



June Insider

Message from Vice President Lynsay Belshe

Colleagues and friends,

I hope everyone is having a great summer so far and finding time to enjoy the season. Congratulations to all of our recent award nominees and recipients. Your hard work and dedication continue to make a difference across our division. I also hope you're able to relax and enjoy some fireworks on the Fourth of July. It's one of my favorite parts of summer.

Stay safe and take care,
Lynsay



Divisional Highlights

Please join us in
welcoming our newest
members to our division!



We're excited to have them on board and look forward to the great work ahead.

- **Bo Frazier** – Manager, Parking Services
- **Clifford Grimes** – Parking Enforcement Officer, Parking Services
- **William Hill** – Parking Enforcement Officer, Parking Services
- **Kenneth Strauss** – Bus Driver, Fleet Services

Celebrating excellence across ABS



At Auxiliary and Business Services, we believe in recognizing the outstanding efforts that drive our division forward. From innovation to belonging, rising talent to those who go above and beyond, our award nominees and winners exemplify what it means to lead with purpose, creativity, and care. Join us in celebrating these exceptional individuals who help bring our mission to life each day.

Rising Star Award: Spotlight on Future Leaders



Pictured left to right: Jimmy Griggs and Megan Hinkle

Congratulations to our Rising Star Award nominees, Megan Hinkle from ABS Human Resources and Jimmy Griggs from Parking Services. This award recognizes employees who have been with the division for three years or less and show exceptional promise as future leaders. Jimmy Griggs is this year's award recipient. We applaud both of the nominees for their hard work and dedication.



Pictured left to right: Chris Sides, Samantha Marcum, and Will Frazier

Innovation Award: Honoring Bold Ideas and Impactful Solutions

Congratulations to our Innovation Award nominees, Chris Sides and Samantha Marcum from Hokie Passport Services, and Will Frazier from Mail Services. This award celebrates forward-thinking individuals whose ideas and contributions drive efficiency, collaboration, and excellence across our division. Will Frazier is this year's recipient. We applaud all three nominees for their commitment to continuous improvement and innovation within ABS.



Pictured left to right: Samantha Marcum and Christina Agee-Roop

Principles of Community Award: Promoting Respect and Collaboration

Congratulations to our Principles of Community Award nominees, Samantha Marcum from Hokie Passport Services and Christina Agee-Roop from Mail Services. This award recognizes individuals who actively support and demonstrate the Virginia Tech Principles of Community through their daily actions and leadership. Christina Agee-Roop is this year's recipient. We applaud both of the nominees for their commitment to these shared values.

Above & Beyond Award: Recognizing Everyday Excellence



Nominees for the Above & Beyond Award include Joe Griffiths, Dan Taggart, Jimmy Griggs, the Parking Services Team, Janet Bishop, Dee Perkins, Pam Tate, Carrie Cox, Dan Taggart, Jim Hillman, the Hokie Passport Technician Team, DJ Dowdy, Dylan Surface, Doug Epps, Julie Wesel, Christina Agee-Roop, and Pam Tate.

The Above & Beyond Award recognizes employees who help create a culture of encouragement and positivity by giving or receiving a Positively Hokie Award. This year's nominees represent the spirit of everyday excellence through their uplifting actions and dedication to their teams. Congratulations to all our nominees, and a special congratulations to Pam Tate from Auxiliary Services, this year's award recipient.

ABS summer social fun

Thanks to everyone who joined us for the ABS Summer Social! We hope you had fun, enjoyed the games, and made great memories.





Learn bike basics, safety, and maintenance with the Hokie Bike Hub July Lunch and Learn Series

This July, the Hokie Bike Hub is offering a special Lunch and Learn series designed to help faculty and staff feel more confident and comfortable on two wheels. Now that several staff members are certified League Cycling Instructors, the program will include a mix of lectures, hands-on activities, and on-bike instruction.

[Read more here](#)



Celebrating one another, one kudos at a time

We're excited to launch the ABS Kudos Board, a new space to recognize and celebrate the incredible people across our division. Whether it's a big accomplishment or a small act of kindness, every Kudos shared helps us highlight the everyday moments that make our workplace special. Visit the site to explore recent recognitions or submit your own.

[Read more here](#)



Schedule your professional photo session

Need an updated professional headshot? Our communications manager, Linda Hazelwood, will be offering photo sessions on July 22, 25, and 30. Photos will be taken outside in the tunnel area of Main Campbell Hall, located off the Drillfield.

[Book your session](#)

Divisional Spotlight

Leadership Spotlight Series

Strong leadership drives our division's success. This series spotlights the people guiding our teams, shaping our vision, and supporting our growth. Get to know their stories and goals.

Dan Taggart, Senior Human Resources Manager

Top 5 CliftonStrengths: Deliberative, Responsibility, Empathy, Relator, and Intellection

What does it really take to lead with purpose? In this month's spotlight, Dan



shares his candid advice for aspiring managers, his approach to success in Human Resources, and the unexpected ways he finds balance beyond the office. From building trust through transparency to finding purpose on the trail, Dan's insight reminds us that leadership isn't about titles, it's about lifting others up.

[Read more here](#)

Around the Drillfield



Virginia Tech's Metallica collaboration earns national recognition

The university's licensing and trademarks team earned the 2025 Collegiate Licensing Company Best Product Partnership Award for its co-branded work with Metallica, celebrating a creative collaboration that fused a Hokie tradition with heavy metal energy.

[Read more here](#)



Board approves university budget, discusses incremental enrollment growth, on-campus housing

The Virginia Tech Board of Visitors approved a \$2.5 billion university budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year that runs July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, at its quarterly meeting earlier this month.

[Read more here](#)



Amy Orders named next associate vice president for public safety

Following a national search, Amy Orders has been hired as the next associate vice president for public safety, effective Aug. 4.

[Read more here](#)

Hokie Highlights

- [Register now for July Hokie Wellness programs](#)
- [Reminder: employees must be up to date on IT Security Training by July 14](#)
- [New BT bus stop has opened on West Campus Drive](#)
- [Employee groups available through the Psychological Services Center](#)



Perry Street Parking Deck. Doodle by Stephen White



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