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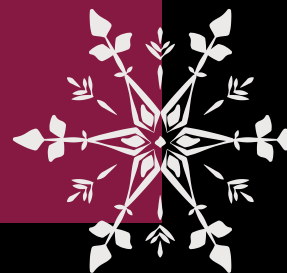
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IN 1984, BLACK STUDENT LEADERS FROM THE CLASS OF 1985 PROPOSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BLACK CULTURAL CENTER (BCC) TO CORRELATE WITH THE INCREASE IN RECRUITMENT OF BLACK STUDENTS. THE BCC OPENED IN 1991 IN 126 SQUIRES STUDENT CENTER. THE BCC IS AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF VIRGINIA TECH'S EFFORTS TO CREATE A WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE CAMPUS. IT IS UTILIZED BY THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, EXHIBITS, MEETINGS, AND RECEPTIONS. THE BCC INCLUDES COMFORTABLE SPACE FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING AND FOR STUDYING.



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DECEMBER 2021 UPCOMING EVENTS



BCC KARAOKE & GAME NIGHT

When: Tuesday, December 7th | 7:00-9:30 PM

Where: Black Cultural Center on the First-Floor of Squires

Lead By: Black Cultural Center & Ujima



UJIMA PRESENTS

KARAOKE NIGHT

IN COLLABORATION WITH
THE BCC

**December 7, 2021
7:00 PM - 9:30 PM
in the Black Cultural Center**



MAKING THE CHAIR FIT

When: Wednesday, December 8 | Starting at 12:00 PM

Where: Inclusive VT YouTube Channel

Lead By: Office For Inclusion and Diversity

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"MAKING THE CHAIR FIT"

with Dr. Menah Pratt-Clarke
Vice President, Strategic Affairs & Diversity

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InclusiveVT YouTube Channel - <https://bit.ly/inclusivevt-youtube>
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2021 | 12:00PM ET

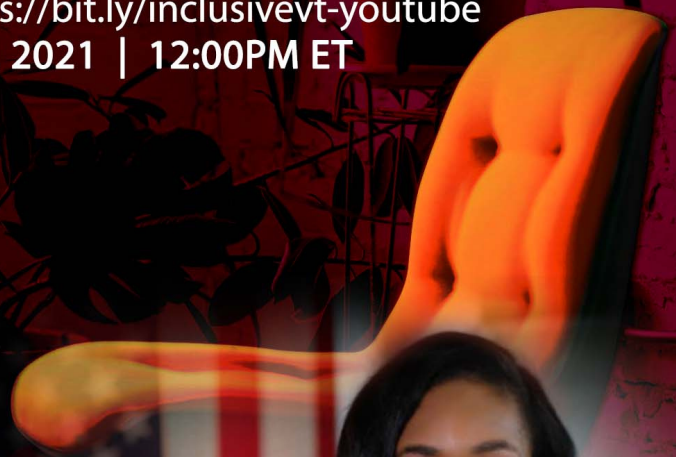
A CONVERSATION WITH **JUANISHA BROOKS**

A 2008 graduate of Virginia Tech with a B.A. in Communication (Broadcast concentration) and Psychology double major. Currently, a Video Producer for the Department of Defense in Washington, D.C with a background in broadcast news.

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SYNCERTISM, PICONG, AND MAS: A TWO-FACED RESISTANCE

When: Now until December 18 (see details below)
Where: Perspective Gallery in Squires Student Center
Lead By: Leslie Robertson Toney

LESLIE ROBERTSON TONEY

SYNCRETISM, PICONG AND MAS: A TWO-FACED RESISTANCE



Mariella Shadow of Consciousness, photograph by Leslie Robertson Toney

Reception: Friday October 29, 2021 5 – 7 p.m. Free and Open to the Public | Artist's Talk 6 p.m.

October 26 - December 18, 2021

Monday: 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Tuesday - Saturday: 12 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Closed during holidays and university breaks

There have always been two carnivals in Trinidad and Tobago - the carnival of the privileged and the jamette carnival, each articulating statements about power to oppress, and resistance to that oppression. With this body of work, Leslie Robertson Toney's photographs explore how Trinbagonians fashioned a creative resistance. Her work examines how the artform of mas(querade) represents a harnessing of joy and rage, a condemnation of oppressors and an emphatic statement of resistance.

Leslie Robertson Toney is a doctoral student in Sociology with a concentration in Women's and Gender Studies, at Virginia Tech. Her current work focuses on the lived experiences of young women and girls in the Caribbean, understanding sexual agency, the impact of migration and issues of health inequality. In her scholarship she utilizes Black, transnational and decolonial feminist frameworks, and she has a background in mental health.

Leslie has spent over a decade as a photographer documenting Black culture, festivals and rituals, most notably Trinidad & Tobago carnival and African spiritual traditions. Her work has been published and exhibited. She considers her photographic style to be journalistic or editorial portraiture.

Perspective Gallery
2nd Floor Squires Student Center @ VT
290 College Avenue, Blacksburg Virginia 24061
(540) 231-6040

Perspective Gallery has safe viewing protocol for patrons and staff during COVID-19. Please wear your mask to the gallery.

WAYS TO GIVE: THROUGH SALES



Every child deserves to experience the joy of Christmas morning. The Salvation Army Angel Tree program helps provide Christmas gifts for hundreds of thousands of children around the country each year.

This holiday season there are many ways to help. One way is through buying a candle from A Moment Candles. This holiday season, A Moment Candles will be dropping a candle called Angel Tree. Named after program that is near and dear to the company's heart, Angel Tree will give you all the holiday cheer. This candle has notes of Strudel & Spice, Candied Apple, and Pralines.

For every 4oz and/or 8oz Angel Tree candle purchased, A Moment Candles will donate 20% back to the Angel Tree Program. Want to purchase a different moment but still want to donate? No problem, we will list ways you can donate on our website. This will go on all the way until December 15th so there is plenty of time to help.

Love,

A Moment Candles!



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FINALS ARE COMING



CHECK OUT THESE HELPFUL RESOURCES



The Cook Counseling Center Presents: FINALS EXTRAVAGANZA

Monday, December, 6th 2021

- Tune into our instagram for advice on healthy sleep strategies
- 8:15am Virtual Pop Pilates with Rec Sports
- 1:15pm Virtual Barre with Rec Sports
- 7:00pm Virtual Cardie Dance

Tuesday, December, 7th 2021

- Tune into our instagram for advice on managing anxiety during finals
- Join us for VT trivia Kahoot @ 6 pm for a chance to win a fire stick.
- 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm Motivation and Test Anxiety Workshop in East Eggleston or via Zoom
- Check out our mindfulness meditation video on our YouTube channel!

Wednesday, December, 8th 2021

- Tune into our instagram for advice on mindfulness
- 10:00am Virtual Yoga with Rec Sports
- 12:00-3:00pm Fuel Your Finals: Sleep vs. Caffeine in McComas Gym with Schiffert Health Center
- 12:00-1:00pm Self Care or Treat Yo'Self with Hokie Wellness
- 6:30-7:30 FEELS Peer Support Circle in Newman Library
- 8:15pm Virtual Yoga with Rec Sports

Free Admission to Blacksburg Boxing During Finals Week!

- From 12/9 - 12/16
- To take advantage of this download the FREE Blacksburg Boxing & Fitness App
- Once you create your FREE account you will be able to sign up for any classes you like during finals week.



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READING DAY: SOAR IN THE BCC



Organization: Student Opportunities & Achievement Resources Program (SOAR)

Vision: “Our vision is to create a socially just and inclusive community, where students thrive in their experiences with diversity.”

Mission: A holistic support program dedicated to welcoming and retaining underrepresented minority students at Virginia Tech and promoting their success through campus collaborations.

For more information go to - <https://www.inclusive.vt.edu/Programs/SOAR.html>

DECEMBER 9

**Come to the BCC
SOAR will be serving...
Breakfast at 10:00am
Lunch at 2:00pm**



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THE ACEC PRESENTS

Ramen for Reading Day

Come to the Asian Cultural Engagement Center (Squires Student Center Room 140) to pick up Free Cup of Ramen and learn more about the ACEC! Toppings and ramen bowls are first come first serve!

December 9th | 11 AM EST - 2 PM EST



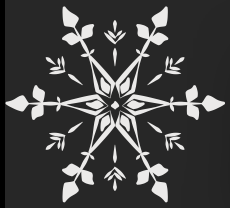
IF YOU ARE AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY AND DESIRE AN ACCOMMODATION OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT DR. NINA HA AT NHA@VT.EDU.



<https://tinyurl.com/8p4je46k>

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JANUARY 2022 EVENTS



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MLK 2022 CELEBRATION

When: Monday, January 17 | 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Where: The Inn at Virginia Tech and Skelton Conference Center

Sponsored By: The Office for Inclusion and Diversity and the Black Cultural Center



DR. FANIA DAVIS

MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2022
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM EST

The Inn at Virginia Tech and
Skelton Conference Center

TO REGISTER



REGISTER AT:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virginia-tech-mlk-celebration-welcomes-dr-fania-davis-tickets-221002744157>

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MLK 2022 CELEBRATION

When: Thursday, January 20 | 7:30 PM

Where: Street and Davis Performance Hall, Anne and Ellen Fife Theatre

Sponsored By: Moss Arts Center, Black Cultural Center, and the Office for Inclusion and Diversity



ANGÉLIQUE KIDJO

Thursday, January 20, 2022, 7:30 PM

Street and Davis Performance Hall, Anne
and Ellen Fife Theatre

Category A \$55 | Category B \$40 |
Category C \$25

\$10 students with ID and youth 18 and
under

TICKETS

15%-25% subscription discounts available
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MLK 2022 CELEBRATION

Experience Black Love

Come by the
BCC to pick-up
a free art kit



(Artwork by Tykeisha Swan Patrick, *Tug of War*, 2021)

CALL For ART Submissions:

What You Need to Know:

Accepting original art in all media through January 7, 2022 for the winter exhibit celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr and Black History Month. Group and collaborative artwork, individual work and work by people who are or are not artists will all be accepted.

Tykeisha Swan Patrick is our artist representing the theme this year. We will build the exhibit around her beautiful artwork and insights. Her artwork, *Tug of War* is featured (pictured above) on this flyer.

Exhibit Theme & Title: *Experience Black Love*

Artwork should reflect the concept of experiencing black love in your community, family, school or self. We will accept, positive, reflective and affirming visual art created to help us move forward as a society.

Exhibit Dates:

January 18 - February 27, 2022 in the Perspective Gallery.

Questions or Interested in a workshop:

Contact Robin Scully, the art program director of the Perspective Gallery at scully@vt.edu.



PERSPECTIVE
GALLERY



STUDENT AFFAIRS
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MLK 2022 CELEBRATION

BCC SPEAKER SERIES: VTABLE TALKS

When: January 21, 2022

Starting at 12:00 noon

Where: Black Cultural Center (BCC) , Squires #126

Lead by: Dr. Andrea Baldwin & BCC

VTABLE TALKS
LUNCH & LEARN SPEAKER SERIES
FEATURING DR. ANDREA BALDWIN

**MEET US AT THE
BLACK CULTURAL CENTER (BCC)**

AN MLK CELEBRATION
EVENT

**JANUARY 21
FRIDAY
12NOON**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGHLIGHTS



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SPECIAL ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

QTPOC

MEETS THURSDAYS BI-WEEKLY

6PM EST

QTPOC STRIVES TO BE A SAFE AND CONFIDENTIAL SPACE FOR ALL PEOPLE OF COLOR WHO IDENTIFY AS LGBTQ+, AS WELL AS THOSE WHO ARE QUESTIONING.

MEETS IN THE LGBTQ+ RESOURCE CENTER



Join QTPOC every other Thursday at 6pm in the LGBTQ+ Resource (Squires 227). Please contact Dr. Bing (anbingham@vt.edu) with any questions!

Take a look at the **Black Caucus of Virginia Tech's Newsletter** by clicking the icon or the link below!



BLACK CAUCUS OF VIRGINIA TECH

<https://mailchi.mp/3511ac189642/hokies-black-athlete-alumni-network-newsletter-8635913>

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SPECIAL ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS



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APPLY TO BE NEXT YEAR'S *STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE* TO THE BOARD OF VISITORS (BOV)



Dear Order of the Gavel,

The application to be next year's Student Representative to the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors is now open! This is an exciting opportunity open to both undergraduates and graduates to be the student voice at the highest level of governance at the university. The application can be found at <https://bov.vt.edu/studentreps.html> . Through that link you can also nominate fellow students to encourage them to apply - think about members of your constituency that may be good for the role!

To learn more, come to the Info Session this Wednesday, December 1st at 7pm. It is a hybrid meeting occurring both in NCB 120 or over Zoom at <https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/83309763323>. The current graduate representative Phil Miskovic and myself will answer any questions you have about the role and the application process.

Also, we need students to help out with interviewing candidates, and as fellow student leaders in the Order of the Gavel, you would be perfect for the job. Reach out to paolofermin@vt.edu if you're interested in being a part of the interview team!

NOTE: Even though the Zoom and in-person info session has passed, you can still apply up until *February 18, 2022, 11:59 PM*.

TRANSLATIONAL OBESITY UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH STUDIES

*Interested in a summer undergraduate research
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- matches students with a **faculty mentor** who works across the obesity translational spectrum.
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Highlights of being a TOUR-Scholar:

- Receive a **\$5250 stipend** for the 10-week program
- **Mentorship** from two co-directors from different parts of the translational spectrum (Dr. Debby Good & Dr. Samantha Harden)
- **Guided field trips** to NIDDK, National Library of Medicine, and industry/clinical tours
- A mini-grant for **research funding**
- **Professional development** & group cohesion
- Presenting at Virginia Tech's annual **Summer Undergraduate Research Symposium**



<https://www.hnfe.vt.edu/TOURS.html>

**Apply for
Summer
2022 now!**

For more information, contact:
Deborah Good, PhD
goodd@vt.edu



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SOAR SCHOLARSHIPS

SOAR Scholarships



- BLACK ALUMNI ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
- GROOVE PHI GROOVE SCHOLARSHIP
- WILLIAM S. ALDERSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
- BLACK CULTURAL CENTER ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP
- DR. BENJAMIN STALLINGS AND KIMBERLY STALLINGS
ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

APPLY
NOW!

DEADLINE: 01/02/2022
SCHOLARSHIPS FOUND ON
SCHOLARSHIP CENTRAL

SOAR

COOK COUNSELING-WELCOME ANTONIO BOLDEN



Welcome!

I am Antonio Bolden and I am a new counselor at the Cook Counseling Center. I am also the Black Liaison with the CCC. In this role, I serve to be direct access to services from the BIPOC community. I will be spending time in the BCC each Thursday, between 2-4pm, to answer questions in mental health, provide presentations, consult about any specific issues, and help you to get into services, whether with me or somebody else. Servicing the BIPOC community is a passion of mine. It gives me great pleasure to have the opportunity to provide you with support.

A little about myself, I am from Portsmouth, VA (757) and attended Churchland high school, for those who know the area. I grew up as an athlete and an instrumentalist in the band. I have been well traveled, attending colleges in New Mexico, West Virginia, and Virginia. I received my Master's in Counseling in 2017 from Radford University. Afterwards I met my wife and we have a beautiful young daughter. I have had many experiences up until this point in my life, many we can connect on, and others may differ. However, I very much enjoy this part of my job. I look forward to meeting with, and serving the BIPOC students as best as I can. If you see me in the BCC feel free to come over say hello!!



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BLACK CAREER CONNECTIONS

HOKIE Mentorship Connect

Black Career Connections

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GROUP DISCUSSION BOARD

- Black/African American Undergraduate Students and Alum Participants
- Industry Experts with Unique Minority Perspectives
- Ask Questions and View Comments
- Actively Engage by Career-Related Interest
- Networking
- Conduct Informational Interviews
- Ask Questions about your Resume, Job Search and more

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mentoring.career.vt.edu

Contact us at:
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BLACK CAREER CONNECTIONS

See the steps below to begin connecting with career focused individuals through **Hokie Mentorship Connect**.



Black Career Connections

We are so excited to have joined the Hokie Mentorship Connect platform. We invite you to join our discussion board group to connect with other Hokies interested in career focused mentorship and networking.

1.

Log into the platform



2.

*Select the “**Group**” tab on the home page*

3.

*View available Discussion Board Groups and select our Group from the list of “**All Groups**”*

4.

*Selecting the button to “**Join Group**” which will send a request to the **Black Career Connections** Discussion Board Group admin*

5.

After being approved you will be a member of our Discussion Board Group and gain access to all of our wonderful content

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Fortune

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Best Places to Work for LGBTQ+ Equality
Human Rights Campaign Corporate Equality Index

Best Companies for Women
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Top 50 Companies for Diversity
DiversityInc

Top 25 Companies for Women Technologists
Anita Borg Institute

100 Best Companies
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SPRING 2022 HISTORY PATHWAY COURSES

Concept 1a

HIST 3054: American Civil War

Concept 3

HIST 1025, 1026: History of Europe
HIST 1215, 1216: World History
HIST 1764: History of Rock N Roll
HIST/STS 2054: Engineering Cultures
HIST 3304: World of Alexander the Great
HIST 3724: Disease, Medicine and Health

Concept 7

HIST 1115, 1116: History of the United States
HIST 1764: History of Rock N Roll
HIST 2104: History of Night
HIST/AFST 2275 & 2276: African-American History
HIST 3164: Sexuality in U.S. History

Concept 2

HIST 1025, 1026: History of Europe
HIST 1115, 1116: History of the United States
HIST 1215, 1216: World History
HIST/STS 2054: Engineering Cultures
HIST 2104: History of Night
HIST 2114: Espionage & Surveillance
HIST 2124: Maritime History
HIST 2124: French Empire in Africa
HIST/CLA 2234: Classics in the Modern World
HIST/STS/SOC 2604: Data in a Social Context
HIST/AFST 2275 & 2276: African-American History
HIST 3054: American Civil War
HIST 3164: Sexuality in U.S. History
HIST 3304: World of Alexander the Great
HIST 3654: Arab-Israeli Conflict
HIST 3724: History of Disease, Medicine & Health

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HIST/STS/SOC 2604: Data in a Social Context

Check out some awesome courses within the History Department.

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309 Clay St Blacksburg, VA



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FOR STUDENTS !**

Rev. Ronnie Parker, Pastor

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SEASON OF GIVING



Virginia Residents:

Santa Needs Our Help!



A Moment Candles and The Nashville Salvation Army have teamed up to help spread holiday cheer this season. Join us by volunteering with your local Salvation Army throughout November & December and/or picking an Angel tree name from the mall or online from their website.



Let's work together to
make someone's holiday
season brighter.



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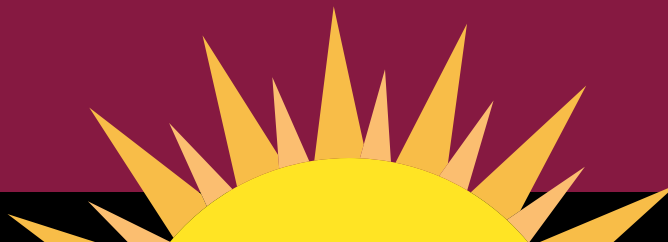
The Order of the Gavel Induction Ceremony took place on Wednesday, October 20th, 2021. Take a look at the *golden* excellence in the pictures to follow!



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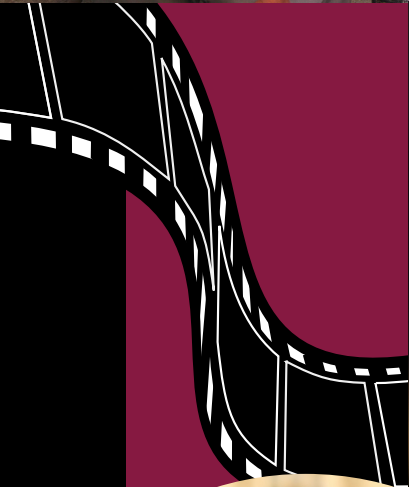
Induction Ceremony

October 20, 2021 • 5:30 P.M. • War Memorial Pylons



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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: Brettan O'Beirne

BY RYAN PAUL

Brettan O'Beirne is the esteemed President of the student-run K-Pop dance group known as, Exodus at Virginia Tech. Brettan has truly made her mark on the Virginia Tech community and her entire group of talented dancers. She has had many amazing experiences that have prepared her for the work she is currently doing. After talking to her about what she has done before coming to Virginia Tech, seeing the work she has done on campus, and what she plans to do in the future, it is safe to say that she has, is, and will continue to embody *Ut Prosim*.



Brettan O'Beirne is a fifth-year senior studying Animal Poultry Science with a triple emphasis in livestock, companion animals, and horses while on the Pre-Vet track. Upon graduation, she plans to work at a vet office or a farm since her course of study offers a wide range of experiences and qualifications.

In addition to Brettan's academic commitments and her role in Exodus at Virginia Tech she is also a student volunteer at a horse farm and works at the university's Imaginarium. After speaking with Brettan it is clear that she is accomplished but for this spotlight, we would like to highlight the work and details of Exodus at Virginia Tech while exploring how she got to this point in her life.

**"Do not allow
people to dim your
shine because they
are are blinded.
Tell them to put on
some sunglasses."**

~ Lady Gaga





From a very young age Brettan knew that she wanted to pursue something revolving around animals, dance, and performance. So, for extracurriculars back then, Brettan partook in dance classes and just absolutely loved being on stage. But, as much as she liked to dance she loved to sing, just a little bit more.

By the time Brettan started high school her interests of dancing and singing were still a part of her. And it led her to join the show choir at Cosby High School located in Midlothian, VA. At her school she was a part of two of their show choirs: Spotlight and Rhapsody. Through those groups she was able to perform and compete all across the east coast. And after high school Brettan was just grateful to be involved in something that incorporated her love for dancing and singing. Then shortly after those experiences, Brettan got introduced to K-Pop because it was a fusion of her experiences and interests in dance and vocal performance.



Fasting forward, the summer before her first semester, Brettan decided to join Exodus; which was established in 2016. Since Brettan joined the group before most she was able to “find her people,” which made her transition into college a lot smoother.



Now, once the semester started going Brettan was a force to be reckoned with. Her very first semester she participated in Exodus's first official music video for their YouTube channel. Which was the first time they had submitted a video for an online dance competition. Then in 2019 Brettan helped run the first intercollegiate K-Pop competition on the east coast where she cleverly named it “Blacksburg K-Pop Pop Off.” At this “Pop Off” Brettan and her group had the opportunity to dance beside Alexandra (Alex) Reed, the first

Black K-Pop idol. And saying that those dance experiences were amazing would be an understatement because they were monumentally memorable. Furthermore, the dance Brettan had taught and choreographed was the overall winner and Alex herself helped judge that competition.

Due to Brettan's pure talent, drive, and dedication she quickly progressed in her leadership within the group. She began to serve as both an officer and choreographer. Then shortly after the event in 2019 with Alex Reed, she officially became President of Exodus at Virginia Tech.



Throughout her presidency Brettan strives for diversity in talent, race, and experiences. She has learned that there is no way to please everybody and that everything that one does has an impact; whether positive or negative. And this knowledge was then tested when the Novel Coronavirus struck. During the early parts of the pandemic it was extremely hard because the group is all about interaction and performance. Thus, it was extremely difficult to not get on a stage and dance for that long. Especially since right after the spring break of 2020 the group had a spectacular dance showcase ready to go with 25 different songs and numerous wardrobe pieces. But, throughout all of this Brettan and her board members were able to make their time apart as impactful as possible.

And I must say that being back in person, the dance group has been booked and busy! Performing at Gobblerfest, Homecoming, their own November dance showcase, and much more. This group is just truly talented and incredibly lucky to have this month's BCC Student Spotlighter as their President and friend.

Looking ahead, Brettan will be graduating Spring of 2022. And her plan is to stay in the area because there are a lot of job opportunities with animals and farms. While in the area Brettan would like to serve as an advisor for Exodus; as there will be an election process towards the latter part of the Spring 2022 semester to elect the 2022-23 school year Exodus Board.



Now, during the years Brettan was in the dance group... yes, there have been challenges and yes there have been crosswords. But, there has also been joy, triumphant success, and creative authenticity all throughout, Exodus at Virginia Tech. So as Brettan closes this chapter in her life there will be a bookmark

in it for now because she is not fully leaving, she is simply transitioning out and giving space for the many great things the group can do in the semesters and years to come. And by everything that was discussed it is safe to say that this group will be in great hands after her departure!



You can keep up with everything related to Exodus at Virginia Tech via their YouTube and Instagram.



YouTube

Exodus VT: <https://www.youtube.com/c/ExodusatVirginiaTech/>

Exodus Instagram: @exodusvt_official



Writers Notes: The content of this spotlight was developed via a Zoom meeting that was loosely transcribed and adapted into the written piece displayed above. If you would like to see the fully produced interview, please email brettano@vt.edu.

Thank you and Happy Holidays!

Soulful Fridays are back!

Here's a
recap



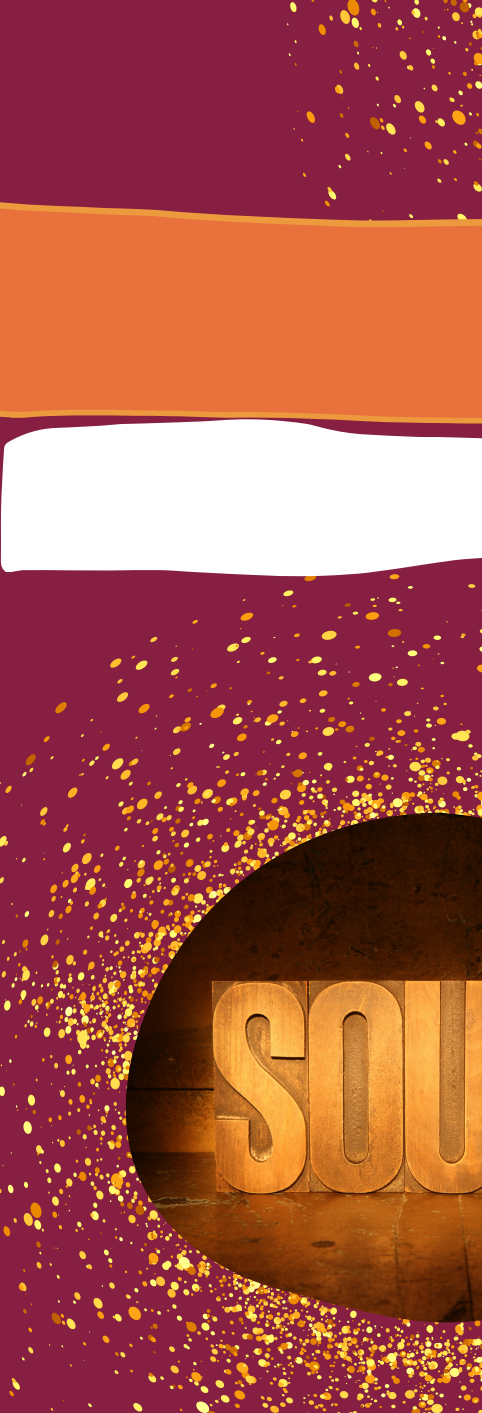
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DECEMBER 3RD
2PM

*Food will be served on a First
Come First Served Basis*





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LOOKING AHEAD



BLACK HISTORY MONTH CALL FOR PROGRAM PROPOSALS

[Click here](#) or the "Black History Month" banner below to fill out the Google Form to submit any programs and/or events you or your department are planning for Black History Month (BHM) to be included in the university's BHM Calendar of Events.



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ENJOY A HAPPY & SAFE WINTER BREAK



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