

The Perry Post

Message from the Dean

Dear Perry Honors College Students,

As I start my sixth month in Norfolk, I have been reflecting on how much I love living here. This is not my first time living in the Commonwealth though. From 2018 to 2020, I lived in Alexandria and worked at the National Science Foundation supporting scientists across the country through research funding. And on occasion walking through George Washington's home at Mt. Vernon nearby. These days, I am very much enjoying hearing about the lived experiences of PHC students, and I am learning that our study body represents all parts of the Commonwealth: NoVA, CoVA and beyond! I feel privileged to be a resident of a state with such rich history and beauty, from the historic charm of Old Town Alexandria to the majestic waters of the Chesapeake Bay; home to the greatest of our Founding Fathers. I ask you this week to reflect on what you value most about being in the gorgeous Commonwealth of Virginia. And I have a little exercise for you: imagine that George Washington came to visit and asked you to describe Virginia to him from your eyes in 2026. What would you tell him?



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Terrance Maynard

Coordinator for Student Programs

Emily Harmon got the chance to connect with Terrance Maynard, the Coordinator for Academic Programs, to learn more about his interests, his journey, and his role in how he supports Honors students. Read the interview below:



Emily: Raleigh vs. Virginia - What's the biggest upgrade and the biggest "I miss this?"

Terrance: To be honest, what I miss most is the parks. It was more open and more natural, but I am happy to be here with family who live in Hampton Roads, including my fraternal twin sister.

Emily: What are you currently binge-watching/binge-reading?

Terrance: Recently, I finished a self-help book that talked about the value and importance of showing up and being present with others.

Emily: If you were putting us on to one meal, snack, or spot that never misses, what is it?

Terrance: Believe it or not, Wegman's hot food bar. They have great food!

Emily: What's a small thing that instantly improves your day?

Terrance: Quiet reflective time.

Emily: Tell me about your academic and professional journey.

Terrance: I graduated from Radford with my Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. I attended UVA for graduate school where I got my Master's Degree in Higher Education. At UVA I worked for Admissions for four years before moving to North Carolina Central doing student engagement work. My last stop, I worked at Duke School of Medicine, doing data and assessment work.

Emily: What is your role at the Perry Honors College, and how do you support honors students on their academic journey?

Terrance: I'm trying to craft an experience for them through programming and events. They are not going to have to do this alone and they will graduate proud of their experience.

Emily: What's one mistake students make that's very normal and totally fixable?

Terrance: Professionally, if you RSVP, but are unable to attend, communicate this. We know things happen, but don't ghost.

Perry Honors College Programs, Partnerships, & Promotions



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Feb.
12

Dish with the Dean:
Cybersecurity Lounge
Room 1113, Monarch Hall
5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.



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Hello Students!

- Please join me and PHC staff for our Dish with the Dean event!
- **Thursday, February 12th**, from **5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** in the **Cybersecurity Lounge, Room 1113 (1st floor)** in Monarch Hall
- We'll have **food, beverages, and games.**



Scan here to RSVP!

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