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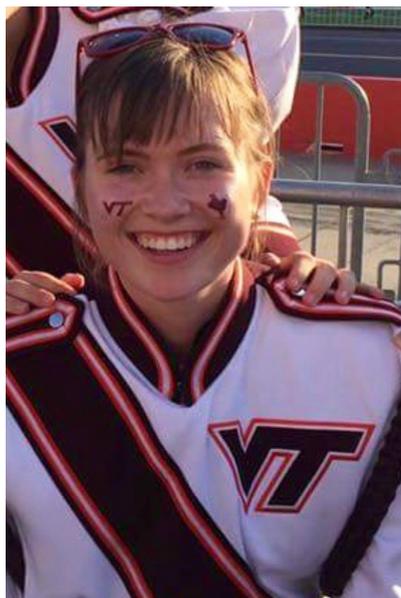
TO ALL NEW AND RETURNING MV PIX



Welcome! Another season of the Marching Virginians is quickly approaching and we are so excited to see that you are interested in auditioning for the Piccolo section this year! The MV Pix are always excited to start a new season of the MVs, Hokie football and another year of life at VT! As the summer winds down, we hope everybody has had a blast as well as a chance to relax, and that you are pumped for the fall! August is right around the corner, and we are looking forward to meeting/seeing all of you! First of all, here's a brief introduction to your leadership (and your newest friends) for the 2018-2019 season:

Section Leader

Anne Kelly Newman aknewman@vt.edu



Hi Pix! I'm Anne Kelly and I'm a senior majoring in Music Education and Flute Performance. I'm from Pulaski, Virginia, which is about half an hour south of Blacksburg. This season will be my fourth season in the MV's, and my first as a section leader, and I'm super excited! I'm currently First Vice President of Delta Omicron, a professional music fraternity, so if you're interested let me know! I love playing video games (I'm super into Zelda and just started playing overwatch), and hiking cool trails around Blacksburg. I love Paramore (just got to see them live this summer) and Twenty one Pilots. I'm in a band of my own called Vital Throwbacks, we play cover songs (mostly punk rock stuff), and we're trying to get a gig somewhere downtown this year. I play in the basketball pep band in the winter which is always fun! I love Virginia Tech and can't wait to be back!! If you have any questions about the MV's or Virginia Tech, or just want to chat, just message or email me! Can't wait to meet you, see you soon!

Rank Captains

Elizabeth Pratt elizp97@vt.edu



Hey MV Pix! My name is Liz and I am a senior from Virginia Beach, Virginia and I am majoring in Biological Systems engineering. This season will be my fourth season with the MV's and only my fourth season marching... ever! When I'm not marching in Lane or studying for classes you can find me visiting different streams and rivers for my research project, running on the Huckleberry trail, jamming to music, or hanging out with friends. I can't wait for this season to start and to meet everyone! If you have any questions about MV's, college, engineering, or life feel free to email me or hmu on that Facebook messenger and welcome to the BEST section ever!

Emily Wills - emilyw5@vt.edu



Hey Pix! My name is Emily and I'm a super-senior from Bedford, VA. I just graduated with a B.S. in Psychology, and am back for a final semester to finish my second degree in Cognitive and Behavioral Neuroscience. This year will be my fourth season with the MVs, and my second as a Rank Captain! I'm the current president of Active Minds, an organization that strives to change the perception about mental health on campus. When I'm not with the MVs or studying in Hillcrest, I like to conduct research with the Behavioral Neuroscience Lab, go to concerts (I've been to over 50, but who's counting!), and hangout with friends - usually while indulging in some of the best food Blacksburg has to offer. We have an exciting year ahead and I absolutely cannot wait to kick off this football season with you all! If you have any questions about MVs, life on campus, or if you just want to introduce yourself, feel free to reach out to me by email or Facebook messenger. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone soon - let's go Hokies!!

Emily Fisher emfisher@vt.edu



Hey there Pix! My name is Emily Fisher and I'm a rising senior from Roanoke, Virginia. I'm double majoring in Literature and Language Pre-Education and Creative Writing with a minor in History. I'm always looking for new book recommendations. I teach with the BRP (Blacksburg Refugee Partnership) and VT AWARE with the Women's Center. After my senior year, I'll still be around for a year of graduate school to get my masters in Education. This will be my first season as a rank captain and I'm so excited! Other than marching band, I love playing video games (Zelda is my favorite), having paint nights with friends, watching netflix, and as you'll soon be quite familiar with, dancing like nobody's watching. I'm so excited to see everyone in August and this is going to be a great season!

Jordan Estep - jordane7@vt.edu



Hey Pix! My name is Jordan Estep and I'm a senior from Gloucester, Virginia and am majoring in Chemical Engineering. This will be my fourth season in the MV's and my second season as a rank captain. Last semester was my first semester back after taking a year off to do two co-ops, so I'm looking forward to being able to go to the games with the band again since I missed last season. When I'm not working on homework or at practice, I'm usually out spending time with friends or playing with my dog, Cocoa. This will be her third year at school with me! I'm so excited to be part of the MV's again this season, so if you have any questions about the band (or anything else) please reach out to me! I can't wait to meet everyone soon, so here's to another great band and football season! Go Hokies!

So now that you know a little bit about us, all that's left is to get to know all of you! Which brings us back to band camp - hopefully you've gone through all the information on the main band camp page that pertains to you. That should answer the majority of questions you have about band camp in general. Here are a few other important items that are worth mentioning:

- Don't forget to check out the audition music, located on the same page where you found the welcome letter. Practice, practice, practice - music is naturally an integral part of the MVs. You may perform your musical audition on flute or piccolo. Be prepared to play any piece in the audition packet as well as scales up to four sharps or flats! We'll only ask you to play snippets of a couple pieces, but it is important to have a good grasp on all of them, as these are pieces we will play throughout the season. In general, go for accuracy over speed, but for those of you that are new there are suggested tempos listed for each piece (so you can get an idea of how fast we play them in the stands).
- NOTE: For "Carry Me Back" we play measures 7 to 51 up an octave. *Make sure you practice it this way, as this is how we play it for shows and in the stands!*
- We also play *most* of "Tech Triumph" up an octave, but only if you really feel comfortable playing it that way. Practice it in the way you feel will make you most successful in the audition.
- As you can guess from the name MV Pix, we march only piccolos (all school owned, so you don't need to buy one if you make the band). For your musical audition, there is no penalty for performing on flute - pick whichever you practiced on during the summer; however, we will have instruments for you to borrow during band camp so we can gauge your ability on piccolo. Don't panic if you've never played piccolo before; the transition is pretty smooth.
- Be proactive in showing us who you are, and what you're all about. It's our job to get to know each and every one of you during band camp, so get to know the leadership, and more importantly, get to know each other! Not only does it help us, but it's also a chance to meet some of the greatest people you'll know here at VT! Get ready to bring your A-game to band camp; we love to see enthusiastic players giving their best efforts throughout the entire week of auditions!
- Don't forget to bring a great attitude! The MVs, and especially the MV Pix, are all about enthusiasm and excitement! All of the the 330+ MVs are excited to be a member of *The Spirit of Tech*, so we hope that you will be too!

If you have any other questions about band camp, the MVs or just Virginia Tech in general, please feel free to contact us. There's always a ton of excitement surrounding the new football season, hopefully culminating in an amazing trip to a fabulous bowl game. We can't say enough about how excited we are that you are interested in becoming a member of the greatest section of all, the MV Pix! Enjoy the rest of your summer, and we can't wait to see you in August!

Lots of Hokie love,
The MV Pix Leadership