

President's Report – Open Session – Monday, November 7th, 2016

Having had the opportunity to reflect on the larger aspirations of Virginia Tech at my recent State of the University address, I will restrict my comments today to recent highlights in four domains: Partnerships, People, Programs and Plans.

Partnerships

- Project Wing, Chipotle and Virginia Tech delivering Burritos, but also learning how semi-autonomous UAS interact safely – a first step toward autonomous flight control.
- VTC HST campus in the Roanoke Innovation Corridor.
- Qualcomm Thinkabit Lab in the NVC, with well over 1,000 K-12 students and teachers visiting for a recent Makers Faire.

People

- Marc Edwards along with Lee-Anne Walters named American Ingenuity Award winners by Smithsonian Magazine.
- Dedicate Steger Hall on Friday.
- ThreatQuotient 1st successful startup venture for VT Investor Network (APEX Systems CIE) raising >\$25M and winning several awards in 2016 with descriptors such as “Hottest Cybersecurity and Safety Innovation”, “Startup of the Year,” and “Startup to Watch.”

Programs

Both Family & Consumer Sciences and Natural Resources & Environment were ranked #1 programs in the country by USA Today.

Plans

- GBAC
- Creativity and Innovation District
- Intelligent Infrastructure
- Recent Beyond Boundaries presentations by Kent Fuchs and Regina Dugan
- Inclusion and Diversity: setting goals and raising aspirations toward 25% URM and 40% total URM and underserved (low-income, first-gen) by 2022; every student will work with students with different lived experience; equity; demographics; diversifying the faculty; #VTunfinished

Final Request – of Chief Foust – to make sure to guard the “T” this weekend with Georgia Tech visiting!