

Dr. Cassandra Groen

Cass Groen will be graduating in May, 2017 with a Ph.D. in Engineering Education from Virginia Tech. She earned her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Civil Engineering from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. Cass has accepted a position to work with Dr. Denise Simmons as a Post-Doctoral Researcher at Virginia Tech in the Myers-Lawson School of Construction.



What is one thing you want others in academia to know about the field of engineering education?

"I want others in academia to know that engineering education is more than just teaching individuals how to be engineers; it is about developing the future of the engineering field."

What are you most looking forward to after graduation?

"I am most looking forward to just starting the next chapter of my life and seeing what the future has in store for me!"

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Graduating Doctoral Spotlight

What is something you wish your 1st year PhD student self knew?

"Earning a PhD is a team effort; you cannot do it alone. You are in a welcoming, collaborative community that wants to see you succeed. Take advantage of your interactions with faculty and older students and allow them to assist you on your journey."

What is your favorite VT moment?

"My favorite VT moment was when Dr. B held our last Practicum class out on the Drillfield last spring. As she ended class, the Corps of Cadet band began to practice for their commencement performance. It was a really beautiful and appropriate ending to a great semester, and I was fortunate to share that experience with such amazing people on that gorgeous spring day."