

# MEET THE FELLOW

## TRAVIS REEDY

### WHAT DREW YOU TO VIRGINIA TECH?

Growing up in the area, between sporting events and summer camps on campus, I already felt like I was home.

### WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO GAIN FROM THE FELLOWSHIP?

I want to effectively contribute in different environments here at VT, and to get a behind-the-scenes look at various aspects of the accounting cycle through the eyes of the staff in our offices.

### WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR STRENGTHS & ATTRIBUTES YOU BRING TO WORK?

I'd say resilience and willingness to learn. Two things that I trust will serve me well throughout this fellowship experience.

### WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES?

Time with family: whatever they're into, I'm into! Currently, that means I'm playing a lot of Animal Crossing and Pokémon.

### WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT?

Travel: experiencing new things, and watching my family experience new things – it doesn't get much better than that for me.

### FAVORITE PLACE YOU VISITED?

The Outer Banks. It's not the most exotic place I've ever been, but it is my favorite!

### PLACE YOU'D LIKE TO VISIT?

Tokyo looks like a total feast for the senses!

### SOMEONE WHO INSPIRES YOU?

My wife, definitely! She's unfailingly kind and patient, and leads by example.

### ANY PETS?

I have a dog named Winston. He is a six year old goldendoodle, and he acts more like a person than a dog. He's wonderful.

### FOOD OR BEVERAGE YOU COULDN'T GO WITHOUT?

Coffee. No hesitation.

### CHORE YOU CAN'T STAND?

I do not like mowing my yard, and my yard does not care and keeps on growing.

### FIRST CONCERT? FAVORITE MUSIC?

The first concert I attended was MTV's TRL Live Tour. I went to see Nelly. I am a music lover, lean toward bluegrass. My favorite musician is Benjamin Tod.

### FIRST THING YOU BUY IF YOU WIN THE LOTTERY?

The first thing I'm buying is a celebratory feast. And DoorDashing it because I'm fabulously wealthy now, and I can't be bothered to go get my own feast.

### HAVE YOU EVER MET ANYONE FAMOUS?

Spike Lee before a Lakers game. I couldn't think of anything to say, so I just said, "What's up, Spike?" He gave me a head nod and kept walking by.

### WHAT LED YOU TO MAKE A CAREER CHANGE AFTER 15 YEARS OF BEING A TEACHER?

I worked with students ranging from preschool to high school in various locations (Myrtle Beach to Uganda to China to the majority of my time as a middle school special education teacher in Roanoke). The catalyst for the change was the realization that the person I was at 22 years old is not the same as I am today. As I've evolved, so have my career aspirations. The work I've already been exposed to through this program confirms that accounting is the ideal path for the next chapter of my professional journey.



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### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE... TV SHOW?

Rewatching *Parks and Recreation*. It gets better every time.

### HOLIDAY?

Christmas. I've turned into a big holiday person as a dad. Other holidays make a brief window of time more enjoyable, Christmas has the biggest window in our house.

### BOOK?

*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. Being introduced to the world, meeting beloved characters for the first time, and the descriptions of Hogwarts – so good!

### QUOTE?

Henry David Thoreau said "*It is best to avoid the beginnings of evil.*" It has served me well in many situations.

### ICE CREAM FLAVOR?

Ben and Jerry's Phish Food is without a doubt my favorite.

### BREAKFAST CEREAL?

Definitely Cinnamon Toast Crunch. This has been my favorite for decades, and it still holds up.