



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

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WHAT IS YOUR WORK SITUATION LIKE? WHAT'S ONE THING DIFFERENT BECAUSE OF COVID-19?

I am currently working from the office. The biggest challenge or difference I face is trying to keep my glasses from fogging up while wearing a mask.

HOW HAS YOUR LIFE BEEN DIFFERENT DURING THE PANDEMIC?

My daughter's school schedule is probably the main change, keeping up with which days and times she's at school has been interesting...

WHO IS SOMEONE THAT INSPIRES YOU?

My granny, she's just the best person. I could go on for days about all the ways she inspires me. In short, she loves life and is kind and sweet to everyone she encounters. And even in her eighties, she gets out to walk every day.

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE HOBBIES?

Knitting, baking, and hiking

FIRST JOB?

I was a waitress at Country Cookin. I both loved and hated it. I loved the interaction with all the customers but disliked some of the other duties that came with waiting tables.

ANY PETS?

I have a cat named Harvey. He's probably the most spoiled and bratty cat I've ever had, but it's those same qualities that make him purr-fect.

SOMEWHERE YOU WOULD LOVE TO VISIT SOMEDAY?

I would love to visit the Redwood Forest. I feel like standing at the base of one of those enormous trees would be magnificent.



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(Controller's Office)
- **Joined Virginia Tech in:** I started working at VT in 2012 and have been in my current position for a year.
- **Hometown:** LaPlata, MD
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- **Job Duties and Responsibilities:**
"I am in the General Accounting unit in the Controller's Office. I mainly reconcile investment, capital, and Cardinal funds as well as post revenue for investment accounts."

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IF YOU COULD ONLY KEEP 3 APPS ON YOUR PHONE, THEY'D BE...?

Spotify to listen to music and podcasts, Reddit because it's the front page of the internet, and Youtube to watch how-to tutorials as well as cat videos.

ANY PODCAST RECOMMENDATIONS?

Snap Judgment, My Brother My Brother and Me, and Radiolab are my top three favorites and I would definitely recommend them.

WHAT TYPE OF MUSIC DO YOU ENJOY?

I like a wide variety of music, but if I had to pick just one favorite band it would be Radiohead.

WHAT TV SHOW ARE YOU WATCHING RIGHT NOW?

Bob's Burgers, it's an animated series on Fox and it's great to watch if you want something light-hearted and funny.

WHAT'S ONE OF YOUR WEIRDEST QUIRKS?

I rub my feet together when I'm falling asleep.

FIRST THING YOU'D BUY IF YOU WON THE LOTTERY?

A cabin on the river or in the woods. Someplace to go spend time in nature or by the riverside with my family.

FAVORITE BOOK

My favorite book is *The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams.

AS A KID, WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?

A princess...things didn't go as planned.

FAVORITE HOLIDAY

Christmas. I have a very large family and it's hard to find a time for us to all get together throughout the year, so Christmas is the one time of year that I get to see everybody and catch up.

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

Teleportation; it would be great if I never had to drive again and I could just snap my fingers and be where ever I wanted to be instantaneously.

FAVORITE PLACE YOU'VE VISITED?

Lake Michigan. When I went it was mid-summer but there seemed to be no humidity. It was also very pretty and relatively peaceful where we stayed.

WHAT'S THE MOST REWARDING THING ABOUT YOUR JOB?

When I figure out a reconciling discrepancy. It's so satisfying to work through a recon problem and get it to balance.

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS?

The Duck Pond, it's peaceful and I love watching the wildlife.

WHAT'S ONE MOMENT IN HISTORY YOU WISH YOU COULD WITNESS?

I'd like to see what happened to the Roanoke Colony. It's fascinating that all of the people in this colony seemed to vanish without a trace.

ONE THING ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

To hike the Appalachian Trail in its entirety.

BEST PIECE OF ADVICE YOU'VE BEEN GIVEN?

A friend once told me, "you are not raising a child to be a child, you're raising a child to be an adult." Best parenting advice that I ever received.

ONE FOOD OR BEVERAGE YOU COULDN'T GO WITHOUT?

Coffee, it is my life's blood.