



THE BOTTOM LINE

VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER | MARCH 2019

RECENT NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Procurement Department and LabConnect announce date for Lab Expo

The Procurement Department and LabConnect will host the 16th annual VT Laboratory Exposition.

[More info](#)

Virginia Tech Announces Results of Employee Climate Survey

More than 3,300 VT employees completed the 2018 campus-wide survey. You can view the university's full results and a summary [here](#).

Some overall takeaways from the university-wide results include that:

- ◆ Campus climate is positive.
- ◆ Employees are familiar with the Principles of Community.
- ◆ Employees are satisfied with their job and people with whom they work.
- ◆ There are opportunities around improving work-life balance, career advancement, and helping employees understand how to get help if they feel they have been treated unfairly or inequitably.

UPCOMING EVENTS

VT Principles of Community Week

March 18 - 22, 2019

Mark your calendars and sign up to attend events today! There will be a host of events and speakers throughout the week to promote inclusion and encourage learning and growth throughout the campus community. See the list of events [here](#).

16th Annual VT Laboratory Expo

April 3 | The Inn at Virginia Tech

OTHER NEWS? LET US KNOW

If you have any news, announcements, events or suggestions for upcoming newsletters, we want to hear from you! Reach out to Nick Woods at 1-6773 or nickwoods@vt.edu.

EMPLOYEE AWARDS & RECOGNITION RECEPTION

Discover more about the VP for Finance organization, enjoy refreshments, meet new colleagues, and help us recognize some of the outstanding achievements across our departments!

All VP for Finances offices will close for the event.

WHEN?

March 13, 2019 | 3:00–5:00 p.m.
Program will begin at 3:15.

WHERE?

Lane Stadium
South End Zone Club West

PARKING

Parking is available for permit holders in the Stadium Lot, as shown on [this map](#).

DIRECTIONS

When you arrive, enter the stadium through the South End Zone Gate (Gate #2). Once inside, take the elevator to the 3rd Floor. The South End Zone Club West will be to the left at the end of the hall. Don't forget to stop by the check-in table to collect your name tag.



WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT?

Leadership from each department will present a unique award to an individual or team in their office.

The Committee will present the Inclusion and Diversity Partner Award for outstanding contributions to inclusion and diversity at Virginia Tech and the community.

The Committee Chair and the Vice President for Finance will also share some brief remarks.

There will be time for networking and conversations both before and after the event, and there will also be opportunities for team or group photos throughout the day.

QUESTIONS?

Contact the Inclusion & Diversity Committee at vpfdiversity@vt.edu.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Daysha Holmes

Contracts Specialist

Procurement

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And check out [the journal article](#) that Daysha wrote last year for the National Association of Educational Procurement.

VIRGINIA TECH GIVING DAY

March 19, 2019

For 24 hours, alumni, students, staff, faculty, families and friends have the opportunity to come together and make a powerful joint impact on the future of Virginia Tech.

Learn more about Giving Day [here](#).

UPGRADING YOUR ID CARD

Hokie Passport Services is launching the next phase of converting the campus to contactless smartcard technology.

All Virginia Tech employees are encouraged to upgrade their Hokie Passport ID cards, free of charge, at the Student Services Building.

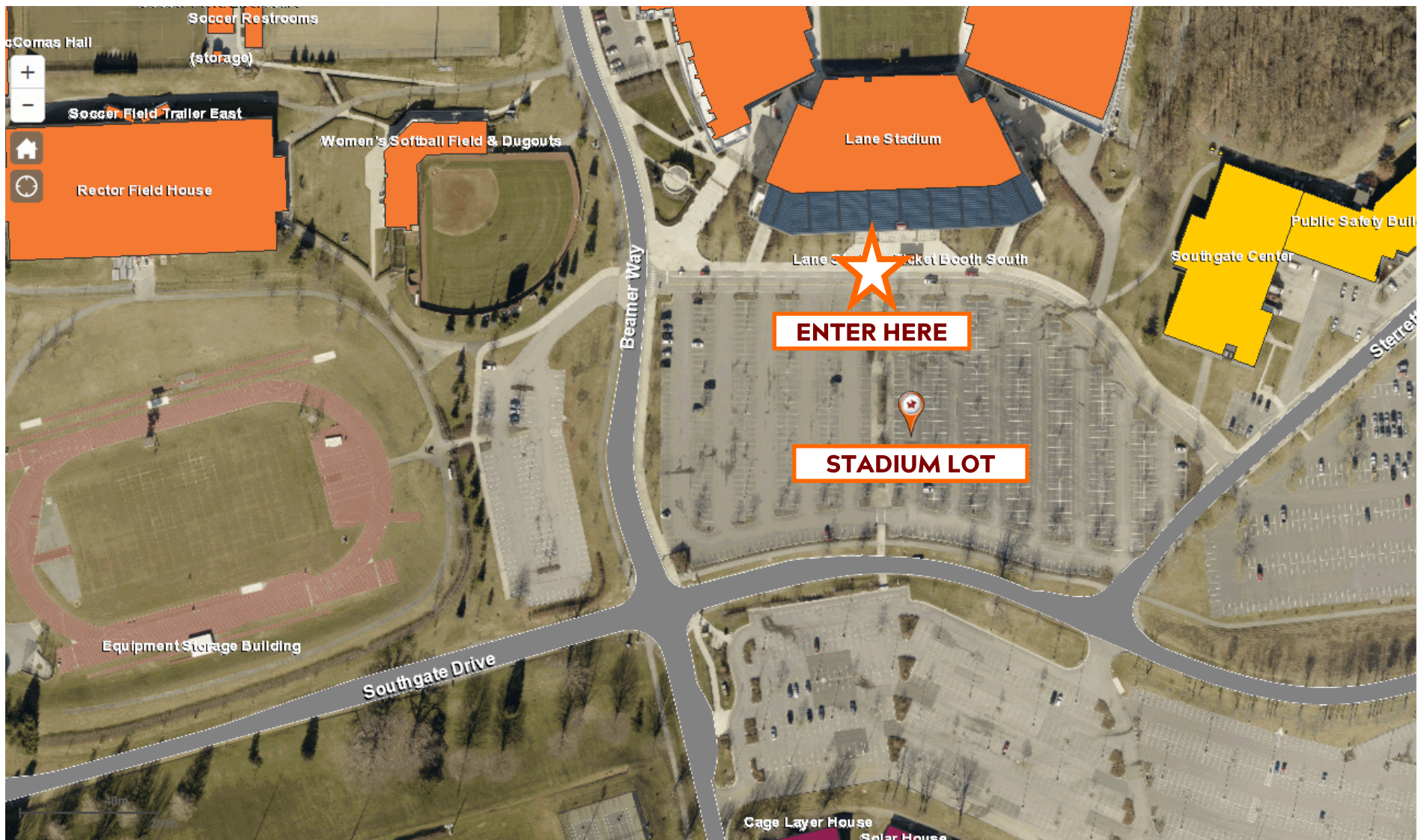
All existing access and accounts will transfer to the new card, and new smartcards will continue to work on existing magstripe readers.

New cards will greatly enhance authentication through more sophisticated encryption and will feature the new Virginia Tech logo.

Contact hokiepassport@vt.edu for more information.



<https://www.maps.unirel.vt.edu/interactive/>



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

DAYSHA HOLMES



WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE HOBBIES?

I love to exercise, travel, and binge watch on Netflix. I'm also a part-time Fit Body Bootcamp coach. Fitness became a lifestyle for me 3 years ago when I began having severe panic attacks.

ANY PETS?

Currently no, but I really want a dog. My fiancé says I have to show him that I'm able to take care of a living plant before we have any pets in the house.

WHAT'S ONE OF YOUR WEIRDEST QUIRKS?

I love to eat Tostitos with green peas. Weird, but oh so good! The salty and plain flavor together is a great combination.

IF YOU COULD ONLY KEEP 3 APPS ON YOUR PHONE, WHAT WOULD THEY BE?

Definitely the Chick-fil-A app, I have too many rewards to let that go. Also Google Maps because I stink with directions and Pinterest for ideas.

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST JOB?

I was a JCPenney sales associate. I worked there almost 4 years and even became an Associate of the Month after only being there for 3 months.

WHAT'S THE BEST PIECE OF ADVICE YOU'VE EVER BEEN GIVEN?

Life is too short, smile while you still have teeth :)

WHERE'S SOMEWHERE YOU'VE NEVER BEEN, BUT WOULD LOVE TO VISIT SOMEDAY?

Dallas, Texas to see my Cowboys play!

IF YOU COULD HAVE ANY SUPERPOWER, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

A power where I could zap myself and whoever touches me to another place – that would definitely save costs on traveling.

WHAT IS THE ONE FOOD OR BEVERAGE YOU ABSOLUTELY COULD NOT GO WITHOUT?

Sweet potatoes – I could eat those every day!

CONTRACTS SPECIALIST

PROCUREMENT

JOINED PROCUREMENT IN:
2017

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
AGRIBUSINESS
(VIRGINIA TECH)

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN
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MANAGEMENT*

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WHAT'S ONE THING ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

To go skydiving, but that's also at the bottom of my list...I'm terrified but want to face my fear!

IF YOU COULD HAVE THE ANSWER TO ONE QUESTION, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Is the world truly round?