

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

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**Position:**

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Joined Virginia Tech: 1998**Education:** Associates Degree, Business Management, New River Community College**Hometown:** Narrows, VA**Email:** jcrawfrd@vt.edu**DO YOU HAVE ANY PETS?**

We have a spoiled rotten 16-month-old Blue Heeler named Tyson

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

Camera, Google, Messenger

WHAT'S ONE OF YOUR WEIRDEST QUIRKS?

Money in my wallet has to all be facing the same way.

YOU CAN KEEP ONLY 3 THINGS, WHEN STRANDED ON A DESERT ISLAND. WHAT ARE THEY?

Tent or something for shelter, fire starter kit and first aid supplies.

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

Why bad things have to happen.

SENTENCE YOU WOULD MOST LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOUR BOSS TOMORROW MORNING?

It's going to be a quiet day today.

WHAT DREW YOU TO VIRGINIA TECH AND BLACKSBURG

I am from a small town called Narrows (pronounced "Narz.") I've lived here my entire life and have always been a Hokies fan. At one point I had several family members who worked here and I thought why not give it a try? After 26 years, I can truly say Virginia Tech is a great place to work!

FIRST JOB?

Cashier at Wade's in Pearisburg.

HOW DO YOU DESCRIBE YOUR JOB? WHAT'S THE MOST REWARDING PART?

Handling and processing IT-related products and services, and answering software and software-review questions. Being able to help others.

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES?

Camping, fishing, spending time with family, watching my son play high school Green Wave football.

WHAT IS SOMETHING OUTSIDE THE OFFICE YOU'RE PASSIONATE ABOUT?

Spending quality time with family and friends, because tomorrow is no guarantee.

WHO INSPIRES YOU?

My parents: they've always had my back and pushed me to chase my dreams. They taught my brother and me what unconditional love is, and what it looks like.

HOW DO YOU WANT TO BE REMEMBERED?

I want to be remembered as being a kind, funny, loving, and thoughtful person always willing to go the extra mile.

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

To read minds.

FAVORITE PLACE YOU'VE VISITED?

Smoky Mountains in Pigeon Forge, TN. Love the mountains and the scenery, especially in the fall.

WHAT IS ONE PLACE YOU'D LOVE TO VISIT?

Australia. No particular reason, just think it would be an awesome place to visit. On my bucket list.

YOU WIN THE LOTTERY. WHAT'S THE FIRST THING YOU BUY?

A big cozy cabin in the Smoky Mountains.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE... FOOD?

Pizza.

BREAKFAST CEREAL?

Golden Grahams or Frosted Mini Wheats.

FOOD OR BEVERAGE YOU CAN'T GO WITHOUT?

Chocolate and Diet Dr Pepper.

SPORTS TEAM?

Football—the Hokies and the Commanders.

HOLIDAY?

Christmas, because it's the most wonderful time of the year, and for spending time with family.

MOVIE?

A Christmas Story: Growing up - I can remember watching this every Christmas with my family.

MUSIC?

Country. I don't really have a favorite, but if I had to pick, I would have to go with Luke Bryan.

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

Chicago Fire