The Virginia Tech class ring embodies and invokes memories, traditions and pride that tie Hokies, young and old, together. The tradition began in the 1911–1912 school session when four classes (1911–1914) designed their rings.

Since the beginning, each Virginia Tech class has designed a ring distinctive and unique to its class. Today, Virginia Tech is one of only a few colleges and universities that redesign their ring collection each year.

Each year, the sophomore class selects a Ring Design Committee responsible for designing and marketing their class ring collection, adding elements that reflect their class experiences on the class side. All Virginia Tech ring designs have an eagle and crossed sabers or rifles, usually found on the university side and symbolizing the military heritage and traditions of the Corps of Cadets. The chain links that have encircled the ring bezel on Virginia Tech rings since 1940 represent class unity, the strength of many united as one.

Since 1991, the design process has included the recognition of a distinguished alumnus, alumna, or university president. The design, collection, and the namesake are announced to the class during the fall of their junior year at Ring Premiere. The Class of 2013 recognizes David E. Lowe ’63 as their ring collection namesake.
The class of 2013 is proud to have Colonel Richard S. “Rock” Roszak and Patty Roszak as our class sponsors. Rock currently serves as the Director of Corps Alumni Programs. A member of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets, Col. Roszak received his B.S. in Business Management from Virginia Tech in 1971 and a M.A. in General Studies from Texas Christian University in 1978.

Colonel Roszak is from Staunton, Virginia. He served 27 years on active duty in the United States Air Force. He received his navigator wings in 1972 and achieved a final rating of combat-ready Master Navigator, accumulating over 2,000 flight hours in a variety of aircraft, most notably in the B-52D/F/G, B-1B, and KC/C-135.

His assignments include a number of staff tours where he performed duties as special assistant to the USAF Chief of Staff and as the liaison officer for strategic aircraft programs to the House and Senate Armed Services Committees. In 1991, Colonel Roszak spent two years leading the technical negotiations to assist the Former Soviet Union in dismantling their nuclear weapon launch systems.

He spent his final four years of active duty as the commander of the Virginia Tech Air Force (VTAF) ROTC Detachment 875. During his period as commander, the VTAF became the sixth largest AFROTC detachment in the country and led the nation in scholarships awarded to Air Force cadets.

Colonel Roszak is married to the former Patty Loveless of Arlington, Virginia, also a 1971 graduate of Virginia Tech. Patty majored in Health and Physical Education and was a member of Chi Delta Alpha Service Sorority. She served on the 1971 Ring Dance Committee. A VT family, they have two daughters and two son-in-laws with Tech degrees that have been blessed with five grandchildren.

The Class of 2013 has selected David Lowe as their class ring namesake and is extremely proud to honor him for his many years of service and dedication to Virginia Tech. Lowe was a member of the Class of 1963 earning a bachelor of science in business administration. While at Tech, he was elected president of his class, and served as the Regimental Commander of the Corps of Cadets. He was a member of the honor fraternity, Omicron Delta Kappa, and the Leader of the GERMAN Club.

After graduating, he was employed by C&P Telephone Company (now Verizon). Soon after, Lowe was called to active duty with the U.S. Air Force where he served for five years. During his service, he attained the rank of Captain with assignments in France and Germany.

Lowe later retired from Bell Atlantic- West Virginia as President and Chief Executive Officer. During this time the company was recognized for historically high earnings and service levels, and was acknowledged for its leadership in economic development and private sector support to education.

Currently, Lowe serves as chairman of the Operating Board of the The River Course, LLC, is a member the Ut Prosim Society, and serves on the boards of Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Alumni and GERMAN Club Alumni. He has served on the Pamplin College of Business Advisory Council, and as past president of both the GERMAN Club Alumni Foundation and the Virginia Tech Alumni Association.

David and his wife Sharon live in the Blacksburg area and are parents to four children and have eight grandchildren.
To the Class of 2013,

The time has come when we are finally more than halfway through our college career and are fortunate to reflect upon how this university has shaped us as individuals. We will only become better and brighter in the next two years as we live out the University’s motto, Ut Prosim – That I May Serve. While we are constantly reminded to leave our legacy on this campus, it truly is the university and traditions that shape us.

Since 1911, each graduating class has redesigned their ring based on their student experience. Elements such as the screaming eagle and crossed sabers or rifle have been a part of every ring. However, just as new buildings have arisen, the ring has changed tremendously and will continue to do so long into the future. The Class of 2013 ring reminds us of our time and experiences at Tech and is a tangible representation of the growth we’ve experienced from our first-move in, until the time we walk at commencement in our black cap and gown.

When you try on your ring, be proud to be a part of the 102 years of tradition that came before you, and the bonds you have made while at Virginia Tech.

Clayton VanBuren Miller
Ring Design Chair
Class of 2013
In partnership with Balfour and after many meetings and sketches, the committee presents its work to an artist who professionally renders it on a ring shank drawing. After several rounds of revisions and improvements, the art is digitized and then drawn in a Computer Aided Design (CAD) program for the manufacturer. Balfour uses this CAD file to create a wax version of the ring for final approval by the committee.

Once approved, a master mold is created. The ancient lost wax process is used to make the detailed rings that Hokies cherish. Each class ring is made to order, passing through the skilled hands of at least 30 craftsmen and is subjected to seven detailed inspections to ensure it meets all our quality standards.
DAVID E. LOWE '63 COLLECTION

MEN’S COLLECTION

VINCO

COMMANDER

COMMODORE

VINCO OVAL TOP

VINCO SQUARE TOP

VALOR

COURAGE

OPULENCE

VINCO

INTEGRITY

PROSPERITY

TRIUMPH

VINCO MINIATURE OVAL TOP

SERENITY

PREVAIL

WOMEN’S COLLECTION

CLASS OF 2013

VICTORIOUS

OPULENCE
**CLASS SIDE**

**CURRENT HORSEBIRD**
Since the tradition's debut in 1987, this beloved mascot serves to boost morale and represents our love and passion for Virginia Tech.

**DOWNTOWN BLACKSBURG**
Downtown is an experience in itself as it allows Virginia Tech community to enjoy local restaurants, shopping and town events. Downtown never fails to provide fun and excitement.

**CLASS Motto**
The 2013 motto, Semper Vincit, Translatio to "Always Excel, Always Overcome, Always Outshine," embodies the passion and drive of the Class of 2013.

**HOKIE STONE**
The Hokie Stone, a yardstick in a memorial in the Upper Quad, commemorates the courage and self-sacrifice of the alumni who have fallen in service to our country. This saying is inscribed on "The Rock", a memorial to honor Virginia Tech alumni from World War I.

**FOUR QUADRANTS**
The Virginia Tech rings, symbolizing the twin virtues of strength and freedom. The seven stars honor the valor of our seven Medal of Honor recipients.

**THE ROCK**
"Sic Semper Tyrannis" meaning "Thus Always to Tyrants." Virginia Tech is located in. The Commonwealth's flag bears the state motto, "Sic Semper Tyrannis" meaning "Thus Always to Tyrants." Virginia Tech rings, symbolizing the twin virtues of strength and freedom. The seven stars honor the valor of our seven Medal of Honor recipients.

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA FLAG**
The Virginia state flag is representative of the great Commonwealth that it serves many academic and administrative purposes as well as hanging in the Pylons above War Memorial Chapel, serving in foreign wars, beginning with World War I.

**BURRELL HALL**
Completed in 1936, Burruss Hall is named for the University’s eighth president, Julian Ashby Burruss. As the signature building on campus, it serves many academic and administrative purposes as well as housing concerts, shows, and other student productions in the auditorium.

**PYLE STADIUM**
Central to the Corps of Cadets is the Cadet Grounds. The cenotaph commemorates the seven alumni that have received the Congressional Medal of Honor.

**LEST WE FORGET**
In honor of the alumni who have lost their lives serving our country. This saying is inscribed on "The Rock", a memorial in the Upper Quad to honor Virginia Tech alumni from World War I.

**THE AMERICAN FLAG**
Waving proudly on the Virginia Tech campus is the Virginia state flag, the Virginia Tech rings, symbolizing the twin virtues of strength and freedom. The seven stars honor the valor of our seven Medal of Honor recipients.

**CLASS NUMERALS**
The Class of 2013 is the 139th class to graduate from the university.
### Options & Pricing

#### Ring Pricing

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#### Special Stone Options

#### Payment Options

**Pay In Full**: Receive a 35% discount when you pay in full at time of order.

**Time Payment**: Your balance will be divided into 2, 4, or 8 equal payments on your MasterCard, Visa, Discover, or American Express and charged at 30-day intervals until the balance is paid in full.

**C.O.D.**: Leave a 25% deposit when you place your order and pay the balance due when the ring arrives.

### Warranty

Lengths and Conditions of Guarantee Regarding Defects in Material and Workmanship: The rings are warranted to be free of defect in workmanship and materials.

Length and Scope of Guarantee Regarding Stones and Stone Decoration: Any damaged simulated stone will be replaced at no charge regardless of the cause of damage.

Conditions and Associated Charges for Ring Resizing and Ring Adjustments: The ring will be resized at no charge.

Conditions and Associated Charges for Replacement of Damaged Ring: If through normal wear and tear a ring is worn beyond satisfaction, it may be exchanged for a new ring. There is no charge for this service. If a ring is damaged beyond satisfaction outside of these parameters, another ring can be purchased for the cost of Balfour’s existing remake charge.

Conditions and associated charges for ordering additional rings: Additional Rings May Be Ordered At Any Time After December 31, 2012, the rings may be ordered at the prevailing price at time of order. Prevailing price will be determined according to cost of gold and stones at time of ordering.

Conditions and Associated Charges for Changes in Academic College Destination: A classmate who changes colleges at Virginia Tech after a ring is purchased may return the ring to be remade with proper designation at no charge.

### 1949

The end of the 40s saw a swell of veterans returning to Virginia Tech. A classmate who served overseas and changed his class designation at the time of ordering may return the ring to be remade with proper designation at no charge.

### 1958

Owing to a lack of materials, the Class of 1958 Ring was postponed.

### 1963

David Lowe served on the committee to design the Class of 1963 ring.
Over the past seventy-seven years, Virginia Tech students and faculty have gathered to celebrate the beloved and lasting tradition of Ring Dance. Established by the Class of 1935, Ring Dance weekend takes place in the spring of a student’s junior year.

The celebration includes a ceremonial ring presentation in Squires Commonwealth Ballroom. Couples receive ribbons in their class colors, used to tie each other’s rings on their wrists for their ring presentation. Traditionally, the women wear the darker ribbon while the men wear the lighter ribbon.

A time-honored ritual performed by the Corps of Cadets marks the ring presentation. Marching into the ballroom, junior Cadets form the Ring Figure of their graduating class year, followed by the formation of the Sabre Arch. Under this arch, freshman Cadets escort each Cadet’s date. At the conclusion of the song, hundreds of balloons are released on civilians and cadets below. A tradition that began as a Corps prank many years ago, and is now handled by members of the Virginia Tech Swine Club, is the release of a small pig into the ballroom for a brief period after the ring presentation. Finally, “Silver Taps” is played and a report from the Skipper Cannon concludes the event.

As we embark on our third year at Virginia Tech, it has become evident that tradition and Hokie pride will be a part of our lives forever. One of the largest traditions at Virginia Tech has been the class ring and the Ring Dance Celebration. We commemorate this time-honored tradition with a weekend in March that you will remember for the rest of your life.

On behalf of the 2013 Ring Dance Committee, I am honored to cordially invite you to join us in the tradition of Ring Banquet and Ring Dance. This renowned weekend will honor 102 years of Virginia Tech class rings, 78 years of Ring Dance and the countless memories the Class of 2013 has and will continue to make throughout our time in Blacksburg. The formal Ring Dance promises to be a fun-filled evening recognizing the success of the Junior Class, the presentation of the rings through the Corps of Cadets’ Ring Figure and Sabre Arch, and a lively band for dancing. To conclude such an incredible weekend, a display of fireworks will be held at midnight over the Drillfield.

Please join the 2013 Ring Dance Committee, as well as the 2013 Leadership Team, for a weekend affair only a Virginia Tech student has the opportunity to experience. We promise that this ring celebration will easily be one of your most cherished memories at Virginia Tech and look forward to seeing you there.

Forever a Hokie,
Kelley Marie English
Class of 2013 Ring Dance Chair
Over the last two years, we have broken away from our childhood homes and transformed ourselves from eager high school seniors to scholarly juniors and leaders of tomorrow. During this time, we have enjoyed the many traditions at Virginia Tech, overcome tough challenges, made lifelong friends, and obtained lifelong skills and memories. We have learned that not having keys on game day is frowned upon, the weather always keeps us on our toes, the sound of construction is as natural as the local wildlife, and when you come across the smells from the local farms, you know you’re home sweet home. More importantly, we belong to the nation’s strongest community: a community in which “stranger” is an undefined word, a community which obtains satisfaction and fulfillment by living the University motto, Ut Prosim, “That I May Serve.” We have reached an important milestone at this university in which a century old tradition recognizes and celebrates: the Ring of Virginia Tech. The Class Ring, redesigned every year by each respective class is a shared bond between classmates and the nearly 250,000 living alumni. To you, the Ring will serve as a reminder of your time here at Virginia Tech. To others, the Ring will serve as a testimony of your achievements and as a statement of your identity, a Hokie of Virginia Tech. I encourage you to participate in this long-standing tradition that will surely add to your Virginia Tech experience and further define your relationship with your classmates and this grand university.

Sincerely,

Tyler Campbell
Class of 2013 President