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Office of Governor Terry McAuliffe

The following is an email to state employees sent on Aug. 25.

With the November 8 Presidential Election less than 80 days away, my administration is working to ensure that it runs as smoothly as possible. One way to do so is to sufficiently staff all of the Commonwealth's voting precincts with Officers of Election. Officers of Election are stationed in polling places on Election Day, and have two primary jobs-to help citizens vote and to make sure all votes are properly counted. Specific duties include opening the polls to voters, checking voter identification to ensure voters are eligible, offering assistance to any voter who requests it, and obtaining the count of votes from the voting equipment and reporting the results to the Electoral Board. Officers of Election are paid both for attending the required training before the election and for working on Election Day. Payment varies from locality to locality. Officers of Election must be registered voters in the Commonwealth.

Since 2008, state employees have been encouraged to volunteer to serve as Officers of Election. Turnout is projected to be high this year, and many localities have already expressed the need for additional poll workers. For example, Hopewell City needs 10 more. Petersburg City is in need of 50. Richmond City needs an additional 200. Prince William County needs as many as 400 more.

Working with your supervisor to determine work scheduling needs is an important first step, but please note that DHRM Policy 4.05 (http://web1.dhrm.virginia.gov/itech/hrpolicy/pol4_05.html) permits the use of paid Civil and Work Related Leave to serve as an Officer of Election, with approval by your supervisor. Please contact your Human Resource Office for additional information. To volunteer as an Officer of Election in your locality or a surrounding locality, please complete the online sign-up form at <https://voterinfo.sbe.virginia.gov/OnlineForms/OfficerofElection>. Thank you for your assistance and for your service to the Commonwealth.

Virginia Tech Police provide update on recent cyber threat

Monday, Aug. 29 (5 p.m.)

The following update to the Virginia Tech community is from Virginia Tech Police Chief Kevin Foust:

The Virginia Tech Police Department has an ongoing active investigation under way and appreciates the assistance and

cooperation from the campus community.

At this point we have learned other schools have also received cyber-threats today. The safety of campus is a primary concern, and with this in mind, we remain vigilant in our investigation. Campus is open and operating under normal conditions; classes are in session.

The Virginia Tech Police Department is working with our state and federal partners. We continue to ask anyone with any information about this cyber-threat to contact us at threatassessment@vt.edu or call 540-382-4343.

Monday, Aug. 29, 2:30 p.m.

At this time, the Virginia Tech Police Department can confirm that an email was sent to dozens of emails addresses within our campus community that included a threat to campus safety.

The Virginia Tech Police Department takes all such incidents seriously and are actively investigating.

We are seeking information to assist in this investigation and ask that anyone with information about this send an email to threatassessment@vt.edu or call 540-382-4343.

Parking information for Sept. 3 football game

To accommodate the increase volume of vehicular traffic on campus, the following parking and traffic changes will be in place for the Sept. 3 home football game. Vehicles must be removed from these lots and roads or are subject to being towed.

Friday, Sept. 2

The following lots and roads will be restricted to no additional parking after 5 p.m. All vehicles must be removed from these lots and roads by 10 p.m.:

- Litton-Reaves/Wallace lots (located off Washington Street and Duck Pond Drive)
- Coliseum Lot (located off Washington Street and Beamer Way)
- Stadium Lot
- Chicken Hill
- Track/Field House Lot (on Beamer Way)
- Vet-Medicine Lot (north-side only)
- Health and Safety Lot (located off Research Center Drive)
- Food Sciences Lot
- Maintenance Lot (located off Southgate Drive)
- Engel/Cheatham Lot
- Price Hall Lot
- Davidson Lot
- Smithfield Lot (located off Smithfield Road)
- Architecture Annex - Media Lot
- Lower Stanger Lot
- Rec Field Lot (off Research Center Drive)
- Wright House Lot
- Hahn Lot
- Duck Pond Drive Lot (the cage) only the commuter/graduate interior section at the south end of the lot near Vet-Med
- Beamer Way

- Duck Pond-Overflow Lot (located off Oak Lane)
- Perry Street Lot #3
- Basketball Practice Facility and Extension Lot
- Virginia Tech Electric Storage/University Library Storage Facility lots
- Washington Street (parallel spaces from West Campus Drive to Kent Street)
- West Stadium Lot (small lot adjacent to the stadium)

Commuter, graduate, and resident student vehicles parked along the outside perimeter of the Duck Pond Road Lot (the cage) must be relocated by 5 p.m. All resident student vehicles must be removed from the Stadium and Chicken Hill Parking lots by 10 p.m.

Resident students may park in one of the following areas:

- Resident section of Duck Pond Drive Lot (the cage) interior spaces only. (Perimeter of the lot is reserved for RV vehicles)
- Prices Fork Lot 5 and 6

Please note that resident students must be back in the resident lots by 7 a.m. Monday, Sept. 5. For more information contact Parking and Transportation at 540-231-3200.

Virginia Tech, Carilion Clinic partnership, athletics facilities improvements highlight board of visitors meeting

Leaders from Virginia Tech and Carilion Clinic met Sunday and today to discuss with members of the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors the growing partnership between the two organizations and the expanding university footprint in Roanoke to serve the region and the commonwealth.

On Sunday, the board learned more details of the partners' vision for the Virginia Tech Carilion Health Sciences and Technology Campus in the Roanoke Innovation Corridor. And today, the board in turn passed a key resolution—an important next step—and voted to support an effort to fully integrate the academic and research missions of the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine into Virginia Tech.

The integration process will take approximately two years to complete and it will result in the establishment of a ninth college at Virginia Tech. A full story on this is found at <http://vtnews.vt.edu/articles/2016/08/bov-vtcvote.html>.

In other news, board members also approved resolutions for the demolition of Monteith and Thomas halls. The two residence halls, currently used for Corps of Cadet housing, will be unoccupied following the completion of a second new residence, which is all part of the plan to upgrade and improve the Upper Quad.

The board also approved several facility improvement projects in support of intercollegiate athletics (<http://vtnews.vt.edu/articles/2016/08/bov-athletics.html>). Those projects include a complete reconstruction of the school's baseball facility, English Field at Union Park. Also included is a new hitting facility for the softball team and major enhancements and additions to Rector Field House, which will benefit not only the track and field programs, but also the lacrosse, soccer and softball teams.

Individual stories on these projects will run in Virginia Tech News starting Aug. 30.

The Academic Affairs Committee received updates on the new undergraduate degree programs in computational modeling and data analytics and neuroscience.

On Sunday, Theresa Meyer, vice president for research and innovation, spoke to the Research Committee on Virginia Tech's global research profile, presenting data and information on how university's research activities compare to research universities around the world.

The board recognized Professor Emeritus John Hosner with the additional tribute of "honorary founding dean" of the College of Natural Resources and Environment for his role in the establishment of the

college as it marks its 25th anniversary.

In addition, eight individuals were honored with emerita or emeritus status, and seven faculty members received endowed professorships, fellowships, or chairs. Stories on each person will appear in Virginia Tech News (www.vtnews.vt.edu) beginning Wednesday, Aug 31.

The next full Virginia Tech Board of Visitors meeting will be held Nov. 6 and 7 in Blacksburg. More information on the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors may be found online at www.bov.vt.edu.

ADHD support groups available to employees

Employees who are parents or caregivers of children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) are invited to participate in a support group. The group meets from 12-1 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at North End Center.

The ADHD support group is designed to educate group members on ADHD-specific strategies, assist in navigating community support systems, and provide resources for available services. Additionally, the group is meant to foster an environment where participants can openly discuss their experiences with ADHD and receive support from other group members and leaders.

Support Group Meeting Locations

- September 6: North End Center, room 3600
- October 4: North End Center, room 3600
- November 1: North End Center, room 3600
- December 6: North End Center, room 2200

The support group is offered through a partnership between Hokie Wellness and the Virginia Tech Psychological Services Center.

Registration is not required to attend the group meetings. For more information contact Hokie Wellness at hokiewellness@vt.edu or 540-231-8878 (employees) or 540-231-2233 (students).

University to close on Labor Day

In observance of Labor Day, Virginia Tech will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5. All classes will be cancelled and all offices at all Virginia Tech campuses will be closed, except those that must be open for selected operations. Essential emergency personnel are required to work as determined by their department head.

The Leave and Time Worked Reporting System (www.hr.vt.edu/leaveentry) will be populated with eight holiday hours (8H) for all salaried employees to reflect the approved closing of the university by President Sands.

For more information contact the HR Service Center: Send an email to hrrservicecenter@vt.edu or call 540-231-9331.

2016-17 Faculty-Staff Planning Calendar now available

The 2016-17 Faculty Staff Planning Calendar is now available. The planning calendar provides information on university-wide activities and events. Employees can download the calendar as an easy-to-print PDF at <http://vtnews.vt.edu/fs-planning-calendar.html>. Copies of the calendar will not be printed and distributed. For more information contact Katie Huger at khuger@vt.edu or 540-231-7643.

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