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## **NEW PANELISTS FOR UPCOMING SEASONS OF “SPORTS BAR” SELECTED**

### **Four App Students Win Auditions to Host AppTV’s Original Program**

BOONE, N.C.— Four Appalachian students won panelist spots for the fall 2016 and spring 2017 seasons of “Sports Bar,” an original weekly program on AppTV. Rising junior Joey Boretti and sophomores Justin Leonard, Sam Brown and Jack Martin were selected after participating in open auditions held at Café Portofino on March 15, 2016.

Joey Boretti, who is an Electronic Media & Broadcasting major, wowed the AppTV team with his NCAA basketball knowledge. Currently a Business major, Sam Brown, took a step outside the box and talked NHL hockey with former “Sports Bar” co-host and veteran sportscaster Sam Smith. Third winner, Justin Leonard, is a Physics major and rising sophomore. Finally, rounding out the new panel is Jack Martin, a Management Information Systems major.

After winning a competition for a spot on the show a year ago, current panelist Travis Stanley will return for his second year with the program. Travis, a rising senior, is an Electronic Media & Broadcasting major. Travis has gained invaluable on-screen and production experience during his first year at AppTV.

Since its debut on June 1, 2015, a new episode of “Sports Bar” has appeared on AppTV every Monday at 7 p.m., covering everything from App State athletics to national sports. The panel will be introduced on the fall season’s premiere of “Sports Bar” in August 2016.

AppTV is Appalachian State University’s student-staffed television service. Its original and acquired programming is telecast on Charter Cable channel 198 in Watauga and Avery counties, North Carolina, and Johnson County, Tennessee, and channel 23.3 on App State’s campus. AppTV can also be streamed via [www.watchappstv.com](http://www.watchappstv.com). For more information, visit [apptv.appstate.edu](http://apptv.appstate.edu) or follow @watchappstv.

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