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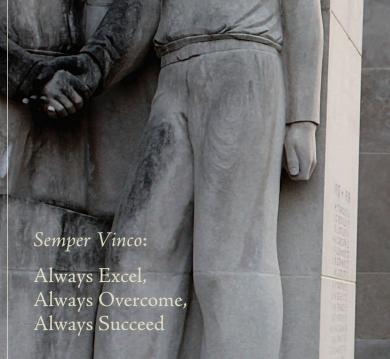


The Virginia Tech class ring embodies and invokes memories, traditions and pride that tie Hokies, young and old, together. The tradition began in the 1911–1912 school session when four classes (1911–1914) designed their rings.

Since the beginning, each Virginia Tech class has designed a ring distinctive and unique to its class. Today, Virginia Tech is one of only a few colleges and universities that redesign their ring collection each year.

Each year, the sophomore class selects a Ring Design Committee responsible for designing and marketing their class ring collection, adding elements that reflect their class experiences on the class side. All Virginia Tech ring designs have an eagle and crossed sabers or rifles, usually found on the university side and symbolizing the military heritage and traditions of the Corps of Cadets. The chain links that have encircled the ring bezel on Virginia Tech rings since 1940 represent class unity, the strength of many united as one.

Since 1991, the design process has included the recognition of a distinguished alumnus, alumna, or university president. The design, collection, and the namesake are announced to the class during the fall of their junior year at Ring Premiere. The Class of 2013 recognizes David E. Lowe '63 as their ring collection namesake.



Class Colors: Metro Blue,

Champagne, and Cream

col. rock roszak '71 & Patty roszak '71

The class of 2013 is proud to have Colonel Richard S. "Rock" Roszak and Patty Roszak as our class sponsors. Rock currently serves as the Director of Corps Alumni Programs. A member of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets, Col. Roszak received his B.S. in Business Management from Virginia Tech in 1971 and a M.A. in General Studies from Texas Christian University in 1978.

Colonel Roszak is from Staunton, Virginia. He served 27 years on active duty in the United States Air Force. He received his navigator wings in 1972 and achieved a final

rating of combat-ready Master Navigator, accumulating over 2,000 flight hours in a variety of aircraft, most notably in the B-52D/F/G, B-1B, and KC/C-135.

His assignments include a number of staff tours where he performed duties as special assistant to the USAF Chief of Staff and as the liaison officer for strategic aircraft programs to the House and Senate Armed Services Committees. In 1991, Colonel Roszak spent two years leading the technical negotiations to assist the Former Soviet Union in dismantling their nuclear weapon launch systems.

He spent his final four years of active duty as the commander of the Virginia Tech Air Force (VTAF) ROTC Detachment 875. During his period as commander, the VTAF became the sixth largest AFROTC detachment in the country and led the nation in scholarships awarded to Air Force cadets.

Colonel Roszak is married to the former Patty Loveless of Arlington, Virginia, also a 1971 graduate of Virginia Tech. Patty majored in Health and Physical Education and was a member of Chi Delta Alpha Service Sorority. She served on the 1971 Ring Dance Committee. A VT family, they have two daughters and two son-in-laws with Tech degrees that have been blessed with five grandchildren.



The Class of 2013 has selected David Lowe as their class ring namesake and is extremely proud to honor him for his many years of service and dedication to Virginia Tech. Lowe was a member of the Class of 1963 earning a bachelor of science in business administration. While at Tech, he was elected president of his class, and served as the Regimental Commander of the Corps of Cadets. He was a member of the honor fraternity, Omicron Delta Kappa, and the Leader of the GERMAN Club.

After graduating, he was employed by C&P Telephone Company (now Verizon). Soon after, Lowe was called to active duty with the U.S. Air Force where he served for five years. During his service, he attained the rank of Captain with assignments in

France and Germany.

Lowe later retired from Bell Atlantic- West Virginia as President and Chief Executive Officer. During this time the company was recognized for historically high earnings and service levels, and was acknowledged for its leadership in economic development and private sector support to education.

Currently, Lowe serves as chairman of the Operating Board of the The River Course, LLC, is a member the Ut Prosim Society, and serves on the boards of Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Alumni and GERMAN Club Alumni. He has served on the Pamplin College of Business Advisory Council, and as past president of both the GERMAN Club Alumni Foundation and the Virginia Tech Alumni Association.

David and his wife Sharon live in the Blacksburg area and are parents to four children and have eight grandchildren.

2013 CLASS SPONSORS

2013 NAMESAKE

OUR OWN 2013 COLLECTION

To the Class of 2013,

The time has come when we are finally more than halfway through our college career and are fortunate to reflect upon how this university has shaped us as individuals. We will only become better and brighter in the next two years as we live out the University's motto, Ut Prosim – That I May Serve. While we are constantly reminded to leave our legacy on this campus, it truly is the university and traditions that shape us.

Since 1911, each graduating class has redesigned their ring based on their student experience. Elements such as the screaming eagle and crossed sabers or rifle have been a part of every ring. However, just as new buildings have arisen, the ring has changed tremendously and will continue to do so long into the future. The Class of 2013 ring reminds us of our time and experiences at Tech and is

a tangible representation of the growth we've experienced from our first-move in, until the time we walk at commencement in our black cap and gown.

When you try on your ring, be proud to be a part of the 102 years of tradition that came before you, and the bonds you have made while at Virginia Tech.

Clayton Willer

Clayton VanBuren Miller Ring Design Chair Class of 2013



CLAYTON MILLER
Photo by Rock Roszak '71









Row 1: L to R Sarah Williard, Kelley English, Alexandra Caracciolo Row 2: L to R Tyler Campbell, Ian Newell, Clayton Miller, Ryan Sutton, Greg Andia Photo by Rock Roszak '71

CONSTRUCTION





In partnership with Balfour and after many meetings and sketches, the committee presents its work to an artist who professionally renders it on a ring shank drawing. After several rounds of revisions and improvements, the art is digitized and then drawn in a Computer Aided Design (CAD) program for the manufacturer. Balfour uses this CAD file to create a wax version of the ring for final approval by the committee.





Four Virginia Tech rings were realized in the 1911-1912 school session – in this order, 1913, 1912, 1914, and 1911 which was cre-ated by Fred Prosser, Class of 1911, after that Class

First class to

First women's miniature ring offered. Miniature rings were often used as engagement rings. (1925 ring depicted)







STONE SETTING POLISHING

Once approved, a master mold is created. The ancient lost wax process is used to make the detailed rings that Hokies cherish. Each class ring is made to order, passing through the skilled hands of at least 30 craftsmen and is subjected to seven detailed inspections to ensure it meets all our quality standards.



spelled out around the



1934

Around the bezel, the



First ring dance is held on April 27, 1934 by the Class of 1935.



VINCO



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VINCO MINIATURE OVAL TOP

WOMEN'S COLLECTION





MEN'S COLLECTION

CLASS SIDE

University SIDE



INTERLOCKING CHAIN

The interlocking chain, a tradition for the ring since 1940, embodies the interconnection of the members of the Class of 2013.

CLASS LOGO

The official class logo of 2013.

LANE STADIUM

Ranked as ESPN's #2 "Top 10 Scariest Places To Play", Lane Stadium has been home to Hokie football since its opening in 1965.

FIREWORKS

Whether it's a Hokie victory at Lane Stadium or the Ring Tradition here at Virginia Tech, the fireworks depict the everlasting memories encountered through your experience as a Hokie

MOUNTAIN

The beloved Blue Ridge and Alleghany mountains rim the horizon surrounding Blacksburg, providing a scenic backdrop for the Virginia Tech campus.

FIGHTING GOBBLERS/EARLY HOKIEBIRDS

The progression of mascots of Virginia Tech represents the recognition and willingness to uphold the strong sense of spirit that can be seen here in Blacksburg.

DRILL FIELD

Not only a beautiful landscape, but as the center of the Virginia Tech campus, the Drillfield hosts many activities ranging from the Corps Pass-In-Review to intramural sports to a great place to study.

HOKIE TRACKS

The Hokie tracks represents the footprints we leave at Virginia Tech. From orientation to graduation, our service to Virginia Tech and the community forever leaves a legacy.

URRENT HOKIEBIRD

Since the HokieBird's debut in 1987, this beloved mascot serves to boost morale and represents our love and passion for Virginia Tech.

DOWNTOWN BLACKSBURG

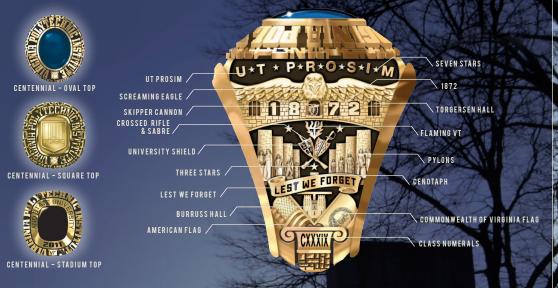
Downtown is an experience in itself as it allows Virginia Tech community to enjoy local restaurants, shopping and town events. Downtown never fails to provide fun and excitement.

CLASS MOTTO

The 2013 motto, Semper Vinco, translates to "Always Excel, Always Overcome, Always Succeed" and embodies the passion and drive of the Class of 2013.

HOKIE STON

The Hokie Stone layer continuing along the shank of the ring reminds students of the neo-gothic architecture and stonework on campus grounds.



UT PROSIM

The Virginia Tech motto Ut Prosim, "That I May Serve," defines a lifestyle of service, commitment, and community students embody during their time at Virginia Tech.

SEVEN STARS

The seven stars honor the valor of our seven Medal of Honor recipients.

SCREAMING EAGLE

The screaming eagle evolved from a pair of twin eagles used on the early Virginia Tech rings, symbolizing the twin virtues of strength and freedom.

1872

The year that the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College was established, later to become Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

SKIPPER CANNON

The sound of the Skipper Cannon is familiar tradition to all Hokies at Virginia Tech football games.

TORGERSEN BRIDGE

Torgersen Bridge serves as a gateway to the university as well as a popular study location overlooking our beautiful campus.

THREE STARS

The three stars illustrate the past, present, and future Virginia Tech Hokies.

ELAMING V

A homecoming pep rally tradition and a symbol of Hotel Company in the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets.

CROSSED RIFLE & SABRE

The oldest element on the ring, the crossed saber and rifle found on the 1911 ring, represents the command presence of a military officer and the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets.

UNIVERSITY SHIELD

Created in 1896, the seal's four quadrants depict the Great Seal of the

Commonwealth of Virginia seal, the surveyor's level and leveling rod, a standing ear of corn, and a chemical retort and graduate. It has remained almost completely unchanged for more than 11 decades.

PYLONS

The Pylons portray the eight core values of the university: Brotherhood, Honor, Leadership, Sacrifice, Service, Loyalty, Duty, and Ut Prosim. Inscribed on each Pylon are the names of Hokies that have fallen while serving in foreign wars, beginning with World War I.

CENOTAPH

Centrally located between the Pylons above War Memorial Chapel, the cenotaph commemorates the seven alumni that have received the Congressional Medal of Honor.

LEST WE FORGET

In honor of the alumni who have lost their lives serving our country. This saying is inscribed on "The Rock", a memorial in the Upper Quad, to honor Virginia Tech alumni from World War 1.

BURRUSS HALL

Completed in 1936, Burruss Hall is named for the University's eighth president, Julian Ashby Burruss. As the signature building on campus, it serves many academic and administrative purposes as well hosting concerts, shows, and other student productions in the auditorium.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA FLAG

The Virginia state flag is representative of the great Commonwealth that Virginia Tech is located in. The Commonwealth's flag bears the state motto, "Sic Semper Tyrannis" meaning "Thus Always to Tyrants."

THE AMERICAN FLAG

Waving proudly on the Virginia Tech campus the American Flag represents pride, freedom, history, and unity.

CLASS NUMERALS

The Class of 2013 is the 139th class to graduate from the university.

OPTIONS & PRICING

WARRANTY

RING PRICING MEN'S STYLES PREMIUM SILVER™ 10K 18K CELESTRIUM™ Cenotaph 40DWT 922AXXXL-square Cenotaph 40DWT 922XXXL-oval \$551 \$201 Cenotaph 34DWT 922AXXL-square \$1.505 \$1.952 \$201 \$526 Cenotaph 34DWT 922XXL-oval \$1,505 \$1,952 \$201 \$526 \$1 952 \$201 Cenotaph 34DWT 922SXXL-stadium \$1,505 Cenotanh 28DWT 922AXI -square \$495 \$987 \$1 640 Cenotaph 28DWT 922XL-oval \$495 \$1,283 \$201 Cenotaph 28DWT 922SXL-stadium \$1,283 \$1,640 Cenotaph 22DWT 333AXXL-stadium **©1 338** \$201 \$1 071 Cenotaph 22DWT 333XXL-oval \$1,338 \$201 Sacrifice 662L \$677 \$797 \$201 \$201 Ut Prosim 878AL school seal Brotherhood 878AL pylons WOMEN'S STYLES PREMIUM SILVER™ 10K 18 K **CELESTRIUM** TM Cenotaph 12DWT 333AMS-square \$900 \$201 Cenotaph 12DWT 333MS-oval \$900 Cenotaph 5DWT 333XS-oval Cenotaph 876XX1 (miniature) Duty 697XXS Leadership 878XXS school seal Service 878XXS pylons Chapel 880XXS CZ Chapel 880XXS DB Chapel 880XXS D Honor 941XS CZ \$374 \$413 Honor 941XS D \$480 \$524 \$307 Loyalty 892XXS CZ \$307 \$374 \$418 \$524 \$520 \$586 \$631 Loyalty 892XXS D STONE PRICING GENUINE STONES 13 X 11 12 X 10 8 X 6 DIAMONDS Palmeira Citrine Topaz \$110 \$35 \$460 \$200 \$380 \$45 Medium Aquamarine Swiss Blue Topaz \$155 \$200 \$55 \$155 London Blue Topaz Lapis Lazuli \$130 \$495 Rhodolite Garnet \$325 \$195 \$230 \$155 Mozambique Garnet 25 Pts. \$375 Medium Amethyst \$170 CUBIC ZIRCONIA \$30 \$30 Carnelian \$35 \$30 \$25 \$25 \$20 \$90 Blood Stone \$25 \$20 \$100 \$40 Aventurine Quartz Green Agate Hope Blue Star Sapphi \$ 25 20 Pts. \$28 \$30 Brown Tiger Eye 25 Pts. \$50 \$30 \$30 Avoming Jade \$13

SIMULATED GEMSTONES

























SPECIAL STONE OPTIONS











NOW OFFERING GENUINE HOKIE STONE!



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Receive a \$10 discount when you pay in full at time of

TIME PAYMENT

Your balance will be divided into 2, 4, or 6 equal payments on your MasterCard, Visa, Discover, or American Express and charged at 30-day intervals until the balance is paid in full.

C.O.D.

Leave a \$75 deposit when you place your order and pay the balance due when the ring arrives.



Due to World War II, Ring Dance is suspended from 1944 – 1946.



Lengths and Conditions of Guarantee Regarding Defects in

Decoration: Any damaged simulated stone will be replaced at no charge regardless of the cause of damage.

Conditions and Associated Charges for Ring Resizing and Ring Adjustments: The ring will be resized at any time at no charge.

Conditions and Associated Charges for Replacement of Damaged Ring: If through normal wear and tear a ring is worn beyond satisfaction, it may be exchanged for a new ring. There is no charge for this remake. If a ring is damaged beyond satisfaction outside of these parameters, another ring can be purchased for the cost of Balfour's existing remake charge.

Conditions and associated charges for ordering additional rings: Additional Rings May Be Ordered at Any Time after December 31, 2012, the rings may be ordered at the prevailing price at time of order. Prevailing price will be determined according to cost of gold and stones at the time of ordering.

Conditions and Associated Charges for Changes in Academic College Destination: A classmate who changes colleges at Virginia Tech after a ring is purchased may return the ring to be remade with proper designation at no charge.

Refund Policy for Rings Returned for Students Who Fail to Graduate with the Class Designated on the Ring: A classmate who fails to graduate with their class may return the ring for a full refund less class dues.

Responsibility and Procedures for Resolving Disputes Regarding the Validity of Warranty Clauses: Disputes as to the validity of the warranty clauses will be resolved by the Ring Design Committee. With Balfour's philosophy that the customer is always right, such arbitration by the Committee should never be necessary.

Conditions and Associated Charges for Restoring Ring Finish: Should a classmate not be totally satisfied with his or her original choice of finish, refinishing would be completed at no charge.

Conditions on How Repairs are Made, Whom to Contact, and How Shipping Rates are Handled: Prior to graduation, service dates will be established to handle any adjustments. All shipping, handling and insurance costs will be the responsibility of Balfour during





The end of the 40s saw a swell of veterans returning to VPI as civilians creating the need for a "CSB" (Civilian Study Body) side of the ring.



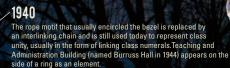
1958

First ring to depict the War Memorial Pylons.



1963

David Lowe served on the committee to design his class of 1963 ring.



\$18

Hokie Stone Oval

Hokie Stone Square



Over the past seventy-seven years, Virginia Tech students and faculty have gathered to celebrate the beloved and lasting tradition of Ring Dance. Established by the Class of 1935, Ring Dance weekend takes place in the spring of a student's junior year.

The celebration includes a ceremonial ring presentation in Squires Commonwealth Ballroom. Couples receive ribbons in their class colors, used to tie each other's rings on their wrists for their ring

presentation. Traditionally, the women wear the darker ribbon while the men wear the lighter ribbon.

A time-honored ritual performed by the Corps of Cadets marks the ring presentation. Marching into the ballroom, junior Cadets form the Ring Figure of their graduating class year, followed by the formation of the Sabre Arch. Under this arch, freshman Cadets escort each Cadet's date. The president of the university ceremonially announces the formal presentation of the rings. "Moonlight and V.P.I", a song written specifically for the Ring Dance in 1942 by Fred Waring, with lyrics by Charles Gaynor, is performed in the background as rings are presented to class members. For most junior Cadets, this is their first view of the class ring, since they have been picked up and hidden by their freshmen escorts until the dance. At the conclusion of the song, hundreds of balloons are released on civilians and cadets below. A tradition that began as a Corps

prank many years ago, and is now handled by members of the Virginia Tech Swine Club, is the release of a small pig into the ballroom for a brief period after the ring presentation. The grand finale of the evening takes place at midnight with a spectacular show of fireworks over the Drillfield. Finally, "Silver Taps" is played and a report from the Skipper Cannon concludes the event.

SAVE THE DATE FOR RING DANCE WEEKEND: March 23 & 24, 2012



As we embark on our third year at Virginia Tech, it has become evident that tradition and Hokie pride will be a part of our lives forever. One of the largest traditions at Virginia Tech has been the class ring and the Ring Dance Celebration. We commemorate this time-honored tradition with a weekend in March that you will remember for the rest of your life.

On behalf of the 2013 Ring Dance Committee, I am honored to cordially invite you to join us in the tradition of Ring Banquet and Ring Dance. This renowned weekend will honor 102 years of Virginia Tech class rings, 78 years of Ring Dance and the countless memories the Class of 2013 has and will continue to make throughout our time in Blacksburg. The formal Ring Dance promises to be a fun-filled evening recognizing the success of the Junior Class, the presentation of the rings through the Corps of Cadet's Ring Figure and Sabre Arch, and a lively band for dancing. To conclude such an incredible weekend, a display of fireworks will be held at midnight over the Drillfield.



Please join the 2013 Ring Dance Committee, as well as the 2013 Leadership Team, for a weekend affair only a Virginia Tech student has the opportunity to experience. We promise that this ring celebration will easily be one of your most cherished memories at Virginia Tech and look forward to seeing you there.

Forever a Hokie,

Kelley English
Kelley Marie English

Class of 2013 Ring Dance Chair



The Millennial ring



2010 The April 16th depicted on a class

Celebrates 100 years of the ring tradition. First ring to offer the option of genuine Hokie Stone as a









Uses hemlock needles to form stone is modeled around the palmside of the ring.



CLASS OF 2012 LEADERSHIP

CLASSMATES OF 2013,

Over the last two years, we have broken away from our childhood homes and transformed ourselves from eager high school seniors to scholarly juniors and leaders of tomorrow. During this time, we have enjoyed the many traditions at Virginia Tech, overcome tough challenges, made lifelong friends, and obtained lifelong skills and memories. We have learned that not having keys on game day is frowned upon, the weather always keeps us on our toes, the sound of construction is as natural as the local wildlife, and when you come across the smells from the local farms, you know you're home sweet home. More importantly, we belong to the nation's strongest community: a community in which "stranger" is

an undefined word, a community which obtains satisfaction and fulfillment by living the University motto, Ut Prosim, "That I May Serve."

We have reached an important milestone at this university in which a century old tradition recognizes and celebrates: the Ring of Virginia Tech. The Class Ring, redesigned every year by each respective class is a shared bond between classmates and the nearly 250,000 living alumni. To you, the Ring will serve as a reminder of your time here at Virginia Tech. To others, the Ring will serve as a testimony of your achievements and as a statement of your identity, a Hokie of Virginia Tech.

I encourage you to participate in this long-standing tradition that will surely add to your Virginia Tech experience and further define your relationship with your classmates and this grand university.

Photo by Rock Roszak '71

Sincerely,

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Tyler Campbell Class of 2013 President



CLASS OFFICERS

Class Officers: President Tyler Campbell, Vice President Dustin Dorph, Treasurer Michael Branigan, Secretary YuYu Schatz, Historian Emma Stafford, Female Member at Large Alex Caracciolo, Male Member at Large Ryan Sutton, Cadet Member at Large Ian Newell

Gregory Andia, Chase Markety, Lee Scott, Nick Blakalious, Andrew Greenburg, Todd Atherton, Dane Harrington, Christina Turminillo, Katy Hammakaer, Doug Braniard, Abby Eastman, Caitlin Nagurney, Samantha Bluell, Ellee Alexander, Kelly Murphy, Sarah Williard, Kelley English, Clayton Miller

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Cynthia Nguyen

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CLASS OF 2013 RING COLLECTION







