

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

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WHERE ARE YOU ORIGINALLY FROM AND WHAT DREW YOU TO VIRGINIA TECH

I consider myself from Virginia. My Dad was in the Navy, so we moved a lot but mostly within Virginia. Falls Church, Norfolk and Hampton and one exciting station in the Philippines. I accepted enrollment at VT before even seeing it and fell completely in love on my first visit. The mountains were the kicker for me. I was home and have lived and worked here ever since.

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE HOBBIES?

I am a bowler and have been for 60 years. I love sports and the Hokies are my hobby. I also like to cook, especially for tailgates. I am always looking for new recipes to test.

FAVORITE SPORT OR TEAM?

The Hokies of course, and the J-E-T-S, Jets...I am a long-suffering fan.



WHAT WOULD YOU DESCRIBE AS YOUR MOST IMPORTANT PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES OR STRENGTHS THAT YOU BRING TO YOUR JOB?

Hopefully a can-do attitude - I am not good with the word "NO". I truly believe we at HPS can help and be supportive to all of our customers.

WHAT'S THE BEST PIECE OF ADVICE OR FAVORITE QUOTE THAT STICKS WITH YOU?

"It's Showtime" from *All that Jazz*. I wake up every day looking forward to work and fun with a smile on my face. Also, I truly believe I am a lucky girl. Would I change things I have done in my life? Maybe, but I am so content with the road I took to now, I would not change a thing.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PLACE YOU'VE VISITED?

San Francisco - the only place I have ever been in my life that lived up to the hype. Stayed there for a week when I was ten before we left on a 21-day steamship trip across the Pacific to the Philippines.

ANY PETS?

Oh yes - I have taken in 5 cats who showed up on my doorstep over a two-year period. I went straight from no animals to the crazy cat lady. They keep us entertained and we cannot imagine life without them now.

EVER MET ANYONE FAMOUS?

Clint Black and his dog Coal - he had Coal perform tricks for us in the hallway of a hotel in Nashville, it was cool.



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WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST JOB?

Teaching tennis on post at Fort Monroe, Virginia the summer after my 8th grade year. I taught for the next 9 years and loved it.

FAVORITE MOVIE OR BOOK?

Charlotte's Web because it made me believe I could do and/or be anything I wanted to or be.

ONE THING ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

Going to all the Major League Baseball stadiums for a game!

WHO IS ONE PERSON IN HISTORY YOU WISH YOU COULD'VE MET?

Eleanor Roosevelt - I have always loved her self-confidence and she was a friend of my grandparents.

FAVORITE FOOD?

Oh my, BBQ of any kind. I want to try them all!

HOW DO YOU WANT TO BE REMEMBERED?

As someone who genuinely cared about people in my life and those that I have worked with throughout the years.