

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

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HOW IS THE TRANSITION TO WORKING REMOTELY GOING FOR YOU?

It's definitely taken some time to adjust but I have been able to adapt in order to maintain normal operations. The biggest challenge I've faced thus far is avoiding distractions at home. The positive I try to take away from all of this is the extra time I get to spend with my wife and our pets.

HOW HAS YOUR DAILY ROUTING CHANGED DURING THIS TIME?

Before this quarantine, I spent just about every weekend with family and friends so the lack of social interaction has been very different. I am staying positive by

looking forward to when this is all over and how great it will be to see them all again.

WHAT'S ONE PROJECT THAT YOU'RE WORKING ON RIGHT NOW?

I've been assisting the campus and community with procuring and resourcing personal protective equipment (PPE) and other items to aid in our fight against COVID-19. The biggest challenge has been trying to find a reliable resource for these items during a global crisis with an incredibly high demand as well as supply chain analysis to ensure that we avoid logistical setbacks and are receiving these items as quickly as possible.

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- Buyer Senior, Research & Scientific (Procurement)
- Joined Virginia Tech: 2018
- Bachelor's in Management (Radford University)
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- Job Duties and Responsibilities: Handling and processing purchases and facilitating the competitive proposal/bid process for campus, manage university contracts, maintain appropriate business relations with vendors and serve as a resource for campus to field any purchasing related questions/issues.

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WHERE ARE YOU FROM ORIGINALLY? WHAT BROUGHT YOU HERE?

I am from Troutville in Botetourt County, Va. I grew up as a Hokie travelling to Lane Stadium with my dad for games. My wife was accepted into VCOM after we graduated college, which brought us to Blacksburg.

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR HOBBIES?

I love hunting, fishing, kayaking, hiking and marksmanship. I'm really passionate about wildlife conservation. As an avid outdoorsman, this is something I was taught from a young age and I've always held in high regard.

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST JOB?

I worked at Harbor Inn Seafood in Roanoke. I loved it and worked there throughout high school and college for six years.

BEST PIECE OF ADVICE YOU'VE BEEN GIVEN?

A simple one that's always stuck with me: "treat others the way you would like to be treated."

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

(1) WDBJ7, because I like to stay up to date with what's going on in our area; (2) Snapchat, to stay in touch with friends and family; and (3) online banking app for managing finances.

WHAT TYPE OF MUSIC DO YOU ENJOY?

Bluegrass, country and rock. My favorite band is Old Crow Medicine Show.

WHAT ARE MOST IMPORTANT PERSONAL SKILLS OR ATTRIBUTES YOU BRING TO THE JOB?

I have always worked in positions that require a high level of customer service and find that to be one of my biggest strengths. I also tend to remain cool under pressure during stressful situations.

ANY PETS?

Yes, we have one dog – Riley and a cat – Basil.

WHAT IS THE MOST REWARDING THING ABOUT YOUR JOB?

Knowing with every purchase I process, that the end-result is ultimately providing education and important skills to students in higher education in order for them to enjoy a successful life.

FAVORITE FOOD?

I love seafood, particularly shellfish such as oysters and scallops.

FAVORITE SPORT OR TEAM?

The Hokies, of course. I'm also a big Carolina Panthers fan and NASCAR fan. A group of friends and I started a tradition a few years ago of attending the spring race in Martinsville every year.

FAVORITE PLACE YOU'VE VISITED?

The Greek island of Santorini – my wife and I got married there last July. It was the first time I ever left the U.S. and it was a very eye-opening experience to leave my "southern comfort zone" and get to experience different cultures from around the world.

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS?

Lane Stadium

ONE THING ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

Attending the Daytona 500!

