

Welcome to



Belle II Explorer Event
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Virginia Tech

- VT** Founded in 1872 as Virginia's white land-grant school (*Virginia's black land-grant school was Hampton Institute, now Hampton University*)
- VT** Names throughout the years:
 - Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College ("Virginia A&M")
 - Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute (*try saying that 5 times fast!*)
 - Virginia Polytechnic Institute ("VPI")
 - Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University ("VPI&SU")
 - **Virginia Tech** [*our informal name – rolls off the tongue of a football fan*]
- VT** Motto: *Ut Prosim* ("That I May Serve")
- VT** 2600-acre main campus + many other satellites
- VT** 30500 undergraduates, 7500 graduates (57% male, 43% female)
- VT** among top 6% in research expenditures in US

The HokieBird

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When Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College had “and Polytechnic Institute” added (informally **VPI**), a contest was held for a new team-spirit cheer.

The contest winner was:

Hoki, Hoki, Hoki, Hy!
Techs, Techs, VPI!
Sola-Rex, Sola-Rah.
Polytechs – Vir-gin-i-a!
Rae, Ri, VPI!

Later, an “e” was added:
Hoki ➡ Hokie

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For a long time, our mascot was the “Fighting Gobbler.”



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“Gobbler” is another word for “turkey” because of the turkey’s sound.

Hokie + Turkey = HokieBird



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Let's begin with an exercise ...