



# THE BOTTOM LINE JUNE 2020

## CAMPUS NEWS

### President Tim Sands will hold employee-focused town hall on June 25

The discussion will center on employee issues and answering questions related to the university's transition from its "essential operations" status to a modified operations mode by Aug. 3, part of the university's planning for the Fall 2020 semester.

Dr. Sands will be joined by Dwayne Pinkney, senior vice president and chief business officer, and Bryan Garey, vice president for human resources.

[More info](#) | [Submit a question](#) | [Stream](#)

### Grace period announced for Flexible Spending Accounts

The one-time grace period to 2019-2020 FSA plans will extend the period to incur claims through Oct. 31, 2020.

[More info](#)

### Data breach at Chronicle of Higher Education; change passwords immediately

If you are one of the more than 3,000 VT employees with an account with the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, you are encouraged to change your passwords. [More info](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Lights Out!/Power Down!

June 25 | 1:45–3:15 p.m. | [More info](#)

### Student Orientation (Virtual)

June 29–July 28 | [More info](#)

## FINANCE NEWS

### Melinda West named interim assistant vice president for finance and university controller

She brings more than 24 years of dedicated service, institutional knowledge, and financial and accounting expertise to the position.

"I have known and worked with Melinda a long time and have always been impressed by her commitment to fiscal responsibility and transparency, customer service excellence, process improvements, and thoughtful guidance and leadership. I know she will bring that same commitment to this new role," said Ken Miller, vice president for finance.

[Read](#) the full VT News announcement.

### Discussion Group Sign-ups Open!

Sign-ups are **open through June 29** for the upcoming discussion groups facilitated **by** and **for** VPF employees!

[View the event flyer](#) for more information on dates, the selected topics, and how to register.

The VPF Inclusion & Diversity Committee is offering these conversations in accordance with the university-wide priority to offer more opportunities for inclusion and discussion during this cultural moment. While each program tackles a different historical topic, all have a common theme of examining racial injustice and the links between our nation's past and present.

### Please register by Monday, June 29.

The Committee will follow up with Zoom information and more details for each event at that time.

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

### Meet our 2020 VP for Finance Summer Interns!

The division is thrilled to announce its 2020 VP for Finance Rotational Intern cohort and officially welcome **Lexi Simmers** and **Sebastian Andrade** for the summer!



Both dual-majors at Virginia Tech, Lexi and Sebastian each already have some experience working with the VP for Finance areas; Lexi has been working with the Accounts Payable team as a student over the last year, and Sebastian interned in our program in Summer 2019. They are both eager for the opportunity to work with multiple offices over the summer and continue gaining enriching work experience.



Lexi is currently working with the Bursar's Office and Sebastian with Capital Assets & Financial Management.

### [Read these Q&A's](#) to learn more about Lexi and Sebastian.

This marks the fifth summer for the program, created in 2016 to increase the employment of talented individuals from diverse backgrounds and perspectives.

It is a paid, 12-week program offering a cross-departmental, hands-on learning and development experience for students. Students complete either two or three rotations across the VP for Finance senior management areas.

Learn more about the internship program, as well as its companion (the VPF fellowship program) [on our site](#), or by contacting us at [vpfinfo@vt.edu](mailto:vpfinfo@vt.edu).