

MEET THE FELLOW

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WHAT DREW YOU TO ATTENDING VIRGINIA TECH?

After my amazing tour of Virginia Tech, I knew that this was the place for me.

WHAT ARE YOUR STRENGTHS OR KEY ATTRIBUTES YOU BRING TO WORK?

I think one of the best characteristics someone can have is the desire to learn more. I am constantly trying to grow my knowledge in my profession, history, science, and sports.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO IN THE FELLOWSHIP?

WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO GAIN?

I am looking forward to growing my knowledge of the budget process, and am excited my work will directly benefit an organization I believe in. I most wish to grow relationships with those in the VPF offices and departments that interact with us, soaking up the knowledge that everyone has to offer.

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES?

My favorite hobbies revolve around relationships: watching movies, playing games, or just hanging out. I am also a huge sports fan, having played football, basketball, and soccer in high school. I'm learning golf in my spare time now.

IF YOU COULD WITNESS ONE MOMENT IN HISTORY, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

I would've loved to see George Washington's farewell address. Listening to him warn about all the things that still divide Americans today over 200 years ago would've been so powerful. I would relish the opportunity to hear him speak in person.

WHAT'S THE FAVORITE PLACE YOU HAVE VISITED? WHERE WOULD YOU LOVE TO GO?

Italy, a two-week trip during high school. Such a rich and historically significant cultural area.

I am going to St. Andrews, Scotland in 2025. It is the birthplace of golf and I hope to play the course.

KEEP ONLY 3 APPS ON YOUR PHONE: WHAT WOULD THEY BE?

I think Messages to keep up with friends and family, the chess app to keep myself mentally occupied, and Apple TV.

FAVORITE SPORT OR TEAM?

Football: Ravens
Basketball: Lakers
Baseball: Cardinals
Soccer: Arsenal
Collegiate: Any team from VT

WHAT TV SHOW ARE YOU WATCHING THAT OTHERS NEED TO CHECK OUT?

For fans of spy movies, I highly recommend *Slow Horses* – a depiction of MI-5 agents sent to “detention.”

IF YOU COULD LEARN TO DO ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

I would like to learn the steps needed to solve world hunger. If we could resolve one of the most pressing issues of the current day, then the other issues that don't get enough attention could be brought to the forefront.

IF YOU COULD ANSWER ONE QUESTION, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Where is Jimmy Hoffa buried? It's a very interesting historical mystery. It's also one that there aren't any widely accepted theories.



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WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS? WHY?

The Drillfield, always very peaceful, such a scenic and relaxing spot.

WHAT IS THE BEST PIECE OF ADVICE YOU'VE BEEN GIVEN?

I often think about the long-term impact of events that happen around me; if not an impact on next week, I remember not to let it bother me. It is important to have a good perspective on everything around you.

DO YOU HAVE A PET PEEVE?

Seeing bikers ride in the middle of the sidewalk when there is a bike lane right near them.

FAVORITE CEREAL?

I am a fan of Cocoa Krispies and Captain Crunch.

FAVORITE HOLIDAY?

My favorite holiday is Christmas. It is a family-oriented time where the spirit of selflessness and giving is present. The time spent with others and the overall joy of the holiday is what really makes it so special.