

VIRGINIA TECH®

2020 Ring Collection



WEAR THE TRADITION



Class colors:
Navy, Gold, Silver, & Cranberry



The Virginia Tech class ring embodies and invokes memories, traditions and pride that tie Hokies, young and old, together. The tradition began during 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 redesigns their ring collection each year. Each year, the sophomore class officers select 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 ring designs have an eagle and crossed sabres, which symbolize the military heritage and traditions of the Corps of Cadets. Since 1940, links create a chain around the bezel of the ring. Since 2015, 32 Hokie Tracks have formed this chain representing class unity and the remembrance of those lost on April 16, 2007. The design, collection, and namesake are presented to the class during the fall of their junior year at Ring Premiere. The Class of 2020 recognizes Nikki Giovanni as its ring collection namesake.

De Eodem Saxo
FROM THE SAME STONE

RING COLLECTION NAMESAKE

NIKKI GIOVANNI

University Distinguished Professor of English

2016 Literary Lifetime Achievement Award from the Library of Virginia

Highly celebrated for both her poetry and her advocacy, Nikki Giovanni has been a member of the Virginia Tech family since 1987, a professor, a proud supporter of the arts and humanities, a big football fan - most of all, she is a Hokie.

Giovanni has published more than two dozen volumes of poetry, essays, and edited anthologies, as well as 11 illustrated children's books. She has received seven NAACP Image Awards, the Langston Hughes Award for Distinguished Contributions to Arts and Letters, the Rosa Parks Women of Courage Award, and the 2016 Literary Lifetime Achievement Award from the Library of Virginia. She has also been nominated for a Grammy, named a finalist for the National Book Award, and authored several New York Times bestsellers.

She graduated with honors from Fisk University, and published her first book of poetry in 1968. Virginia Fowler, professor of English, recruited Giovanni to Virginia Tech, bringing momentum to a drive that

helped women and minorities become a more prominent thread in the Virginia Tech fabric. A devoted teacher and a visionary ambassador of her craft, Giovanni encourages students of all ages to express themselves creatively through writing. In 1999, Giovanni was named the first female University Distinguished Professor at Virginia Tech.

In 2006, University President Charles W. Steger (2000-2014) challenged Giovanni to create a university poetry award. She founded the Steger Prize, with the winner receiving \$1,000 - recognized as the largest undergraduate prize for poetry in the country.

Giovanni and Fowler established an endowment for the English Department in 2010 and named it "The Answer is Yes", a generous gift indicative of Giovanni's love for Virginia Tech, demonstrating her support of the university motto, *Ut Prosim* (*That I May Serve*). She is the first person of color to be recognized as a class ring collection namesake at Virginia Tech.

WE KNEW

We knew
We who cleaned
And cooked
We who made the beds
We who cut the grass
And mined the stone
Black from dirt and skin
We knew one
Day
Our sons would read
And recite *Ut Prosim*
Our daughters would quilt
Joining *Ut Prosim*

The Hokie Nation
Would become a part
Of the Hokie Heart

We knew one day
The Hokie Nation
Would embrace us
The Freedom The Hope The Promise
That *Ut Prosim* stood tall far
We knew our lives
Would allow us to stand strong

We knew
One day we too
Would be
Virginia Tech
Yes: We Knew

~Nikki Giovanni 2018



"We are Virginia Tech."

Nikki Giovanni

CLASS SPONSOR MAJOR GENERAL RANDAL D. FULLHART USAF (RET.)

Commandant, Virginia Tech
Corps of Cadets



"The essence of what makes Virginia Tech unique is its origins as a military college that is manifest in the Corps of today...and in all students through the motto, "Ut Prosim...That I May Serve."

Retiring with the rank Major General after 32 years of distinguished military service Major General Fullhart arrived at Virginia Tech in 2011 as commandant of the Corps of Cadets. Since then Fullhart has championed Virginia Tech traditions and the historical role of the Corps in the Class ring program, including Ring Premiere and Dance. Under his leadership, the membership of the Corps has increased, bringing with it the construction of two new residence halls for Cadets.

Commissioned in 1979 as a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, Fullhart commanded at the squadron, group, and wing levels and led two expeditionary flying squadrons, an expeditionary operations group in Operation Allied Force, and an expeditionary wing in Operation Iraqi Freedom. In addition, he has served as the commandant of the Air Command and Staff College. His many major awards and decorations include the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, and the Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster.

Fullhart and his wife Kathy have one son, Stephen, who lives and works in Texas.

"For the short time that we spend here together, we're fortunate to be a part of a family that's bigger than us. From shouting "LET' S GO", to wearing the Ring Tradition, to walking in our caps and gowns; no matter where life takes us, we'll always remember where we came from - From the Same Stone."

Greg Klatt
President, Class of 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink on a white background.



"Virginia Tech class rings are as enduring as the people who make them so special, embodying the memories, traditions, and pride that tie all Hokies together. Being a part of this tradition has been such a humbling experience and unlike anything I've ever done before."

Georgia Matthews
Ring Chair, Class of 2020

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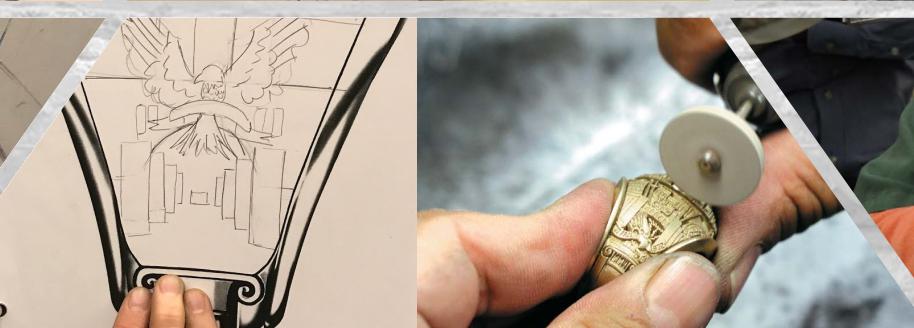
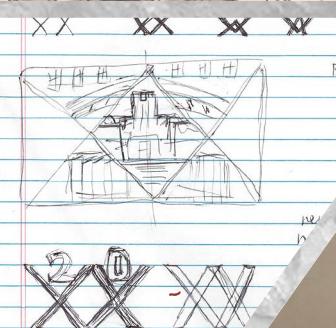
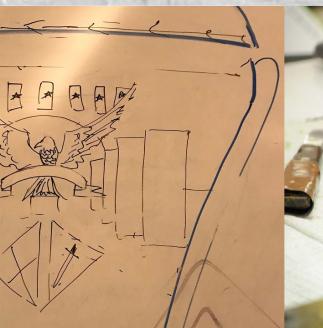
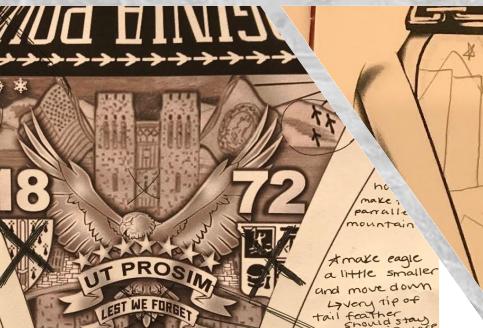
"Embrace the good times and the bad times. You need the rain and the sun to grow."

Grant Muir
Dance Chair, Class of 2020

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RING DESIGN PROCESS



CONSTRUCTION

A Custom Creation

The Ring Design Committee chose the most important elements to reflect the Class of 2020 experience and preserve the rich history of past class rings. In partnership with Balfour, and after many meetings and sketches, the committee presented its work to an artist who professionally rendered the design which was digitized into a Computer Aided Design (CAD) file. From this file a wax version of the ring was modeled for final approval by the committee. The “lost wax process” is used with a master mold to make the detailed rings that Hokies cherish. Each 2020 ring is made to order, passing through the skilled hands of at least 30 craftsmen and women and is subjected to seven detailed inspections to ensure it meets all quality standards.

CLASS SIDE



INTERLOCKING CHAIN OF 32 HOKIE TRACKS

Since 1940, links in different forms has created a chain around the bezel. Since Class of 2015, 32 Hokie Tracks have formed this chain representing class unity, the strength of many united as one.

MUSIC NOTES

The music notes flow out of Lane Stadium as opening notes of "Enter Sandman", a song that reminds us to START JUMPING.

TREADMILL HORSE

A more recent gameday tradition, the treadmill horse brings everyone in Lane or Cassell to their feet and reminds us to never stop inventing the future.

ACC LOGO

The ACC logo is portrayed in the North Stands to recognize Virginia Tech's proud membership and athletic excellence in the Coastal Division of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

PARACHUTER, FIREWORKS, AND "LET'S GO HOKIES"

Each of these images can be remembered from the football game against Clemson when College Gameday arrived in Blacksburg.

SOLAR ECLIPSE

2020's Sophomore year began with a rare sight as Blacksburg witnessed a solar eclipse in near totality.

COACH FUENTE, THE BLACK DIAMOND, AND THE COMMONWEALTH CUP

His first year on campus when we too were freshman, Coach Justin Fuente proudly stands on Worsham Field. In one hand he holds a Black Diamond signifying

a defining victory over West Virginia University, and in the other he holds the Commonwealth Cup, the annual prize for beating the University of Virginia and one that the Hokies have retained for 14 years.

SKIPPER CANNON

A tradition at Tech football games, the Skipper cannon is a familiar sight and sound at Hokie Football games, echoing the joy of every Hokie touchdown.

SOUTHGATE INTERCHANGE BRIDGE
Representing all of the expansion Tech has gone through in recent years, the new bridge built over U.S. 460 serves as an impressive welcome to all Hokies returning home.

HOKIEBIRD

Our current and beloved mascot, the HokieBird looks forward to a future of continued excellence

THE CASCADES

One of the New River Valley's most treasured hiking destinations, the Cascades Falls remind us of the beautiful country surrounding Blacksburg.

THE FIGHTING GOBBLER

Across from the modern day HokieBird, the vintage Fighting Gobbler logo pays tribute to the history and traditions of the Hokie community.

CLASS OF 2020 LOGO

The Class of 2020 logo is derived from Virginia Tech's Athletic logo that debuted in 1957, as well as the largest VT on campus that sits in the Upper Quad. A V with a T centered inside of it, two lines intersect the V to create the number 20 in Roman numerals.

CLASS MOTTO

Our class motto, *De Eodem Saxo*, reminds us that as Hokies, no matter where we come from or where we are headed, we all come "from the same stone".

APRIL 16TH MEMORIAL

The April 16th Memorial remembers the 32 fallen Hokies from 2007 and the strength and unity of the Hokie Nation.

COORDINATES

The coordinates indicate the very center of the Drillfield - bringing every Hokie home.

HAMMOCK

The hammock is perched between two trees, a common sight on the Drillfield, shows our students' love for relaxing on warm sunny days in Blacksburg.

GROWLEY II

Representing our Corp's beloved canine ambassador, Growley II sits proudly on the Drillfield. His legacy dates back to the Great Depression when members of our Corps of Cadets would save bits of their meals to give to their furry friend.

AWARENESS RIBBON, TENT, AND FERRIS WHEEL

These images represent Relay for Life, The BIG Event, and Gobblerfest respectively. Hokies are proud of these campus events which strengthen our relationship with each other and our community in Blacksburg.



THREE STARS

The three stars represent past, present, and future Hokies who will carry the Virginia Tech traditions with them throughout their lives.

BRUSH MOUNTAIN / FOOTPRINTS / HOKIE TRACKS

As a class we came to Virginia Tech as individuals, but as we journeyed over the mountains of our college career and came together as a member of one united body, the Hokie Nation.

AMERICAN FLAG

The U.S. flag represents the pride, freedom, and history of our country.

BURRUSS HALL

An iconic Hokie stone landmark completed in 1936, Burruss Hall sits proudly on the Drillfield as the historic foundation of campus.

COMMONWEALTH FLAG OF VIRGINIA

As a land-grant university Virginia Tech proudly displays the flag of the Commonwealth.

1872

Under the Morrill Land-Grant Act, Virginia Tech was founded in 1872 as Virginia Agriculture and Mechanical College, a public land-grant, military college.

TORGERSEN BRIDGE

One of the most recognizable locations on campus, Torgeresen Bridge stands as a grand entrance to campus, welcoming all Hokies HOME.

SCREAMING EAGLE

Featured on every ring since 1911, the screaming eagle is a majestic symbol of strength and courage.

SEVEN STARS

Seven stars recognize the seven Virginia Tech alumni recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest award a member of the U.S. Armed Forces can receive for selfless service to the nation.

UT PROSIM

The University's motto *Ut Prosim* (That I May Serve) was established in 1896 and remains an enduring principle of Virginia Tech.

CROSSED SABRES

Carried with pride by the screaming eagle, the sabres are an original feature from the earliest Virginia Tech class rings, a reminder of the university's military heritage, history, and tradition.

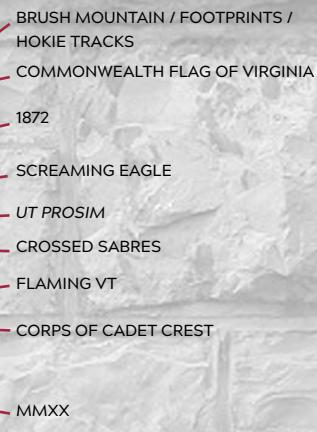
LEST WE FORGET

These words are etched on "The Rock", a memorial stone located on Upper Quad that honors the Virginia Tech alumni who gave their lives in defense of this country during World War I.

PYLNOS OF THE WAR MEMORIAL

The Pylons evoke Virginia Tech's core values of Brotherhood, Honor, Leadership, Sacrifice, Service, Loyalty, Duty, and *Ut Prosim*.

UNIVERSITY SIDE



UNIVERSITY SHIELD

Originally created in 1896, the University Shield's four quadrants depict the Great Seal of the Commonwealth: the surveyor's level and leveling rod, a standing ear of corn, and a chemical retort and graduate, representing the agricultural and mechanical emphasis in the university's early history.

FLAMING VT

The Flaming VT is a Corps Hotel Company tradition symbolizing the incredible Hokie spirit shared by civilian and cadet students.

CORPS OF CADET CREST

The Corps Crest, designed by Col. Harry D. Temple '34, represents the very tradition that the university was founded upon as an all-cadet military college.

MMXX

The Class of 2020 as shown in Roman numerals.

HOKIE STONE

The Hokie Stone depicted on the shanks of the ring remind the students of the neo-gothic architecture and stonework seen all around the campus, on buildings old and new.

CLASS OF 2020



GIOVANNI
OVAL TOP



GIOVANNI
STADIUM TOP



GIOVANNI
SQUARE TOP



GIOVANNI
OVAL TOP



GIOVANNI
SQUARE TOP



GIOVANNI
MINIATURE OVAL TOP



1872



BROTHERHOOD



UT PROSIM



LOYALTY



SERVICE



SACRIFICE



LEADERSHIP



DUTY



HONOR

BEZEL OPTIONS FOR THE GIOVANNI RING



OVAL
TOP



STADIUM
TOP



SQUARE
TOP

METAL TOP OPTIONS FOR THE GIOVANNI RING



VT SCHOOL
SEAL



CORPS
SEAL



HIGHTY
TIGHTY
SEAL



PYLONS
SEAL

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RING DESIGN COMMITTEE

HOKIE GOLD TRADITION

Established as a Class of 1964 anniversary program, Hokie Gold, melted from donated Virginia Tech alumni rings is included in current class rings. Since 2012, the Hokie Gold melt ceremony has been held at the Kroehling Advanced Materials Foundry, also known as VT FIRE, a campus laboratory for students in materials science and engineering. Since the original melt, a small portion of the donated gold is saved out to be included in the next melt, ensuring that each class will have portion of the original Hokie Gold.



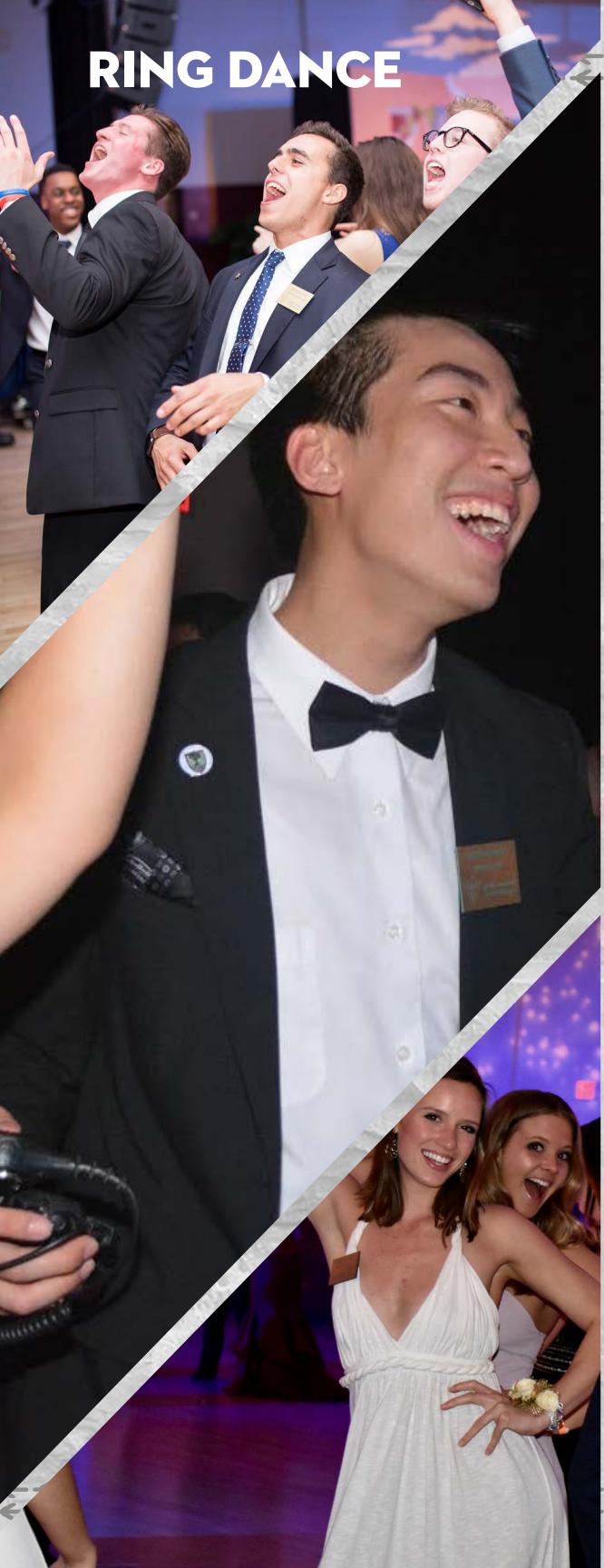
BACK TO FRONT, LEFT TO RIGHT:
Sam Dickerson, Male Member-at-Large; Grant Muir, Ring Dance Chair; Gregory Klatt, Class President;
Cara Travaglini, Member-at-Large; Georgia Matthews, Ring Design Chair; Megan Dennis, Cadet
Member-at-Large; Bella Land, Member-at-Large; Cindy Yu, Female Member-at-Large

LEADERSHIP TEAM



BACK TO FRONT, LEFT TO RIGHT:
Row 1: Zach Van Tol, Nick Kemp, Avery Mills, Darrel Mensah
Row 2: Carter Ward, Bailey Spell, Greg Klatt, Brad Lanza, Brendan Coffey
Row 3: Sam Dickerson, Geo Min, Marc Mazza, Grant Muir
Row 4: Megan Dennis, Amanda Hinton, Cindy Yu, Georgia Matthews, Kathryn Weisbrodt
Row 5: Elizabeth Barron, Cara Travaglini, Hannah Wilding, Bella Land
Row 6: Danielle Russell, Kelley Lazor, Lauren Grocott, Merryn Williams

RING DANCE



RING DANCE WEEKEND

March 29-30, 2019

Established by the Class of 1935, Ring Dance is one of the most beloved and lasting traditions at Virginia Tech. The Ring Dance weekend takes place in the spring of a student's junior year. Only Juniors who purchase a ring will be eligible for Ring Dance tickets which are required to attend the Dance.

Juniors choose to attend either Friday or Saturday evening. The celebration each night 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.

For both dance nights, time-honored rituals are performed by the Corps of Cadets as they have since 1934. On Friday night, junior Cadets march into the ballroom to form the Ring Figure of their graduating class, followed by the formation of the Sabre Arch. Under this arch, freshmen Cadets escort each Cadet's date.

"Moonlight and V.P.I," a song written specifically for the Ring Dance in 1942 by renown big band leader Fred Waring, with lyrics by Charles Gaynor, is performed in the background as rings are presented to class members. At the conclusion of the song, hundreds of balloons are released on civilians and students below.

At the end of the Friday night dance, the Corps Gregory Guard stands guard at the Pylons while 'Echo Taps' is played by the two buglers from the Signal Corps.

Then the Skipper Cannon fires on the Drillfield to end Friday's ceremony. The grand finale of the weekend takes place after the Saturday night dance with a spectacular show of fireworks over the Drillfield.

PRICING

Ring Pricing

	Argentium™	10K	14K	18K	Celestrium™
Giovanni 40 DWT	\$573	\$1,490	\$2,008	\$2,638	\$198
Giovanni 34 DWT	\$551	\$1,300	\$1,756	\$2,265	\$198
Giovanni 28 DWT	\$522	\$1,141	\$1,494	\$1,902	\$198
Giovanni 22 DWT	\$498	\$970	\$1,243	\$1,550	\$198
Brotherhood	\$338	\$543	\$703	\$860	\$198
Ut Prosim	\$338	\$537	\$695	\$850	\$198
The 1872	\$338	\$537	\$695	\$850	\$198
Giovanni 12 DWT	\$428	\$664	\$848	\$1,028	\$188
Giovanni 5 DWT	\$332	\$468	\$553	\$658	\$188
Giovanni 3 DWT	\$334	\$415	\$465	\$578	\$188
Duty	\$333	\$431	\$489	\$598	\$188
Service	\$333	\$431	\$489	\$598	\$188
Leadership	\$333	\$431	\$489	\$598	\$188
Sacrifice CZ	\$332	\$405	\$455	\$568	\$188
Sacrifice Diamond	\$335	\$427	\$477	\$509	\$210
Loyalty	\$332	\$405	\$455	\$568	\$188
Honor CZ	\$332	\$405	\$455	\$568	\$188
Honor Diamond	\$424	\$495	\$545	\$658	\$278

Payment Options:

- PAYMENT IN FULL: Your payment may be with cash, check, credit card, or a combination of all of the above.
- 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.



Also available in genuine Hokie Stone!

*Stone color will vary

Genuine Stone Pricing

	13x11	12x10	8x6	Diamonds
Citrine	\$168	\$126	\$42	1 Pt. \$42
Light Aquamarine	\$464	\$327	\$97	2 Pts. \$52
Medium Aquamarine	\$493	\$409	\$94	3 Pts. \$79
Swiss Blue Topaz	\$220	\$173	\$52	5 Pts. \$110
London Blue Topaz	\$220	\$173	\$52	10 Pts. \$121
Rhodolite Garnet	\$530	\$352	\$147	20 Pts. \$350
Mozambique Garnet	\$215	\$173	\$105	25 Pts. \$399
Light Amethyst	\$218	\$158	\$55	
Medium Amethyst	\$252	\$189	\$84	
Dark Amethyst	\$325	\$306	\$133	
Peridot	\$1,455	\$1,392	\$150	1 Pt. \$16
Smokey Topaz	\$250	\$234	\$52	2 Pts. \$21
Hokie Stone Oval	\$28	\$26	\$19	3 Pts. \$24
Hokie Stone Square	\$37	\$32	\$24	5 Pts. \$31
Hope Blue Star Sapphire	\$115	\$105	\$63	10 Pts. \$31
Brown Eye Tiger	\$52	\$52	\$42	20 Pts. \$34
Wyoming Jade	\$52	\$42	\$42	25 Pts. \$58

Simulated Gemstones

*No Additional Cost			
January Garnet	February Amethyst	March Aquamarine	April White Spinel
May Emerald	June Alexandrite	July Ruby	August Peridot
September Blue Spinel	October Green Tourmaline	November Topaz	December Blue Zircon
Onyx	Tangerine	Fireblue	Rose Zircon

More Options: Please visit a Balfour representative at campus ring ordering dates for more information.

WARRANTY

LENGTHS AND CONDITIONS OF GUARANTEE REGARDING DEFECTS IN MATERIAL AND WORKMANSHIP: The rings are warranted to be free of defect in workmanship and materials.

LENGTH AND SCOPE OF GUARANTEE REGARDING STONES AND STONE 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 RINGS: 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, 2020, 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 these sessions.



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Alma Mater

Sing praise to Alma Mater dear,
For V.P.I. we'll ever cheer;
Come lift your voices, swell the song,
Our loyalties to her belong.
So stand and sing, all hail to thee.
VT, all hail to thee.

