

MEET THE FELLOW

ANDY PASTOR

WHAT DREW YOU TO ATTENDING VIRGINIA TECH FOR SCHOOL?

My junior year of high school I got a job at Turner Place, mainly working at Atomic Pizza, Firegrill, and Jamba Juice. During my time there, I connected with numerous students who became some of my closest friends, fostering a sense of inclusion within the VT community before I even applied.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE YOUR MAJOR?

I chose Business IT because I really enjoyed learning about Global Cooperation and International Trade and it gave me an outlet to do that while picking up some practical coding and modeling knowledge.

I threw Finance in because I enjoyed reading about financial topics in the news and wanted to get a better understanding of corporate America.

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES?

Kayaking, hiking, skateboarding and anything that gets me to be active outdoors. I also enjoy playing GeoGuessr, a game where you guess your location using Google Street View images.

WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT?

Advocating for sustainable transportation and walkable cities. Blacksburg is a great area for this and I'd like to see it further expanded as the town grows.

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

I find that I excel in staying organized and remaining focused, even when faced with distractions. Another strength of mine is my genuine enthusiasm for learning and exploring new opportunities.

FIRST CONCERT?

Anderson.Paak on the Drillfield in 2019 - I had recently moved into the dorms when this event happened, and it was an amazing start to my freshman year.

CHORE YOU ENJOY AND ONE YOU CAN'T STAND?

Oddly enough, I find cooking for myself really annoying but I really enjoy doing the dishes and having a perfectly clean and organized kitchen.

ONE THING YOU'D LIKE TO LEARN HOW TO DO?

Speak another language fluently.

FOOD OR BEVERAGE YOU COULDN'T GO WITHOUT?

DiGiorno frozen pizza

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE... TV SHOW?

Curb Your Enthusiasm - Larry David plays an over-the-top version of himself in this improvisational comedy that leads to tragedy in every episode. My favorite show and currently in its final season.

HOLIDAY?

Halloween, I really enjoy dressing up and seeing other people's costumes. It's a shame it's only once a year.

MOVIE?

The Usual Suspects - Superb mystery/thriller with a great cast of actors and an amazing twist.

ICE CREAM FLAVOR?

Superman

MUSIC?

I enjoy pretty much everything. Favorite band always comes down to Jamiroquai or Dire Straits.

PLACE YOU'VE VISITED?

Isle Royale National Park - A 200 sq mile Island on Lake Superior with wolves and views of Canada. By far the best backpacking experience I've had.



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ANY PETS?

Two cats—Scooter and Belle

PLACE YOU'D LIKE TO VISIT?

The Great Barrier Reef and Australia.

WHAT'S ONE THING ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

Obtaining a Private Pilot's License—I've been practicing on Microsoft Flight Simulator long enough.

FIRST THING YOU BUY IF YOU WIN THE LOTTERY?

For me, it's a sailboat. It's been a dream of mine to explore the world by sailing.

WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO GAIN FROM THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM?

I hope to gain valuable insights into the workings of higher education finance, further develop my analytical and leadership abilities, and establish meaningful connections within the Virginia Tech community.