



April Insider

Message from Vice President Lynsay Belshe

Colleagues and friends,

As we wrap up another semester, I want to thank each of you for the energy, creativity, and resilience you bring to our Auxiliary and Business Services community. From launching the new Transit Center and supporting the upcoming Metallica concert to keeping our daily operations running smoothly, your commitment helps create a welcoming and vibrant campus for every Hokie. I am proud of what we achieve together and grateful for the spirit of collaboration that defines our work.

Just like our graduates and their families, be sure to take time to celebrate your accomplishments as we near the end of the spring semester. I look forward to the opportunity to recharge and enjoy the summer ahead.

With appreciation,
Lynsay

Divisional Highlights

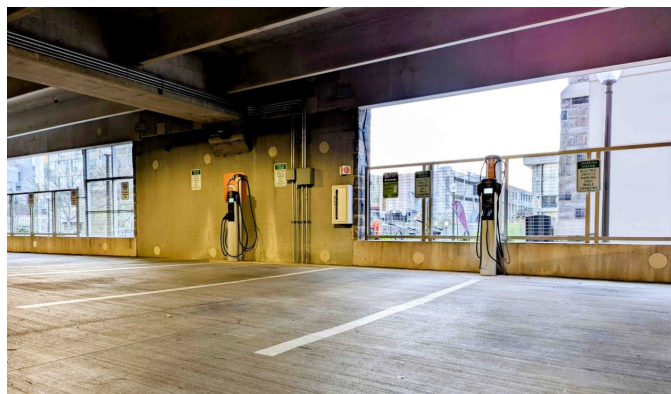
Virginia Tech recognizes employees for 15,265 years of combined service

The Service Recognition Program honors employees in five-year increments, starting at 10 years of service.

Several members of Auxiliary and Business Services team members were recognized for reaching their significant milestones. The employees listed below were recognized for the dedication and expertise they have shared with the campus community throughout their careers.

Michael Hill 35 Years	Timothy Sheppard 35 Years
Joe Griffitts 25 Years	Susan Olmstead 20 Years
Charles Kerr 20 Years	Jim Hillman 15 Years
Kevin Bush 15 Years	Douglas Dowdy 10 Years
Megan Hinkle 10 Years	Bret Kelly 10 Years

[Read more here](#)



New EV charging stations available in Perry Street Parking Garage

Faculty, staff, students, and visitors on the Blacksburg campus now have access to two new electric vehicle (EV) charging stations located on level 1 of the Perry Street Parking Garage (1330 Perry Street). Each charging station has two plugs, for a total capacity of four vehicles.

[Read more here](#)

Divisional Spotlights

Leadership Spotlight Series

Strong leadership is at the core of our division's success. Through this series, we continue to highlight the individuals guiding our teams, shaping our vision, and driving our mission forward. Get to know the leaders behind the work – their journeys, their goals, and how they support our collective growth.



Tony Dove, Operations Manager for Fleet Services

Top 5 CliftonStrengths: Achiever, Deliberative, Restorative, Context, and Futuristic

Get to know Tony, the calm force who leads by listening. In our next leadership spotlight he shares why every answer starts with a conversation, how clear goals keep his team growing, and the simple joys such as weekend road trips and time with his granddaughter Brooklynn that keep him balanced and ready for any after-hours call.

[Read more here](#)



John Falck, Automotive Shop Manager for Fleet Services

Top 5 CliftonStrengths: Achiever, Consistency, Deliberative, Adaptability, and Harmony

Get to know John, the hands-on manager who leads with respect and openness. In our next leadership spotlight he shares why understanding the why behind each task inspires teams, how a positive workspace is his true success metric, and why switching off work thoughts for family time, hobbies, and home projects keeps him energized to deliver exceptional results.

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Employee Spotlight Series



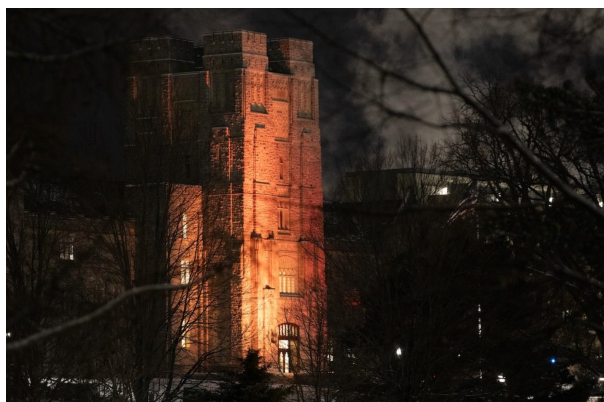
Mary Beth Helstom, Business Coordinator for Hokie Passport Services

Top 5 CliftonStrengths: Responsibility, Restorative, Connectedness, Developer, and Positivity

Meet Mary, our newest employee spotlight. Click the link to learn her campus favorites, life motto, and see an irresistibly cute photo of her dog.

[Read more here](#)

Around the Drillfield



Burruss Hall to be illuminated orange and maroon in recognition of spring commencement

Burruss Hall will be illuminated orange and maroon in recognition of Virginia Tech's spring commencement ceremonies.

The lighting will be visible beginning at twilight on Thursday, May 15 - Saturday, May 17.



Photo gallery: Scenes from the 3.2-Mile Run in Remembrance

An estimated 15,500 people joined together Saturday, April 12, on the Blacksburg campus for this year's 3.2-Mile Run in Remembrance, the annual run to honor the 32 students and faculty members who were killed in the 1976 plane crash.

[Read more here](#)

Hokie Highlights

- [Things to know: Metallica concert information](#)
- [2025 Open Enrollment dates changed to May 16–30](#)
- [Register now for May Hokie Wellness programs](#)
- [Join other Virginia institutions for the Summer 2025 Movement Challenge](#)
- [Volunteers needed for Y-Toss, student donation initiative during move-out](#)
- [Bicycle parking available at Perry Street Parking Garage](#)



Transit Center Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening. Doodle by Steven White



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