

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

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WHAT DREW YOU TO VIRGINIA TECH?

I grew up in Christiansburg and have always loved the area. I don't think I could ever leave the mountains. I went to school at Virginia Tech, got married at The German Club right by Lane Stadium and now am working here. I wouldn't have it any other way!

SOME OF YOUR HOBBIES?

Kayaking, hiking, fishing, camping.

ANY PETS?

We have two poodles.

SOMETHING YOU ARE MOST PASSIONATE ABOUT?

My family and I bought a camper in 2020 and we loved traveling to new places in it this year. I'm already looking for new places to visit in 2022. Not only do I get to spend quality time with my family but I also get to see new campgrounds and meet others that are also passionate about camping.

WHO IS SOMEONE THAT INSPIRES YOU?

My father has always been my inspiration and a great role model. He adopted me when I was a baby and has always supported my dreams and aspirations. I know he will always have my back.

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

Google Maps (I'm bad with directions), Spotify (love my music), and Google (not sure how people survived without it).

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

Teacher

BEST PIECE OF ADVICE YOU HAVE RECEIVED?

Your own happiness is a reflection of your day-to-day, the things you're doing, and most important, how you are doing them.

FIRST JOB?

I worked at the movie theatre when I was 16. I loved the job because I got to see free movies and catch them before they were released to the public.

WHAT IS ONE...

CHORE YOU CAN'T STAND?

I hate doing the dishes as most people do. Every time I turn around there is another dish in the sink. Drives me crazy!

THING ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

I would love to go to Alaska one day to see the wildlife, do some fishing and go sightseeing.

TV SHOW YOU ENJOY?

I just recently watched *Maid* on Netflix, it's definitely worth watching!

PHOBIA YOU HAVE?

Spiders—don't want them anywhere near me and I will scream over the smallest one.

OF YOUR PET PEEVES?

People who ride in the left lane so I have to pass them in the right lane.

OF YOUR QUIRKS?

I watch TV with subtitles on. I like to snack while I watch TV and can't hear over my own munching so I got in a habit of using the subtitles.

THING YOU WISH YOU COULD LEARN TO DO?

Learn all types of languages.



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WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE... HOLIDAY?

Christmas because what's not to love about it? I love Christmas music, decorations, and gift giving. Plus the generous time off of work is nice :)

SPOT ON CAMPUS?

Duck Pond—it is so peaceful

FOOD?

Mexican—especially chicken fajitas. Chicken is the one food I absolutely could not go without.

MUSIC?

I especially love the '80s and '90s. First concert I attended was Def Leppard.

PLACE YOU'VE VISITED?

I got to see the Grand Canyon back in 2018 and it was beautiful! Definitely something everyone should see at least once.