

Global Partnership Event – August 17-19, 2017

Washington, D.C., agenda available at <http://www.vtkwglobal.com/2017/resources>

Hotel Venue: The Westin Arlington Gateway – <http://www.westinarlingtongateway.com>

Hotel Address: 801 North Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia 22203, Phone: 1-703-717-6200

Thursday, August 17

- All student teams and those university track participants who have registered for the Washington, D.C., trip should fly into the Washington Dulles International Airport, Dulles, Virginia, on August 17, and check into their hotel room at The Westin Arlington Gateway (<http://www.westinarlingtongateway.com>). Attendees will arrange their own transportation from the Washington Dulles International Airport to The Westin Arlington Gateway hotel. Refer to the Event Resources Guide (pdf), <http://vtkwglobal.com/2017/resources>, and click on “Transportation Recommendations,” as well as the “Map to the Westin Arlington Gateway Hotel” from the table of contents to navigate your way to the hotel.
- Check in with your name at the front desk, under the “VT KnowledgeWorks Global Partnership Event” hotel room block, and have your passport identification and credit card available. Students will be sharing a room with another member from within their team. You will need to present a credit card for any hotel room service or incidental charges made to your room during your stay. You will not be charged for the cost of the hotel room itself for August 17-19 only, since this is arranged and provided by VT KnowledgeWorks.

Friday, August 18

- Reminder: Please bring your cell phone for city safety and navigation, as well as your passport identification, which you will need to enter our dinner venue later in the day at the Continental Pool Lounge (see below). In light of our visit to the Virginia Tech Research Center — Arlington, and 1776, visitors are asked not to wear flip-flops, sandals, or attire that may not be appropriate for this setting. Of course, we encourage you to wear comfortable and weather-appropriate clothes for sightseeing purposes, but please be mindful of your attire to these places. Polos, shorts, casual dress-wear, and sneakers are fine. Attendees are welcome and encouraged to bring personal spending money for souvenir shopping in Washington, D.C., as well as to purchase any alcohol at dinner.
- All attendees should meet in the main lobby at 7:45 a.m. of the Westin Arlington Gateway to walk over to Virginia Tech Research Center — Arlington. Departure from the main lobby at 7:50 a.m., so don't be late!
- Attendees proceed to the second floor of the Virginia Tech Research Center — Arlington, located at 900 North Glebe Road, Arlington (across the street from the hotel), for breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Breakfast in the East/West Falls Church Room, sponsored by Arlington Economic Development and Virginia Tech Office of Economic Development. Coordinator: Afroze Mohammed, afroze@vt.edu, 571-858-3007.
- Globalizing your Business Panel discussion, facilitated by Afroze Mohammed, Associate Director of Strategic Alliances, Virginia Tech Office of Economic Development.
- Depart at 9:45 a.m. for the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Brief bus stop in front of the White House for opportunities to view and take pictures of the exterior of the White House.
- Museums on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., open at 10:00 a.m. Bus drops off attendees in front of the National Air and Space Museum on Jefferson Drive. Refer to “Explore Washington, D.C.” in our Event Resource Guide, available at <http://www.vtkwglobal.com/2017/resources>, for all of the museums and monuments you can see for free!
- Attendees can sightsee on their own, before we meet back in front of the National Air and Space Museum on Jefferson Drive for departure by bus at 1:10 p.m. The bus will be pulling away at 1:10 p.m., so please arrive a few minutes before to board the bus.
- Lunch sponsored by 1776 at 1:30 p.m., located at their Arlington campus on 2231 Crystal Drive, #1000 (10th floor). Coordinator: Ryan O'Toole, Director of Market Development, 1776, ryan@1776.vc, 202-341-9198.
- 1776 overview and “Insights on Starting Up” discussion until 2:40 p.m.

- Bus departure from 1776 at 2:45 p.m. to the National Mall for afternoon sightseeing on your own in Washington, D.C. Bus drops off attendees at the National Museum of Natural History on Madison Drive.
- Meet back in front of the National Museum of Natural History for bus departure just outside of this museum at 5:50 p.m., since museums close at 5:30 p.m. Departure at 5:50 p.m. by bus to dinner venue in Arlington.
- Buffet dinner around 6:15 p.m. at Continental Pool Lounge, located at 1911 N Fort Myer Drive, in Arlington. Meal includes soda (non-alcoholic drink), chicken satay, beef sliders, green house salad, cheese quesadillas, Bavarian soft pretzels, and hummus/guacamole/salsa with chips. Attendees have free access to table tennis, pool, and shuffleboard throughout the evening.
- Attendees have the option to stay at the Continental Pool Lounge or continue their evening social time elsewhere by arranging their own transportation for the night. Otherwise, attendees can meet back at the Lounge front door entrance for departure at 9:00 p.m., if you desire to return back to The Westin Arlington Gateway Hotel by chartered bus. Those who are under 21 will have to leave the Lounge at 9:00 p.m., according to their bar policy. Bus will depart and leave at 9:00 p.m., so please arrive a few minutes early to board the bus.
- Attendees can enjoy the evening on their own. Refer to “Explore Washington, D.C.” in our Event Resource Guide, available at <http://www.vtkwglobal.com/2017/resources>, for suggested nightlife attractions in Arlington, Virginia, conveniently located relatively close by to the hotel by Uber ride or taxi. Please be mindful of the breakfast start time at 8:15 a.m. the next day as a group!

Saturday, August 19

- Event attendees check out of hotel room and bring their luggage down to breakfast, for ease of early departure on chartered bus.
- Light breakfast available at 8:15 a.m. in the Ernest Hemingway Salon 1&2 of The Westin Arlington Gateway. All attendees are expected to attend for brief team introductions.
- Chartered bus arrives at the main hotel entrance on Glebe Road of The Westin Arlington Gateway for attendees to load their luggage on the bus at 8:50 a.m. and depart by 9:05 a.m. Lunch vouchers distributed as attendees enter the bus.
- Bus drop off at the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center for a tour at 10:10 a.m. All attendees will go through the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center for security, which can sometimes take up to 30-40 minutes. Before entering the Visitor’s Center, all visitors will be screened, and no food or beverage can come into the building. Tour tickets will be picked up within the Center, after security walk-through.
- After the Capitol tour, attendees continue with Washington, D.C., sightseeing on the National Mall.
- Lunch available from 11:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. at the Mitsitam Café for attendees to eat at their leisure, located within the National Museum of the American Indian. (The museum is located at the end of the National Mall, near the Capitol Hill Building – refer to maps online at <http://nationalmall.org/explore-national-mall/national-mall-map>). Use the \$15 lunch voucher/pass to order any food item up to the \$15 limit, which includes a complimentary, fountain soft drink. No change can be redeemed from the voucher and if the value exceeds \$15, the person will pay the difference, including tax. After you select your food, proceed to the checkout line and present your voucher.
- Bus pick-up at 2:00 p.m. in front of the National Museum of the American Indian for departure for Blacksburg, Virginia. The ride from Washington, D.C., to Blacksburg is around a 5.5 hour drive.
- Bus stops in Harrisonburg, Virginia (exit 247 on 81, at 1688 E Market Street, Harrisonburg) for attendees to buy dinner from their choice of Cookout (<http://www.cookout.com>), Wendy’s (<https://www.wendys.com>) or Chick-fil-A (<http://www.chick-fil-a.com>). Event attendees will need to use \$10-\$15 of their personal spending money to order carryout food to eat on the bus for the trip to Blacksburg.
- Host families pick up student(s) at The Inn at Virginia Tech main entrance, located at 901 Prices Fork Road, Blacksburg, between 7:45-8:15 p.m. (depending on traffic and food stop for dinner). The estimated arrival time to The Inn at Virginia Tech on Saturday evening will be posted online to www.facebook.com/vtknowledgeworks. Please stay tuned for arrival time communication and updates posted to the VT KnowledgeWorks Facebook page between 7:00-8:00 p.m.