

2018 annual notice on rights and responsibilities of the Virginia Tech community

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As members of the Virginia Tech community, we are individuals and community members with both rights and responsibilities.

We are committed to standards that support the educational mission of the university: standards by which we live, work, and learn together. These standards are derived from our guiding philosophical principles, the Virginia Tech Principles of Community (bit.ly/2NUaJwN).

Our annual 2018 notice on rights and responsibilities of the Virginia Tech community, available electronically here bit.ly/2NrFD50, provides important information related to our community standards, health, safety, and security. A copy of the complete annual notice will be provided to you by your supervisor. Please review it thoroughly; if you have questions about this annual notice, please contact your supervisor.

Annual notice on campus security and fire safety

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From: Virginia Tech Police Department

Virginia Tech is committed to assisting all members of the university community in providing for their own safety and security. The 2017 Annual Campus Security and Fire Safety Report of all Virginia Tech campuses will be available on Oct. 1 on the Virginia Tech Police Department website at: bit.ly/2NYsHhK. If you would like to request a paper copy of the report, you can stop by the Virginia Tech Police Department Security Center at the Public Safety Building located at 330 Sterrett Drive, Blacksburg, Va. 24061, or by calling 540-231-1335 to receive a copy by mail. The 2015 Annual Campus Security and Fire Safety Report was amended on Sept. 1, 2017, page 44, changing incorrect characterization of a hate crime from race to religion bias.

The website and report contain information regarding campus safety and personal safety, including topics such as: crime prevention, fire safety, Virginia Tech Police law enforcement authority, crime reporting policies, student conduct procedures, and other matters of importance related to safety and security on campus. The report also contains crime statistics for the three previous calendar years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus, in certain off campus buildings, off campus property owned or controlled by Virginia Tech, public property within the campus, and public property immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus.

VT Alerts test scheduled for Sept. 20 at all Virginia Tech locations

Virginia Tech will conduct a full-scale test of its VT Alerts system on Thursday, Sept. 20, between 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

VT Alerts, the university's emergency notification system, is used to communicate critical information with the Virginia Tech community in the event of emergency on campus. VT Alerts are issued when there is a need for community members to take immediate protective action, university closures, or during system-wide tests in the fall and spring semesters. Learn more at: bit.ly/2CmGUK7.

Virginia Tech Police shares important contact information to report a campus incident

If you witnessed or experienced an incident on campus would you know how to report it? The new semester is a fresh opportunity to save important Virginia Tech Police contact information in your phone, and save reporting links in your browser. The community is reminded to report all crimes and suspicious activity/persons anywhere on campus to the Virginia Tech Police Department immediately. The Virginia Tech Police Department has several options to report a crime:

Phone: Emergency (911), non-emergency line (540-382-4343), and general information line (540-231-6411)
In person: VTPD Security Center, 330 Sterrett Drive (0523), Blacksburg, Va. 24061

For more information or links to online forms, visit: bit.ly/2OD8LhM.

Virginia Tech recognized as ‘Top College for Diversity’ and ‘Diversity Champion’ by INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine

Virginia Tech will be featured, along with 95 other recipients, in the November 2018 HEED Award issue of INSIGHT into Diversity magazine. Learn more at: bit.ly/2PPny91.

Optional benefits open enrollment through Sept. 28

Open enrollment for optional benefits, including Legal Resources and New York Life Insurance is available until Friday, Sept. 28. During open enrollment, employees can enroll in, drop, or change coverage without experiencing a qualifying event. Learn more at: bit.ly/optional-benefits-open-enrollment.

Learn about mindfulness, meditation, and stress management at Koru Mindfulness series

Employees and students are invited to discover the importance of mindfulness at the Koru Mindfulness series. Koru Mindfulness is a curriculum designed to teach mindfulness, meditation, and stress management. Sessions offered include:

Fridays: Sept. 21-Oct. 12, noon-1:15 p.m.

- New Hall West Training Room (downstairs), space is limited and registration is required.

Wednesdays: Sept. 26-Oct. 17, 4-5:15 p.m.

- McComas Hall, classroom 198, space is limited and registration is required.
- Graduate Life Center, Wellness room, space is limited and registration is required.
- North End Center, room 2200, space is limited and registration is required.

Fridays: Sept. 28-Oct. 19, 8-9:30 a.m.

- North End Center, room 2200, space is limited and registration is required.

Participants will be introduced to the practice of mindfulness and learn several skills, including meditation for managing stress. Participants are required to attend all four sessions and may choose to purchase the book, “The Mindful Twenty Something,” by Holly B. Rodgers, MD prior to the first session. The text can be purchased from local bookstores or Amazon. For more information, email Hokie Wellness at hokiewellness@vt.edu or call 540-231-8878. For registration links, visit: bit.ly/2x2fXyp.

University offices to close at 3 p.m. for Oct. 25 football game

President Tim Sands has approved the closing of all university offices at 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, with the exception of faculty and staff directly supporting classroom instruction and other critical university operations. The closing will help the university facilitate traffic and other operational procedures for the football game that night against Georgia Tech. Kickoff for the game will be at 7:30 p.m.

Classes will not be cancelled. Employees who are departing campus are strongly advised to remove their vehicles from the parking lots by 3:10 p.m. in order to avoid traffic and parking challenges associated with the game.

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