

MEET THE INTERN

KETHAN PATEL



WHY DID YOU CHOOSE VIRGINIA TECH?

I loved the campus and the feeling of inclusion. And, my scholarship was a nice plus.

WHAT DID GETTING THAT SCHOLARSHIP MEAN TO YOU?

I'm a first-generation student, I still remember seeing an email in my inbox in study hall right after lunch. I called my mother and her first reaction was "are you sure it's real, did you call them?" I called Virginia Tech and they confirmed it. I was still in study hall and freaking out in the hallway, jumping and screaming...It is such a blessing and it is so special to me. I never thought I would be able to go to college without going into a lot of debt. I never take it for granted.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO ABOUT THE INTERNSHIP?

Learning! And also meeting new people and networking.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE YOUR MAJORS?

I find Finance interesting, but also there is job security and it's a large sector with career options for moving up the ladder. Marketing, I thought, was a great way to increase my interpersonal skills. It could also help with a Finance career and being able to sell and persuade others of budgets or presentations to bosses.

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR HOBBIES?

I love hiking, spending time with my loved ones, and I have recently been reading a lot more, which I enjoy a great deal.

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

Many things, including a firefighter, racecar driver, Batman, and a farmer.

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

My empathy and diligence/determination



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- **Graduation Date:**
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ONE OF YOUR WEIRDEST QUIRKS?

I am very goofy and like to use different accents randomly.

I can do a convincing British accent from what I've been told. My Arnold Schwarzenegger, Russian, and country accents aren't too bad, either.

ONE OF YOUR BIGGEST PET PEEVES?

Chewing excessively loud. Some people do it and it is very unpleasant to watch, and especially, listen to.

FAVORITE SPORT OR TEAM?

I recently got into Formula One and have loved it.

IF YOU COULD HAVE ANY SUPERPOWER, IT'D BE...

To be able to heal people completely.

FAVORITE FLAVOR OF ICE CREAM?

Cotton Candy Explosion from Bruster's. I know that's maybe a childish flavor to think of, but it's been my favorite since I was a kid and it always will be.

FAVORITE MOVIE OR BOOK?

Harry Potter for both!

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE QUOTE OR SAYING?

"Of course it is happening inside your head, Harry, but why on earth should that mean it is not real." I took a class called "*The Harry Potter Phenomenon*." Our final project was one of my favorite things I've ever done, my classmates and I made a trailer of us as Harry Potter characters. We essentially made our dreams a reality.

FIRST THING YOU'D BUY IF YOU WON THE LOTTERY?

I'd buy my mom a new house and a new car.

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST JOB?

My first unofficial job was a babysitter and I loved it. My first formal job was working at Publix. The work was tiring and not worth the pay, but the people made it manageable.

A CHORE THAT YOU ENJOY? ONE YOU HATE?

I hate touching dirty dishes, not a fan at all. I love to organize things, such as cleaning off the desk. Sometimes on weekends I will go on a binge and clean the entire house.

FAVORITE PLACE YOU'VE VISITED? SOMEWHERE YOU'D LOVE TO VISIT ONE DAY?

Iceland, it's absolutely beautiful. I went with my sister who is my best buddy for adventuring, we hiked a glacier and the water was so icy blue. Looking back at those photos just makes me smile.

I'd love to visit Switzerland and Australia some day.

FAVORITE HOLIDAY?

Christmas, it's close to my birthday, I love the snow, and I love the feeling of Christmas time and how my house seems to feel a little jollier.

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS?

I love to walk across the Drillfield when the sun is setting. Also, if you go past Lane Stadium up the hill toward the soccer fields, that's a beautiful place to watch the sunset, you see it fall right on the mountains. I love sitting on the ledge at the Pylons. And Torgersen Bridge reminds me of Hogwarts, so it's a definite favorite.

ONE PERSON IN HISTORY YOU WISH YOU COULD MEET?

I wish I could've met the first person to ever live. I think it would be interesting to see how much I could teach them and how fast that would've progressed our evolution as a race.

ONE THING ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

To live in another country.

ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT PEOPLE TO KNOW?

I would recommend this internship and I have only been here a few days.

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