

# Galipatian Station

## While you Pee in Lee

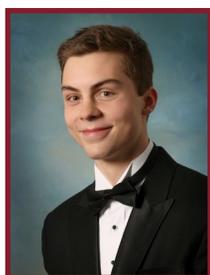
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## GobblerFest



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To close off welcome week on September 6th, the Hokie community will gather and host their 11th annual Gobblerfest. From 4 to 7 pm on the Drillfield, you can explore the multitude of student organizations, businesses, non-profits, and Virginia Tech departments that call Blacksburg home.

This is by far the best opportunity for you to embrace your interests or just try something new by joining some of the over 800 clubs and student lead organizations. Almost every club hosts activities that cater to all levels of experience from beginner to advanced, so don't hesitate to follow your curiosity. Whether your hobbies lie in fly fishing, political activism, or laser tag, Virginia Tech has it all.

Gobblerfest also hosts other organizations ranging from design teams and local businesses to greek life and student services. Taking part in either of these is a good way to expand your resume and develop your professional connections beyond the classroom. Regardless of which organizations you choose to become a member of, being a part of the Blacksburg community is a great way to make new friends and enhance your college experience.

In addition to all of these, Virginia Tech will also

offer food, games, free giveaways, and a variety of entertainment opportunities for all who attend. Most organizations follow suit and offer T-shirts, string bags, frisbees, and other promotional handouts so I recommend bringing a bag to carry all of your valued freebies! You will probably be spending a good part of your Friday at Gobblerfest so pack some sunscreen, comfy walking shoes, and possibly a rain jacket, depending on what the forecast predicts.

If you want to get an idea of what specific organizations are attending Gobblerfest or just want to plan ahead, visit [gobblerconnect.vt.edu](http://gobblerconnect.vt.edu) for a detailed list of attendees. We all look forward to seeing you on the drillfield. Have fun, meet new people, and GO HOKIES!



## STEM Pun of the Week

Why did the electron throw up?

He was spinning.

# Tackling Homesickness



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*This is home.*

At this point, you've probably heard that three-word phrase a thousand times already, and don't worry - Virginia Tech *will* feel like home to you soon. But, right now, you might be missing home, whether it be the physical place or the people there. Homesickness is very common, especially right after move-in, and it can affect your mood and work ethic. So, here are some tricks you can use to help get over your homesickness:

1. Meet new people and make new friends! Virginia Tech is filled with so many people that you're bound to find someone with similar interests. Keep your doors open (this will also help you beat the Lee Hall heat!) and join different organizations.

2. Keep in touch with people back home. With modern technology, it's easy to talk to people hundreds of miles away. Whether you're an international student, from out-of-state, or you were born and raised in Blacksburg, there is always going to be someone who will be happy that you called them.

3. Remember that you're not alone! Even though I'm a sophomore and I've been through this whole process before, I definitely cried a little when my family dropped me off after move-in. If you're feeling homesick, it's okay to reach out to a friend, your mentor, or an upperclassman! We've all felt that way at some point in time, and sometimes the best way to cope with being homesick is finding someone that can relate to you.

Maybe VT doesn't *quite* feel like home just yet, and it's perfectly normal to feel homesick. Just remember that there are people, both here in Lee Hall and back home, who are willing to help you get through it.

# Apps You'll Need to Survive College



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Hello Galipatians and welcome to Tech! As these first few days have gone by and you get more adjusted to your surroundings, I am sharing the phone apps many people, including myself, find helpful in staying organized and saving time in a normal day of college life.

**Venmo:** Pay and receive money from other people in a secure way with Venmo. It links your bank account to the app, so you can directly exchange money for that taco you had last night or for groceries a friend picked up for you. CashApp is also another good option.

**Uber/Lyft:** These ridesharing apps are useful when going someplace the bus system doesn't reach or when a car is not available. Within minutes, a ride comes straight to your location and drops you off directly where you want after paying a few dollars. Be sure to exercise caution when using these however! Review these tips to stay safe in a Uber/Lyft: <https://www.uber.com/us/en/ride/safety/tips/>

**LiveSafe:** LiveSafe is not the most exciting app, but it is great for situations like calling campus police and getting emergency preparedness tips. Plus, if you're ever nervous about traveling alone at night to Lee from the library, you can have a friend "watch you," via their phone, arrive safely.

**Canvas:** This is the mobile version of the Canvas you use often for classes. It is perfect for viewing announcements professors made, checking the grade you got on the homework, or for skimming your class syllabus.

**Hokie Mobile:** View the latest Virginia Tech news and events, your dining plan balances, as well as your class schedule in a few touches with Hokie Mobile. It is designed for quick glances, but for more specific information use your computer.

**Google Maps:** This may seem self-explanatory, but it is a lifesaver for when you don't know where a specific building is on campus. It is also useful for planning out your Blacksburg Transit bus ride to Kroger or to Christiansburg.

**Blacksburg Transit:** This app will help you hack the bus system. It shows all of the routes as well as the live location for the bus to help make sure you never miss it! It is really helpful when planning trips on and off campus like to go to Math Empo or Kroger.

**Grubhub:** Grubhub Campus Dining is similar to last semester's **Tapingo**, however, as of right now, it does not seem to be up and running. The app allows you to order food from any dining hall and have it be picked up when it is done, all while avoiding the lines in your favorite spots. It uses money from your dining plan account and notifies you when your favorite meal is ready to eat.

