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Glencoe Mansion hosts Radford City Public Schools art show

Glencoe Mansion is hosting a new art show, “For the Love of Art,” featuring the artworks of students from Radford City Public Schools.

The show will be on display March 18 through April 30. There will be an opening reception Saturday, March 18, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The show features the works of students from third through twelfth grade, representing three Radford City Public schools.

“These talented young artists are showcasing works that were created in the classroom where they diligently learned about a variety of art movements, styles, and mediums,” Glencoe announced.

Works from Belle Heth Elementary were created under the direction of Michelle Saunders and Ashley Dunbar; Dalton Intermediate School, under the direction of Kristy Bryant; and Radford High School, under the instruction of Savannah Leeman.

The student artists of RHS have gained various honors for their artwork including exhibition at the Radford University Tyler Gallery as well as awards in

the Regional Scholastic Art competition. Under Mrs. Leeman, students have worked on various projects using a variety of media where she focuses on helping students develop their artistic skills while learning important 21st century skills that will help them find success in the world outside of school. To stay updated on the Radford High School Visual Arts program, you can follow at @bobcatartdept on Instagram and Radford HS Visual and Performing Arts on Facebook.

“We are so excited to once again partner with Radford City Public Schools and to showcase the dynamic artwork of Radford’s youngest citizens,” said Museum Director Scott Gardner.

“As a student, to have your artwork on public display is so special, and we at Glencoe are thrilled to be able to showcase their hard work and offer this show to our community,” added Gallery coordinator Lauri Murphy.

Glencoe Mansion is free to visit and is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

-Submitted by Glencoe Mansion, Museum and Gallery



PHOTO COURTESY OF RADFORD UNIVERSITY
Jessica Cartwright Wisman '08, M.A. '10

Radford University alum named Healthcare Hero by Carilion Clinic

As part of her duties as a speech-language pathologist at Carilion New River Valley Medical Center, Jessica Cartwright Wisman '08, M.A. '10, consults with other healthcare professionals caring for hospitalized adults. She helps prevent, assess, diagnose and treat speech, language, cognitive-communication and swallowing disorders as part of that continuum of care.

“Most of my job focuses on identifying swallowing disorders and helping make recommendations to reduce the risks of developing complications related to this difficulty,” Wisman said.

It was during one of these consultations that Wisman made a “great catch,” according to her manager, that ultimately saved a patient’s life.

“I was asked to see a patient who presented with symptoms of difficulty swallowing and severely altered vocal quality,” Wisman recalled. “The morning before my evaluation, though, the patient had a decline in respiratory status and began requiring significant support to breathe properly.”

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Radford University faculty members named Dalton Eminent Scholar Award recipients

Becky Brackin
Radford University

In recognition of their distinguished academic reputations, Radford University’s Office of the Provost has awarded three faculty members the university’s highest honor.

The 2022-2023 Dalton Eminent Scholar Awards provide faculty members with opportunities for even greater excellence in their chosen fields. Each faculty winner receives a \$10,000

award to fund research travel and materials and a \$5,000 award following successful research and scholarly activity. The three recipients are encouraged to include student investigators throughout their exploration.

Recipients of the Dalton Eminent Senior Scholar Award must be associate or full professors at Radford University for a minimum of three academic years. One award is reserved for a Dalton Eminent Scholar Rising Star, which recognizes a faculty member showing extraordinary promise in research or creative scholarship.

The recipients of the 2022-2023 Dalton Eminent Senior Scholar Awards are:

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Rick Van Noy, Ph.D.



Steven Fesmire, Ph.D.



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Zachary Collier, Ph.D.

Beta Sigma Phi supports Women’s Resource Center of the NRV



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Molly Maddra, left, of The Women’s Resource Center of the New River Valley in Radford, receives recently donated pillows from Libby Pettigrew on behalf of Christiansburg’s Alpha Mu Master Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

RHS machining students create welcoming metal art

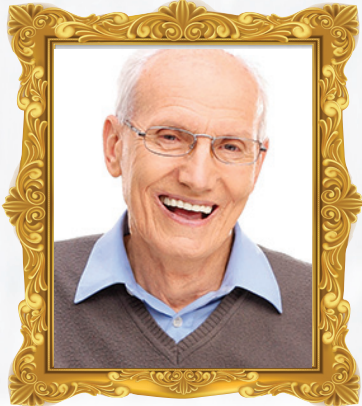


PHOTO COURTESY OF RADFORD HIGH SCHOOL
Radford High School seniors Nate Hurst, Trent Bess, and Jagger Brame have created a metal sunflower with planters as a welcome statement for the school’s greenhouse.

“This is a great example of 21st century skills,” said Radford High School’s shout-out to the students. “Critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, communication, and welding skills were used to create this sculpture. Fantastic!”

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, March 15:

Library Board of Trustees meeting
The Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library Board of Trustees will meet at the Christiansburg Library in the community room from 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, March 16:

Radford Photo Club meeting
At the Radford Public Library at 6 p.m. The program for March is the final session on street photography led by Adi Ben Senior. The February session included an assignment to take 50 black and white photos at three locations and narrow the shots to three to present to the class. The agenda for March will include discussion of upcoming shows and other future events. The Radford Photo Club is made up of professional and amateur photographers from throughout the New River Valley. Meetings, events, and outings are open to the public.

Sensory experiences for adults
The Blacksburg Library announces a new program for adults that explores a variety of sensory stations in a comfortable setting, hosted by the Developmental, Cognitive, and Intellectual Disabilities Committee. Attendees can participate in two different sessions at 2:30 p.m. and/or 6 p.m. Assistive devices are welcome, and participants can explore a variety of sensory stations designed to engage the senses. The library is also offering the chance to win a Bluetooth sensory light. The winner will be announced the day after the programs. Fidget toys will also be available for attendees to take home, while supplies last. The program is open to adults of all abilities and is free. For more information, contact Alyssa Carpenter at acarpenter@mfrl.org or call (540) 382-6969 ext. 211.

Young writers club
At the Radford Public Library from 4 to 5 p.m. This is a gently guided writer's club for kids. Together, the group will work on responding to writing prompts, will have some quiet writing time, and will have the opportunity to share work. The program is geared toward 8-to -12-year-olds. Contact Morgan for more information at morgan.esterhuizen@radfordva.gov. Children are urged to bring their favorite writing materials.

Community quilting bee
At the Blacksburg Library; 10 a.m. to noon. This weekly quilting and sewing group will offer some lively conversation. Participants should bring their own supplies.

Meadowbrook quilters
At the Meadowbrook Library; 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the studio room of the Meadowbrook Center. All age groups and skill levels are encouraged to participate in this informal gathering of individuals who love quilting or who want to learn the craft.

Saturday, March 18:

Free tax assistance with NRCA

At the Christiansburg Library; 1 to 4 p.m. Volunteers will provide free income tax preparation assistance through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program and NRCA. Income limits may apply. Walk-ins only. For more information visit <https://newrivercommunityaction.org/vita> or call 540-320-3217.

Tuesday, March 21:

Virtual author talk with Chef Jernard A. Wells
Hosted by the Radford Public Library; 4 to 5 p.m. Participants will chat with celebrity chef Jernard Wells about his newest cookbook, "Southern Inspired," which includes more than 100 dishes as Chef Wells puts it "from My American Table to Yours." Register at [tps://libraryc.org/radfordlibrary/24832](https://libraryc.org/radfordlibrary/24832)

Thursday, March 23:

Get buggy at the library
At the Radford Public Library; noon to 1 p.m. The library is celebrating award-winning author Sue Fliess's upcoming visit with a program all about bugs. Staff will be handing out copies of "The Bug Book" to attendees while supplies last. Entomology is the study of insects, and students from the Virginia Tech Entomology Department will be on hand to talk about all things buggy and maybe bring a creepy crawly or two.

Saturday, March 25:

Spring children's consignment sale
Blacksburg United Methodist Church will hold its spring children's consignment sale from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Whisner Building at the Church Street campus, accessed through the rear entrance at Lee and Penn Streets. Families will be able to get great deals on seasonal kids' clothes and shoes, toys, books, baby gear, sports equipment, maternity clothing and more. Many items are like-new (some even brand-new). Some items will be half-price between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. Cash or checks only. No card or electronic payments.

Monday, March 27:

Radford City Council meeting
The Radford City Council will hold its regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at the Radford Municipal Building, 10 Robertson St., Radford.

Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting
The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors will meet with a closed session beginning at 6 p.m. if needed, and an open session beginning at 7:15 p.m. Citizens are invited to attend and are encouraged to speak at each meeting about their concerns. All regular meetings of the Board of Supervisors are rebroadcast on Montgomery County Comcast and Shentel Channels 190 daily.

Book Tasting: Juvenile chapter books
At the Radford Public Library; 5 to 6 p.m. in the Rock n' Read Diner at RPL as the library hosts its first-ever book tasting event. At a book tasting, students "taste" or sample a selection of books chosen ahead of time. Students can rotate among tables to sample the books and can make notes about the ones that interested them. Tables of middle grade books will be set up with all books pulled from the J-Fiction and J-Nonfiction sections of the library.

Council will meet in regular session at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 S. Main St. These meetings are open to the public and are televised live on WTOB Channel 2.

Christiansburg Town Council meeting
The Christiansburg Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. in the council chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall (100 E. Main Street). The public is welcome and is encouraged to attend, with a citizen hearing time reserved at each meeting for residents to bring any matters they desire before the council.

Wednesday, March 29:

Radford budget presentation
In the city council chambers at 5:30 p.m., Radford City staff will present the proposed 2023-24 fiscal year budget to members of the Radford City Council and the public.

Wednesday, April 5:

Coping Techniques for Caregivers
Commonwealth Senior Living at Radford will host a seminar titled "Coping Techniques for Caregivers." The seminar will discuss ways to care for a senior loved one while also caring for yourself.

Wednesday, April 12:

Coping Techniques for Caregivers
Commonwealth Senior Living at Christiansburg will be hosting a second session of a seminar titled "Coping Techniques for Caregivers." The seminar will discuss ways to care for a senior loved one while also caring for yourself.

Thursday, April 13:

River City Quilt Guild
The River City Quilt Guild will meet at 9:30 a.m. at Grove United Methodist Church, 1020 Tyler Ave., Radford. The guild welcomes all skill levels of quilters. For more information, call Anna Handy, 540 320 7791.

New River Valley Chapter of Virginia Master Naturalists
At Radford Library; 6 to 7:30 p.m. Participants can come learn more about becoming a Virginia Master Naturalist and the training program that starts in August 2023.

Ongoing:

Lifeguard training
The Christiansburg Aquatic Center is hiring high school students ages 16 and above for the summer season. A lifeguard training course is mandatory to be hired and will be held March 17- 19. If students are hired, the training class is free. Enroll at www.cacpool.com.

Cap and Gown drive
The Town of Blacksburg Sustainability Office is partnering with Blacksburg High School and Sustainable Blacksburg to encourage re-use of previous years' graduate gear for the 2023 senior class. Gowns (blue only - from 2018 and later), caps, stoles, and cords are accepted. Donations can be made between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at the main entrance of Blacksburg High School. Donors may dry-clean materials if needed, but this is not required. For more information, contact the Town of Blacksburg Sustainability Office at 540-443-1617 or sustainability@blacksburg.gov.

Blacksburg 2023 citizens institute
The Town of Blacksburg will present a citizens institute beginning April 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. The institute offers the chance to meet town staff and learn more about how Blacksburg's government functions. Participants must be 18 years of age or older, and residents of the Town of Blacksburg. To register, call the Community Relations Office at 540-443-1090 or email cro@blacksburg.gov.

Free GED Classes
New River Community College is offering free GED classes at the Meadowbrook Library every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5 to 8 p.m. The classes end on Thursday, May 11. For more information or to sign up, call the Meadowbrook Library at 540-268-1964.



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Feiertag, Howard

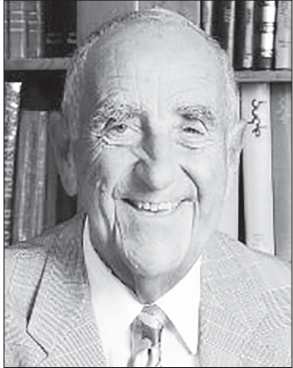
Howard Feiertag, hospitality and tourism management icon, longstanding faculty member, and namesake of the Howard Feiertag Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management in the Virginia Tech Pamplin College of Business, passed away March 3.

Feiertag's esteemed career included over six decades of professional and academic experience in meetings and convention bureau management, hotel operations, food and beverage, and hotel marketing and sales.

"For over three decades, Howard Feiertag was instrumental in advancing Virginia Tech's world-class hospitality and tourism management educational ecosystem," said Roberta "Robin" Russell, interim dean of the Pamplin College of Business. "Howard was an extraordinary industry leader, educator, mentor, philanthropist, and champion for all hospitality professionals. His enduring impact will be felt by generations to come."

Feiertag was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, the youngest of 10 children. A World War II

and Korean War veteran, he earned a bachelor's degree at Michigan State University. His hospitality career kicked off when he was recruited by the chamber of commerce in Charlotte as the city's first convention bureau manager. He would go on to become the first



city convention bureau manager in Orlando.

A short time later, Feiertag became director of sales for a real estate company with hotel holdings in Charlotte. He went on to become director of sales for Roanoke-based American Motor Inns, Inc., and serve in leadership roles, including senior vice president for operations, at Servico, a hotel management company in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Feiertag was recruited to join the Virginia

Tech faculty in 1989, and he taught courses in hospitality sales and meeting management. In pursuit of academic excellence, he brought coursework to life by fostering connections among students, faculty, and industry professionals. He was committed to delivering student experiential learning opportunities and integrating hospitality and tourism experts into the classroom.

For nearly 30 years, Feiertag partnered with hotels throughout the commonwealth to provide students with direct experience in new business prospecting. Integrated within hotel operations for multiple days, students received coaching from hotel employees and used real-life leads to engage with potential clients.

Feiertag's commitment to academic excellence will continue to be felt through his philanthropy. In recognition of a generous contribution by Feiertag, the hospitality and tourism management department was renamed the Howard Feiertag Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management in 2018.

White, Douglas Alan

With great sadness, the family announces the death of Douglas Alan White, 50, of Blacksburg, on March 5, 2023.

He was predeceased by his father, Charles Earnest White.

Doug was found at home, resting peacefully, having passed away in his sleep. He was a devoted father, uncle, brother, son, and friend who lived and loved passionately and fought for what he believed in. He dared to be a squeaky wheel, a thorn in the side, and a beacon of hope for those struggling in darkness. Doug was invested in his community; working alongside concerned citizens and the city council to make his hometown and loved ones safe.

Doug brought

everything he had to the table. He was a hard worker, a brilliant contractor, and a fixer of anything. His creative



talents can be seen in many interior and exterior spaces from the Blacksburg area to Richmond.

Doug is survived by his three sons, Sterling, Hayden, and Riley White; his ex-wife April Walsh; his mother, Linda Seigfried; his two brothers and sister

and their families: Chris and Mitzi White with children Allison, Jason and Spencer, Beth (Uma) White with children Milo and Elvin Nicholson and their father Dan Nicholson, and Than and Yara White with children Karis and Emmy.

A celebration of life will be held on April 10, 2023, from 1 to 4 p.m. at The Cellar in Blacksburg. The family welcomes all of Doug's friends and loved ones to join in the celebration. RSVP to the event through the following link: [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/celebration-of-life-for-doug-white-tickets-577778359627] https://www.eventbrite.com/e/celebration-of-life-for-doug-white-tickets-577778359627 Password: DougWhite

Saunders, Rev. Nancy Wyatt

The Reverend Nancy Wyatt Saunders, 89, passed away Monday, March 6, 2023.

She was welcomed Home by a host of family, friends, and her Savior Jesus. With origins in the Martinsville/Henry County, Va., area, she was born in Preston on Oct. 15, 1933, to James Lawson and Francis Florence 'Fannie' R. Wyatt.

She married the Rev. Dr. John R. Saunders on Dec. 20, 1952.

She graduated from Spencer-Penn High School and received undergraduate degrees from Johnson University and Radford University. She also received a Master of Arts degree from Mercer University.

While the family was living in Radford, her

husband pastored First Christian Church (Unity Christian Church) on Tyler Avenue. While the family was living in Poplar Bluff, Mo., her



husband pastored New Life Christian Church.

In 1979, she accepted the pastorate at First Christian Church of Doniphan, Mo. She also pastored Lordstown Christian Church of

Lordstown, Ohio, and First Christian Church of Gainesville, Ga., serving as co-senior pastor alongside her husband.

Surviving are her children, Brian E. Saunders (Cindy), Sarah (Saunders) Allred (Bill), and Eric M. Saunders (Monica); nine grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Arrangements include a memorial service at her last place of residence, Atherton Place in Marietta, Ga. Her remains will be interred next to her husband at the Pleasant Grove Christian Church Cemetery in Martinsville, Va.

Memorials may be made to Johnson University (7900 Johnson Dr., Knoxville, TN, 37998, specify the John R. and Nancy W. Saunders Scholarship Fund).

Whitfield, Rodney, James "Waldeck", and Leander Lewis; and sisters Valerie Morton, Eliza Charleton, and Christine Wright.

Survivors include her husband of 65 years, Charles Manns, Sr.; daughter Charlene Horne; sons Charles. Manns, Jr., and Donald Manns; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; brothers Walter (Sandy) Lewis, Anthony Lewis, and Courtney (Terri) Lewis; sisters Laverne Brown; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

The family received friends on Monday, March 13, 2023, at First Missionary Baptist Church in New River. Funeral services followed with the Rev. Montie Brown officiating. Interment followed in New River Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to METAvivor- Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness, Research and Support.

The Manns family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford.

McCardle, Donna Claire Hart

Donna Claire Hart McCardle was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, on January 3, 1927, to the late Stanley Burton Hart and Dulcie Bridenbaugh Hart.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, William Stanley Hart and Roger L. Hart and his wife Jean; a sister, Beverly Lou Hart Rihl; sons Stephen Hugh McCardle and

Timothy Mark McCardle; and her husband of 58-and-a-half years, Dr. Hugh J. McCardle.

She is survived by sons David J. McCardle and Michael C. McCardle; sister Janice Hart Scott of Columbus, Ohio; daughters-in-law, Karen McCardle and Leigh McCardle; grandchildren Emily McCardle Wong, Jamie McCardle, and

Ryan McCardle; and a special grandson, Mario Wong; and many other relatives and friends.

Per her request, no services will be held.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the local Fire and EMS departments.

The McCardle family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford.

Price, Donald Garry

Heaven gained a special angel on Monday night, March 13 when Donald Garry Price died surrounded by his close family and pastor and wife.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Vance and Ellen Smith

Price, and his daughter, Jennifer Lea. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Lois Price; his son, Jason C. Price and his wife, Nyoka Price; his grandson, Atlas Price, and his sister, Idea Sturgill. He was also survived by special friends Harvey

Waddell and Jerry Long, and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, friends, and family.

The family offers a special thank-you to Good Samaritan. Services were held, Saturday, March 11, 2023, at Blacksburg First Wesleyan Church.

Myers, Roger Livingston

Roger Livingston Myers, 77, of Newport, died Friday, March 10, 2023 at his home.

He was born in Christiansburg on March 17, 1945, to the late Manuel Livingston and Sylvia Katherine Price Myers. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Diane Katherine Myers Williams.

He is survived by his love of his life, Sharon Myers; daughters Holly (Kerry) Pennington, Heidi Myers, and Kelly Buford; grandsons Elijah McCoy, David McCoy, Mason Buford, and Grant Buford; sisters Regina (Joe) Berardi, Carolyn (Jack) Kanis, and Jude (Norm) Kitchen; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be conducted Friday, March 17, 2023, at 2 p.m. in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Pastor, Robert Stockburger officiating. The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. prior to the service at McCoy Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Dr. SW, Blacksburg.

Whitlock, Diane Wells

Diane Wells Whitlock, 70, of Christiansburg, died Tuesday, March 7, 2023.

She was born in Montgomery County on Sept. 19, 1952, to the late Denver Ellis and Izola Velta Cox Wells.

Diane is survived by her daughters, Heather (Steve), and Sarah (Mykl); a brother, Denny Wells (Judy); grandchildren Adara, Judah, and Liam; niece Kayla and her children, Austin and Landon;

and nephew Matthew (Brittney) and his children, Walker and Heidi.

Graveside services were conducted on Friday, March 10, 2023, at Sunset Cemetery in Christiansburg.

Daylight saving time change can create driver fatigue and hazards on the road, says expert



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Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (VTTI) expert Matt Camden warns that the switch to Daylight Saving Time increases the chances of driver fatigue.

As most Americans pushed their clocks forward for daylight saving time at 2 a.m. Sunday morning, it's also a time for commuters that can translate to more driver fatigue and hazards on the road, says Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (VTTI) expert Matt Camden.

Camden says that any time change can exacerbate drowsiness and Americans' bodies may need a few days to adjust accordingly.

He offers the following advice for drivers to avoid fatigue.

1. Avoid driving during rush hour and from 2 to 4 a.m.

Crash risk increases during rush hours and from 2 to 4 a.m. Driving between 2 and 4 a.m. is particularly dangerous because a person's circadian rhythm is at its lowest during this timeframe. And when a driver is already sleep-deprived, the desire to

sleep during the circadian low is even greater.

2. Get a full night's sleep.

Drivers should try to sleep at least seven to eight hours to avoid drowsiness. However, one night's rest may not be enough for someone who has experienced several sleepless nights. In those cases, the driver will need several days of restful sleep to compensate for the sleep debt.

3. Pay attention to signs of drowsy driving.

Signs of drowsy driving include slow eyelid closures, yawning, gentle swaying of the head, seat fidgeting, difficulty staying in your lane, difficulty maintaining speed, and delayed reactions.

4. Be aware of other factors impacting drowsy driving.

Situations that increase drowsiness are driving alone, monotonous road conditions, such as long straightaways with limited

changes in the environment, long drives, and extended periods of heavy traffic.

About Camden:

Matt Camden is a senior research associate and program leader of the Research to Practice & Outreach Program in VTTI's Division of Freight, Transit, and Heavy Vehicle Safety. He's an expert in occupational driving safety with 14 years of experience solving complex challenges to improve vehicle and driver safety.

Camden specializes in light-vehicle and heavy-vehicle fleet safety with an emphasis on developing and evaluating behavioral safety programs and advanced vehicle technologies to improve driver performance. His research portfolio includes the evaluation of advanced vehicle safety systems, organizational safety culture, driver distraction and fatigue, driver training, and driver impairment.

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She was preceded in death by her parents, Ray and Regina Lewis; daughters Dawn and Christine; brothers Ray

Wisman

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Wisman said that at the time, the patient's code status indicated no intubation. That meant if the person's condition continued to decline, it was likely they would die.

During her assessment, Wisman noted that the patient had cranial nerve deficits and the case history provided by the family indicated a history of difficulty speaking, particularly when fatigued at the end of the day. When Wisman began putting all the symptoms together with the patient's history, she concluded the patient was suffering from a myasthenia gravis crisis.

According to the National Library of Medicine, a myasthenia gravis crisis is a complication of myasthenia gravis (or a weakness and rapid fatigue of muscles under voluntary control) characterized by worsening of muscle weakness, resulting in respiratory failure that requires intubation and mechanical ventilation. This condition is serious, but if identified quickly, it can be successfully managed with medical care.

"I spoke with the attending physician who investigated this possibility, and his exam also strongly indicated that this was the correct diagnosis," Wisman said. The patient and family were educated on the diagnosis and condition and opted to change their wishes to allow for intubation—with the knowledge that this condition could be reversible with medications and medical treatment.

The patient was transferred to a higher level of care to allow for access to neurology services to best treat this life-threatening condition. The next day, the attending physician came into Wisman's therapy office to tell everyone that her input had "saved a life" and that the team would not have considered this diagnosis without her thorough assessment.

"That moment was one of the most rewarding moments

in my career," Wisman said proudly. "As a therapist, I know that I am helping people daily, but typically it does not involve immediate results. It was so rewarding to use my knowledge and expertise to ensure appropriate medical care was received."

As a result of Wisman's quick thinking and accurate diagnosis, her manager nominated her for the Healthcare Hero Award at Carilion Clinic. This program recognizes employees across the Carilion organization who are making an impact in their communities and going above and beyond to care for patients every day across Southwest Virginia.

Wisman, who earned her master's and bachelor's degrees in Communication Sciences and Disorders (COSD) from Radford University in 2010 and 2008, respectively, was further honored during a Radford basketball game at the Dedmon Center on January 26.

"It was such an honor," Wisman said. "My husband and two little boys were able to attend with me and enjoy the game. Both of my kids play rec league basketball and were mesmerized by the game."

Wisman said that she owes much of her success to her time as a Highlander.

"My experience at Radford was nothing short of amazing," she said. "The professors were inspiring, caring and took the time to get to know each student in our cohort. I loved how small the cohort size was and made lifelong meaningful friendships that I will be forever grateful for."

Wisman initially chose Radford for her undergraduate degree for very specific reasons. The Floyd, Virginia, native wanted to be close to home, and she wanted to emulate her mother, a registered nurse and first-generation college graduate who received her nursing degree from Radford.

"My mother passed away when I was 11 after a lengthy battle with cancer," Wisman said. "Prior to her passing, she made it clear that one of her only desires was for my sister and I to attend college. Her colleagues at the time — two amazing physicians — set up a college fund and donated enough for my sister and I to have a fully paid undergraduate education at the college of our choosing in Virginia. I am so incredibly grateful to those physicians and hope they somehow know what I am doing with my career now and that their donations really shaped my adult life."

Wisman worked two jobs during her time as an undergraduate and worked as a graduate assistant when working on her master's degree.

"Dr. Diane Millar is one of the most amazing humans I have ever met," Wisman said of the associate professor and chair of Radford's COSD department. "Her work ethic was so inspiring to me, and her personality and responses in the face of difficult situations are what I try to still channel to this day. I am forever indebted to her for her help and support throughout my education."

Wisman says that one of the most important lessons she took from her education at Radford was to persevere and passionately advocate. She says she learned that this is a profession that requires life-long learning and that you find growth in every challenge.

"I learned that I can be a part of something great that could facilitate change for the better," Wisman said. "At Carilion, I have facilitated changes that required systemwide discussions and input which will result in better care our patients. I know that I would not have successfully navigated these discussions without my Radford University experience."

Faculty

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Steven Fesmire, Ph.D., chair and professor, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies

Rick Van Noy, Ph.D., professor, Department of English

The recipient of the Dalton Eminent Scholar Rising Star Award is:

Zachary Collier, Ph.D., assistant professor, Department of Management

"It is wonderful that the recipients of this year's Dalton Eminent Scholar Award have creatively shared their expert knowledge with students at Radford University," said President Bret Danilowicz. "Dr. Fesmire's work on the role of ethics in society inspires students through examples informed

from his global travels. Dr. Van Noy blends his storytelling talents with curiosity about the natural world. Dr. Collier engages students through advancing their understanding of how data is used in risk management. Each recipient is a gifted teacher and scholar."

The Dalton Eminent Scholars Fund, which provides financial support for the prestigious awards, was originally established in the late 1980s and early 1990s to honor United States District Judge Ted Dalton and former governor of Virginia John Dalton. Through a grassroots fundraising campaign, more than \$700,000 was raised for the endowment, which now has funds totaling nearly \$2 million.

"Our two Dalton Scholars bring pride and recognition to the university," said Marten denBoer, Ph.D., interim provost and senior vice president for academic affairs. "Not only do they create new knowledge and enhance understanding in their fields of scholarship; they are role models, exemplifying the value of creative activity to benefit society. They are truly public intellectuals, using their expertise to contribute to understanding. Professor Van Noy's books and publications on climate reach a large audience and create awareness of the effects of climate change. The thoughtful work of Professor Fesmire, based on his ethical inquiry, shows us how to better support and strengthen our democratic institutions. The widely published studies of Professor Collier propose solutions for the supply chain issues affecting our economy. It is an honor to call these eminent scholars our colleagues and acknowledge their contributions to the lives of our students."

Fesmire, who joined the Radford faculty in 2019 and recently received the 2022 College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences Distinguished Scholar Award, said he feels his award shows Radford's support for philosophy and the humanities.

"A Radford education helps our students achieve career goals while also helping them to become humane, compassionate, active, and informed members of a world

that is too often indifferent to their welfare," he said. "I'm especially delighted that the award will support research and curriculum development that builds on the practical, adaptive, and interdisciplinary orientation of Radford's Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies. As part of a project fronting civil discourse into 'wickedly' complex problems, my current research explores the need in K-12 and higher education for democratic engagement and resistance without puritanical zealotry, unwavering courage in mediating troubles without need or expectation of certainty, bold action without fatalistic resignation or paralyzing guilt, and moral clarity without oversimplification."

Van Noy, who has authored several books and been featured in several publications, teaches courses in the environmental humanities, creative nonfiction, professional writing, and American literature.

"I am delighted to receive this recognition and grateful to the Dalton family," he said. "I am also thankful for the support from colleagues, my chair Robert Williams and Dean Matt Smith. The award will allow me to carry on the work of learning who climate change affects and why this matters, bringing those stories into the classroom. With my Radford students, we write about the changes we are witnessing but also how to tend to and care for places, and each other, in a time of upheaval."

Collier is the president of a consultancy that provides decision-making and analytics services for clients across industries, including semiconductors, defense, healthcare, education and real estate.

"It is a tremendous honor to be recognized as a rising star here at Radford," he said. "During my time here, it has been really great to meet with faculty members from across the university and learn about all of the interesting research that is being conducted here. My work has focused on supply chain risk management, especially related to the supply chain for microelectronics. Topics like the chip shortage have been in the news lately, so it is exciting that my research is related to a topic of national interest."

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1. Type of footwear
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10. Adventure story
14. Hundred thousand
15. Former U.S. Vice President
16. Ruler
17. Indian city
18. Similar
19. Ship as cargo
20. Volcanic craters
22. Boxing's "GOAT"
23. Bullfighting maneuvers
24. London soccer team
27. Score perfectly
30. No (Scottish)
31. SoCal hoops team (abbr.)
32. Woman (French)
35. Unwanted attic "deco"
37. Peter Griffin's daughter
38. Broad, shallow crater
39. Large instruments
40. Low bank or reef
41. ___ and Venzetti
42. Oil group
43. Father
44. Aggressive men
45. Pairs well with green
46. Travelers need it
47. Digital audiotape
48. Midway between northeast and east
49. Chemistry descriptor
52. S. China seaport
55. Sound unit
56. Heavy cavalry sword
60. Thick piece of something
61. Spa town in Austria
63. Boyfriend
64. Norse personification of old age
65. Type of box
66. Tie together
67. Fiber from the coconut
68. Chicago mayor
69. Old English letters
CLUES DOWN
1. Type of sauce
2. Pattern of notes
3. Plant with long seedpods
4. Map out
5. Numbers cruncher
6. Make a mental connection
7. Italian tenor
8. N. America's highest mountain peak
9. Witness
10. Arabic given name
11. Music awards
12. "The Immoralist" author
13. Area units
21. Units of loudness
23. Political action committee
25. Bar bill
26. Witch
27. A theatrical performer
28. 2-door car
29. ___ and flowed
32. Papier-___, art
- medium
33. City in Georgia
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36. College sports conference
37. Angry
38. Partner to cheese
40. S. American mammal
41. Self-immolation by fire rituals
43. Split pulses
44. Disfigure
46. Cow noise
47. Erase
49. Chadic language
50. Reward for doing well
51. Paid TV
52. Millisecond
53. Other
54. Colombian city
57. Necklace part
58. Every one of two or more people
59. Regrets
61. They come after "A"
62. Horse noise



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Radford's on-campus MBA program included on The Princeton Review's lists of the best

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Radford University

The Princeton Review has, once again, recognized Radford University's Master of Business Administration (MBA) program as being among its Best Business Schools for 2023: On-Campus MBA Programs.

The list is part of this year's Best Business Schools guide, offered annually by The Princeton Review, an education company that ranks colleges and graduate schools. Radford University's program made the guide's ratings of schools in the Southeast.

"This outstanding recognition is the expected outcome of the high-quality MBA offered by the Davis College faculty and staff," said Joy Bhadury, Ph.D., dean of the Davis College of Business and Economics. "While we have known that to be true all along, it is indeed gratifying to see such approbation of our high quality, for yet another year in a row, from an organization such as Princeton Review."

The Princeton Review's rankings are derived from data the company gathers from administrators at 390 business schools and from surveys of about 30,000

students who have been enrolled in the programs over the past three academic years.

In its comments on Radford, The Princeton Review wrote: "Repeat business is one of the telltale signs of success in retail, and by that standard, Radford University must be doing a pretty good job; a considerable number of students in our survey self-identified as former Radford undergrads, and nearly all cited their satisfaction during their first go-around as the reason for pursuing an MBA here."

"With an undergraduate population consisting of approximately 25% business majors, Radford has a large customer base from which to draw graduate students. You could say that business is booming at Radford's [Davis] College of Business and Economics."

Radford University MBA director Can Dogan, Ph.D., called The Princeton Review's latest endorsement "the outcome of years of hard work and dedication by faculty, staff and students."

This year's recognition also marks a culmination for on-campus MBA training, which, over the summer, became entirely virtual.

"We have redesigned our MBA program as fully

online while offering the same high-quality content and flexibility," Dogan explained. "I am so happy that our fast-track MBA carries this legacy to the online platform, and I'd like to congratulate my colleagues once again and take this opportunity to reiterate our full commitment to the highest standards in graduate-level business education."

The Princeton Review has consistently named Radford University in its ratings of Best Online MBA Programs in the United States, based on institutional data including career outcomes, admissions selectivity and academic rigor, among other factors. It has also cited Radford University in its "Best in the Southeast" list, as well as "2022 Best Colleges: Region by Region" and "Best Business Schools" for 2012 to 2020.

Full-time students can earn their MBA through Radford in two years without having to take summer courses, and part-time MBA students can finish the program online, setting their own pace, in two years minimum and six years maximum.

To see The Princeton Review's complete ranking methodology, visit <https://www.princetonreview.com/business-school-rankings/ranking-methodology>.

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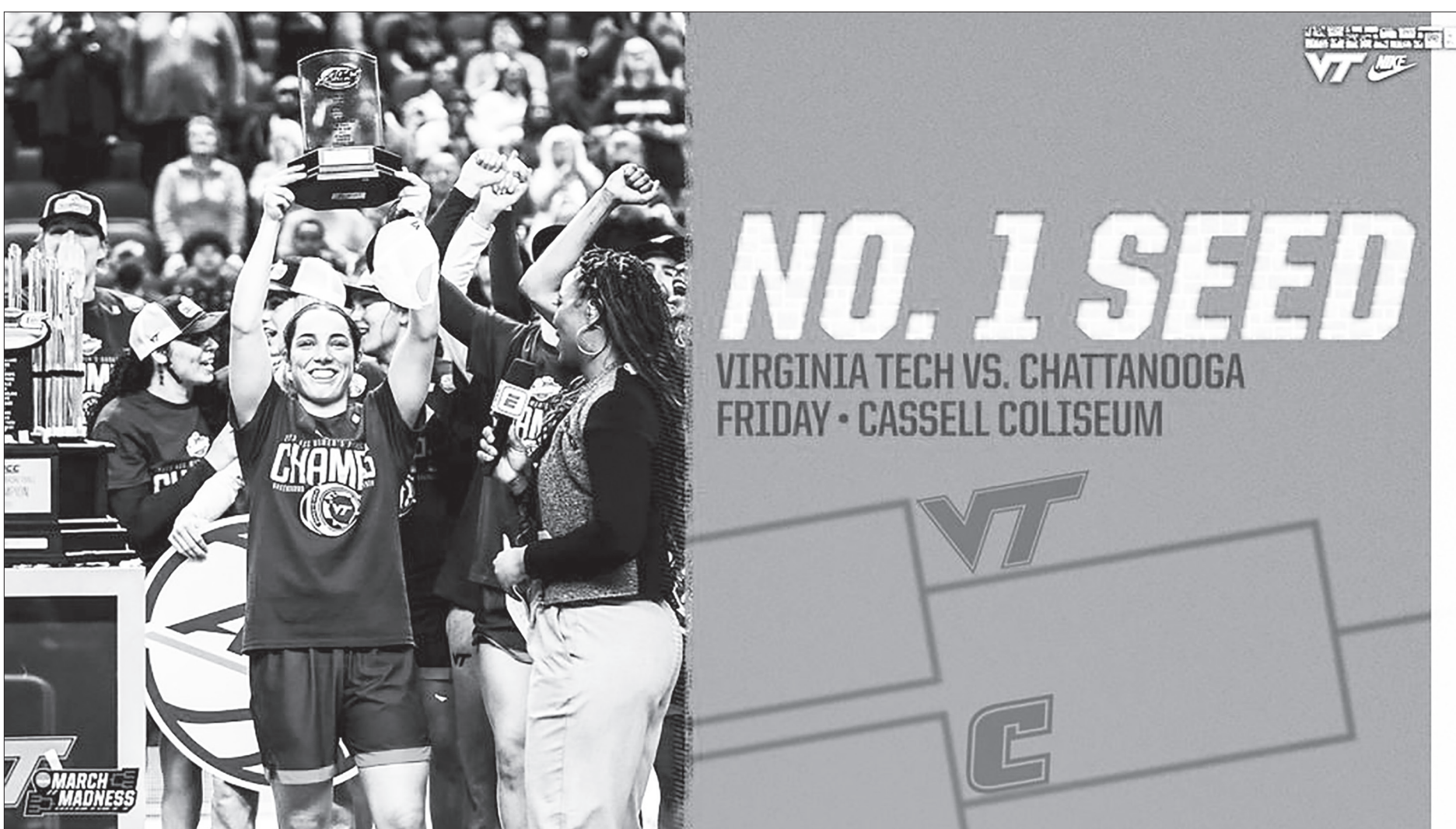
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RADFORD SPORTS

As #1 seed, Lady Hokies hosted NCAA Tournament first round in Blacksburg



Virginia Tech’s Lady Hokies have earned a historic No.-1 seed in the 2023 NCAA Tournament.

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The Virginia Tech women’s basketball team earned a No. 1 seed in the upcoming NCAA Tournament, the selection committee announced Sunday night, the highest seed the program has ever received for the tournament.

The Hokies began their run on Friday against Chattanooga. USC and South Dakota State will also take part in the opening weekend in Blacksburg. Tech is in the Seattle Regional 3.

First- and second-round games will take place in Cassell Coliseum, and ticket information has already been released.

Tech (27-4) won the ACC Tournament last week by defeating Miami, Duke, and Louisville in consecutive days at Greensboro Coliseum to lift the trophy for the first time since joining the conference in 2004.

This is the program’s 12th appearance in “The Big Dance” and the third in a row under the leadership of head coach Kenny Brooks. Tech’s overall record in the competition is 9-11 and the Hokies’ last appearance in the tournament was the second weekend of 1999, which also was Tech’s only appearance in the Sweet Sixteen.

A semifinalist for the Naismith Women’s College Coach of the Year, Brooks is making his ninth appearance in the competition where his record is 2-8.

One of the hottest teams in America, the Hokies have won 11 straight games since Jan. 26, a stretch that included five ranked opponents, four road games, and three games at a neutral site.

The Hokies are led by two-time ACC Player of the Year Elizabeth Kitley, now the program’s all-time leading scorer. For the season, she averaged 18.6 points per game, 10.5 rebounds per game, and 2.2 blocks per game while shooting 56.3% from the field. The senior center also earned All-Defensive honors and won the Kay Yow Scholar Athlete of the Year Award for a second consecutive season.

At point guard is junior Georgia Amooore, the ACC Tournament MVP and First Team All-ACC member. She scored 21.6 points per game in Greensboro and set an ACC Tournament record with 14 3-pointers made.

Tech’s third all-conference performer is forward Taylor Soule who was named to the ACC’s Second Team, the fourth all-conference honor of her career. This season she averaged 11.3 points and 5.7 rebounds per game

The Hokies set numerous program records this season, including winning 14 ACC games for the first time, securing a top-four seed in the ACC Tournament for the first time and defeating six ranked opponents. Tech went 14-1 at home and 8-1 in league games for the second straight season.

Southern Conference Champion Chattanooga (20-12) is back on the dance floor for the 16th time, the first since 2016. The Mocs thwarted a season-sweep by Wofford, taking down the Terriers 63-53 at Harrah’s Cherokee Center in Asheville last Sunday.

SoCon Tournament Most Outstanding Player Raven Thompson led the way with 19 points and nine rebounds. Yazz Wazeerud-Din added 16 points with Addie Grace Porter chipping in 13 points and a game-high 10 rebounds. Helen Matthews led the Terriers with a game-high 25 points.

— Staff Reports

John Marshall overwhelms Radford 91-34 for state title

RU men accept bid to College Basketball Invitational (CBI) tournament

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Radford High School’s boys basketball team ran into a buzzsaw Saturday in the Class 2 championship, losing in a 91-34 rout to John Marshall, which was ranked number one in the country and undefeated this season, beating almost everyone by 40 to 50 points.

The Saturday matchup was no contest after the first six minutes of the game. After the game, Radford Coach Rick Cormany was outspoken about his team’s opponent. He admitted they were a great team, He told reporters changes need to be made. “This is not right,” he said. JM is a public school, located in downtown Richmond, and it holds an ace in the hole. JM’s Coach, Ty White, is the director for the VA AAU basketball program in Richmond. Their roster is dotted with some of the best talent from those all-stars.

Cormany admitted he told his son, who is a member of this year’s basketball team, they had no chance of winning.

“Nobody wants to get their head kicked in every time they step out on the floor, and in 2A, 3A, 4A, anybody who plays this group is going to get their head kicked in,” the coach said.

JM is located in downtown Richmond, which meant the championship game was a home game. The school has won three titles in the past five years.

Last year, JM was 22-4 and beat Radford for the trophy 82-42. In 2019-20, JM downed Gate City for another championship.

Cormany said the true purity of a high school championship is being taken away when Virginia High School League (VHSL) does not try to control the effect of an AAU connection.

This is nothing new, as fans in Class 3 have questioned the addition of Liberty Christian Academy in the VHSL ranks despite the fact they are a private school.

Oregon State, 95-92, on its home floor before falling at Old Dominion in the quarterfinals.

The following year, Radford made quick work of Delaware State and then was knocked out of the tournament by Vermont.

Radford enters the tournament with a 19-14 record this season, including a 12-6 mark in Big-South play that clinched the No.-3 seed in the Big South Championships. The Highlanders defeated Winthrop in the quarterfinals but fell on a last-second shot against Campbell in the semifinals.

Redshirt junior guard DaQuan Smith earned Second Team All-Big South honors while junior guard Bryan Antoine was given an Honorable Mention nod, and freshman guard Kenyon Giles made the Big South All-Freshman team.

The Discount Tire CBI, which has been around since 2008, is a single-elimination, fully bracketed men’s basketball postseason tournament featuring 16 teams from across the country. The field will consist of teams not selected for the NCAA Tournament or the NIT.

The opening and quarterfinal rounds will be broadcast on FloHoops (paid subscription required), with the semifinals and championship game slated to be broadcast on ESPN2.

Virginia Tech men to play in National Invitational Tournament

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North Carolina said no to playing in the National Invitational Tournament while Clemson said yes. The Carolina snub opened up a slot for Virginia Tech in the event for a game against Cincinnati today, Wednesday, March 15.

The 32-team field was revealed Sunday night on ESPN2.

The Hokies (19-14) will be competing in the NIT for the 14th time in program history. The game will tip at 9 p.m. EDT and will be televised on ESPN2. The winner will advance to play the Rutgers-Hofstra winner on March 18 or 19 at the site of the higher seed.

Tech and Cincinnati will square off for the 31st time, but the first time since 1991. The Hokies have an 18-12 advantage in the all-time series.

Tech has compiled a 25-11 record in the tournament, which the Hokies have won twice (1973 and 1995).

The Hokies will be competing in the NIT for the first time since 2016 when they went 1-1. That season, Tech was the No. 3 seed and opened with an 86-81 overtime victory over Princeton in Blacksburg before falling 80-77 to No.-2 seed BYU in Provo, Utah.

Played every year since 1938 – except in 2020 – the NIT has been known for games being played on college campuses in the opening rounds instead of a neutral site with the semifinal and final round being held at Madison Square Garden in New York City. Some changes will be made this year in the tournament, including a new final-round site.

The first three rounds of the tournament will remain on campus sites, but the semifinal and final will no longer be held in New York City. This year, the NIT Final Four will be played at Orleans Arena in Las Vegas.

—Staff reports

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