DEAR PARENTS AND FAMILIES,

On behalf of the entire university community, welcome to the 2017–2018 academic year at Virginia Tech. We are a caring community committed to your student’s development as a scholar and as a person. Families are our valued partners and we will work with you to provide the very best education for your student—from orientation through graduation, both in and out of the classroom.

In the Division of Student Affairs, we often say that our work is to help students become their best selves. We do that by providing a framework for academic achievement, personal growth, and lifelong fulfillment that supports your student’s unique values and goals.

With the Aspirations for Student Learning as our foundation, Division of Student Affairs programs and services complement academic learning and enhance the Virginia Tech experience. We recognize that students create their own paths at Virginia Tech and every opportunity, event, and experience they pursue helps define who they are and how they will become the person they wish to be.

Each year, I have the privilege of working with and getting to know many students, and I see them upholding the university’s ideals as they discover and express themselves. Your student has made a commitment that will transform them. I look forward to seeing how they distinguish themselves during their time at Virginia Tech.

The Virginia Tech experience is waiting for you and your student. We can help make the most of it as your central resource for the programs, services, events, and assistance you and your student need. Together, we can make the Virginia Tech journey one that prepares students for rich and rewarding lives.

If we can assist you or your student in any way, please don’t hesitate to contact our team in Family and Alumni Relations at 540-231-5111. You can also contact us at families@vt.edu if you have questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Perillo, Ph.D.
Vice President for Student Affairs

WELL-BEING AND ENGAGEMENT

Virginia Tech and Gallup® are collaborating on research that provides insight into how the collegiate experience makes graduates thrive. The data gained will allow Virginia Tech to focus on measures of emotional support, as well as experiential and deep learning, to enhance your student’s college experience. Research informs us that students prosper the most when they have...

- At least one professor who made them excited about learning
- A professor who cared about them as a person
- A mentor who encouraged their hopes and dreams
- Long term projects that take a semester or more to complete
- Internships or jobs where they applied their learning
- Opportunities for significant engagement in co-curricular activities and organizations

Initial research findings reveal that Virginia Tech students and alumni are thriving, happy, and engaged. We want your student to prosper as well, so throughout this publication, we’ll offer a variety of ways you can encourage your student to seek out these opportunities.

EXPERIENCE VIRGINIA TECH

We want your student to have an exceptional college experience, and our excellent academic programs are a great start. Recognizing that learning happens in and out of the classroom, the Division of Student Affairs (DSA) facilitates experiences and offers resources students need to graduate as successful, educated, and reflective individuals. Through DSA programs, events, and services, students can hone their skills as responsible leaders, discover and pursue promising careers, develop habits for healthy and fulfilling lifestyles, and make a tangible, positive impact on the communities to which they belong.

Our grounding philosophy is rooted in the Aspirations for Student Learning. The five Aspirations for Student Learning are the summation of what we hope your student will strive toward; embracing these Aspirations will help Virginia Tech students define themselves.

- **Commit to unwavering curiosity**
  Virginia Tech students will be inspired to lead lives of curiosity, embracing a lifelong commitment to intellectual development.

- **Pursue self-understanding and integrity**
  Virginia Tech students will form a set of affirmative values and develop the self-understanding to integrate these values into their decision-making.

- **Practice civility**
  Virginia Tech students will understand and commit to civility as a way of life in their interactions with others.

- **Prepare for a life of courageous leadership**
  Virginia Tech students will be courageous leaders who serve as change agents and make the world more humane and just.

- **Embrace Ut Prosim as a way of life**
  Virginia Tech students will enrich their lives through service to others.

The Division of Student Affairs helps students explore, practice, and live the Aspirations for Student Learning by realizing the opportunities they might pursue while at Virginia Tech—from internships, career fairs, and engagement in student organizations, to intramural sports, leadership development, and everything in between. Much like a degree offers value to a profession, your student’s engagement with activities outside the classroom will make them a well-rounded, marketable, and self-aware community citizen, exhibiting transferable skills valued by employers. By attending events and programs, taking part in clubs and organizations, reflecting on their experiences, and tracking their progress, Virginia Tech students can capture the pivotal moments in their lives as Hokies. GobblerConnect, an online platform available specifically to Virginia Tech students, is the best place for your student to get involved in clubs and organizations, discover the latest events and programs, exchange information with other engaged Hokies, and start their Virginia Tech journey!

**CliftonStrengths®**

At Virginia Tech, students are encouraged to focus on their gifts and talents, developing them into true strengths. This is a departure from the status quo, which insists upon focusing on weaknesses and attempting to elevate them; research shows that people are much more engaged when they work within their strengths.

The Division of Student Affairs offers CliftonStrengths®, an assessment tool that provides students with the knowledge and vocabulary to describe their talents and the areas in which they excel.

Students who know their strengths will be able to explore and engage the Aspirations for Student Learning at a more personal level. Through this exploration, students can be intentional in investing in their talents, expanding their curiosities, and putting those talents to use. This commitment will help them develop their true strengths while at Virginia Tech.
TIPS

- Subscribe to the Hokie Family E-newsletter
  Sign up for this monthly email at www.dsa.vt.edu/family/stayinformed to keep up with all that’s going on at Virginia Tech.

- Mark your calendars for Fall Family Weekend
  Bring your entire family to campus October 6–8 to visit your student! Registration opens August 8.

- Check out the You’re in...Now What? website
  If you haven’t already, visit www.nowwhat.dsa.vt.edu. You’ll find information on just about anything you need to know about the university, from where to eat and how to use a dining plan to living with a roommate and ways to get involved!

- Check out Housing and Residence Life’s tips for packing
  Find a list of suggested items your student should bring with them, as well as prohibited items that may violate fire-safety and other university policies, at www.housing.vt.edu/experience/moveinmoveout.

- Learn Virginia Tech lingo
  Check out the Virginia Tech glossary of terms at www.nsp.vt.edu/glossary.

- 2018-2019 Scholarship Application Portal opens
  The portal opens this month, and the deadline for scholarships is December 1. Apply at www.finaid.vt.edu.

- Check out Career and Professional Development (CPD) and Hokies4Hire
  If your student is looking for a job or internship, take advantage of CPD and the Hokies4Hire job listing system. This includes Federal Work Study jobs, which have a September deadline for new hires. Find out more at www.finaid.vt.edu/types_of_aid/fws. The financial aid office will send email reminders regarding Federal Work Study deadlines.

- Discover all that Dining Services has to offer
  Check out our dining centers at www.dining.vt.edu and see why the Princeton Review thinks your student will be one of the best-fed college students in the nation. Dining Services also hires student employees. Employees get a free meal with each shift worked, and the schedules are flexible. Apply online and contact diningjobs@vt.edu with questions.

- Learn about university policies and the Student Code of Conduct
  Review the Hokie Handbook with your student to help you better understand the individual and community expectations for all Hokies. Visit www.hokiehandbook.vt.edu.

- Stock up on Hokie gear
  Help your student look like a Hokie by suggesting they pick up some maroon and orange gear at University Bookstore, Volume Two Bookstore, Hokie Centric, stadium Hokie shops, or the Dietrick Convenience Store.

- Learn about your student’s Hokie Passport
  Hokie Passport Services provides the official identification card that permits authorized access to university services and facilities, manages dining accounts, and maintains individual debit accounts for use in various vendor locations on and off campus. For more information, please visit www.hokiepassport.vt.edu or call 540-231-6121.

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Steppin’ Out Street Festival
Holiday Weekend
• Attend Fall Family Weekend
  Experience Virginia Tech with your student October 6–8. Keep up with www.family.dsa.vt.edu to find out more.

• Encourage your student to get involved
  Tell your student to visit GobblerConnect, Virginia Tech's online portal for student organizations and campus events. This is a very easy way to quickly find groups and opportunities that match your student’s interests, from community service and academics to scary movies and chess. Learn more and discover hundreds of student organizations at gobblerconnect.vt.edu.

• Tell your student about Gobblerfest
  Gobblerfest is the annual student organization fair that takes place on Friday, September 8 on the Drillfield. This is another great way to learn more about what's available for students who are looking to get involved on campus.

• Explore career fairs
  Please encourage your student to view the complete listing of fairs under Events > Career Fairs and Job Fairs at www.career.vt.edu. Internships and jobs will prepare them to begin their careers after graduation.

• Computer in need of repairs?
  If your student's computer needs repairs throughout the year, they can contact the Virginia Tech Services Inc. Computer Service Center at 540-552-1459.

• Learn about Cook Counseling Center
  Talk to your student about how to balance their academic schedule with their social life. If they are feeling unusually overwhelmed, recommend a visit to Cook Counseling Center on campus. Visit the center’s website at www.ucc.vt.edu.

• Sign up for VT Alerts and download the LiveSafe app
  Have your student sign up for VT Alerts and follow @VTAlerts on Twitter for campus emergency notifications. You can sign up and follow as well! Also, parents and students can download the Virginia Tech LiveSafe app for a comprehensive mobile guide to campus resources and SafeWalk technology. For more information, visit www.emergency.vt.edu.

• Cheer on the Hokies
  Students can attend most sporting events simply by showing their Hokie Passport. For information on student tickets to football games, including season tickets and the lottery system, visit www.hokietickets.com/student/football. Remember, with football comes tailgating, so encourage your student to have fun and be safe. If you are visiting and tailgating with your student, remember that the alcoholic beverages policies in the Student Code of Conduct apply to them—even when they are with you. Please visit www.studentconduct.vt.edu for more information.

• Become familiar with university resources...but challenge your student to figure it out on their own
  Continue becoming familiar with university resources so you can direct your student to the appropriate office or department for assistance. Encourage your student to handle their own problems without relying on you to solve them.

• Encourage your student to stay in Blacksburg on the weekends
  Encourage your student not to come home every weekend, particularly during the first few weeks of the fall semester. Students can miss out on a lot the university has to offer, and their absence can keep them from meeting new people.

Encourage your student to take the CliftonStrengths® Assessment at vt.gallup.com and find their top five strengths.

Students who know their strengths can be intentional in investing in their talents, expanding their curiosities, and putting those talents to use.

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• First day to add classes
• Career and Professional Development Gala
• Family E-newsletter
• Kickoff Concert and Welcome Back Spirit Rally
• Football vs. East Carolina
• International Day of Peace
• Grandparents Day
• Last day to add classes
• Career and Professional Development Gala
• Family E-newsletter
• Kickoff Concert and Welcome Back Spirit Rally
• Budget Tuition Plan second debit
• Football vs. East Carolina
• Football vs. Old Dominion (White Effect/Military Appreciation)
• Football vs. East Carolina
• Remind your student to stay healthy
Aside from eating right and getting enough sleep, remind your student to be aware of their stress level. Stress can compromise the immune system, so suggest ways to help your student de-stress. Also encourage them to get a flu shot at Schiffert Health Center or at the annual flu clinic on October 4. Visit [www.healthcenter.vt.edu](http://www.healthcenter.vt.edu) for more information.

• Send a care package
October is the month of midterms, and your student may be anxious about the first big exam of their college career. Sending them a care package during this time will put a big smile on their face. Visit the Mail Services website at [www.mailservices.vt.edu](http://www.mailservices.vt.edu) to find out how to properly address packages so they will reach the right residence hall.

• Discuss your student’s academic progress
If your student seems to be struggling in the classroom or just wants to do better, encourage them to visit the Student Success Center. The center offers tutoring, seminars, and other resources to help with reaching academic goals. Learn more at [www.studentsuccess.vt.edu](http://www.studentsuccess.vt.edu). Poor academic performance can also affect financial aid. Find out more information about Satisfactory Academic Progress at [www.finaid.vt.edu/appeals/satisfactory-academic-progress](http://www.finaid.vt.edu/appeals/satisfactory-academic-progress).

• Talk with your student about communicating and setting boundaries with roommates
Learning to live with a roommate can be one of the biggest challenges your student may face. Encourage them to consult with their resident advisor (RA) if they run into challenges. In addition, let them know that Student Conduct has adaptable conflict resolution services. Visit [www.studentconduct.vt.edu](http://www.studentconduct.vt.edu) for more information.

• Start (or complete) the FAFSA
Financial aid recipients need to refile the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) every year. The 2018-2019 FAFSA becomes available October 1 File online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). To ensure maximum consideration for financial aid, you must complete this application by the priority deadline of January 15, 2018.

• Encourage your student to meet their professors
Research shows that students are more successful when they have at least one professor who makes them excited about learning. Encourage your student to visit their professors during office hours and to participate and be vocal in the classroom.

• Check your student’s dining plan and add money if needed
Is your student running low on dining plan or Hokie Passport Account funds? For step-by-step instructions on how your student may authorize you as a depositor, as well as how to make an online deposit, visit [www.hokiepassport.vt.edu](http://www.hokiepassport.vt.edu). Keep in mind the Hokie Passport Account may be used in university vending machines, laundries, bookstores, numerous retail locations on and off campus, and in university dining centers, whereas Dining Dollars and Flex Additions deposits may only be used in Virginia Tech dining centers.

• Encourage your student to meet with an academic advisor
Course registration for spring 2018 will begin soon. Check with your student to see if they have met with an academic advisor. If not, encourage them to do so.

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**Commit to Unwavering Curiosity**

Virginia Tech students will be inspired to lead lives of curiosity, embracing a life-long commitment to intellectual development.
### TIPS

- **Assess first semester**
  With the fall semester winding down, it’s a good time to discuss your student’s assessment of their first semester of college. Ask your student about likes or dislikes and what they would change, and brainstorm a few ideas about what they can do to make their second semester even better than their first.

- **Encourage long-term projects**
  Foster initiative and dedication in your student by encouraging them to put as much time and effort into long-term projects as possible. Often, these projects directly relate to future career experiences and successes.

- **Offer support in this busy season**
  November is a time when co-curricular activities amp up with seasonal parties, concerts, service projects, religious activities, and more. These can sometimes drain a student’s energy. Reach out to your student to offer support and remind them to study and keep up with assignments.

- **Talk about finances**
  If you expect your student to pay for their own entertainment—eating out with friends, going to the movies, etc.—work with them to set a budget. You might suggest they look to the university for a part-time job. After all, there’s no better employer than a university when it comes to understanding a student’s school schedule. Your student can search for jobs on Hokies4Hire.

- **Apply for 2018-2019 scholarships**
  The Scholarship Application Portal opened in August, and the deadline for various scholarships is December 1. Apply now at www.finaid.vt.edu.

- **Expect change**
  Discuss expectations for when your student returns home for Thanksgiving break. Expect that they have changed some from the person who went away to school in August.

- **Research study abroad**
  If your student mentions wanting to study abroad in an upcoming semester, check out www.globaleducation.vt.edu and offer them some suggestions. We offer programs in Switzerland, India, Ghana, and countless other locations around the world. It’s a great way to get college credit while learning about the global community. Students can get their US passports and passport pictures at the Squires Passport Acceptance Facility. More information can be found at www.campuslife.vt.edu/uspassport.

- **Talk about Winter Session**
  During winter break, Virginia Tech provides students with the opportunity to continue to learn during their time off from regular university semesters through Winter Session. Students will have the option to study abroad, take online courses, or enroll in on-campus classes. For more information, visit www.winter.edm.vt.edu.

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**Pursue Self-Understanding & Integrity**

Virginia Tech students will form a set of affirmative values and develop the self-understanding to integrate these values into their decision-making.

- **Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony**
- **Veterans Day: Football vs. Georgia Tech**
- **Last Budget Tuition Plan debit for fall semester**
- **Veterans Day: Football vs. Pitt**
- **Thanksgiving break begins**
- **Thanksgiving Day**
- **Football vs. Virginia**
- **Veterans Day: Football vs. Georgia Tech**
- **Daylight Saving Time ends**
- **Family E-newsletter**

**Residence halls close at 10:00 A.M.**

- **Residence halls re-open at 8:00 A.M.**
- **Veterans Day: Football vs. Georgia Tech**
- **Thanksgiving break ends**

**Note:**

- **Residence halls close at 10:00 A.M.**
- **Veterans Day: Football vs. Georgia Tech**
- **Thanksgiving break ends**

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**End Note:**

- **Residence halls close at 10:00 A.M.**
- **Veterans Day: Football vs. Georgia Tech**
- **Thanksgiving break ends**
• Advise your student on ways to stay healthy
As the air begins to get colder and end-of-semester exams and projects loom, it’s important that your student builds a stronger immunity to protect against germs. Advise your student to get enough rest and get moving. Encourage them to take advantage of all that Recreational Sports has to offer, including the gyms and pools in McComas and War Memorial Halls. Push them to try something new through intramural sports, small group training, or outdoor trips.

• Be aware of when residence halls and dining centers close
Remember that residence halls close on December 21 for winter break. Fall dining plans end at 8:00 P.M. on December 20. Any unused funds will roll to the spring semester as long as a spring dining plan is purchased.

• Remind your student to sell textbooks
Remind your student that used textbooks can be taken to University Bookstore or Volume Two to be sold for cash. If your student’s computer needs repairs after the semester, they can contact the Virginia Tech Services Inc. Computer Service Center at 540-552-1459.

• Discuss first semester grades
If your student earned lower-than-expected grades, remember that first semester grades often reflect the shock of adjusting to a new environment. If your student is experiencing serious academic problems, encourage them to talk with an academic advisor about getting help. To help give students the time and space they need to succeed, they can study late at Starbucks in the North End Center, as well as Newman Library or Torgersen Hall.

• Discuss break expectations
When students return home for the month-long winter break, they may be concerned about losing their independence after several months away. Talk with your student ahead of time about your expectations while they are living at home.

• Remind your student that the Student Code of Conduct applies outside of Blacksburg
Hokies are Hokies everywhere they go, and the Student Code of Conduct goes with them. Visit www.studentconduct.vt.edu for more information.
**TIPS**

- **Encourage mentorship and a fresh perspective on academics**
  As classes resume for the spring semester with new professors and classmates, encourage your student to take a renewed, invigorated look at their classes as not just sources of college credit, but also as opportunities to discover new interests and learn new skills. Students who seek out a mentor have a higher rate of success during their university experience than those who don’t. Express to your student the importance of making connections with seasoned professionals within the community.

- **Complete and submit the FAFSA**
  To be considered for maximum financial aid, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the priority deadline of January 15. Students can still apply after this date to be considered for loans and other limited financial aid.

- **Talk to your student about housing for the upcoming academic year**
  Only incoming first-year students are guaranteed campus housing, so talk with your student about their living arrangements for the next school year. If students want to remain on campus, they need to apply via the housing application process (HAP). Learn more at [www.housing.vt.edu/hap](http://www.housing.vt.edu/hap).

- **Look into Off-Campus Housing**
  If your student will be living off campus next year, they need to begin researching housing opportunities, as well as looking for potential roommates. Encourage them to work with Virginia Tech Off-Campus Housing, a part of Student Engagement and Campus Life, and go to the Off-Campus Housing Fair on March 28. The department can help them find the right living situation. Find more information at [www.campuslife.vt.edu/vtoch](http://www.campuslife.vt.edu/vtoch).

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TIPS

• Talk about spring break plans
Your student is probably excited about the upcoming spring break, March 4–12. Talk about their potential plans and encourage them to begin budgeting and preparing for the break. Encourage your student to check out alternative spring break opportunities available through VT Engage and other departments and organizations on campus. Also, remind your student to stay safe during the break. If your student is traveling with friends, discuss plans in case of an emergency.

• Encourage your student to visit Career and Professional Development
It’s common for students at this stage to be undecided about their major. Encourage your student to visit Career and Professional Development to discuss various career options and what to consider when selecting a major. Some majors may require an internship, or perhaps your student is beginning to look for a summer job related to their field of study. Career advisors can help students research internships, create or revise a resume, and more. For more information, visit the Career and Professional Development website at www.career.vt.edu.

• Encourage your student to make the most of their time at Virginia Tech
As they explore, practice, and live the Aspirations for Student Learning, your student will begin to know themselves, learn about others, discover their strengths, and understand how their talents align with their goals. By embracing this framework for academic achievement, personal growth, and lifelong fulfillment, your student will have opportunities to reflect on all they are learning, develop their innate gifts, collaborate with peers, identify a mentor who will guide them, and graduate with a deep understanding and commitment to upholding the Aspirations for Student Learning throughout their lives.

• Discuss possible living arrangements for next year
Only incoming first-year students are guaranteed campus housing, so your student may not be able to live on campus. If your student will be living off campus next year, they need to begin researching housing opportunities, as well as looking for potential roommates. Encourage them to work with Virginia Tech Off-Campus Housing, a part of Student Engagement and Campus Life, and go to the Off-Campus Housing Fair on March 28. The department can help them find the right living situation. Find out more information at www.campuslife.vt.edu/vtoch.

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Practice Civility
Virginia Tech Students will understand and commit to civility as a way of life in their interactions with others.
• Talk about spring break plans
If your student will be vacationing during spring break, talk about their plans for a safe travel experience during the break from school. If your student is returning home for the break, encourage them to relax and rest as they gear up for the final weeks of the semester.

• Remind your student to check their email for financial aid information for 2018–2019
University Scholarships and Financial Aid will begin receiving FAFSA information this month. Remind your student to watch their Virginia Tech email account for information about needed documentation to complete the process. Returning students will be notified of their award package in late May.

• Plan for Spring Family Weekend
Start planning for Spring Family Weekend, April 13–15. Bring the whole family for a weekend of fun on our beautiful campus and around town. See what we have planned at www.dsa.vt.edu/family.

• Encourage your student to visit Venture Out
If your student is interested in outdoor activities, spring is the time for them to take advantage of Venture Out, the university’s own outdoor adventure service. Families are more than welcome to join their students on the trips as well. Visit their website at www.recsports.vt.edu/getactive/outdoorrecreation to learn more about equipment rental services, programs, and trips, from horseback riding and camping to stand up paddle boarding and caving.

• Midterms are just around the corner
Spring midterms are just around the corner; remind your student about the importance of healthy habits and study habits. Encourage your student to speak with professors if they have any questions or concerns about their class performance.

• Remind your student to spring forward one hour
Daylight Saving Time begins on March 11.

• Plan for Summer Sessions
Encourage your student to plan ahead if they are attending Summer Sessions at Virginia Tech. If they plan to live on campus for the summer, they will need to purchase a summer dining plan. Contact Hokie Passport Services for more information and to sign up for a dining plan.

• Check your student’s dining plan and add money if needed
Is your student running low on dining plan or Hokie Passport Account funds? For step-by-step instructions on how your student may authorize you as a depositor, as well as how to make an online deposit, visit www.hokiepassport.vt.edu. Keep in mind the Hokie Passport Account may be used in university vending machines, laundries, bookstores, numerous retail locations on and off campus, and in university dining centers, whereas Dining Dollars and Flex Additions deposits may only be used in Virginia Tech dining centers.

**TIPS**

**Prepare for a life of Courageous Leadership**
Virginia Tech students will be courageous leaders who serve as change agents and make the world more humane and just.
**TIPS**

- **Attend Spring Family Weekend**
  Register for and learn more about the April 13-15 event at www.dsa.vt.edu/family.

- **Suggest healthy habits for studying**
  Your student may experience high levels of anxiety while studying for final exams, especially if there is pressure to improve grades from the previous semester. Suggest ways to relax, and encourage them to create a manageable study plan.

- **Remind your student that a break is coming**
  As the weather gets warmer, spring fever may mount and your student might feel like skipping a few classes here and there. Remind them that summer is just around the corner, but now is the time to continue attending class. This will pay off at the end of the semester. Encourage your student to approach final exams with a positive attitude.

- **Discuss taking on leadership roles in student organizations**
  Many student organizations will begin recruiting new leadership for the next year at the end of the spring semester. Getting involved in a student organization is a great way for your student to be a part of the university community. Encourage them to reach out to Student Engagement and Campus Life at www.campuslife.vt.edu to learn more about student leadership opportunities.

- **Encourage your student to participate in The Big Event**
  The Big Event, one of Virginia Tech’s largest service events, takes place April 7. Encourage your student to take part in one of nearly 1,000 community service projects that happen during The Big Event all throughout Blacksburg, Christiansburg, and the New River Valley.

- **Confirm summer living arrangements**
  If your student is staying in Blacksburg for the summer, make sure they have finalized living arrangements. Students attending Summer Sessions may be eligible for on-campus housing. Find out more at www.housing.vt.edu/contracts/apply/summer.

- **Look out for University Scholarships and Financial Aid**
  University Scholarships and Financial Aid will begin awarding summer financial aid this month. There is no separate application for summer financial aid. Your student’s financial aid eligibility will automatically be reviewed once they are enrolled in summer classes.
• **Financial aid award notices for 2018-2019 go out in May**
  Remind your student to review their Hokie SPA account to make sure University Scholarships and Financial Aid has received all requested documentation.

• **Discuss move-out**
  It’s almost time to move out of on-campus housing for the summer, and there will be vacating rules your student must follow. Encourage them to speak with a resident advisor about the checkout procedures. They can also learn more at [www.housing.vt.edu/movingout](http://www.housing.vt.edu/movingout). Residence halls will close at noon on Thursday, May 11. Before your student leaves for summer, remind them to take their used textbooks to the University Bookstore or Volume Two Bookstore to sell for cash.

• **Dining plans must be spent by the end of the semester**
  We encourage students to spend all remaining dining plan funds by May 9 at 8:00 p.m. to avoid forfeiture. For students with excess funds, bulk purchases can be made at any dining center.

• **Discuss possible living arrangements for next year**
  Only incoming first-year students are guaranteed campus housing, so your student may not be able to live on campus. Don’t forget to talk about potential roommates. If your student is looking for off-campus housing for next year, the Virginia Tech Off-Campus Housing Office is a good place to start.

• **Talk through summer expectations**
  If your student is coming home for the summer, make sure you are both realistic about the situation. It won’t be the same as it was when they left for college. In some cases, many childhood and high school friends will have moved away. Encourage them to find new support groups and activities to stay busy during the summer. Being home for several months will be an adjustment for them, and for you. Make sure you come to an understanding about how you will both handle the arrangement. Discuss summer jobs, taking summer classes, or other activities with your student.

• **Dining in the summer**
  Summer I and II dining plans are available for students enrolled during those sessions. Check out the options at [www.dining.vt.edu](http://www.dining.vt.edu) and find important dates, deadlines, and registration information at [www.hokiepassport.vt.edu](http://www.hokiepassport.vt.edu).

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**Exams begin**

**Classes end**

**Spring dining plans end at 8:00 p.m.**

**Grad Bash**

**Cultural Achievement Ceremonies**

**Reading Day**

**Exams begin**

**Spring Commencement Ceremonies**

**Spring Commencement Ceremonies**

**Mother’s Day**

**Spring Commencement Ceremonies**

**Summer I tuition payment deadline**

**Graduate Commencement Ceremony & Senior Day**

**Corps of Cadets Graduation and Joint ROTC Commissioning Ceremony**

**Cultural Achievement Ceremonies**

**Mother’s Day**

**Summer I classes begin**

**Summer II bills sent out**

**Memorial Day (no classes)**
• **Encourage your student during Summer Sessions**
  If your student is enrolled in Summer Sessions, remind them that these classes are essentially full-semester classes packed into only a few weeks. So, while it may be tempting to knock off early and spend time in the sun, they must maintain strong study habits.

• **Discuss budgeting**
  If your student is working over the summer, encourage them to put aside some of the money they earn for the upcoming school year. Learning how to maintain a budget now will help your student in the long run, especially with student loans and life after graduation. It’s never too early to hone this valuable life skill!

• **Talk with your student about the past school year**
  Ask about what they liked or didn’t like, and discuss what they can do to improve the next school year.

• **Make sure your student accepts financial aid**
  If your student has received a financial aid award notice for the 2018–2019 academic year, make sure they accept the aid they want and complete any necessary loan requirements. More information can be found in the student’s award notice.
• Talk about finances
Talk with your student about finances for the upcoming academic year. Discuss their spending habits and the possibility of setting up a budget. This is a great time for your student to learn about financial responsibility.

• Discuss new living arrangements
Encourage your student to coordinate with their roommates and figure out who will be responsible for bringing which appliances, how they plan to split the bills, etc. Also remind them that the next school year will arrive soon and that it would be a good idea to start planning their return to school now so they don’t feel overwhelmed when the time actually comes.

• Talk through campus involvement
Discuss your student’s plans for campus involvement in the next school year. Encourage them to take advantage of the many student organizations at Virginia Tech or to get involved around the community. Leadership opportunities abound in student organizations. There are numerous ways to stay active and engaged here at Virginia Tech, and after a successful first year, your student should be ready to jump in. The team in Student Engagement and Campus Life is ready to help your student build their campus involvement.
UNIVERSITY RESOURCES

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT 540-231-6272 www.dsa.vt.edu
The Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs provides administrative leadership for the departments within the Division of Student Affairs, including policy development, program development and assessment, budgeting, and goal and priority setting. The office works with the departments within the division, the academic colleges, and administrative units to promote programming that embodies the Aspirations for Learning and Virginia Tech’s Principles of Community.

CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT 540-231-6241 www.career.vt.edu
Career and Professional Development assists students as they explore academic majors and career options, gain and reflect upon professional skills for workplace success, and create and launch post-graduation career plans. The department provides self-assessments, job search workshops, knowledgeable career advisors, thousands of internship and job listings, on-campus interviews, job fairs, and more.

COOK COUNSELING CENTER 540-231-6857 www.ucv.vt.edu
Cook Counseling Center offers counseling services to students personal and educational concerns. There is no charge for the center’s confidential counseling services. Appointments may be made in person office hours, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. Students in need of immediate assistance are seen on an emergency, non-appointment basis.

CORPS OF CADETS 540-231-6858 www.vtcc.vt.edu
The Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets strives to create a military environment that educates and develops the whole person mentally, physically, and spiritually, and instills in each cadet the attributes and competencies essential for successful leadership.

Cranwell International Center 540-231-6527 www.international.vt.edu
Cranwell International Center is a focal point for the international community, providing an array of educational, cultural, and social activities. Another goal of the center is to encourage interchange between international and domestic students, faculty, and staff.

DINING SERVICES 540-231-3933 www.dining.vt.edu
Virginia Tech’s award-winning Dining Services is recognized nationally for its creativity and commitment to students. With 47 venues in 11 locations on campus, students are never far from convenient, nutritious, and tasty choices for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Questions about special dietary needs should be sent to the administrative dietitian, Ashley Foster, at yes@vt.edu.

FAMILY AND ALUMNI RELATIONS 540-231-5111 www.family.dsa.vt.edu
The Family and Alumni Relations staff provide support for the families of students through resources and events.

FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE 540-231-6609 www.greeklife.vt.edu
Fraternity and Sorority Life provides guidance and support to nationally-affiliated fraternities and sororities on campus. Staff members advise the Interfraternity Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, Panhellenic Council, and the Multicultural Greek Council.

HOOKIE PASSPORT SERVICES 540-231-5121 www.hokiepassport.vt.edu
Hokie Passport Services can answer questions regarding your student’s ID card or card-based accounts.

HOOKIE WELLNESS 540-231-6444 www.hokiewellness.vt.edu
HokieWellness supports and promotes a wide range of programs and services that respond to the health and wellness needs of a diverse student and employee population. The department facilitates initiatives that emphasize education, prevention, and holistic well-being.

HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE 540-231-6205 www.housing.vt.edu
With all the living choices Housing and Residence Life has to offer, students have the opportunity to choose their own environment. Through a variety of services, programs, and activities, the staff also promotes personal, professional, and academic success of all residents and helps to provide a positive educational, physical, and social environment in these communities.

LEADERSHIP EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE www.leadership.dsa.vt.edu
Leadership Education Collaborative provides programming and direction for students with the ambition to lead on a global scale.

The department provides outreach programs to the university community to help develop student leaders.

CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY CENTERS 540-231-8584 www.ccc.vt.edu
Cultural and Community Centers (CCC) helps the university create and maintain an inclusive and welcoming environment. To this end, CCC offers programs and services committed to the holistic development of all students as it relates to their cultural, personal, social, and intellectual growth.

NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS 540-231-3284 www.nsp.vt.edu
New Student Programs is responsible for welcoming first-year and transfer students to the university through New Student Orientation and other new student programs.

RECREATIONAL SPORTS 540-231-6856 www.recsports.vt.edu
Recreational Sports promotes and implements recreational and fitness activities essential to improving student life. The department offers non-credit instruction, fitness activities, wellness education and assessment, intramural sports, and extramural sports with a goal of fostering healthy lifestyle choices and facilitating positive physical and mental outcomes and coping strategies.

SCHIFFERT HEALTH CENTER 540-231-6444 www.healthcenter.vt.edu
Schiffert Health Center provides quality health care and health education in support of the university’s mission to educate the whole person. Wellness and health services are offered by physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, health educators, and college health nurses. The staff also includes pharmacists, a dietician, medical technologists, and radiologic technologists. The health center is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care Inc.

SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES 540-231-3788 www.scd.vt.edu
Services for Students with Disabilities helps create an inclusive and welcoming community for all students by ensuring that students with disabilities receive equal access to education and opportunities.

DEAN OF STUDENTS 540-231-3787 www.dos.vt.edu
The Dean of Students Office assists the university with its mission of creating a welcoming climate for all students.

STUDENT CONDUCT 540-231-3790 www.studentconducvt.edu
Student Conduct policies apply to all students and all registered student organizations. Its primary purpose is to help create a fair, just, and appropriate university community. The system supports the educational mission of the university by teaching students about appropriate behavior and by fostering a community conducive to academic success.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND CAMPUS LIFE 540-231-5431 www.campuslife.vt.edu
Student Engagement and Campus Life operates the three student centers (Graduate Life Center, Johnston, and Squires) and War Memorial Chapel, as well as providing leadership training, advising, consulting, and program development to student organizations.

TITLe IX 540-231-2010 www.stopabuse.vt.edu
At Virginia Tech, we are committed to working toward ending abuse and violence on our campus. Your first-year student will be required to participate in an educational program, Haven: Understanding Sexual Assault, to help them better understand their rights and responsibilities. Visit www.stopabuse.vt.edu or contact Title IX Coordinator Kelly Oaks, at equityandaccess@vt.edu for more information.

UNIVERSITY BURSAR 540-231-6277 www.bursar.vt.edu
The University Bursar is responsible for providing billings to students and general users of the university’s services, all university payables, Perkins loan fund repayment, collection of delinquent accounts and notes receivable, and administration of the Budget Tuition Program.

UNIVERSITY HONOR SYSTEM 540-231-8786 www.honorsystem.vt.edu
The University Honor System communicates and enforces the Virginia Tech Honor Code and the meaning and importance of intellectual honesty to all Virginia Tech students. The Honor System educates those who fail to live up to the stated expectations of the university community with regard to the Virginia Tech Honor Code.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID 540-231-5179 www.finaid.vt.edu
University Scholarships and Financial Aid strives to support the university’s student access, enrollment, and retention goals by providing the financial means to encourage economic, social, cultural, and academic diversity in the student body.

VIRGINIA TECH OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING 540-231-3466 www.campuslife.vt.edu/vtoch
Virginia Tech Off-Campus Housing (VTOCH) provides many resources to those seeking a living space outside of the university. Available resources include apartment guides and detailed information about apartment and realty companies in the Blacksburg area. The VTOCH website is also a valuable resource for finding or offering housing, looking for roommates, purchasing furniture, or requesting rides.

VIRGINIA TECH POLICE DEPARTMENT 540-231-6411 www.police.vt.edu
The Virginia Tech Police Department strives to enhance the safety and quality of life for students, faculty, staff, and visitors through effective law enforcement and proactive crime prevention in partnership with the university community.

VT ENGAGE www.engage.vt.edu
VT Engage develops service programs and community learning opportunities that focus on engaged learning and encourage reflection. Programs include both short-term and long-term service opportunities for Virginia Tech students, staff, faculty, and alumni.
Family and Alumni Relations is the vital connection between the university and the families of our students. We work with families to provide the very best experience for our students, from orientation through graduation, both in and out of the classroom.

If you need guidance about resources and opportunities, or if you have a question and aren’t sure where to start, contact us. We serve as a central resource for parents and families to support and enhance your involvement in your student’s educational experience.

Here are some of the services and resources we offer:

- Parent/Family Orientation
- Hokie Family E-newsletter
- Parent Committee
- Hokie Family Game Day
- Fall Family Weekend
- Spring Family Weekend
- Selection of the Virginia Tech Family of the Year
- www.familydsa.vt.edu
- DSA Facebook page
- www.facebook.com/VirginiaTechStudentAffairs

Hokie Family Annual Fund

We know that “family” can mean many things, from biological parents, siblings, or foster families to multi-generational households and extended loved ones. At Virginia Tech, our commitment to inclusivity means we welcome everyone into the Hokie family. And we have so much in common. We desire student access and success, safety and well-being, inclusion and community, and graduates who will thrive. We want to ensure a collegiate experience where students engage their strengths to become qualified and marketable employees, as well as individuals who lead meaningful lives in the spirit of Ut Prosim (That I May Serve).

Through the Hokie Family Annual Fund, you can make an immediate and positive impact on your student’s experience from orientation to graduation. In short, the Hokie Family Annual Fund allows you to Impact the Track that your Hokie student is on. This annual giving initiative is a way for you to actively participate in the education of your student.

Gifts to the Hokie Family Annual Fund don’t just improve campus life; they also increase the overall quality of the Virginia Tech experience. Hokie families, past and present, have played a crucial role in helping to make investments in vital university programs and facilities that would not otherwise be possible. Hokie Family Annual Fund gifts of any size will help propel our institution forward and make a difference in the lives of all Virginia Tech students.

Gifts to the Hokie Family Annual Fund support three main areas, all directly connected to the Virginia Tech student experience. Examples of prior Hokie Family Annual Fund support in these areas are:

- Student Support, Access, and Success: Student Emergency Funds; Transition events like Orientation, Hokie Helpers, and Hokie Hi; Student Diversity Summit; Exam Study Breaks; Global/Intercultural Competence Project
- Curricular and Co-Curricular Programming: Common Book, Student Life Curriculum (Aspirations for Student Learning), Career Speaker Series, Cultural Center Programs, Peer Education Programs
- Family Outreach Efforts: Family E-newsletter, Distribution of Virginia Tech Magazine to current families, Family Weekends

Welcome to Virginia Tech, new Hokie families! Before your student gets to campus and begins classes, it’s important that you both know your rights and responsibilities pertaining to tuition payment, financial aid, and FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974).

The University Bursar provides a simple, clear way of paying student tuition. Your gateway into assisting your student with completing these payments is to work with your student to establish you as an authorized payer through Hokie SPA at www.hokiespa.vt.edu. You’ll need this access to view and pay bills. While your student is logged into Hokie SPA, you should also create a guest account for you, which will allow you to view financial aid and academic records.

The easiest way to pay tuition bills is to make QuikPAY® e-payments. You can access this system through the Bursar’s website at www.bursar.vt.edu. Consider signing up for the Budget Tuition Plan, which splits the cost of some or all of a semester’s institutional charges over four monthly installments instead of one lump sum.

If your student is receiving financial aid, make sure they have accepted their aid offer and completed any requirements listed on Hokie SPA. If financial aid exceeds the university bill, the earliest any excess funds will be available to your student for the fall semester is the Thursday prior to the start of classes. Direct deposit is the most efficient and secure way to receive excess financial aid; students can set up direct deposit through Hokie SPA. Excess financial aid will only be refunded if all requirements are complete and your student is enrolled full-time. If your student will not enroll full-time, they must notify University Scholarships and Financial Aid by sending an email to finaid@vt.edu with the number of credits they will take for the fall semester.

Your student’s Hokie Passport will become their “everything” card! Hokie Passport Services offers many convenient services online. To view balances/transaction history and make deposits to your student’s Hokie Passport, be sure to visit www.hokiepassport.vt.edu for simple, step-by-step instructions on how your student can establish guest access for you and other guests.

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT OF 1974

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) was designed to protect the privacy of educational records, including student account information, and establishes the rights of students to inspect and review their records. Virginia Tech complies with FERPA and we do not disclose personal information on your student’s educational records to anyone, including family members, without the student’s documented consent. Have your student create FERPA passcodes for both themselves and you through Hokie SPA; you’ll need this to speak with university officials about personal and confidential information. For more information about FERPA at Virginia Tech, visit www.registrar.vt.edu.
Academic Support

Student Success Center
The Student Success Center offers free academic support, such as tutoring and study skills seminars, to undergraduate students at Virginia Tech. It also has programs and activities for students who are already succeeding academically but want to enrich their educational experience.

540-231-5499 www.studentsuccess.vt.edu

University Registrar
The Office of the University Registrar handles student records and is dedicated to meeting and exceeding the recruitment, retention, and information needs of the university community.

540-231-6252 www.registrar.vt.edu

Academic Colleges & Departments

College of Agriculture & Life Sciences
540-231-6503 www.cals.vt.edu

College of Architecture & Urban Studies
540-231-6416 www.caus.vt.edu

College of Engineering
540-231-6641 www.eng.vt.edu

College of Liberal Arts & Human Sciences
540-231-6770 www.clas.vt.edu

College of Natural Resources & Environment
540-231-5482 www.cnre.vt.edu

Pamplin College of Business
540-231-6602 www.pamplin.vt.edu

College of Science
540-231-5422 www.science.vt.edu

Pamplin College of Business
540-231-8440 www.universitystudies.vt.edu

College of Veterinary Medicine
540-231-7666 www.vetmed.vt.edu

Mail Services

It's possible your student may get a little homesick during their first year at college, or perhaps you sense they're a little stressed about exams. A care package sent from home is always a good idea in these circumstances. Even if they don't feel so lonely or anxious, a care package full of goodies and reminders of family never fails to bring a smile. Candy, cookies, cards, music—anything you think will make your student's day—can be sent right to them on the Virginia Tech campus.

Here are a few tips to make sure all mail and packages reach your student safely:
- Make sure the address is printed in the format to the left.
- Each residence hall has its own four-digit code tacked onto the end of the zip code. Please visit www.mailservices.vt.edu/residential.php to find out the correct code for your student's residence hall.
- All packages sent through the U.S. Postal Service will be sent to residence hall mailboxes. Packages sent via UPS or FedEx will be delivered directly to your student's room.
- Make sure your student knows where their hall's mailbox is located. They can find this out by viewing Residential Mail Procedures at the above website. If you have any other questions about residential mail service at Virginia Tech, contact Mail Services at 540-231-4085 or at mailservices@vt.edu.

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How to Help Your Student Plan for Success: A College Timeline

First Year

- Encourage your student to explore their interests and abilities through taking classes in various fields. This may help give them a better idea of whether a particular subject fascinates them or is really only a mild interest.
- Discuss engagement in volunteerism and student activities with them.
- Suggest that they visit Career and Professional Development to learn more about self-assessment. This is a process to help students consider their interests, skills, values, and personality, and how these attributes complement majors and careers they may be considering. It helps them determine career options that may mesh with who they are.
- At Virginia Tech, students are encouraged to focus on their gifts and talents, honing them into true strengths. Remind your student to take the CliftonStrengths® assessment to discover their top five strengths at www.dsa.vt.edu/aspirations/strengths.

Sophomore Year

- Talk to them about the previous year. Find out what they learned. They may have already chosen a major by this point, but if not, you can help them look at which majors fit best with their refined interests and strengths.
- Encourage your student to take on leadership roles in student clubs and organizations. These opportunities can help broaden their experiences and develop skills that employers look for in future employees.
- Guide your student in exploring, practicing, and living the Aspirations for Student Learning. What they are learning—both inside and outside the classroom—combines with who they are becoming as a person and will help them thrive as they commit to a life of meaning and well-being.
- Ask them about the career fairs that take place on campus. These events can be a wealth of information about employers, co-op/internship opportunities, and potential careers.
- Sophomores experience a new kind of stress when returning to campus. Second-year students receive fewer warnings about the do’s and don’ts of college life—they are expected to know how things work on campus. Encourage them to be proactive and ask questions if unsure of any policies.

Junior Year

- Ask them about research they have done on their chosen major. Encourage them to explore at least three career options related to their major, and help them identify organizations and associations affiliated with those careers or with their major. These organizations are great for networking.
- Recognize that students are adults now, but offer support as they narrow their career interests and begin networking with professionals in their field.
- Talk to them about the direction they are headed. Find out if they are already planning for their post-college life. Understand that they might be leaning toward something that would take them far from home or that you may think is impractical, but that it is their life and their decision to make.

Senior Year

- Show interest in their internships, jobs, and classes. Ask about the kind of work they’re doing.
- Offer all your support during their last year. It can be a stressful time for some students.
- Send a care package during exams. These reminders mean a lot to students.
- Remind them to take advantage of career fairs happening throughout the year and Career and Professional Development’s advising opportunities on topics such as resume development, job search assistance, mock interviews, and the graduate/professional school application process.
- Sit back and be proud.
Virginia Tech Services Inc. operates the university’s official bookstores, helping students achieve their academic goals and enjoy their college experience. As an independent, self-supporting, non-profit, affiliated corporation, Virginia Tech Services Inc. provides retail services to the university and has submitted surplus funds valued at more than $47 million to Virginia Tech since 1968. These surplus funds help keep student fees down and support student and campus initiatives.

The on-campus University Bookstore provides textbooks, computers, supplies, and licensed clothing and gifts, while Volume Two, located in University Mall, offers many of the same items in a convenient off-campus location. Virginia Tech Services Inc. also offers two convenience stores on the Virginia Tech campus, Dietrick Convenience Store and the Squires C-Store, which provide snacks, beverages, school supplies, and more.

Encourage your student to take a break between classes by visiting Hokie Centric and Starbucks Coffee in the North End Center. Hokie Centric is an Apple-authorized campus store, and students can get Virginia Tech licensed merchandise and gourmet coffee all in the same location.

Important Dates

- **August 8**  – Bookstore student, faculty, and staff appreciation sale
- **August 21** – Bookstore extended hours begin
- **August 21-27** – Bookstore computer distribution at War Memorial Gym
- **August 23-25** – Bookstore textbook reservations pick-up
- **August 26** – Bookstore returns to regular hours

## Dates at a Glance

This calendar may be amended as necessary. Check [www.housing.vt.edu/dates](http://www.housing.vt.edu/dates) and the university academic calendar for the most current information.

### Fall 2017
- **Aug. 5** – Drop/add opens for fall 2017
- **Aug. 23-26** – Move-in days
- **Aug. 28** – Classes begin
- **Sept. 12** – Fall break begins
- **Oct. 13** – Fall break begins
- **Nov. 26** – Thanksgiving break begins
- **Dec. 13** – Classes end
- **Dec. 18** – Reading Day
- **Dec. 20** – Exams begin
- **Dec. 20** – Fall dining plans end at 8:00 P.M.
- **Dec. 21** – Fall Commencement Ceremonies (university and graduate)
- **Dec. 21** – Residence halls close at noon

### Spring 2018
- **Jan. 16** – Classes begin
- **Jan. 19** – On-campus housing application process for 2018–2019
- **Feb. 14** – Housing/dining contracts due for 2018–2019
- **March 3** – Spring break begins
- **March 11** – Spring break ends
- **May 2** – Classes end
- **May 3** – Reading Day
- **May 4** – Exams begin
- **May 9** – Exams end
- **May 10** – Residence halls close at noon
- **May 11** – Spring Commencement Ceremonies
- **May 12** – Spring Commencement Ceremonies

### Summer I 2018
- **May 21** – Classes begin
- **June 28** – Classes end
- **June 29** – Exams begin
- **June 30** – Exams end

### Summer II 2018
- **July 2** – Classes begin
- **Aug. 9** – Classes end
- **Aug. 10** – Exams begin
- **Aug. 11** – Exams end

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