

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT ASHTON ANWAY

WHAT DREW YOU TO VIRGINIA TECH?

I am from the Shenandoah Valley originally. I moved to this area in 2014 after marrying my college sweetheart. I love the area because it feels a lot like home, but with more to do. My hometown didn't have any stoplights and the closest restaurant or mall was 45 minutes away! To me, it's a good medium between that and a city that's too big.

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR HOBBIES?

I like arts and crafts. I crochet, knit, paint, make DIY décor, and construct collages from old magazines.

ANY PETS?

I have one cat named Pacha (a character from the Disney movie *The Emperor's New Groove*). I rescued him from I-81 about six years ago and he was no bigger than my hand. Now he's roughly 15 pounds of fluff.

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

Facebook Messenger, that is the main way I communicate with my husband instead of text. Pinterest—I've been on it since the beginning. I like to browse it for all sorts of inspiration, for meals, crafts, tattoos, etc. Spotify—I love listening to music!

WHAT TYPE OF MUSIC DO YOU ENJOY?

I like all sorts but lately I have been into indie folk, so bands like Fleet Foxes, Bon Iver, and Iron & Wine.

WHAT WAS THE LAST CD YOU BOUGHT?

Oh wow, I think the last physical CD I bought was sometime in 2009. I can't recall which band but it was definitely an indie rock band.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR "DREAM HOME"?

I'd either like a craftsman bungalow or a funky midcentury modern house. Something with a lot of natural light and a decent-sized sunroom so I can keep a lot of houseplants.

FAVORITE QUOTE OR ADVICE THAT STICKS WITH YOU?

There's this goofy quote from an old meme that's stuck with me... "Take it easy, dude! But take it!"

Which to me means that you shouldn't stress or be too hard on yourself. But you still need to take care of your responsibilities.

WHAT IS A KEY STRENGTH YOU BRING TO YOUR JOB?

I have a keen eye for detail. I can pick up on small discrepancies that most might gloss over, which is very important for reconciliations and reviewing journal entries!

FIRST JOB?

My first job was as a licensed pharmacy technician when I was 16. But in addition, I also ran the cash register and tended to the soda foundation if needed. This was 2008 and we were probably one of the last pharmacies around to have a working soda fountain in our pharmacy. It was a neat little slice of history, but it was a stressful job. Honestly my favorite part was yearly inventory because I could keep to myself and not worry about customers during those times.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PLACE YOU'VE VISITED?

Valencia, Spain! I studied abroad there for a semester and I loved it. There's such depth to the history of the city. And I was lucky enough to be there for their month-long festival called "Las Fallas." Giant sculptures, daytime fireworks, neighborhood parties, great food and drinks... There's nothing like it.

SOMEWHERE YOU'D LOVE TO VISIT ONE DAY?

England—I watch a large variety of television from England and would love to visit. I want to experience life in the English countryside and see the landscapes. It'd also be nice to visit the historical sites.

WHAT'S ONE OF YOUR PHOBIAS?

Live fish freak me out, which is funny considering I had a pet Betta for three years in college. Cleaning the fish tank was always an unpleasant experience.



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Job Responsibilities: My main job is to scan completed journal entry forms and upload them to ApplicationXtender. Over the years I have also learned to review and key the entries and do a bit of reconciliation work.

FAVORITE SPORT?

I like badminton because it's one of the few sports I feel I am good at!

FOOD OR BEVERAGE YOU COULD NOT GO WITHOUT?

Water and Coca-Cola. Not mixed together! I just need both of those to function on a normal day!

FAVORITE FOOD?

Sushi! I like anything with salmon in it.

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

An actress or an artist.

FAVORITE HOLIDAY?

Christmas...I love the decorations and the warm feelings of nostalgia I get from it.