

UNIVERSITY NEWS

Review your mailing address and tax withholding status

All employees are encouraged to review their mailing address and tax withholding status on an annual basis. Current employees can view and update their information in Hokie Spa.

Nominations for President's Award for Excellence and Staff Career Achievement Award

Nominations will open Jan. 5 and run through mid-February. View this <u>VT News article</u> and watch for additional information to be communicated soon.

CVC UPDATE

Another successful year!

Your strong support of this year's Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign resulted in the VP for Finance senior management area exceeding the goal! In total, our units contributed \$19,750, which was 17 percent more than our goal and an increase of more than \$1,600 from the amount raised last year.

University-wide, Virginia Tech raised **more than \$403,000**, which exceeded this year's goal of \$370,000.

A special thanks to each of our CVC unit representatives for your work on this, and once again, thank you to all for supporting this important Commonwealth initiative.





VP for FINANCE NEWS

Joe Griffitts recipient of 2020 Governor's Honor Award

Congratulations to Joe Griffitts, who was recently recognized as the recipient for the 2020 Governor's Honor Award in the category of **Creative Customer Service**.

The award recognized Joe for work with the Hokie Passport Services team in the areas of technological innovation, automated processes, out-of-the-box thinking to deliver orientation and ID card services during the pandemic, and overall commitment to creating positive change for inclusion, diversity, and civic engagement.

Read more about the awards and other Virginia Tech nominees <u>here</u>. More information on this award will be published in VT News in January. Stay tuned!

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"I am truly humbled to be the recipient of this award and accept it on behalf of all of the Hokie Passport Services team members. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful colleagues at Virginia Tech who make it possible for our team's creative application of technologies in a customer-centered, service-oriented environment."

- Joe Griffitts

"Joe thinks ahead and anticipates challenges, and consistently overcomes them through strong leadership, a collaborative spirit, and an adaptable approach to problem-solving. He puts Virginia Tech's motto (That I May Serve) into practice in all that he does."

- Keyanna Conner, Virginia Secretary of Administration

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

BRYAN HOLLOWAY (Procurement)

Originally from Lynchburg, Bryan is a Virginia Tech graduate who loves anything Hokie sportsrelated.



Read this Q&A with Bryan to learn more about his hobbies and interests.

HOLIDAY SPIRIT!

The Inclusion & Diversity Committee hosted a virtual Holiday Traditions event earlier this month.

Many participants expressed their delight in holiday light displays. Google has a map of light displays in the New River Valley so you can plan a driving route. There is also one for Roanoke/Salem. You may want to vote in the Christiansburg Light Up Your Home for the Holidays contest - check out the map. In Roanoke, you can enjoy the Explore Park Winter Walk of Lights, 5-9 pm, until January 2.

Our favorite movies include:

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- It's a Wonderful Life
- Home Alone
- Love Actually
- How the Grinch Stole Christmas

Favorite songs include "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas" and "Silent Night."

And, we're still looking for the best recipes for eggnog and Chex Mix – <u>let us know</u> how you make yours.

- VPF Inclusion & Diversity Committee