

MEET THE INTERN LEXI SIMMERS



WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO VIRGINIA TECH?

I grew up in Blacksburg and I attended a lot of football and basketball games. I think those atmospheres really drew me to Tech. My family members are all fans of VT and I had a few family members also attend college here as well. I feel like I just always knew this is where I wanted to continue my education. It has been a dream come true to attend a University that I love, in a place that I love, to me this is home!

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE YOUR MAJORS?

I like the accounting because it fits my personality; I like a schedule and things a certain way. I like the interpersonal nature of the human resources aspect with my management degree. The dual degree is a good mix of giving me a chance to be a leader while also doing the accounting stuff I enjoy, too.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO ABOUT THE INTERNSHIP?

It will be really cool to see how all the departments work together and see how everyone communicates. And also to see that from a student perspective as well, I think that will be a really enriching experience.

WHAT IS ONE OF YOUR STRONGER ATTRIBUTES OR SKILLS THAT YOU BRING?

I'm really personable and easy to talk to. I try to be positive about everything.

HOW HAS COVID-19 IMPACTED YOU OR CHANGED YOUR ROUTINE?

The biggest adjustment has been being home all the time. I'm usually on the go between work and school and home and exercise, so I've been going on a lot of walks with my dog to keep me sane, watching a lot more Netflix and trying not to overeat. A lot more trying to be outdoors to help clear my mind.



- **Hometown:**
Blacksburg, Virginia
- **Dual Major:** B.S. in Accounting and Information Systems and B.S. in Management with concentration in Human Resources
- **Graduation Date:**
May 2021
- **First Internship Rotation:** Bursar's Office
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WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR HOBBIES?

I'm really into Jazzercise, it's been an adjustment with COVID-19. I love to take my lab Mia for walks. I've been really into coloring and painting recently, just trying to be creative and keep my brain active.

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

Snapchat, Music, and Mario Kart

SOMETHING OUTSIDE THE OFFICE YOU ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT?

I love elephants! I support several organizations that help keep their habitats safe and the species from being endangered. I have loved elephants since I was a little kid and I think that they are such fascinating gentle giants. I love knowing I can support a bigger cause to keep their futures bright!

FAVORITE HOLIDAY?

I just love the spirit and feeling that comes along with Christmas. My family all celebrates it together and it makes me feel warm and fuzzy inside.

BEST PIECE OF ADVICE YOU'VE RECEIVED OR FAVORITE QUOTE?

My dad would always tell me to never be satisfied. I didn't love it at first, but I feel like it can apply to everything. You can always improve and be better, you can always do better work and I think that's really important perspective to have.

ONE MOMENT IN HISTORY YOU WISH YOU COULD HAVE WITNESSED?

The Apollo 11 crew landing on the moon—it was a spectacular moment in history and it would've been so fascinating to see it right as it was happening.

FIRST THING YOU BUY IF YOU WON THE LOTTERY?

I would probably save most of it and share with my family. But I would probably buy a really huge beachfront house!

WHO IS SOMEONE WHO INSPIRES YOU?

My mom! She is so compassionate, hard-working and independent. She has greatly shaped me into the person I am today. I admire how she always worked so hard to give me, my sister and my brother everything we need and most of what we wanted!

PLACE YOU'D LIKE TO VISIT SOMEDAY?

Hawaii! Or Australia.

EVER MET SOMEONE FAMOUS?

Does Frank Beamer count? I met him at a grocery store once, my grandmother tracked him down and I was like "nooo, please don't"... She made me get a picture.

FAVORITE MOVIE?

Anything Disney really! Specifically, I really like *Aladdin* probably because of the music!

ONE FOOD OR BEVERAGE YOU COULDN'T LIVE WITHOUT?

Japanese food, hibachi chicken is my go-to. And Dr. Pepper is my weakness, it just hits the spot.

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST JOB?

I worked as a clerk at the Virginia Tech bookstore. I started there when I was 15, working with a bunch of college students. It was a good experience overall.

FAVORITE SPORT OR TEAM?

I really like watching basketball and football. I played basketball in high school but not so much since. Jazzercise has been keeping me active.

WHAT MUSIC DO YOU ENJOY?

I love Taylor Swift, I've been following her since I was 10. I also like 5 Seconds of Summer, an Australian band that just started becoming popular here. I also really like country music, especially in the summertime.

HOW DO YOU WANT TO BE REMEMBERED?

As someone who is a hard worker, compassionate, and always willing to help.