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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Don't Forget

You are REQUIRED to have a Virginia Tech PID (vt.edu email address) to access the Chapter Forms database.

The Chapter Newsletter is a communications tool between the Virginia Tech Alumni Association and its chapters.

If you have any comments or suggestions, please send them to your chapter liaison. If you have problems viewing the newsletter, please contact Ginny Ritenour, Chapter Program Coordinator.

Dear Chapter Volunteers,

As we approach the end of the spring semester, the Alumni Association staff is in the midst of a busy season of community service events, semester-end activities, and travel with chapter speakers, in addition to planning many exciting reunion and homecoming events for this fall.

April is always a busy month for our chapters, as we host various community service events to honor the victims of the April 16 tragedy. Many events were held across the country to show our commitment to our motto of *Ut Prosim* (That I May Serve) including Virginia Tech for Life blood drives, Habitat for Humanity builds, and HokieBird Fights Hunger food bank projects. Check our website for a list of activities at www.alumni.vt.edu/hokienationserves. We thank our chapter volunteers for their continued support of April 16 families.

If you haven't done so already, please mark your calendars for our fall Chapter Officers Forum on September 1 through 3, 2012. More details follow on page 2.

Thank you for your service to Virginia Tech and please let me or your liaison know how we can help you.

Debbie

Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations

Chapter Officers Forum: September 1-3, 2012

Our 2012 Chapter Officers Forum will be held at the Holtzman Alumni Center at Virginia Tech on September 1st through 3rd. We look forward to seeing you back on campus for an exciting weekend of networking and idea-sharing, followed by watching the Hokies take on the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets on Monday night!

Watch your e-mail for registration information coming soon.

National Capital Region Chapter officers hangin' out with HokieBird at the 2011 Chapter Officers Forum

2012-2013 Travel Tours

Life is meant to be experienced and explored. Broaden your horizons and breathe in new adventures with other Hokies!

[Visit our website](#) for many new 2012 and 2013 travel tours and to request a brochure.

Hokie Nation Serves T-shirts Now Available!

As shown below, we have new Hokie Nation Serves t-shirts with our new HNS logo! Hokie Nation Serves is the Virginia Tech Alumni Association's service program, encouraging all chapters to host service projects with an extra emphasis in the month of April.

These shirts are intended for chapters who plan on hosting a service event in the near future. The shirts are in limited and short supply, so to receive shirts for your event, please contact Ginny Ritenour at ginnyrit@vt.edu as soon as possible for an application form.

Additionally, we ask for a picture of the group wearing the shirts **in action** at your community service event, as well as the submission of an event report through our chapter database in order to be considered for future items for Hokie Nation Serves.

This is a great way to show our Hokie pride while continuing the Virginia Tech *Ut Prosim* tradition.

Chapter Highlight: 3.2 for 32 Run in Remembrance

In support of the 5th Day of Remembrance and the 3.2 for 32 Run in Remembrance held on-campus in Blacksburg, several of our chapters around the country organized their own local Remembrance walk or run events in April 2012.

Chapters hosting these events included the San Francisco Bay Area (with an additional event held in San Jose), Knoxville, Atlanta, Denver, and Research Triangle. Participants were able to spend the day with local Hokies, feeling the support of community and remembering lives lost in 2007.

In Atlanta, alumni joined together at Chastain Park in Buckhead, Georgia to honor those lost on April 16, 2007. The chapter provided light refreshments for the walkers and had a terrific turnout.

In the San Francisco Bay Area chapter, Hokies met in the Marina District to run 3.2 miles with their fellow alumni.

The Denver Chapter included a pre-run balloon launch and a fundraiser for the Koshka Foundation.

Others met up in San Jose to walk in remembrance.

The Research Triangle Chapter was joined by JMU, UGA, Miami, UNC and NCSU alumni, along with others.
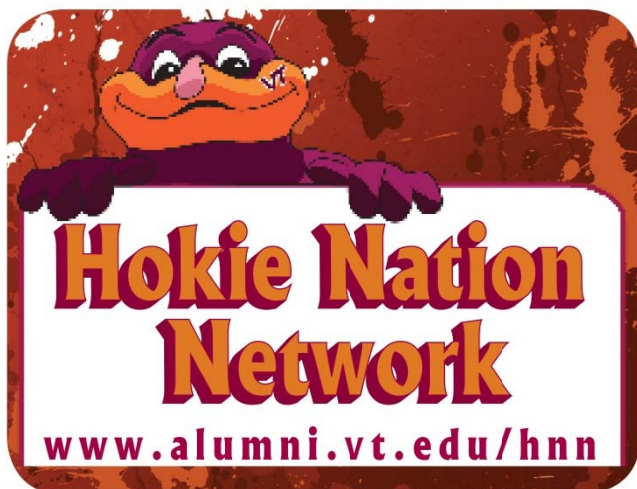
Staff Highlight:

Carol Green, Reunions & Constituency Programs

Carol has been with the Alumni Relations staff since January of 2001. Her responsibilities include event management for class reunions, college homecomings, and constituency events.

Before joining the Alumni Association, Carol worked for eleven years in marketing and customer service for a software company in Blacksburg. She holds an associate's degree from New River Community College and recently completed her bachelor's degree in Management and Leadership from Bluefield College.

The Alumni Association is pleased to congratulate Carol and her fiancé, Brett Rader '94, on their recent engagement.

2012 Drillfield Series

HokieCation: Family-fun vacation, Hokie-style

July 5-8, 2012

Summer fun exploring programs and activities at Virginia Tech! Join this special "vacation" opportunity for families to enjoy outdoor adventures, campus tours, and demonstrations. Experience what it's like to be a junior gardener or tour Hahn Horticulture Garden. Learn about healthy nutrition for the whole family. Engage in activities at our recreational sports facilities. Take a behind the scenes tour of VT's Lane Stadium. Optional Cascades Hiking Adventure through VT Venture Out program available. [Register now](#)!

Adults $165
Children Ages 13-17 $89
Children Ages 4-12 $69
Children 3 and Under are Free
Optional: Cascades Hiking Adventure - $25 per person

SPECIAL ALUMNI LODGING PRICING!
The Inn at Virginia Tech
$99 per night*
*Based on availability. Taxes and gratuity not included.

Dates to Remember:

- May 10: Grad Bash
- May 11: Spring Commencement
- June 2: [The Wine Festival at Virginia Tech](#)
- September 1-3: Chapter Officers Forum