

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT REED NAGEL



WHAT DREW YOU TO VIRGINIA TECH?

I am originally from Northern Virginia and came to VT as a student. After I graduated I did not want to go back to the crazy lifestyle and traffic of Northern Virginia.

WHAT'S ONE INTERESTING THING YOU'RE WORKING ON RIGHT NOW?

I am working with Facilities to install 10 solar generation sites around campus to help meet the Climate Action Commitment goals. This is the first time I have worked with solar so it is unique and challenging understanding all the moving parts.

SOME OF YOUR HOBBIES?

I am a sucker for a great board game. I also enjoy spending time outside with my dog.

ONE OF YOUR FAVORITE QUOTES OR ADVICE?

"Moral excellence comes about as a result of habit. We become just by doing just acts, temperate by doing temperate acts, brave by doing brave acts."
- Aristotle

FIRST THING YOU'D BUY IF YOU WON THE LOTTERY?

A Tesla—electric cars are the future.

ONE MOMENT IN HISTORY YOU'D LIKE TO WITNESS?

The completion of the coliseum in Rome. It is amazing how Roman engineers were able to build structures before modern equipment.

ONE OF YOUR WEIRDEST QUIRKS?

I hate coffee.

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST JOB?

I started lifeguarding when I was 15...It was the best summer job I ever had.

SOMEWHERE YOU WOULD LOVE TO VISIT ONE DAY?

I would really enjoy visiting Germany during Oktoberfest.

A CHORE YOU LOVE? ONE YOU HATE?

I can't standing dusting, but I love doing the dishes. I find an almost Zen-like peace with the warm water.

WHAT TYPE OF MUSIC DO YOU ENJOY?

Classic rock. Lately I have been listening to a lot of Judas Priest.

MOST REWARDING ELEMENT OF YOUR JOB?

I enjoy working with the Virginia Tech community to solve problems.

WHAT'S ONE OF THE PERSONAL STRENGTHS YOU BRING TO YOUR JOB?

My willingness to understand why people are passionate about the purchases they need.

ONE OF YOUR PET PEEVES?

When people are apathetic about their jobs. We don't have to be the best, but one thing we should do is always give 100%.

ARE YOU INTO PODCASTS?

My wife has me listening to the podcast *Behind the Bastards*. It talks about some of history's worst people and walks through their lives.



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Job Duties & Responsibilities:
My team and I are responsible for the procurement of strategic contracts and non-capital construction.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE...

SPOT ON CAMPUS?

Upper Quad reminds me of the time I spent as a cadet. It was the most fun that I would never have again.

HOLIDAY?

Thanksgiving, because...carbs.

MOVIE?

Star Wars—*The Empire Strikes Back* is the greatest sequel ever made.

FOOD?

Tacos

ANY TV SHOWS YOU ARE CURRENTLY WATCHING?

If you're a fan of "old" Top Gear I would recommend Jeremy Clarkson's *Farm* on Amazon Prime.

ONE SENTENCE YOU'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOUR BOSS TOMORROW?

Today should be a quiet day!