

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT DENNIS STAHL



WHAT DREW YOU TO VIRGINIA TECH?

I grew up in Riverview, MI, the smallest suburb of Detroit. I moved to Virginia in 2000 with thoughts of attending Virginia Tech as a student, but life got in the way (as it often does). When the opportunity to work for Virginia Tech presented itself, I jumped at it immediately and have never regretted it once.

SOME OF YOUR HOBBIES?

I love cooking, baking (especially cookies), reading, and playing guitar. I'm an avid gamer, and my favorites are Minecraft, GTA, Fall Guys and Rocket League (among others).

ONE OF YOUR FAVORITE QUOTES OR ADVICE?

"Full many a flower is born to blush unseen, and waste its sweetness on the desert air."

-Thomas Gray

Basically, many of the greatest people the world has ever been home to were largely unknown and uncelebrated, and celebrity is not a prerequisite for greatness.

FIRST JOB?

My first job was working part-time at Taco Bell. The job itself was less than desirable, but the free lunches were pretty good!

IF YOU COULD LEARN TO DO ANYTHING, IT WOULD BE...?

I have always wanted to learn how to fly a plane or helicopter. I have no delusions that I will ever do so, but I've always wanted to try it.

ANY PETS?

I have two dogs; Marley, a nine year old Jack Russell terrier, and Bodie, a three year old beagle.

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

Starting catcher for the Detroit Tigers...and a part of me still hopes :)

SOMEWHERE YOU WOULD LOVE TO VISIT SOMEDAY?

Nowhere in particular, but, having been a city boy my whole life, I've always wanted to go somewhere where there is absolutely no light pollution, so that I can lay back and stare at a completely unfiltered night sky.

EVER MET ANYONE FAMOUS?

I once met Cab Calloway at a music camp in 1994. He was at the camp to do a performance, and I happened to be backstage when he arrived. He was so cool to talk to and such a nice guy! Sadly, less than three months later, he passed away, but that has always been one of my favorite memories.

ONE CHORE YOU CAN'T STAND?

I really don't like yardwork!

ONE OF YOUR WEIRDEST QUIRKS?

Spelling! I meticulously spell-check every email, text message, document or note I write for errors, and it pains me when I send something that has spelling errors in it. I wasn't always like that, so it's a pretty weird quirk to me.



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Job Responsibilities:

I am responsible for the health, well-being and sanity of all HPS servers, workstations and other technology, as well as CS Gold, Morpho and other systems.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE...

SPORT OR TEAM?

While I enjoy just about all sports, I'm a die-hard, lifelong fan of the Detroit Tigers and Red Wings. I am also a lifelong Michigan Wolverines fan (please, no hate mail).

MUSIC?

I will listen to just about anything, except for country music. Some of my favorite artists are Linkin Park, Cake, Jack Johnson, Foo Fighters, Ben Folds Five, Steely Dan...really too many to list.

FOOD?

I could literally eat tacos all day, every day and never get tired of them. A very close second is Julie Wesel's bacon-wrapped sausages!