

# MEET THE FELLOW

## MATTHEW DIGMAN



### WHAT DREW YOU TO VIRGINIA TECH? TO YOUR MAJOR?

Both of my sisters went to Tech before me, so we were always down here for football games or to visit. I fell in love with the campus, both its natural beauty and the atmosphere of togetherness that I felt.

I chose management because I knew I wanted to go into business, and part of me was drawn to the importance of soft skills needed within management.

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

I think my empathy for others has always played a huge role in how I approach any interpersonal situation, whether with friends, family, or colleagues.

### BEST PIECE OF ADVICE YOU'VE RECEIVED?

"We're all human, and humans are fallible. Never take yourself too seriously or overly criticize your mistakes."

- a former English teacher

### WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR HOBBIES?

Reading, video games occasionally, running, and watching TV series.

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

I had no career aspirations as a child, but I guess possibly a train conductor because I loved trains for some reason.

### ONE THING ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

To visit as many countries around the world as I can. No specific goal, I just want to travel and see the vast beauty that the world has to offer.

### WHAT ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO ABOUT THIS FELLOWSHIP?

Getting to understand and work behind the scenes of higher education, and to be a part of the machine that keeps Virginia Tech as smoothly as it does! I hope to learn as much as possible, make meaningful connections with co-workers and help VT however I can.



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### HOW HAS YOUR LIFE BEEN DIFFERENT DURING COVID?

I've never worn pajamas or sweatpants more frequently in my life. I also got a lot closer with my family in my time at home.

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## THREE OF THE GO-TO APPS ON YOUR PHONE?

Twitter, Reddit, Instagram

## ONE OF YOUR WEIRDEST QUIRKS?

I will physically cringe at the sound of Styrofoam.

## ONE CHORE YOU ENJOY?

I actually really enjoy doing dishes, warm water is comforting to me and it's oddly satisfying to clean the dishes.

## EVER MET ANYONE FAMOUS?

I met Tim Kaine at a coffee shop in Winchester once. Had absolutely no idea he was there until I saw people crowding around him.

## ANY TV SHOW RECOMMENDATIONS?

Vikings, it's an absolutely phenomenal show.

## FIRST JOB?

I worked at Hollister in high school, it was the easiest job I've ever had and my co-workers were so nice.

## SOMETHING OUTSIDE WORK YOU ARE REALLY PASSIONATE ABOUT?

Politics.

## IF YOU COULD...

### LEARN TO DO ANYTHING?

Play the piano, it's such a beautiful instrument and I love the sound of it.

### HAVE A SUPERPOWER?

Ability to fly. Plane tickets are too expensive.

### HAVE LUNCH WITH ANY 3 PEOPLE?

*Bernie Sanders* - One of the most influential politicians of my generation and a man whose sole purpose has always been fighting on behalf of others.

*Leonardo DiCaprio* - he just seems like a fantastic guy who both cares about the environment and is an incredible actor.

*Donald Glover* - his personality and mine would intersect very well and he is incredibly talented with all of his endeavors.

### BE ANY FICTIONAL CHARACTER?

Indiana Jones easily, he goes on adventures in search of historical artifacts for a living. And I think having such a thorough understanding of history would be amazing.

### MEET ONE PERSON IN HISTORY?

Alan Watts. He is my absolute favorite philosopher, and his work cross-examining Eastern philosophies with Western values is eye-opening. I would love to listen to him speak about his work and beliefs for hours.

## WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE...

### SPOT ON CAMPUS?

The area of the pylons overlooking the Drillfield, it is so peaceful and I used to love to bring a book and some music and read leaning against them.

### BREAKFAST CEREAL?

This answer changes frequently but a safe bet is probably Froot Loops. I have the palate of a 9-year-old sometimes but I'll own it.

### FLAVOR OF ICE CREAM?

Rocky Road of course! Chocolate with marshmallows never misses.

### HOLIDAY?

Christmas, it's essentially an entire month devoted to being cheery and giving to others!

### MOVIE OR BOOK?

It's a series, but *A Song of Ice and Fire*. George RR Martin is an absolutely fantastic author and the universe he's built in those novels is astounding.

### SPORT OR TEAM?

Arsenal FC in the English Premier League.

### FOOD OR BEVERAGE YOU CANNOT GO WITHOUT?

Either pasta or cheese, it's a hard choice.

### PLACE YOU'VE VISITED?

Tromsø, Norway. I went there on a solo trip in January 2020, and the beauty of Norwegian geography, the northern lights, and the activities I did during the trip made it unforgettable.

### MUSIC OR ARTIST? WHAT IS THE FIRST CONCERT YOU ATTENDED?

I like a variety of genres, but alternative and rap are my favorites! My favorite musician is Joji and my first concert was Kendrick Lamar, it was absolutely fantastic.