university, and everything around us; DeJon and Michael are constantly growing. The Milbourne.Davis administration takes this to heart and is dedicated to your growth as well. Through initiatives and concrete action plans, this administration will focus on growth in all areas of improvement. This student body deserves the best that can be provided and we will actively work to advocate for that.

Equity
This administration is dedicated to ensuring that every student on this campus feels that they have a voice and that their voice is heard. The Milbourne.Davis administration is dedicated to building a more inclusive environment at Appalachian State University that provides equal opportunity and access for all students, as well as an inclusive culture where all students can feel comfortable, empowered, and valued.

Holistic Wellbeing
The Milbourne.Davis administration views wellness as a holistic necessity that is interconnected in all we do. We plan to actively and intentionally advocate for the wellbeing of the student body in all ways that support them, including but not limited to: mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual wellbeing. We believe wellness goes further than one building or a few programs and we will actively work to incorporate it into all that we do as a University.

Academic Excellence
Here at Appalachian, we are dedicated to Academic Excellence in all that we do. DeJon and Michael are committed to cultivating an environment where students are equipped with all the resources and support that they need to both succeed academically while on our campus and succeed in their future careers when they venture into the next phase of their lives.

Transparency
As a representative body, we believe that you, the students, should have a first hand look into who is representing you and how they are representing you. We
will create even more open and accessible avenues of obtaining information regarding student life and success on our campus for all students who seek it.
Pillar One: Growth

Each year our university continues to grow, and with that growth, the needs of the student body continue to shift and change. Building off of the previous administration, this administration will be expanding current initiatives and action plans in order to be more intentional in how we operate to meet the needs of the students. We are working to improve in all areas; from providing a more accessible environment for students involvement within student government, to continuing and increasing partnerships with administration and clubs/organizations.

| Compassion |

The Milbourne.Davis administration is dedicated to providing intentional service to our student body and surrounding community. We will achieve this goal through work in collaboration with the student body and the Town of Boone to identify issues in our community and cultivate partnerships that will work to actively improve them. Together, we can take care of each other and achieve as much growth as possible.

| Accessibility |

Our administration wants to increase the accessibility of the Appalachian State's Student Government by providing students with more information on how to get involved and what we do as student leaders on this campus through the use of bi-weekly contact tables. We also plan on creating more opportunities for students and administration to learn and get updates on the progress of our initiatives by conducting monthly Town Halls and producing more regular updates to the student body.

| Representation |

The Milbourne.Davis administration believes in SGA being a body that accurately represents our students. In order to assure that our student body is being heard and empowered, we will not only consistently and intentionally advocate for student voices in all settings, but also amplify that voice when it speaks. The Milbourne.Davis administration will be dedicated to ensuring that all constituencies are represented, heard, and supported.

| Engagement |

The Milbourne.Davis administration encourages students to engage in the community that surrounds them. Through new and continuing partnerships with other campus organizations, we plan to cultivate an environment of collaboration and mutual engagement within our community. This
administration will be promoting a taskforce that is specifically aimed towards engaging and empowering students, as well as listening to their voices and amplifying them to administration.

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**Pillar Two: Equity**

For too long, equality has been seen as simply avoiding overt acts of discrimination. This administration is committed to true equity by cultivating an environment that supports and empowers students to overcome institutional structures that inhibit them from reaching their full potential. Milbourne.Davis is dedicated to representing and advocating for the student body and every identity within it. Through advocating for all students, this administration will help foster an environment that is passionate about creating avenues of access for the student body, especially the historically marginalized underrepresented.

**| Compassion |**

This administration vows to work towards equity for all, not just those communities we belong to or identify with. Any path towards equity must be built with compassion, understanding, and care. Keeping true to compassion’s definition, the Milbourne.Davis Administration will work to grow in our knowledge of the needs of others while at the same time taking tangible action to fulfill those needs.

**| Accessibility |**

We live, learn, and work in a beautiful campus with amazing opportunities. However, some of these same parts of our campus and opportunities within it are inaccessible for some. This administration is committed to amplifying the voices of low income students, students of color, students from the LGBTQ+ community, students with disabilities, and all other students that are overlooked by traditional institutions.

**| Representation |**

The Milbourne.Davis administration is passionate about representing all students and ensuring that all voices are heard. We will actively work to empower our student body and their voices. This administration believes that through consistent advocacy and representation, we can work towards an inclusive environment where those in our community feel welcomed and heard.
| Engagement |
Active engagement with communities on their terms. By proactively reaching out to communities, we strive to continue building an avenue of open and honest communication based on trust. While we serve as advocates for the entire student body we want to be cautious of not speaking over others. We will continue to strive to uplift the voices of others so that they can advocate for themselves.

| Pillar Three: Holistic Wellbeing |
Our administration aims to draw attention to the idea that wellness is not limited or two dimensional, rather it is comprised of many layers that stem from various disciplines. We will assist the university in ensuring that wellness is incorporated into every aspect of the institution, from the classroom to the greater community. The core of our approach to holistic wellness can be summed up by our Associate Vice Chancellor, Leroy Wright: “Take care of yourself, take care of each other, Take care of this place.”

| Compassion |
Milbourne Davis is dedicated to intentionally and actively advocating for the positive wellbeing of all students. We are passionate about this task and are prepared to take the necessary steps that will better support our student body, both individually and collectively. This administration will cultivate an environment that supports students on a personal and positive level. Our dedication to this student body will be shown through our dedication to wellness in all that we do.

| Accessibility |
This administration believes that our dedication to wellness should be personalized and accessible to all. We will propel further education and programming on the topic of accessibility to our student body to ensure that every student on this campus feels comfortable and included in every club or organization they encounter. We will put an emphasis on ADA compliance by actively working to ensure that our university is up to code by acquiring an external audit of the university. Through assessing mental and physical accommodations we will work to address issues such as increasing handicap
parking and organizational accessibility. Our concrete action plans will allow us to implement structures that support our students mentally and physically.

| Representation |
This administration aims to cultivate an environment that results in wellness resources and services that are reflective of the changing population of our student body. As we grow more diverse, so should our staff and available resources. We will continue to push for diverse staff in Wellness and Prevention Services, specifically in the Student Health and Counseling Center. One solution we have identified is allowing Nursing Students to work in Health Services. As other solutions reveal themselves we will be sure to diligently seek them out and bring them to fruition.

| Engagement |
Our administration believes that our university has many wonderful resources to offer our student body that are often unknown or unused. We plan to create regular opportunities for students to be engaged with the many resources that are available all around them. This administration will show it's dedication to engagement within wellness by facilitating roundtable discussions that create open and sustained dialogue on topics of wellness that are impacting the student body. We will further advocate for engagement in wellness within our university through advocacy such as increasing the amount of funding our wellness department receives, Interpersonal Violence trainings, and many other programs and initiatives here for our students. We also want to amplify the student voice on how these programs and opportunities should be structured.

Pillar Four: Academic Excellence
The Milbourne.Davis administration wants every student to have a positive academic experience, we want every student to feel supported and valued throughout their academic journey. We will work with administration and faculty as well as with students to ensure that each student is getting the education they deserve. We are dedicated to serving the student body and promoting the resources and opportunities to encourage student success.
**Compassion**

The Milbourne.Davis administration will work with university administration and faculty to create environments that actively cultivate a positive and supportive professor-student dynamic to foster academic excellence. It is important that the student body feel comfortable and supported by their professors in order to get the best out of their academic experience. This administration is dedicated to bettering the student experience by improving the language of the syllabus to ensure that students are effectively supported by faculty and the Office of Dean of Students when challenging situations arise.

**Accessibility**

Our administration is dedicated to ensuring that every student who attends this university has equal access to quality academic opportunities. We want students who attend Appalachian State to have the best academic experience possible and be proud of their education. Our administration will work to create and facilitate a mentorship where first year students are partnered with upperclassmen to assist students with navigating the advising process and college. We also want all students to be practically prepared for life after graduation by creating a basic financial literacy and executive functions class that will be available for students from all departments.

**Representation**

The Milbourne.Davis administration believes that faculty and staff must be representative of our student body population. We will continue our work to achieve true faculty and staff diversity. Students should be able to walk into classrooms on this campus knowing that they will have role models who are like them in the classroom. We know that diversity in our faculty and staff will lead to valuable and beneficial academic opportunities for the Appalachian community.

**Engagement**

We are committed to cultivating collaborative relationships between student leaders and faculty in order to achieve mutually beneficial goals and expectations. These relationships will be based on respect for all parties involved, from all parties involved. We will work hard to create a campus where all faculty are engaged and invested in their students’ academic success, emotional and mental wellbeing, and physical health.
Pillar Five: Transparency

The Milbourne.Davis administration vows to always uphold the highest standards for ethical behavior. However, we understand that words are meaningless without action. That is why we will increase the amount of town halls and open student government task forces to all students to participate in and engage with. We promise to be as available as possible to answer any questions you may have. We will work our hardest to keep ourselves accountable, but we know that you all will also keep us accountable. Thank you.

| Compassion |

Not only must we hold ourselves to a high standard of transparency, but we will also hold our administrators to the same standard. If we see behavior that falls below our standards, we will do everything in our effort to correct and bring it to light. We must take care of each other by being honest and changing behavior if needed.

| Accessibility |

The Milbourne.Davis administration will work tirelessly to ensure that we as the SGA are an accessible body to the entire university. We will work diligently to uphold our integrity and our duty to serve the student body no matter the situation. One way we will do this is by creating an easily accessible and approachable environment where any student is welcome while providing more opportunities where members of the student body can learn about student government and what we do. We will also regularly post updates and give progress reports on the projects we are working on. We promise to promote a welcoming environment for students to feel comfortable bringing their concerns to our administration.

| Representation |

The Milbourne.Davis administration is dedicated to representing our student body in an open and transparent way. We will demonstrate this dedication by creating and cultivating open avenues of information flow between the student body and our administration. Our administration will be open and informative about the specific ways we are advocating for the student body. This administration will be carefully crafted to serve the students in whichever way they may need.
| Engagement |

This administration encourages engagement regarding transparency within our organization and the greater university. Our administration will be focused on ensuring that students are informed of and encouraged to further look into how we are representing them and ensuring that it is in the way they would like.