

VT STORIES

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Sharing with the world what a Hokie really is.

VT Stories is an oral history project that collects and examines stories, memories, tall tales, tragedies, and triumphs of all members of the Hokie community to understand our shared history. Our goal is to tap into the public history landscape of Virginia Tech and to offer an interactive web and social-media based oral history platform in order to highlight an inclusive history for the university community.



VT Stories was initiated in 2015 by the Office of the President. At the heart of VT Stories is Hokies interviewing Hokies. Interviewers engage with VT alumni to learn their histories and to make mentoring connections that go beyond the student experience.

BY THE NUMBERS:

- Over 200 alumni interviews
- Class range from 1937-2015
- Over 400 hours of stories
- 11 graduate and undergraduate student interns



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

- Office of the President
- Department of English
- VT Alumni Association
- VT Libraries
- Technology-enhanced Learning and Online Strategies (TLOS)
- Department of History
- Office of the Provost and Pathways

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THE PROCESS

1

RECEIVE CONTACT INFORMATION

Your contact information is received from the Alumni Association or from another resource.

2

VT STORIES REACHES OUT

A member of the VT Stories team will reach out to you via phone or email.

3

SCHEDULES INTERVIEW

An interview will be scheduled based on your availability and the availability of the VT Stories team member.

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CONDUCT INTERVIEW

The 1-2 hour interview can take place wherever you are most comfortable: your home, your office, or in one of our on-campus recording spaces.

5

INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPTION

Once the interview is completed, the audio is sent to our transcription service.

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TRANSCRIPT & ARTICLE REVIEW

Our team receives the completed transcription and checks it for spelling and grammar errors. Then, a VT Stories team member will write a draft article. Once the draft is completed, it will be sent to you with the full transcription for review.

7

IMAGE REQUEST

Once you send edits and/or approve the draft and the transcript of your interview, a team member will request images from you that you would like to see published in your story.

8

IMAGES RECEIVED & SOUND CLIPS EDITED

The team member organizes the story, using the images you provide and inserts sound clips from the interview.

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PUBLISHED!

Your VT Story is published! Check it out on vtstories.org.