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What's happening in Procurement at Virginia Tech

November 2021

CONNECT: A Virtual SWaMfest Event

Thank you all who attended our October virtual SWaMfest event. SWaMfest® is the Commonwealth's premier networking, educational, and professional development event for small, women-owned, and minority-owned (SWaM) businesses. With over 300 attendees, SWaMfest 2021 was a success. If you have ever attended Virginia Tech's Supplier Opportunity Vendor Fair, you would love SWaMfest! Be on the lookout for our 2022 event details coming very soon.



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TealBook: Access to Additional SWaM Vendors

The Procurement Department is happy to announce a new feature to search for additional SWaM vendors. Tealbook uploads supplier databases, researches and enriches the information we provide them. Increasing Supplier Diversity is our main goal working with TealBook. If you are looking for a specific product and cannot find any diversified vendors available, please reach out to procurement@vt.edu and we can do the searching for you!



DID YOU KNOW?

Hokiemart Dashboard: Frequently Updated Important Announcements

Did you know that the Hokiemart Dashboard is frequently updated with important announcements concerning updates to Hokiemart itself and new features offered through Procurement? Some of the latest announcements are:

- General Printing Services Contracts are now in place to replace the services normally provided by the VT Print Services Department (which closed May 31, 2021). Awarded vendors and their contacts are located here: [VT Printing Services Vendors](#)
- Check out our SupplierReady Podcasts at <https://anchor.fm/supplierready>
- Mission BBQ in Christiansburg has been added to [America To Go](#) (ATG) Catering Concierge Punchout!
- SWaM Business Search Tool: To find diverse SWaM firms to do business with, try VT's new search tool <https://swamsearch.procurement.vt.edu/>! This new tool is easy

to use and represents companies who are certified Small, Woman, Owned or Minority Owned with the Commonwealth of VA and are also currently an active Hokiemart vendor.

- Hokiemart Helpline: Hokiemart helpline inquiries are only received via email at Hokiemart.edu. We no longer actively monitor a phone hotline. Please email this [address](#) with questions or for assistance with Hokiemart functionality.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ABC's of Procurement Part 1
January 20, 2022
March 24, 2022
May 19, 2022
[Register Here](#)

ABC's of Procurement Part 2
February 10, 2022
April 21, 2022
[Register Here](#)



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PROCUREMENT SPOTLIGHT

Name: Danielle Harlow
Nickname: mostly Mom, Momma, Mommy
Years at VT: almost 2 years
What are your main duties/commodities/: Works to ensure that both the Hokiemart and Banner systems function correctly while interacting with campus system users as the front line support for Hokiemart help line.

Favorite Team: I just hope both teams have fun.

Favorite Holiday: 4th of July
Favorite Foods: Thai
Favorite item from Starbucks: Americano

Hobbies or what do you do in your spare time: I'm really into podcasts, mostly True Crime or Comedy

Current Pet/s: Two dogs: Oscar & Luna, One cat: Fefe (all rescues)

Animal(s) I would like to have one day: Goats, maybe a pig

Favorite Movie: Bridesmaids

Favorite TV show: Stranger Things

What accomplishment are you most proud of: Surviving 2020- working from home while dealing with small kiddos and virtual learning was a feat

What amazing adventure have you had: Swimming with dolphins in the Bahamas

What are you most thankful for: My 3 wonderful daughters

Who is your biggest Role Model: My late Grandmother Betty, she was a very special lady that I miss dearly.

Who is your favorite celebrity: (Either a favorite Band, Actor, Singer, or Author): Tom Hanks and Lizzo

Summer or Winter: Winter

Favorite quote or saying: "I am Beyonce, always" -Michael Scott

What is your favorite phone app: Waze because I'm constantly getting lost

Where are you from and where all have you lived: Born and raised from Roanoke, VA

