

MEET THE INTERN

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WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO VIRGINIA TECH?

I chose Virginia Tech because of the engineering program mostly. I went to visit campus and really liked how the campus was laid out with all the buildings. I wanted a busy campus but still not in a big city area, so Virginia Tech checked all the boxes for me.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE YOUR MAJOR?

I liked that ISE was the broadest engineering. There's so many different jobs you can go off of from it. I didn't really know which specific area I wanted to focus on, so this hopefully helps me get more exposure to a broader range of careers.

SOMETHING YOU ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT?

I love doing art. I draw digitally and also paint.

OTHER HOBBIES?

I try to go to the gym and be active. Go on hikes and hang out with my friends. I also really like to cook.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO ABOUT THE INTERNSHIP?

The exposure to the finance world and learning more about financial and business components. I'm not in the Business School and I think it'll be a really good for networking and getting that professional business experience that you don't necessarily get in the engineering major.

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

I'm a very tenacious worker and I like to get as much done as I can.

ANYTHING ABOUT WORKING HERE THAT HAS SURPRISED YOU SO FAR?

I'm surprised how collaborative it is and how much room you get for putting forward new ideas. You can share your own approach or suggestions and people are very open to hearing that.



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FOOD OR BEVERAGE YOU COULDN'T GO WITHOUT?

Probably either pasta or ramen—I eat ramen all the time. I'll probably get sick of it after college. When I cook at home I'll take the time to cook the meat and vegetables to go with it.

ONE THING ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

I would like to visit all the national parks

FIRST JOB?

I had a paid internship junior year of high school for Fairfax County Government. There were around 30 of us—I was sent to work in the Sheriff's office. I got to attend a lot of meetings and do some presentations and other things. Throughout the school year we had to present to middle school classes and what goes on with county government. It was interesting to learn about some of the government stuff and I enjoyed the experience.

ANY PETS?

At the apartment we have a new cat (Bruce) and then back at home I have two cats that are now my parents' cats.

FAVORITE PLACE YOU'VE VISITED?

China—my sister studied abroad there and I got a chance to visit. It was an amazing experience. In China, some things are thousands and thousands of years old. I spent a week there and got to see a large part of the country.

SOMEWHERE YOU WANT TO VISIT ONE DAY?

I've always wanted to visit Japan, I am really into Japanese pop culture. I like anime and Japanese movies and video games. I would really love to see the countryside and Mt. Fuji as well.

BEST PIECE OF ADVICE YOU'VE RECEIVED?

My mom says about someone's actions "you can have an explanation for an action but that's no excuse for the behavior."

IF YOU COULD ONLY KEEP 3 APPS ON YOUR PHONE, THEY WOULD BE...

Instagram, Snapchat, and Spotify.

ONE OF YOUR WEIRDEST QUIRKS?

I love Mountain Dew so every time a new flavor comes out I will try it and keep the bottle with the wrappers on it. I have a collection of bottles of all the weird flavors that have come out. The new flavors usually aren't very good.

WHEN YOU WERE A KID, WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?

I wanted to be a marine biologist. I was obsessed with the ocean and I read books about the ocean and sharks and things all the time. I loved *Finding Nemo* so that was my inspiration for that.

WHAT MUSIC DO YOU ENJOY?

I like alternative rock and indie pop music. Conan Grey, Cavetown, and Lana Del Rey are probably my top three.

FAVORITE MOVIE OR BOOK?

I'm a Marvel fan so I like the new Spider-Mans. I really have enjoyed the new series. For books, I love the *Percy Jackson* books (kind of a teen classic). I really like *The Glass Castle*. It's a memoir of a girl who grew up in a strange household with a bunch of siblings who ended up basically raising one another—it was very interesting.

ONE CHORE YOU LOVE... ONE YOU HATE?

I like the chores when you do them you can definitely see a difference—I don't know if "organizing" or "neatening up" counts but I like doing laundry because it's a menial task where I can turn my brain off. I also like to do the dishes as I'm cooking, it makes my life easier for later. I hate vacuuming though.

ARE YOU INTO SPORTS?

When I was in high school, I rowed. I was on the varsity and was the coxswain at the front of the boat yelling because I was too small to be a rower—too short. I did that four years. It was six days a week and was a big part of life. I do like hockey and watch the Capitals. I really followed them and got into when they won the Stanley Cup a few years ago but I haven't kept up with it too much.