

# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

## ANDY PASTOR

### WHAT DREW YOU TO ATTENDING VIRGINIA TECH FOR SCHOOL?

My junior year of high school I got a job at Turner Place, mainly working at Atomic Pizza, Firegrill, and Jamba Juice. During my time there, I connected with numerous students who became some of my closest friends, fostering a sense of inclusion within the VT community before I even applied.

### WHY DID YOU CHOOSE YOUR MAJOR?

I chose Business IT because I really enjoyed learning about Global Cooperation and International Trade and it gave me an outlet to do that while picking up some practical coding and modeling knowledge.

I threw Finance in because I enjoyed reading about financial topics in the news and wanted to get a better understanding of corporate America.

### WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES?

Kayaking, hiking, skateboarding and anything that gets me to be active outdoors. I also enjoy playing GeoGuessr, a game where you guess your location using Google Street View images.

### WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT?

Advocating for sustainable transportation and walkable cities. Blacksburg is a great area for this and I'd like to see it further expanded as the town grows.

### WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR STRENGTHS OR KEY ATTRIBUTES YOU BRING TO WORK?

I find that I excel in staying organized and remaining focused, even when faced with distractions. Another strength of mine is my genuine enthusiasm for learning and exploring new opportunities.

### FIRST CONCERT?

Anderson.Paak on the Drillfield in 2019 - I had recently moved into the dorms when this event happened, and it was an amazing start to my freshman year.

### CHORE YOU ENJOY AND ONE YOU CAN'T STAND?

Oddly enough, I find cooking for myself really annoying but I really enjoy doing the dishes and having a perfectly clean and organized kitchen.

### ONE THING YOU'D LIKE TO LEARN HOW TO DO?

Speak another language fluently.

### FOOD OR BEVERAGE YOU COULDN'T GO WITHOUT?

DiGiorno frozen pizza

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE... TV SHOW?

Curb Your Enthusiasm - Larry David plays an over-the-top version of himself in this improvisational comedy that leads to tragedy in every episode. My favorite show and currently in its final season.

### HOLIDAY?

Halloween, I really enjoy dressing up and seeing other people's costumes. It's a shame it's only once a year.

### MOVIE?

The Usual Suspects - Superb mystery/thriller with a great cast of actors and an amazing twist.

### ICE CREAM FLAVOR?

Superman

### MUSIC?

I enjoy pretty much everything. Favorite band always comes down to Jamiroquai or Dire Straits.

### PLACE YOU'VE VISITED?

Isle Royale National Park - A 200 sq. mile Island on Lake Superior with wolves and views of Canada. By far the best backpacking experience I've had.



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### ANY PETS?

Two cats—Scooter and Belle

### PLACE YOU'D LIKE TO VISIT?

The Great Barrier Reef and Australia.

### WHAT'S ONE THING ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

Obtaining a Private Pilot's License—I've been practicing on Microsoft Flight Simulator long enough.

### FIRST THING YOU BUY IF YOU WIN THE LOTTERY?

For me, it's a sailboat. It's been a dream of mine to explore the world by sailing.

### WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO ABOUT WORKING IN THE BUDGET OFFICE ?

I hope to gain valuable insights into the workings of higher education finance, further develop my analytical and leadership abilities, and establish meaningful connections within the Virginia Tech community.