

Happy Monday! Please take a look at our content for this week!

Please join us for this amazing event to express art. This gathering will be a time for processing reactions to the election season. No prior experience is necessary.

This event will be offered online and hosted via Zoom. You will receive an email with information to log into the Zoom meeting before the event. Participants will need one of the following drawing utensils; pencil, colored pencils, crayons, or markers, and a piece of plain paper. You must provide your name, phone number, e-mail address, and signature acknowledging the limitations of virtual groups in order to receive the Zoom link. This event will be co-facilitated by Sarah Dunleavy and Jess Westcott with Cook Counseling.

[Registration link](#)

Please join us for a VTGrad2Grad Fireside Chat for International Student Experiences.

[Register](#)

Veterans Day event featuring Shane Ortega- November 11th @ 12 pm

Register to

attend: https://viriniatech.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nWBJ7N1gQu2w5Ke7dkBOQ

Shane Ortega is the first openly serving transgender military service member. He was featured in the HBO documentary The Trans List and on the History Channel's History now. Shane is a mixed American Indian enrolled in the Skaroreh Katenuauka Nation, a retired disabled combat Veteran (Marines and Army) of over 11 years and a Two-spirit (Transgender) man.

He has a 12+ year record of championing human rights legislation and policy. As an advocate, consultant, Author, Speaker and educator in topics such as LGBTQ equity, indigenous rights, disabled veterans rights, MMIW, two spirit education, land sovereignty and colonial/tribal law relationship.

He is most commonly known for his work repealing the transgender military ban and co-founding the Non-profit organization Spart*a. He also assisted with education for the "Road Home Program" at Howard Brown Health in Chicago.

Shane continues to give Keynote speeches at universities, hospitals and corporations like Apple and Bloomberg News. He has also been featured in modeling campaigns for companies like Belvedere Vodka with Janelle Monae and 2xist. Internationally in news, Shane is considered a subject matter expert

segments on every major new network.

Shane is the recipient of several military and civilian awards the most recent being the Icon Award from Harper's Bazaar, as one of the three most influential champions of human rights for people of color in America. Continuously learning Shane is graduating with a degree in Public Health and Policy after which he intends to pursue his Juris Doctorate.

First-Gen Virtual Panel: Interviewing from an Alumni Perspective
Thursday, November 12th, 2020 from 6 PM to 7 PM ET
Hokies Helping Hokies!

[Career and Professional Development](#) and the office of [First-Generation Student Support](#) are excited to team up to celebrate First-Generation College Celebration Week! In celebration will be hosting a first-gen alumni panel as part of the weekly festivities. First-generation alumni from various professions will be speaking about their experience going through the interviewing process as a hiring manager and/or candidate. The panelists will provide students with advice and answer questions about the unique COVID-19 interviewing process. Registrants will have the opportunity to pre-submit questions for the panelist and also submit questions in real time during the panel. If you are interested in participating in the upcoming event please register [here](#) or via the link below. Attendees that have registered will receive a reminder and streaming information the day before the event.

First-gen allies such as faculty, staff, and all students are welcome to attend.

[Register](#)

Please join Hokie Wellness, Cook Counseling Center. VT Engage and the Cultural and Community Centers for this event on Tuesday November 17th, 2020 from 4:30-6:00 pm. Please make sure to register in advance!

[Registration link](#)

Please join AASU for their pop culture workshop "Anime and Avatar: Discovering what makes anime so special on November 10th, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

[Registration Link](#)

Please join Dr. Shaila Mehra for a lunch learning series. Dr. Mehra is the Assistant Dean for diversity, equity, and inclusion in the college of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences Studies.

[Zoom Link](#)

[Registration link](#)

The Women and Gender in International Development (WGD) Discussion Series (DS) is organized by the Center for International Research, Education, and Development (CIRED) and is an InclusiveVT initiative of Outreach and International Affairs (OIA). The series offers an opportunity for scholars and development practitioners to share their research and knowledge surrounding gender and international development with the Virginia Tech community and beyond.

[Register](#)

Please share this flyer widely with any groups or individuals that you think might be interested in participating in focus groups via Zoom. The focus group lasts for two hours, and each participant receives a \$30 gift card to WalMart. All information offered will be in confidence.

All the same information is included below in Spanish so that you can share it in Spanish if that is more appropriate.

The Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services contracted my colleague at Casa Latina, Thania Torres, and me to conduct a qualitative study to learn how to better serve the Spanish-speaking community of the Commonwealth of Virginia with mental health and substance control services. We are conducting focus groups, primarily in Spanish, to talk with people who are either experiencing mental health or substance control issues, or who are the caretakers for others who face those challenges. The participants can have an official diagnosis, or they might have self-diagnosed themselves or others. The important thing is that

they would like to contribute to the conversation for improving the ability of Spanish-speakers to access services.

Please join ALPFA for a presentation on Citi's Early ID Program on Tuesday, November 17th, 2020 at 5:00 pm. Email ashc...@vt.edu for any questions.

 **Calling all Spanish speakers!!** 

COVID-19 has disproportionately impacted Hispanic communities across the U.S and in the New River Valley (NRV). The Department of Population Health Science at Virginia Tech is launching an initiative to hold COVID-19 preventative education sessions in Spanish, distribute resources (masks, pamphlets, hand-sanitizer, etc) to Hispanic communities, and assist in recruiting Spanish speaking volunteers to conduct a case investigation/ contact tracing for the New River Health District. To carry out this project, we need help from Spanish speaking New River Valley community members who:

1. Are in touch with Spanish speaking groups that are off-campus (i.e. churches, markets, youth groups, restaurants, work-sites, etc.) in the NRV and can provide us with information about which places that would benefit from COVID-19 information sessions and resources.
2. Would like to act as health educators and go with us to the community and help spread reliable COVID-19 information and distribute resources in Spanish. Training will be provided.

3. Are interested in becoming a Volunteer Spanish-speaking case investigation or contact tracer for the New River Valley Health District through the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). Training will be provided.

If you are interested, please fill out [this google form](#).



¡Gracias por ayudar a tu comunidad!

[Google Form](#)

2020-2021 El Centro Faculty Fellow

Dr. Carlos Evia is El Centro's faculty fellow for this 2020-2021 school year. Dr. Evia is a Professor in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences and specializes in technical communication. Dr. Evia is available to speak about his background, academia, and what it is like to be a Latinx professor at Virginia Tech.

Email: ce...@vt.edu

Please note that due to COVID-19 safety procedures, El Centro now has a maximum capacity of 7 individuals. Wearing a mask or face covering is mandatory and Occupants are expected to practice physical distancing by keeping a safe six feet of distance between other occupants.

Operating hours for El Centro and all the CCC are now Monday-Friday 10 am-4 pm.
