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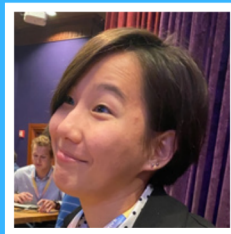
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IN LITTLE
OVER A
MONTH ON
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Pride Week *By Mia Yost-Kelly*

Here at Virginia Tech, Pride Week is celebrated the first full week of April! Pride Week's events are hosted by the Pride Center - an organization that works to cultivate a space to celebrate and acknowledge intersectionality as well as engage in activism. Pride Week promotes the empowerment, equality, and increased visibility of members of the LGBTQ+ community. Events this week provide resources that support LGBTQ+ students' well-being- physically, mentally, emotionally, and socially. Some events require you to sign up or register! Be sure to scan the QR code to get the full schedule of events and descriptions of each! Check out some of this year's events below!

Pride Week 2024!

Monday, 4/1

Legal Name Change Clinic

11 AM - 4 PM in Squires 150 Cultural & Community Centers Suite

Tuesday, 4/2

Drop-in Crafts

11 AM - 1 PM in the Pride Center

Wednesday, 4/3

"Ballerina Boys" Documentary Screening

7 - 8:30 PM in the CID Rehearsal and Performance Room

Thursday, 4/4

Free Haircuts with Embellish Hair Studio

10 AM - 2 PM in Squires 116

Friday, 4/5

Bring Yourself to Work

1:30 - 3:30 PM Holtzman Alumni Center Grand Hall

Saturday, 4/6

Pride Center Open House

2 - 4 PM in the Pride Center

Sunday, 4/7

Denim and Diamonds Drag Brunch

10 AM - 1 PM at Turner Place in Lavery Hall

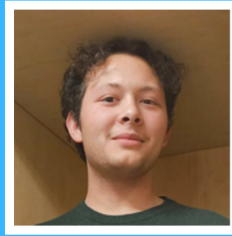
Wednesday & Thursday, 4/10 & 4/11

Free and Confidential STI Testing

10 AM - 3 PM in Brush Mountain A Squires Student Center



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Choosing a Major

By Gabe Rosado

Many of you have already declared your major. If you have, go read the other articles, this isn't for you. For those of you who haven't declared your major yet, here are some tips to help you through the process:

1. Reflect on the past year and ask yourself if engineering is your dream or someone else's.
2. Speak with an advisor, most of the time it really calms any jitters.
3. Speak with your parental units, guardians, or general role models.
4. Do it with time to spare - to elaborate on this point, the main periods to declare your major are towards the end of the semester and towards the end of the summer. Having to do it at the end of summer can throw off your course schedule for the upcoming semester more than declaring in spring. It's better safe than sorry.
5. Remember it's your first year, it's not too late to be in a major you enjoy.

Accessibility on Campus

By Morgan Peterson

Due to a recent skiing injury (don't go skiing mid-semester), I have been living the last month of my life in a full leg brace. From this experience, I have been able to view Virginia Tech's campus from a new perspective... accessibility. While efforts in design around campus can be seen like ramps, elevators, and plentiful walkways, I feel we can do more to assist students with mobility issues and it can start with us as students. Here are a few things we can do as students to do our part in making Tech accessible for everyone.

1. Try and get in the habit of always holding the door. It's a simple and easy gesture that takes seconds and makes ANYONE'S day better.
2. Avoid using handicap seats, stalls, and showers if you don't need them. It may seem like they're never used but not every disability is visible, be mindful.
3. Offer a hand, you may be declined but it never hurts to ask!

Tech is a big campus, and it should be a safe and accommodating place for every student. I myself, as I believe we all should, will take time to be more aware of my surroundings and my peers to make things more convenient for everyone.