



Virginia Tech Graduate Student Newsletter Washington, DC Metro Region May 20, 2022

VT Spring 2022 Commencement in the DC Region Information and Photos

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS to all our graduates in the DC Region! You made it through the pandemic and are on your way to the next adventure! Wishing you much success and happiness along the way...

Commencement Video:

You can see the recording on youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QbTADCFMuic>.

GradImages Photos:

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Photo Booth:

The link and password to your online gallery of Gifts, photos, and strips:

<https://www.photoinabox-g/VT-Graduation-/>

Password: vt2022

Commencement Collage

For the first time ever, the Hokie Bird came to our Commencement!!! Thank you, Hokie Bird!





***Kenneth Wong
giving
remembrance
remarks for the
much-loved
Dr Adil Godrej.***



***Graduate Student Speaker
Roxanne Paul,
Masters in Natural Resources***

***Keynote Speaker Amy Gilliland
President, General Dynamics
Information Technology***



Library News

7054 Haycock Road, Falls Church VA 22043, lib.vt.edu nvclibrary@vt.edu, 703-538-8340

Library Hours *May 12 - 24*

5/12 - 5/15: Thursday: 11am – 6pm
Friday - Sunday: Closed

5/16 - 5/22: Monday - Thursday: By Appointment
Friday - Sunday: Closed

5/23 - 5/24: Monday - Tuesday: By Appointment

Summer Library Hours *May 25 - July 3*

Monday - Thursday: 11am – 8pm

Friday: 11am – 6pm

Saturday - Sunday: Closed

*Closed: Friday, May 27 - Monday, May 30 -- Memorial Weekend
Monday, June 20 - Juneteenth observed*

Register for Fall 2022!

The Drop/Add period for finalizing your Fall 2022 Schedule is open now and throughout the summer. Get the classes and schedule you want by registering early!

DC Off-Campus Housing Site



Virginia

Tech has a website that allows students to search for off campus housing in the DC area based on their campus location and other search criteria. The website includes a roommate finder for students looking to share housing with others.

For a list of housing and apartment options in the Falls Church, Alexandria, or Arlington areas, visit the [DC Off-Campus housing site](#). The site supports single sign-on using your VT credentials.

New Facebook Group for VT DC Graduate Students



In order to provide informal space for discussion and peer-to-peer information sharing, we've set up a Facebook group and encourage you to join in. It's our hope that many people will contribute to the group and it can be a living and useful resource.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/vtdcgradcommunity>

Events, Workshops, etc.



**Wednesday Walking Group at the VTRC,
May 25th, 3pm**

Thursday Walking Group with Julie!

Join us for a relaxing, healthy break in the day! Relieve stress, and enjoy the fresh air. We'll walk near the Northern Virginia Center. Featuring mindfulness walking moments. The walking group meets in the NVC Lobby (7054 Haycock Road) Thursdays from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. RSVP to Julie Kaplan, jskaplan@vt.edu, or just drop in that day.

Sponsored by the Cook Counseling Center
at the Northern Virginia Center
Julie Kaplan, Ph.D., Embedded Counselor at NVC





See Julie in this video posted this week on the VTNews!

[Spring Walk supports mental health | VTx | Virginia Tech](#)

VTGrATE

Recently, some of GrATE Fellows were interviewed about their journey with the Academy and what it means for them to be part of GrATE. They also talked about several resources the Academy offers to graduate students and Teaching Assistants. Check out the article here:

https://vtx.vt.edu/articles/2022/04/gta-academy-for-excellence.html?utm_source=cmpgn_news&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=vtUnirelNewsDailyCMP_050222-fs

The Spring 2022 program manager is Jonilda Bahja jonildab@vt.edu. Ernesto Acosta ela2ness@vt.edu is a GrATE Fellow in the DC Metro Region. Please feel free to reach out to them with questions regarding the Academy.

Graduate Student Scholarship

The DC Metro Area Alumni Chapter is offering scholarships to graduate students in the DC Metro Area. If you have questions, please contact scholarships@ncrhokies.org. The link to the application is here: <https://forms.gle/QMTLVSbgpE7faetN8>.



Graduate and Professional Student Senate Travel Fund Program

If you plan to present your research at a conference from June 30-Sept. 30, apply for the Graduate and Professional Student Senate Travel Fund Program! Full-time graduate students may receive up to \$750 in funds toward travel expenses, registration and fees associated with attending a virtual or in-person conference. The application is open from May 13 until June 1 at 11:59 PM ET. Contact Cissy Ming, cissym@vt.edu for any questions. Application instructions can be found [here](#).

The Evolution of the Hokie Bird



Have you ever wondered about Virginia Tech's mascot, the Hokie Bird? Well, take a moment to read more about it in the links below. Whether you are a VT student or a new graduate, the endearing Hokie Bird is always going to be something you will remember about Virginia Tech! Check out the links below for more info on this wild bird!

[***Mascots and Nicknames***](#)

[***Video of the Evolution of the Hokie Bird***](#)

[***Virginia Tech Magazine Article 2002***](#)



Join the DC Hokies!

The DC Hokies are the local chapter of the Virginia Tech Alumni Association in the DC metro area. Our chapter contains D.C., Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, Falls Church, and Montgomery County.

Learn more at dchokies.org



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Our Chapter hosts **job fairs, quarterly networking events, a holiday social, recreational sports, game watching parties** and so much more! We also continue our motto of Ut Prosim by having a **DMV area Big Event each year, volunteering at local shelters, laying wreaths at Arlington Cemetery**, just to name a few.

We Need Your Help!

We are currently looking to for Hokies to fill positions on our Board and committees. This is a great way to stay in touch with other Hokies and to help spread the word about all the great things the DC Hokies are doing.



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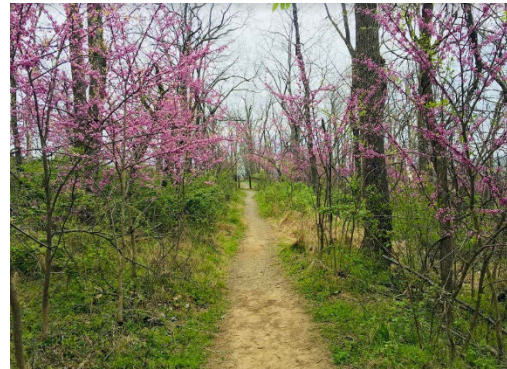
Escape to a Park! [Sky Meadows State Park](#)



“Rich in history, this park provides recreational offerings that engage visitors and help connect them with farming practices that formed its unique pastoral landscape. This 1,860-acre park

has scenic views, woodlands and the rolling pastures of a historic farm that captures the colonial through modern life of the Crooked Run Valley. Nature and history programs are offered year-round. Hiking, picnicking, fishing and primitive hike-in camping for families and groups are favorite activities in this peaceful getaway on the eastern side of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The Park has 10.5 miles of bridle trails, 22 miles of hiking trails, 9 miles of bike trails and Appalachian Trail access.”

This is one of our region’s most beautiful parks. In autumn, take the kids and pick pumpkins in the pumpkin field. Springtime brings an abundance of flowering native plants, the blossoming of Eastern Redbuds and PawPaw trees. There are several moderate hikes along the foothills from the old farmhouse up to the Appalachian Trail (AT). Take Boston Mill Road to Piedmont Overlook - a breathtaking view of the foothills and valleys beyond. And then further on, follow along the Ambassador Whitehouse Trail to the AT and more incredible views.



Many people overlook the continuation of the park which can be accessed further down and on the other side of Route 17. This area includes cows and babbling brooks along the Rolling Meadows trail. Here you will see horseback riders taking their horses along the scenic trails. Walk back across Route 17 for a short, kid-friendly loop around Turner Pond.

Hiking Trails:

<https://www.alltrails.com/parks/us/virginia/sky-meadows-state-park>

***Welcome to the Virginia Tech Graduate School
in the DC Metro Region***

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Please send information of interest for graduate students by COB Wednesday to***

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Connect with the VT Graduate School through the following sites



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



[VTGradSchDC](#)



[NVC Website](#)

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Contact: gssoncr@vt.edu or (703) 538-8327. To schedule appointments, click [here](#)



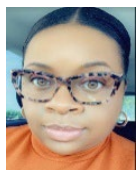
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