WOASF Volunteers Endowed Scholar

Gwendolyn Moore

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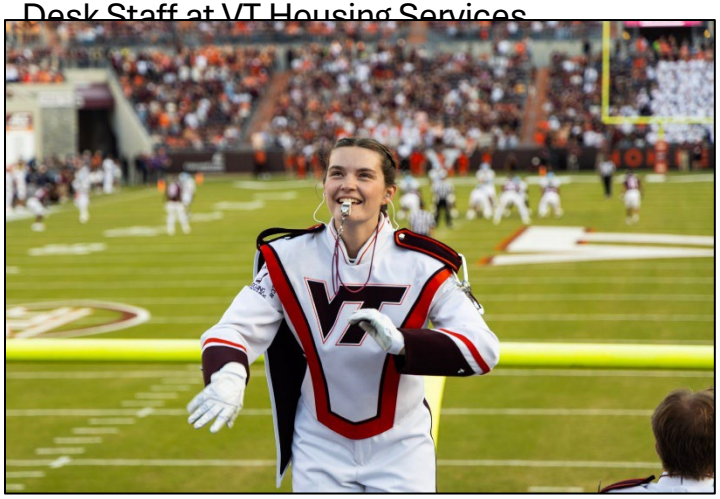
College: Virginia Tech

2026-2027: Junior

Major: Music Eduation with Minor in Sociology

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- VA Tech Wind Ensemble
- The Marching Virginians (Drum Major)
- VA Tech Clarinet Quartet
- Band Assistant to the Director of Bands at VT
- Collegiate Chapter of the National Association of Music Education President
- Intermural Softball
- Barista at Coffeeholics
- Desk Staff at VT Housing Services



I am beyond grateful for this scholarship and the opportunities it has allowed in my academic and professional life. Having now completed my second year of college, I look back with more gratitude than ever for what I have been able to accomplish. As a bit of background, I was hesitant with my decision to attend Virginia Tech-not for any academic or “student life” reasons, but purely for financial ones. I knew that it was the right choice for me but wanted to avoid as many student loans as possible and therefore was hesitant to commit. It was only because of the opportunity of scholarships such as this one that I was able to commit to my dream school, and I am beyond grateful that I was able to do this. In this past year, I have been able to take on opportunities such as being the drum major of the Marching Virginians, something I am incredibly proud of and provides me with practical experience every day for my future as a band director. Additionally, I have been able to perform with numerous high-achieving ensembles, performing with the Virginia Tech Wind Ensemble at the Virginia Music Educators Association annual conference this past November and with the Virginia Tech Clarinet quartet at the CMS Mid-Atlantic Conference in March. These experiences are ones that will set me up for great success in my professional career and are a tribute to the opportunities given to me through my WOASF scholarship. I hope to continue with my strides for personal and professional betterment in the second half of my college career, taking advantage of the opportunities this scholarship foundation has given me.