

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

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WHAT DREW YOU TO VIRGINIA TECH?

I was born in Chesapeake and grew up in Mechanicsville. I've been in Virginia all my life. When I was deciding where I wanted to go to school, Virginia Tech truly did feel like home. Walking around campus, it was easy to imagine myself here.

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST JOB?

My first job was as a cashier in a grocery store. I'm not a natural extrovert, so that job really pushed me out of my comfort zone.

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES?

I love to play Ultimate Frisbee. If it's a weekend over the summer, there's a good chance I'm at a baseball game in Pulaski or Salem. I also love to play chess.

PASSION?

I'm a huge Hokie football fan. There's nothing like jumping with 60,000+ people in Lane Stadium screaming at the top of your lungs.

FAVORITE TYPE OF MUSIC?

I like to listen to a lot of alternative rock and recently a lot more electronic music. Some of my favorites are The Goo Goo Dolls, Empire of the Sun, and Bad Suns.

PHYSICAL CDs OR RECORDS?

I have never actually bought a physical CD! The last album that I remember buying was on iTunes. It was the 2013 album 'Bankrupt!' by Phoenix.

WHAT TV SHOWS ARE YOU WATCHING THAT OTHERS NEED TO CHECK OUT?

I just recently watched almost every season of Shark Tank. I love trying to predict what will happen and yelling if I would have taken or rejected a deal.

FAVORITE PLACE YOU'VE VISITED? WHY DID YOU LIKE IT?

That's a difficult choice between Yosemite National Park and Sedona, Arizona. I think I have to go with Sedona. Everywhere you look is like a painting. I'm getting ready to go back in August. Looking forward to doing some more hiking there.

Yellowstone is at the top of my list of places to visit next. I'd also love to go to Europe. Italy would probably be top of the list.

ONE THING ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

Go to a New Years 6 bowl game.

DESCRIBE YOUR DREAM HOME

I saw some beautiful homes along Big Sur earlier this year. Any of those would do. Or the house that Tony Stark lives in.

GOTTA ASK: COMPUTERS IN YOUR OFF-HOURS?

I was helping my dad build a computer a few weeks ago. We put everything together, clicked the power button, and nothing. Several hours of troubleshooting later, and we still weren't 100% sure what the problem was. Troubleshooting technology can be a great way to test your patience!

FAVORITE FOOD?

BBQ. North Carolina style.

FAVORITE TEAM?

Hokies. Of course.

FAVORITE HOLIDAY?

Definitely Thanksgiving. Football, food, and family. Perfect holiday.

FAVORITE QUOTE?

Never ask someone to do something you're not willing to do yourself.

DO YOU HAVE A WEIRD QUIRK?

I have to drink a glass of water at night or else I cannot go to sleep.



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Job Responsibilities:

I am primarily responsible for day-to-day IT Operations. We maintain the technology and systems in place to make sure that everything is working!

WHAT ARE SOME ATTRIBUTES OR STRENGTHS YOU BRING TO THE JOB?

I try to be approachable. I want people to know that we're here to help them!

WHAT IS THE MOST REWARDING THING ABOUT YOUR JOB?

I love being able to work with so many people and getting to make their job just a little bit easier!

WHAT 3 APPS ON YOUR PHONE?

(1) Maps so I can go hiking somewhere new and not get lost.
(2) HokieSports because I'll need my football ticket.
(3) Chess because I'm always trying to practice and get better.

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

Where is Sub Station 1?

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS?

Hahn Horticulture Garden. A great place to relax or walk through on your way to a baseball game.