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AppTV TO HOST AUDITIONS FOR “SPORTS BAR” Sports Show Offers a Springboard to a Future Television Career for App State Students of All Majors

BOONE, N.C.—AppTV seeks students passionate about sports and television for the 2016-2017 seasons of “Sports Bar,” an original weekly program. App State freshmen, sophomores and juniors of all majors are invited to try out for three open panelist spots. Auditions for “Sports Bar” will be held at Café Portofino on March 15, starting at 6:00 p.m.

“If you are interested in getting your foot in the door for a broadcasting career, then the ‘Sports Bar’ would be a great opportunity for you,” said Robin Palmer, the current producer and host of the show. Palmer and two panelists of “Sports Bar,” Ashton Schlachter and Chris Warren, are all communication majors graduating in May.

After winning an open competition for spots on the show a year ago, Palmer, Schlachter, Warren and Travis Stanley, a rising senior and the fourth member of the team, have gained invaluable on-screen and production experience in television. Since its premiere 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.

App State students who believe they have what it takes to fill in the current team’s shoes can sign up for the tryouts in advance, at www.watchappstv.com, or walk in during the event. Aspiring sportscasters will audition in front of a panel of judges and a live audience of patrons at Café Portofino, located on Rivers Street.

In the following weeks, Palmer and Michael Fields, the General Manager of AppTV, will review the footage from the auditions and select the three winners who will appear on the weekly show in the fall 2016 season.

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.watchapptv.com. For more information, visit apptv.appstate.edu or follow @watchapptv.

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