CSTA: What cool careers are VT graduates prepared for?
Ribbens: VT graduates go on to careers in an extremely wide range of well-known companies. Graduates have accepted opportunities in consulting, finance, entertainment, education, energy, government, security and more. Over 30 companies regularly attend CS job fairs at VT.

CSTA: What distinguishes VT and its program from others?
Ribbens: Vigorous learning environments in human-computer interaction, high-end systems, computational biology, and bioinformatics, as well as extensive opportunities to get involved in undergraduate research projects and summer internships sets VT apart.

CSTA: Tell us a bit about the social environment of the CS program.
Ribbens: Students can select from a wide range of social, intellectual, and service organizations. A large undergraduate learning center provides space for CS students to work on group projects and gather informally.

CSTA: What unique programs are in place at VT to increase the diversity of the CS student population?
Ribbens: The Department supports a very active chapter of the Association for Women in Computing. Approximately ten VT students attend the Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing. In addition, the College of Engineering, through its Center for the Enhancement of Engineering Diversity (CEED), supports many activities to encourage and support students from diverse backgrounds. Professor Manuel Pérez-Quiones is Chair-Elect of the Coalition to Diversity Computing (www.cdc-computing.org).

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Trends in U.S. Female Undergraduate CS & IT Degree Recipients

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CSTA Members in the News: Video Recorder Winners

CSTA congratulates Deborah Gillian of Alma J. Brown Elementary School (LA) and Elaine Adams of Hollidaysburg Area Sr. High School (PA) both of whom won a Flip® video recorder for their participation in the CSTA Membership Satisfaction survey.