



# THE BOTTOM LINE NOVEMBER 2024

## UNIVERSITY NEWS

### Toy Drive for Appalachia

The VT Appalachian Caucus is holding a toy drive for families impacted by Hurricane Helene. Donations accepted through **Dec. 11**. [Drop off locations & suggested items](#)

### Generative AI trial program opportunity available

Have ideas for using AI in your work? TLOS is launching a ChatGPT Edu pilot in spring 2025 and will provide access to up to 500 employees. This initiative is part of the university's Generative AI work group. Please [view the application criteria and apply](#) if interested!

### Hokies Give Back Campaign continues

This year employees are encouraged to donate directly to their charity or charities through the organization's website, by mailing a donation, volunteering, or other giving methods. [Learn more](#)

### Free Basketball Tickets!

Employees can claim free tickets for select men's and women's games in December and January! [Details](#)

### Volunteer Opportunities Available

Hokie Wellness maintains a list of local volunteer opportunities if you are interested this holiday season! [See the list](#)

## FINANCE NEWS

### VPF Holiday Gathering

[Please RSVP](#) to attend our annual holiday gathering, **Dec. 4 at 3pm at North End Center 2420**. A virtual option is also available. Ana Agud (manager of the Hokie Wellness Work/Life Program) will present on the theme of **More Joy...Less Stress** around the holidays. Plus, there will be trivia, treats and other fun activities! Hope you will join us!

### Still time to sign up for the VPF Scavenger Hunt!

Finance will be hosting its first-ever Scavenger Hunt, on **Dec. 5**. This will be an online format, with an option to participate individually or as part of a team. [Please sign up](#) if you'd like to participate and we'll send you more details. Contact [khoose@vt.edu](mailto:khoose@vt.edu) with questions.

### VPF Annual Awards Ceremony

The Division of Finance will hold its annual employee awards and recognition ceremony on **Feb. 20 at 2pm at The Inn at Virginia Tech**. [Please RSVP](#) to let us know you're attending! And, please consider submitting an [awards nomination and employee shoutout](#) for a deserving colleague. Please contact your I&D Committee representative or email us at [vpfcfo@vt.edu](mailto:vpfcfo@vt.edu) with any questions. More information will be shared soon!

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

### Jennifer Crawford Senior Buyer, Procurement

Jennifer grew up in Narrows and has been working at Virginia Tech for 26 years.



[Read this Q&A](#) to learn more about Jennifer's hobbies, background, and interests.

## UPCOMING DATES

### DECEMBER 3, 10am-2pm

**Procurement Scarf Sale**  
The annual Procurement Scarf Sale held in support of the Floyd County Humane Society will take place **Dec. 3 in the North End Center lobby**. This fantastic event will include great homemade items, hand-knitted scarves, hats, dog and cat treats, with all benefits going to FCHS. Please contact Roger Gupta ([ragupta@vt.edu](mailto:ragupta@vt.edu)) with questions.

### DECEMBER 12, 2-4pm

**Navigating Professional Ethics in Higher Education**  
Jointly presented by SACUBO and Moss Adams, with 2 CPE credits available. [More details](#)

### FEBRUARY 26-28

**Women's Leadership Forum**  
SACUBO annual event, Virginia Beach. [Read more and register](#)