

# NEWS & INFORMATION

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## Summer Blue Sheet schedule

The Virginia Tech News Blue Sheet schedule will be amended during the summer. The Blue Sheet will run every other week beginning May 25, 2016. It will resume its regular weekly publication schedule beginning on August 17, 2016.

## Southgate reopened; New traffic pattern in place

Southgate Drive is now open. Work to install the two drainage pipes is complete. Drivers are urged to take caution when traveling in the area, paying special attention to the new traffic pattern in place. Duck Pond Drive has been shifted onto the ramp under the Virginia Tech bush and there is now a three-way stop at the new intersection of Southgate Drive and Duck Pond Drive. This new traffic pattern will allow for the construction of the roundabout at this intersection. Drivers are asked to consider using Prices Fork Road as an alternative route since there will likely be congestion and delays in the areas.

For more information, contact Mike Dunn, transportation and planning engineer, at [mikedunn@vt.edu](mailto:mikedunn@vt.edu) or 540-231-7641.

## Kent Street/West Campus Drive paving begins June 8

VDOT will be working on the pavement on Kent Street and part of West Campus Drive beginning June 8. Travelers should expect delays when traveling in the area.

## 2015-2016 parking permits expire August 12

Parking permits for the 2016-17 academic year will go on sale July 11. Current (2015-16) permits expire August 12. Drivers who park on campus with an expired permit may be ticketed beginning August 15. The price for permits has increased \$12.

The price for an annual permit is:

- Faculty/staff and wage employees-\$296
- Commuter/graduate students-\$274
- Resident students-\$379

Motorcycle and carpool parking permits are also available:

- Faculty/staff and wage employees-\$148 (motorcycle)/\$199 (carpool)
- Commuter/graduate students-\$137 (motorcycle)/\$184 (carpool)
- Resident students - \$190 (motorcycle)

Permits can be purchased online via Visa, Mastercard, or payroll deduction at <https://pay.parking.vt.edu/cmnn/auth.aspx>. They may also be purchased the Office of Parking and Transportation at 605 Research Center Drive with a Hokie Passport and vehicle registration. General permits purchased online and in person will be mailed within 5-7 business days to the address of record on your account.

To save time, individuals can print the registration form and bring the completed document with them. The forms are available on the Parking and Transportation website at <http://parking.vt.edu>.

For more parking information visit the Parking and Transportation website or call 540-231-3200.

## Get help managing a chronic condition

Employees are invited to take charge of their health through the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program.

The program is designed to help participants manage ongoing chronic conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure, asthma, heart disease, fibromyalgia, anxiety, depression, and more. Anyone with a long term health condition that impacts daily activities is encouraged to attend.

The six-week series will be held on Thursdays from July 7 to August 11 from 12-2 p.m. in North End Center (room 2440). Participants are asked to make a commitment to attend all six sessions.

The six-week program will help participants manage any chronic condition by offering information about:

- Healthy eating and weight
- Physical activity
- Managing medicines
- When to call the doctor
- Making treatment decisions

Space is limited and registration is required. To register, visit [www.training.vt.edu](http://www.training.vt.edu), click "view by alpha" and search for "Chronic Disease Self Management."

The Chronic Disease Self-Management Program is offered by Hokie Wellness ([www.hokiewellness.vt.edu/](http://www.hokiewellness.vt.edu/)) in partnership with the New River Health District.

For more information, contact Hokie Wellness at [hokiewellness@vt.edu](mailto:hokiewellness@vt.edu) or 540-231-8878 (employees) or 540-231-2233 (students).

## Updates to the 2016 holiday and winter closing schedule available online

The university's 2016 holiday and winter closing schedule ([www.hr.vt.edu/benefits/leave/holiday\\_schedule](http://www.hr.vt.edu/benefits/leave/holiday_schedule)) has been updated to follow the schedule recommended by the governor's office.

The holiday and winter closing schedule for December 2016 is as follows:

- Friday, Dec. 23, 2016
- Monday, Dec. 26 2016
- Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2016 (NOT a holiday - employees must use leave)
- Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2016 (NOT a holiday - employees must use leave)
- Thursday, Dec. 29, 2016 (NOT a holiday - employees must

use leave)

-- Friday, Dec. 30, 2016 (NOT a holiday - employees must use leave)

State agencies may establish alternate schedules to accommodate business needs as long as eligible employees receive the same number of holidays during the year (Virginia Department of Human Resource Management Policy 4.25). Based on this policy, Virginia Tech initially applied the additional eight hours of holiday leave provided by the governor for Friday, December 23, 2016 to be used on Tuesday, December 27, 2016.

After further evaluation, the university officials have decided to follow the recommendation from the governor's office.

For more information send an email to [leave@vt.edu](mailto:leave@vt.edu).

## Healthy summer cooking class open to employees

Get a fresh start this summer by learning new, healthy recipes at the Fresh Summer Fruits and Vegetables cooking class. Led by Amy Epperley, assistant director of Hokie Wellness, this class will provide employees a hands-on opportunity to prepare new recipes using fresh, in-season produce.

The cooking class will be held on Thursday, July 7 from 12–1:30 p.m. in Wallace Hall (room 405). Participants will improve their cooking skills, learn new techniques, hone recipe adaptation, and develop healthy cooking and eating strategies.

There is a \$10 registration fee to attend, payable to the Treasurer of Virginia Tech by cash or check. Samples and recipes will be provided.

Space is limited to 12 participants. Payment and registration are required by Tuesday, July 5. To register, visit [www.training.vt.edu](http://www.training.vt.edu), click "view by alpha" and search for "Hokie Wellness Cooking Class: Fresh Summer Fruits and Vegetables."

For more information, contact Hokie Wellness at [hokiewellness@vt.edu](mailto:hokiewellness@vt.edu) at 540-231-8878 (employees) or 540-231-2233 (students).

## Board of Visitors approves university budget for next fiscal year

The Virginia Tech Board of Visitors approved a \$1.47 billion university budget for the next fiscal year (July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017) at its meeting on campus in Blacksburg.

Next year's budget represents a \$41.6 million increase over the current year. The growth in the budget reflects changes in nongeneral fund revenues for 2016-17 and actions of the 2016 General Assembly sessions that will impact the 2016-17 General Fund appropriation. The overall change includes an increase of \$31.1 million attributable to the educational and general program and \$4.8 million of projected growth in auxiliary enterprises.

It is projected that the state share (General Fund) of the total university budget will be 18.1 percent.

The budget includes a three percent merit-based salary program for faculty and staff. The program is contingent upon the state's achievement of projected revenue for the current fiscal year.

In other action, board members approved a resolution for planning renovations for undergraduate science laboratories. The action authorizes the university to budget \$600,000 to plan for the construction of new labs and renovate existing lab spaces in Derring and Hahn North halls.

The board began its open session on Monday afternoon with a moment of silence dedicated to T. Marshall Hahn, president emeritus of Virginia Tech.

At the Academic Affairs Committee meeting, Executive Vice President and Provost Thanassis Rikakis discussed the defining characteristics of the VT-shaped student. Those characteristics include

solid disciplinary preparation and interdisciplinary collaboration (the T-shaped student) combined with technological expertise, experiential learning, an infusion of Ut Prosim (That I May Serve), and formal and informal learning (the V in the VT-shaped student). Virginia Tech, Rikakis explained, will support these students through the development of Destination Areas and collaborations and partnerships with faculty, alumni, industry, and the broader community.

The Building and Grounds Committee received design previews of the Corps of Cadets Leadership and Military Science Building.

During the full board meeting, members recognized Debbie Petrino for her service as rector with a standing ovation. Board members unanimously elected James L. Chapman IV to serve as rector, Dennis H. Treacy to service as vice rector, and Kim O'Rourke as board secretary next year.

Outgoing student representatives Morgan Sykes, the undergraduate student representative, and Mohammed S. Seyam, the graduate student representative, and staff representative Walter D. "Dan" Cook III and faculty representative Rami A. Dalloul were also recognized for their service to the board.

Early Sunday afternoon, board members received updates on and toured the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine and Research Institute in Roanoke. Later in the day, board members returned to Blacksburg and received reports on the Virginia Tech's engagement in the commonwealth, study abroad, the Integrated Pest Management Innovation Lab, and the USAID Integrated Pest Management Program.

Jason Soileau, assistant vice president of university planning, closed the afternoon information session with an overview of the campus master plan process.

The board also approved faculty promotion, tenure, and continued appointments for 2016. The complete list of those individuals will be published June 7 in Virginia Tech News.

Seven faculty members were honored with emeritus status; 12 were appointed to endowed fellowships, professorships, or chairs; and eight were reappointed to endowed fellowships, professorships, or chairs. Individual stories on those honored will be published in Virginia Tech News at [www.vtnews.vt.edu](http://www.vtnews.vt.edu) beginning this week.

The next full Virginia Tech Board of Visitors meeting will be held Aug. 28-29 in Blacksburg. More information on the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors may be found online at [www.bov.vt.edu](http://www.bov.vt.edu).

## Board of Visitors approves 2016 promotions, tenure, continued appointments

The Virginia Tech Board of Visitors approved multiple promotions, tenure, and continued appointments at its June 6 meeting.

A full list can be found at <http://vtnews.vt.edu/articles/2016/06/provost-promotiontenure.html>.

The Office of the Provost provided the information for this story. Content-related questions should be directed to Cyndi Hutchison at 540-231-2350.

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