Supporting graduate students in need: Examples from Virginia Tech

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CGS Annual Meeting, December 2019
VT Graduate Life Center

a space and place for graduate education
Tips for thriving in Grad School

Virginia Tech Vice President and Dean for Graduate Education Karen P. DePauw shares tips on how to thrive (not just survive) in graduate school.
Disrupting Academic Bullying

To maintain a culture of civility throughout the graduate education experience, academic bullying is unacceptable and should not be tolerated.
Little Hokie™ Hangout: Cooperative Play Group

Little Hokie™ Hangout is a parent-run cooperative playgroup for children between

Babysitter Clearinghouse

The Graduate School's Babysitter Clearinghouse is a frequently updated list of qualified babysitters

Parent Support Group

Graduate students who are juggling family and their academic work meet monthly to discuss issues, connect with other parents, and
Little Hokie-Hand-Me-Down

Little Hokie™
Hand-Me-Down
Work-life grants (GA, GTA, GRA)

- 6 weeks of paid “leave” - modified duties
- shared between Graduate School and College
- birth, adoption, significant life crisis
The Office of the Ombudsperson

Confidential  ❇  Informal  ❇  Impartial

Independent  ❇  Voluntary
Wellness Room Offerings

Mindful Mondays:
Offered by Hokie Wellness from 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Yoga Wednesdays:
Offered by Rec Sports from 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

How of Happiness Fridays:
Register Online: recsports.vt.edu
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
September 13 - November 8

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