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The Sprout Film Festival will feature “Dungeons and Distractions,” a film produced by assistant professor in the Isabelle Farrington School of Education, Jacqueline Kelleher, and starring Samantha Markey, a graduate student from the College. The film was written and directed by Kelleher’s two teen sons, Teagen and Tyler Comeau, who have been guest lecturing at SHU in a class on autism spectrum disorders. Kelleher also used the film to conduct research with 300 teachers on perspective taking.

The Sprout Film Festival aims to raise the profile of people with developmental disabilities by showcasing works of all genres. The film festival features the artistry and intellect of people with developmental disabilities, reinforces accurate portrayals of people with developmental disabilities and exposes the general public to important issues facing this population.