



## Virginia Tech Graduate Student Newsletter Washington, DC Metro Region January 10, 2022

### ***Spring 2022 New Student Orientations***

#### **Spring 2022 Online New Student Orientation, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 7pm via Zoom**

The Graduate School will be hosting an online orientation session for new students on Wednesday January 12 at 7 pm. Please use the below registration link to register.

[https://viriniatech.zoom.us/webinar/register/4216412699943/WN\\_8ICl6iGNTKCaXjxN6hPUIQ](https://viriniatech.zoom.us/webinar/register/4216412699943/WN_8ICl6iGNTKCaXjxN6hPUIQ)

The webinar will be recorded and available afterwards on the NVC website.

This is a great opportunity to meet and hear about the various student organizations, academic support offices and resources as well as getting your questions answered about graduate school at Virginia Tech in the DC Metro Region!

## **Spring 2022 New Student Orientation Open House, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 9am to 10:30am, Northern Virginia Center (NVC), 7054 Haycock Road, Falls Church**

Due to the current situation with COVID-19, we are modifying our in-person Spring 2022 Orientation for new graduate students. This year we are holding an Open house where students can visit the NVC and meet with people representing different student services. New students are encouraged to stop by and visit with the Dean of the Graduate School, Advisors in the Graduate Student Services Office, the International Student Advisor, etc., and learn about the various student support and resources available in this region. And finally, stop by the Library (1<sup>st</sup> floor).

This event is not mandatory. Please note that the NVC follows a strict mask wearing policy.

## **VT DC Area Commencement Reception Follow-Up Info December 16<sup>th</sup> at the VTRC-Arlington**

### **GradImages Photo Information**

**Photo proofs have already been sent.** If you have any questions or have not received your photo proofs, please contact the GradImages Customer Service Department at (800) 261-2576, online at [www.gradimages.com](http://www.gradimages.com), or email [ecc.giservice@gradimages.net](mailto:ecc.giservice@gradimages.net).

### **Recording of the Event**

The event was live streamed and recorded. You can see the recording on the VT DC Area YouTube channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jlYt8VMypg4&t=3s>.

### ***Save the Date! Events, Info Sessions, Workshops, etc.***

Jan	12	New Student Orientation (Online)
Jan	15	New Student Orientation OPEN HOUSE
Jan	18	Spring Semester Begins
Jan	19	President Sands State of the University Address
Jan	20	Thursday Walking Group
Feb	5	Vision Board Party

## **NVC Library News**

**7054 Haycock Road, Falls Church 22043**

[nvclibrary@vt.edu](mailto:nvclibrary@vt.edu), 703-538-8340

### **LIBRARY HOURS**

#### **Winter 2022 Session**

January 3 - 6

11am - 6pm

January 7 – 9	Closed
January 10 - 14	11am - 6pm
January 15	9am - 5pm
January 16	Closed
January 17	Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

We will monitor [email](#), voicemail (call 703-538-8340), and book return boxes during break. We are upgrading our Hokie Passport ID workstation and will begin offering [appointments](#) again in January. Please make an appointment or contact us before coming to the library for your ID.

**Reserve a Study Room** through the new [online reservation system](#) (short URL [bit.ly/nvcseats](http://bit.ly/nvcseats)). Check-in when you arrive or system will cancel your reservation.

**Get your Hokie Passport**, the official university ID card, by [appointment](#) (short URL [bit.ly/nvcHokieP](http://bit.ly/nvcHokieP)) Monday – Thursday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. For appointments at other times, please contact us by phone or email.

## Events

### Thursday Walking Group, 12:30pm to 1pm, Meet in the NVC Lobby

Join our new Counselor, Dr. Julie Kaplan, for walks in the NVC neighborhoods and techniques of mindfulness! Please Note: the walking group will now meet on Thursdays. The next walk will be on January 20<sup>th</sup>!





**Online Vision Board Party, February 5<sup>th</sup>, Noon to 1:30pm**

*Dream it. Believe it. Do it.*

# VISION BOARD PARTY

Saturday, February 5, 2022 | 12:00PM-1:30PM ET | Via Zoom

The event will be live-streamed and recorded on the VT NVC GSSO Youtube channel



## FREE Boxed Meal Catered by La Prima

SANDWICH, COOKIE, CHIPS & DRINK

*Free Event*

Join GSSO and Cook Counseling virtually as we learn about visualization and create physical or virtual vision boards, your choice. Let's dream it, believe it and do it up for 2022!

### Confirmed attendees receive:

- Vision Board Party Checklist
- Supplies (poster board, glue stick, scissors and stickers) in VT Gift Bag
- La Prima Catered Boxed Meal



Registration Required for FREE catered boxed meal & event supplies via QR Code or at:

<https://forms.gle/mJuZXnsPbEEGBskNA>

Registration closes on February 1st or once 20 participants have registered whichever comes first

## ***New PhD Fellowship in Cybersecurity***

The Virginia Tech National Security Institute's announces it's newest PhD program called [The Julian Chin Ph.D. Fellowship in Cybersecurity](#). The deadline for application is January 15, 2022. All information about the program may be found on the [website](#).

All current and aspiring graduate students (regardless of where they completed undergraduate school, VT or not) are invited to apply. Current Virginia Tech graduate students may apply for the fellowship using [this](#) form. Here is an overview of the benefits:

- A yearly stipend of \$38,000
- Payment of full tuition and required fees during the appointment period.
- \$5,000 professional development allowance which can be used for conference travel, and other approved expenditures
- Up to four years of total support, depending on renewal
- Opportunities to pursue practicum experience at government and industry partner facilities
- Opportunities to conduct research with faculty from the National Security Institute
- Flexibility to study cybersecurity in any relevant discipline at Virginia Tech

## ***President Sands State of the University Address, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 1:30pm***

**Timothy D. Sands**  
**President, Virginia Tech**  
**JANUARY 19, 2022**

**Event begins at 1:30 p.m. in the Moss Arts Center**  
**Livestream available at [vt.edu](#)**

## **Get Your Covid-19 Boosters! A Message from President Sands and the HokieBird!**



### **More COVID Information**

### **What to do if you test positive**

#### **Hokie One Stop**

## **Greater Washington D.C. Area Hokie One Stop**

Supports and services for graduate and undergraduate students in the greater Washington, D.C. metro area

Check out the new [Hokie One Stop](#), a website to provide a single-entry point for any student-related questions or needs.

- How and where to get the Hokie Passport?
- Have a question about tuition and fees?
- Need to talk to the Graduate Student Assembly in the DC area?
- How to contact your Program Coordinator?
- Connect with Counseling and Veterans Services
- Rentals: [DC Off-campus Housing](#)
- Online Events Calendar: [VT-DC Student Events](#)



# Spotlight

## Kerry Spitze

### Remote Career Advisor

### Career and Professional Development

Based in New York state, Kerry Spitze joined Virginia Tech's [Career and Professional Development](#) as a Remote Career Advisor for graduate students in the DC Metro Region. Kerry began last November and can be reached via email, [kspitze@vt.edu](mailto:kspitze@vt.edu).

*"Prior to joining the team, Kerry served as the Career Services Manager for the professional master's programs in the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences at Cornell University, following her role as the Career Support Manager for the Master of Engineering program in the College of Engineering. Kerry also served as the Assistant Director of Industry and Community Engagement at Ithaca College, and has also worked as an academic advisor in several state colleges and universities."*



*Passionate about helping others gain practical career development and management skills, Kerry is focused on assisting students with navigating their own unique career path with both confidence and purpose. Students can talk with Kerry about career exploration, career transition, networking strategies, interviewing skills and practice interviews, the job search, salary negotiation, and more."*

Visit [Handshake](#) to schedule an appointment!

***Welcome to the Virginia Tech Graduate School in the DC Metro Region***  
***The Newsletter is compiled, written and/or edited by Susan Merten. It is circulated every Friday.***  
***Please send information of interest for graduate students by COB Wednesday to***

***[smerten@vt.edu](mailto:smerten@vt.edu)***

**Connect with the VT Graduate School through the following sites**



[Graduate Student Assembly-  
VT-National Capital Region](#)



[VTGradSchDC](#)



[NVC Website](#)

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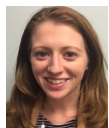
## **GRADUATE STUDENT SERVICES Office (GSSO)**

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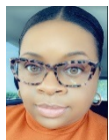
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