“The Link program at SEU has been the highlight of my semester. I love being a part of such a wonderful family. Stepping into this program, I had no clue what to expect, but from it I have made wonderful friendships and had great experiences. Although I am given the title ‘Social Mentor’ and my Link student, a ‘Mentee’ we have created a relationship that is much more than that. This year she has become my best friend. We go on weekly lunch dates, Disney trips, and to the movies. The Link program not only helps its students grow, but it also touches the lives of everyone involved in it.”

—LAUREN COFFEY
SEU Student and Link Mentor
SEU Link offers students with mild intellectual disabilities the opportunity to learn and grow as they make the transition from high school to adulthood. The program gives students the tools they need to take college classes, obtain gainful employment, and live independently.

**Program Highlights**

**FAITH-BASED ACADEMICS**
Link-specific courses in employability and independent living, in addition to traditional SEU courses

**ON-CAMPUS LIVING**
A trained SEU student mentor is paired with each Link student

**COLLEGIATE EXPERIENCE**
Link students enjoy access to all SEU resources, activities, and events

**JOB SKILLS TRAINING**
Available both on and off campus (as applicable)

**COMMUNITY INTEGRATION**
Link students build friendships with peers, staff, and faculty

**Prepared to Succeed**
Upon program completion, students earn a certificate of achievement and an industry credential in their chosen career field.

“This program has changed my life in so many ways, from the friends I have made to the independent living skills I have gained. I have also enjoyed the growth in the program. It is no longer just me; we have gained nine other people. As I look back at my journey through the program, I could have never imagined how much it would change my life and I am forever grateful for this opportunity. I would highly recommend this program to anyone.”

— JACQUELINE PHELPS
SEU Link Student

“On the cover: SEU Link student Jolina loves reading to the students at SEU’s Pathways School of Excellence.

Right: Link students participate in weekly chapel gatherings on campus.”

“The two Link students in my Introduction to Education course have been a joy. On the very first day of class, they both came up to me and introduced themselves (none of my traditional students did). They sat in the front row during the entire semester and participated in every discussion and activity. When the class had to sign up for a small group PowerPoint presentation, they did so as well. The traditional students embraced them in their groups and let them participate as much (or little) as they felt comfortable. Both Link students were accepted and treated just like every other student. It was a very positive experience and we all benefited from having these students in our class.”

— JOHN TAYLOR, EdD
Assistant Professor, SEU College of Education