

# Galipatia Gazette

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## HAVING A JOB INTERVIEW

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Having a job is a big responsibility, especially as a student; one must learn how to balance school and their job, which can be pretty difficult. Albert Essiaw is a Committee Leader in Galipatia, who has had plenty of experience with having multiple jobs during his time as a student thus far and had this to say about his experiences having a job as a student.

Me: "How many jobs have you had since your freshman year?"

Albert: "7 Jobs, Classroom AV assistant (Freshman year), CEED RA (Summer 2022), CEED PA (Summer 2022), Production Services (Sophomore and Junior year), Residential Well-being Student Leader (RA) (Junior year), Paid Research (Junior year), and Galileo Teaching Assistant (TA) (Junior year)."

Me: "Which was your hardest job and why?"

Albert: "My hardest job is my research. I enjoy doing the research, but it takes a lot of work and time."

Me: "How did you manage to balance your jobs with your schoolwork and your social life?"

Albert: "It is really hard to maintain a balance of schoolwork and social life. I just make sure I am not burning myself out and I am going out and not just staying in my room."

Me: "How has having a job affected you?"

Albert: "It has shown me to manage my time wisely and that adulthood is tough."

Me: "What advice do you have for students who have a job right now or are looking for one?"

Albert: Try not to do too much, know when you are burning yourself out and take a break when necessary. There are a lot of jobs on campus, so it might be worth to look for them as they can be convenient and retain other benefits besides monetary. Handshake is a good place to start, ask your professors about research opportunities, and never give up.

After having so many jobs, Albert continues to persevere and balance his life moving into his junior year. For those who are looking for jobs or are working, it is important to learn how to balance your work life now in order to set a precedent for how you live your life moving forward, after college.



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VT CEED

**Academic Hours:**

Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday

5 - 7 pm

Studio 2

## Studio 1 Hours:

Monday to Thursday

5 - 10 pm

Saturday and Sunday

1 - 6 pm

Don't know what to make? Check out the Idea Book!



## STRUGGLING IN YOUR CLASSES?

*Author: Meri Curwen*



The semester has started picking up and some of you may be feeling a little lost or behind. No worries, I am here to help.

Academic Hours are from 6-7PM every Monday-Thursday. You can go in and other people will be working on chem, math, or engineering homework and there will be people there to help you. They are on the second floor in Studio 2.

Student Success Center: They offer free one-on-one tutoring for all your first-year courses! You

can make appointments through Navigate, the same way you make appointments with your advisor.

Office Hours: I cannot stress how important Office Hours are. You can talk to your teacher if you are really struggling to understand a topic and they will help you through it.

Transitional Advising: This resource if you are feeling like maybe Engineering is not where you belong. You can talk to them in Newman Library. They will help you figure out if switching majors is the right choice for you. They will also help you figure out what branch of Engineering suits you best.

Hope this helps your future here at Virginia Tech.

## WHAT IS AN ENGINEER?

*Author: Aaiswarya Gopinadam*



The term engineer comes from the Latin words *ingeniare* and *ingenium*, which mean "to conceive or plan" and "cleverness" respectively. By that definition, an engineer can be anyone who is creative and clever, prone to invention and innovation alike. Yet, the modern conception of an engineer has taken on quite a different meaning at VT. With 14 engineering majors and dozens of concentrations to choose from, it is easy to wonder what, exactly, an engineer is.

"An engineer is someone who uses their skills to mitigate some societal problems," said Haritha Gnanasegar, Hypatia instructor and beloved Galiptia Mentor GA. "Everyone has a different perspective, so engineers have to be creative problem solvers that work to uplift others."

Regardless of one's major or experience level, every engineer is, at heart, a problem solver. Designing clever and efficient solutions to unique and challenging problems is a job description that can be applied to any engineer in any field. Through navigating mathematical and moral dilemmas alike, an engineer should strive to "conduct themselves honorably, responsibly, ethically, and lawfully" as per the NSPE Code of Ethics for Engineering.

"As students grow as engineers, they will face obstacles that may challenge their world views," Gnanasegar said. "The ability to always keep learning is essential to being a good engineer."

Ultimately, understanding what an engineer is should be a personal quest for every Galipatian. As students learn and grow, they will gain the tools necessary to find out what being an engineer truly means to them.