

MEET THE FELLOW

LEXI SIMMERS



WHAT DREW YOU TO VIRGINIA TECH? TO YOUR FIELD OF STUDY?

I grew up here and was never really interested in going anywhere else. I grew up going to VT sporting events and felt this was such a special place to continue my education. I always wanted to study business and ended up getting dual degree with Accounting and Management. I chose the Master's program here because it is designed to prepare you for your CPA.

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES OR STRENGTHS YOU BRING?

I try really hard to be a smiling and friendly face anywhere I go, and I think kindness goes a long way. While perfectionism is a blessing and a curse, I wouldn't be me without it.

WHAT ARE YOU HOPING TO GAIN FROM THIS PROGRAM?

I want to find something I am passionate about, learn new skills and hope to find a path in higher education that works for me. I also want to be able to make great professional relationships with co-workers!

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR HOBBIES?

I really like to be creative and I enjoy coloring, crafts, and baking. I also Jazzercise at the local center in Christiansburg regularly, which helps keep me sane! But let's be real, Netflix has to count as a hobby too!

BEST PIECE OF ADVICE YOU'VE RECEIVED?

One thing I had to remind myself throughout school was to take things one step at a time. Having small goals to achieve every day helped me from getting overwhelmed. Also, My dad always reminded me to "never be satisfied" even when I did well on an assignment. I think that stuck with me is part of why I worked so hard in college. You can work hard but should always be looking for ways to improve and be better. It is something I try to achieve in my professional and personal life.

WHO IS SOMEONE WHO INSPIRES YOU?

My mom has always been such a constant in my life and done whatever she could to support me. She is such a hard worker and I look up to her for that.



HOMETOWN
Blacksburg, VA

VT GRADUATE
Master's of
Accounting and
Information Systems
(‘22)

Dual Bachelor's
degrees in Business
(‘21)

FIRST ROTATION:
Procurement

CONTACT:
lsimmers@vt.edu

Continues on next page...

...MEET THE FELLOW... LEXI SIMMERS

ANY PETS?

My mom has three pets that I love dearly and visit frequently. Mia is a 3-year-old yellow lab, Ella is an 8-month-old rescue who is a lab mix, and Finn—our cute little cat!

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE REMEMBERED?

As a caring, giving, hardworking, and dependable person

EVER MET ANYONE FAMOUS?

I met Frank Beamer once in Kroger. My grandma was determined to track him down—she was successful—and I was so embarrassed!

ANY TV SHOW RECOMMENDATIONS?

I just finished watching *The Summer I Turned Pretty* and *Obi-Wan* is next on my watch list. My favorite sitcoms are *New Girl* and *The Office*.

FIRST JOB?

I was a cashier at Dietrick Bookstore when I was 15! It was a good job and was interesting being around college kids while I was still in high school.

WHAT IS ONE...

OF YOUR PET PEEVES?

When people talk really loud on the phone while in public.

CHORE YOU HATE/ENJOY?

I hate doing the dishes. I don't mind doing laundry.

THING YOU ARE REALLY PASSIONATE ABOUT?

Elephants! They are my favorite animal and I frequently buy from organizations who donate to Save the Elephants. They are truly gentle giants.

OF YOUR PHOBIAS?

Spiders and bugs in general kind of freak me out.

THING YOU'D LIKE TO LEARN?

Currently, I am learning how to play golf and it is not an easy thing to do.

BUCKET LIST ITEM?

I really want to travel abroad! Europe and Japan are two places I would really like to visit!

QUESTION YOU WISH YOU HAD THE ANSWER TO?

How can we cure cancer?

OF YOUR QUIRKS?

I collect Squishmallows :)

PLACE YOU'D LIKE TO VISIT?

Definitely Hawaii

MOMENT IN HISTORY YOU'D LIKE TO WITNESS?

The moon landing would be pretty cool!

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE...

SPOT ON CAMPUS?

The Pylons, especially at sunset! I love the view over the Drillfield, the peacefulness and what it represents.

MUSIC? FIRST CONCERT?

Mostly pop and country. My favorite artists are Taylor Swift and 5 Seconds of Summer, but I am always looking for new music.

My first concert was Alan Jackson in Roanoke, but my favorite was Taylor Swift's Reputation Tour in 2017!

FLAVOR OF ICE CREAM?

Chocolate! I really like cookie dough, though.

HOLIDAY?

Christmas, by far. I think it's because I love spending time with my family and everything about the Christmas holiday brings me joy!

MOVIE ?

I like a lot of Disney movies but I think one of my favorites is 101 Dalmatians.

FOOD THAT YOU COULDN'T GO WITHOUT?

Chocolate and Japanese food.

SPORT OR TEAM?

The Hokies of course! Basketball and football are two of my favorite sports to watch.

PLACE YOU'VE VISITED?

The beach is my favorite place to vacation (my family goes to Garden City, SC every year). Disney World and New York City are the coolest places I have visited!

ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT YOU THAT YOU WOULD WANT PEOPLE TO KNOW?

I am so excited to be a part of this program and I can't wait for all the new experiences I get to have!