

# Dr. Glenda Young

Glenda Young will be graduating in May, 2017 with a Ph.D. in Engineering Education from Virginia Tech. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial & Systems Engineering from Mississippi State University and her Master of Science degree in Industrial & Systems Engineering from Auburn University. Glenda is currently exploring multiple employment opportunities. In the interim, she will be helping to advance how university-industry partnerships can broaden participation in engineering by working on a NSF sponsored project involving the National Society of Black Engineers' Summer Engineering Experience for Kids (SEEK) program.



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

*"I would like others in academia to know that the field of Engineering Education extends beyond classroom applications. As I transition to new roles, I will share that research in the field can be applied in industry and government sectors to enhance the professional development of engineers and more broadly to develop the current and future STEM workforce."*

What are you most looking forward to after graduation?

*"I am most looking forward to traveling and exploring different areas— first up is Mexico City. Also, I'm looking forward to enjoying some down time with friends and family and enjoying a Mississippi summer."*

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### Graduating Doctoral Spotlight

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

*"I wish my 1st year PhD student self knew that a change of plans can lead to awesome growth opportunities. Some of my most memorable moments-including my dissertation topic- occurred because my pathway took a turn. Ultimately, I've learned that exploring various opportunities [strategically] can lead to unimaginable professional development and can also open doors I never would have considered. Also, I would remind myself to have fun in the uncertainty!"*

What is your favorite VT moment?

*"My most recent VT highlight was having a great turn out for my dissertation defense. In seeing family, friends, and colleagues from across the university, I was reminded of the culmination of experiences and relationships I have developed while at VT. I have additionally enjoyed several adventures in the surrounding area. During my first year, I enjoyed an impromptu ski trip with fellow graduate students where I took my first turn at learning to ski via the "pizza method." [Thanks Andrea]."*