



March Insider

Message from Vice President Lynsay Belshe

Dear Team,

I want to take a moment to highlight [Virginia Tech's Principles of Community](#). At its core is the belief that Virginia Tech is a community built on respect for all people and each of its members share in the responsibility for upholding its values.

Each year, Virginia Tech celebrates Principles of Community Week, taking place March 17–21. This annual celebration is a powerful reminder of our shared commitment to respect, collaboration, and belonging at Virginia Tech.

This year is particularly special as we mark the 20th anniversary of the Principles of Community—an opportunity to reflect on how these values have shaped our university and how we can continue to uphold them in our daily work.

Throughout the week, there will be a variety of engaging events that invite meaningful conversations, learning, and connection. I encourage you to take part and explore ways to integrate these principles into our division's work.

For a full schedule and more information, visit: inclusive.vt.edu.

Thank you for all you do to foster a welcoming and supportive environment at Virginia Tech.

Warm Regards,
Lynsay

Divisional Highlights



Virginia Tech recognized nationally for commuter benefits program

This honor highlights the university's commitment to providing top-tier commuter benefits that enhance employee well-being, reduce environmental impact, and foster a more sustainable community.

[Read more here](#)



Come out to the Hokie Bike Hub Open House at the new Transit Center

Sustainable Transportation invites you to the Hokie Bike Hub Open House on Thursday, March 20, at the new Transit Center.

[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.

Pam Tate, Assistant Director of Auxiliary Services

Top 5 CliftonStrengths: Developer, Positivity, Includer,



Consistency, and Arranger

What does it take to be an effective manager? Pam shares her approach—emphasizing adaptability, communication, and leading with empathy. She believes true success is reflected in the growth of her team, the trust of stakeholders, and the ability to maintain balance between work and family.

[Read more here](#)

Employee Spotlight Series



Ashley Lowe, Postal Specialist, Mail Services

Top 5 CliftonStrengths: Responsibility, Realtor, Achiever, Belief, and Analytical

Get to know more about Ashley Lowe, postal specialist, pictured on the right alongside former postal assistant John Stramiello (left), in this month's feature.

[Read more here](#)

Around the Drillfield



Virginia Tech celebrates historic opening of new academic building in Alexandria

The growing presence and network of innovation in the D.C. area supports new partnerships, advances research and learning opportunities to address global-scale problems.

[Read more here](#)



Hokies rally together for another record-breaking Giving Day

In just 24 hours, more than 24,100 Hokies around the world stepped up to raise more than \$21 million for Virginia Tech on Giving Day.

[Read more here](#)



You're invited to the Facilities Open House

The Division of Facilities is excited to invite you to a Facilities Open House event on Tuesday, May 6 from 10:30 a.m. – noon in the Moss Arts Center's Fife Theatre at 190 Alumni Mall.

Guests planning to attend are asked to [RSVP online](#).

Hokie Highlights

- [Celebrate 20 years of the Principles of Community](#)

- [Registration open for this year's 3.2-mile Run in Remembrance](#)
- [March Employee Benefits Spotlight](#)
- [Lunch and Learns for Working Parents: Strategies to support children's well-being](#)
- [Hokie Wellness March Newsletter](#)
- **Mark your calendars: Virginia Tech Police Annual Hot Dog Lunch will be held May 20**



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