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Cheryl A. Anderson was born on December 18, 1979. She received her first set of Legos® on her fifth birthday and has been an engineer ever since. Cheryl grew up in Aberdeen, MD, Norwich, NY and Bear, DE attending Good Shepherd Catholic School in Perryville, MD and St. Mark's High School in Wilmington, DE.

Cheryl entered Virginia Tech in the fall of 1997. She joined the Biological Systems Engineering Department and soon found her small niche in the large VT community. During her undergraduate career, Cheryl served as a mentor in the Office of Minority Engineering Programs, Vice President of the VT pre-professional branch of ASAE (The Society for Engineering in Food, Agriculture and Biological Systems), and the Vice President of the Pre-professional Southeastern Region branch of ASAE. Cheryl graduated with honors in May of 2001. As a graduate student in the same department, Cheryl remained active in ASAE and was treasurer of the VT chapter of Alpha Epsilon.