

# MEET THE FELLOW

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### **WHAT DREW YOU TO ATTENDING VIRGINIA TECH FOR SCHOOL?**

The incredible sense of community here and in the New River Valley.

### **WHY DID YOU CHOOSE YOUR MAJOR?**

Both of my older sisters studied the sciences, so I had to be different!

### **WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO WITH THE FELLOWSHIP AND THIS EXPERIENCE?**

I am most looking forward to finding my permanent home here at Virginia Tech, and I hope to gain a better understanding of all the work that goes into supporting the university and how it functions as a whole.

### **WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR HOBBIES?**

I love horseback riding, gardening, hiking, and cooking.

### **WHO IS SOMEONE WHO INSPIRES YOU?**

My older sister left her corporate job to start her own business doing something she's passionate about a few years ago. I'm so impressed by her confidence to take that risk, and proud of her for being successful in it.

### **FAVORITE PLACE YOU'VE VISITED?**

Yellowstone National Park—it's where my husband proposed!

### **WHERE'S SOMEWHERE YOU'VE NEVER BEEN, BUT WOULD LOVE TO VISIT SOMEDAY?**

I would love to visit New Zealand and see the set of the Lord of the Rings movies someday!

### **WHAT'S A WEIRD QUIRK OR STRANGE TALENT YOU HAVE?**

I always remember my dreams at night vividly.

### **WHAT'S SOMETHING OUTSIDE OF THE OFFICE YOU'RE MOST PASSIONATE ABOUT?**

I'm most passionate about horseback riding. It's taught me so many important life lessons and gives me a chance to forget all my stress and just live in the moment.

### **IF YOU COULD ONLY KEEP THREE APPS ON YOUR PHONE, WHAT WOULD THEY BE?**

I think I'd prefer if phones were just for calling, texting, and photos. Everything else is too distracting!

### **WHAT IS THE ONE FOOD OR BEVERAGE YOU ABSOLUTELY COULD NOT GO WITHOUT?**

I could eat mac and cheese for every meal.

### **WHAT'S THE BEST PIECE OF ADVICE OR FAVORITE QUOTE THAT STICKS WITH YOU?**

My dad always told me growing up "never give up."

### **WHAT WOULD YOU DESCRIBE AS YOUR MOST IMPORTANT ATTRIBUTES OR STRENGTH?**

I would say my strengths are being empathetic, observant, and persistent.

### **FAVORITE SPORT OR TEAM?**

I love watching college football! I'll be at every home game until the end, win or lose. I would love to go back and witness Virginia Tech's win over Ohio State in 2014—who doesn't love an underdog win!

### **IF YOU COULD HAVE ONE SUPERPOWER, WHAT WOULD IT BE?**

I'd like to be able to talk to animals!

### **ONE OF YOUR BIGGEST PET PEEVES?**

The sound of someone chewing with their mouth open.