

# Galipatian Station

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## Colloquia and Seminars



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Being at an established university like Virginia Tech has many benefits. One of which is the incredible, cutting-edge research that is progressing here. Take some time to learn something: attend the fascinating Colloquia and Seminars at Virginia Tech! At these events, researchers from Virginia Tech and other prestigious universities present their current findings. Every STEM field at Virginia Tech holds these events, so look online to see if there are any upcoming talks in your area of interest. I will focus particularly on the physics and mathematics events since they are the most applicable to engineering (...and they are the ones I go to!).

The physics department holds a colloquium every Friday at 2:30 in Robeson hall room 210. They also have sporadic 'special colloquia' every now and then, so be sure to visit the department of physics website (<https://www.phys.vt.edu/>) to stay updated on their schedule. Personally, I'm looking forward to astrophysicist Brian Metzger's talk on April 12th. He is currently involved in the proposition of the next generation Very Large Array

(ngVLA) radio telescope.

The mathematics department also holds seminars and colloquia throughout the semester. They do not happen at a specific time, so check the department of mathematics' seminar schedule (<https://www.math.vt.edu/seminars.php>) to see who is holding a presentation. Additionally, the mathematics department holds many other events such as 'afternoon tea' meetings that you can see on the seminar schedule. I would like to go to mathematical biologist Erica Rutter's presentation held on April 24 at 1:15 pm. Her research interest is in utilizing machine learning to analyze biomedical images and predict biological phenomena.

As I said before, there are many more seminar series being held at Virginia Tech in various fields of study. Try searching online to see if there are any presentations coming up that match your interests.



## Smile Tip of the Week

**Join an 8-week Happiness Group! Discussions include what it means to be happy and strategies to improve your life. These groups meet at McComas on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30pm. Sign up using this QR Code.**

SMILE is a Lee Hall program designed to raise awareness of mental health challenges within the community.

Cook Counseling Hotline: 540-231-6557



# Jobs on Campus



## **Ian Murray** **Computer Engineering** **Sophomore**

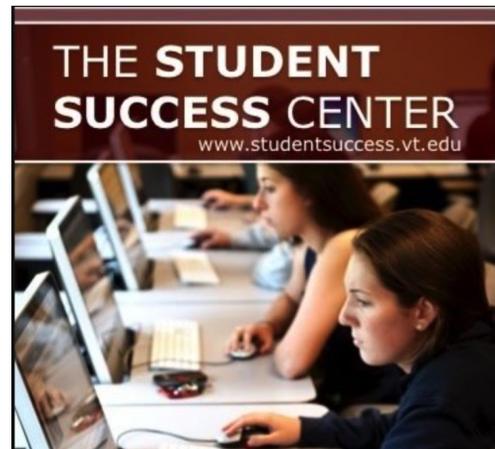
The odds are likely that you are a broke student if you are reading this. So here is some information about finding jobs on campus and in Blacksburg to get some of that extra spending

money. As you are probably aware of the **dining halls** are almost always hiring. They have a pay of \$10 an hour and a free meal with your shift. The hours are generally flexible given that they accommodate to students. Other jobs on campus include working at **Squires, Newman Library, the Bike Hub** and many other locations. They all operate in a manner similar to the dining halls and are accommodating to students and their schedules.

Another way for employment through the university is working as an **Undergraduate Teaching Assistant**. This is probably not accessible to many of the freshman but once you complete a class with an acceptable grade you can apply to be a UTA. It pays \$10 an hour and requires 6-10 hours a week. In a similar note, you can also work as

a tutor for the **Student Success Center**. You are required to have a 3.0 GPA and a B+ or higher in the class you are looking to tutor as well as being a standing sophomore. Another way to get pay is working as an **undergraduate researcher**. If you are a strong enough applicant and working for the right program or professor you can be paid a stipend for your weekly hours' along with the potential to receive a partial scholarship off your tuition.

If you have no desire to work on campus though there are a plethora of jobs throughout Blacksburg and Christiansburg many of which are tailored to be viable for students. Best of luck in the Job Search!



## CAMEO



## **Nathan Eurich** **Computer Engineering** **Sophomore**

Hello Galipatia! As all of you are aware by now, Virginia Tech hosts career fairs, specifically for engineering students, during the academic year. CAMEO is one of those career fairs, it provides an opportunity to visit, or perhaps revisit, some of the companies that attended Expo, as well as visit some new ones. This is a great opportunity to try and get an internship for the summer, a co-op for the fall, or, at the very least, more experience talking to company representatives.

In preparation for CAMEO, one should update their resume, LinkedIn page, etc. to make sure it reflects their current skills and experience. Researching and getting to know the companies that you're interested in is also important, as this shows the company rep. that you are willing to take the initiative and are eager to learn. Do not be afraid to visit a company you may not have heard of or seen before; oftentimes, companies that are less

well-known receive less attention from potential intern candidates, giving the candidates that do visit a better chance at getting the job.

One more thing. Volunteering for CAMEO is one of the best ways to knock out some or all your 10 service learning hours. There will be volunteering opportunities before, during, and after the career fair, such as setting up, tearing down, shuttle driving, and so on. Check the CAMEO website to find out how to sign-up.

Good luck!

Website: <https://cameovt.com/> Dates: Feb. 18-19, 2019

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