To be a Global Hokie is to have the ability to represent the strong and diverse culture of the Virginia Tech’s Community in any setting. Whether in the comforting confines of Virginia Tech’s tight knit community or thousands of miles away in a foreign country, a Global Hokie gladly accepts the responsibility of carrying the pride and passion that comes along with being a Hokie.

However the title of Global Hokie is not restricted to just current students and alumni, but extends to family, friends, and the faculty and staff. The individual that has spent four years of their life working towards their degree, or the mother that sends her son off and entrusts him with the school’s football program, the athlete that dedicates their time to their sport and academics, and the janitor that wakes up every morning to keep the campus and its facilities clean can all call themselves Global Hokies if they carry that pride everywhere they go. All these individuals contribute to the experience and can take pride in being a piece of Virginia Tech.

A Global Hokie is also a Hokie that recognizes the importance of diversity in the Virginia Tech experience. The Virginia Tech community can boast that individuals from around the nation and the world are a part. A Global Hokie recognizes and values the different culture and experiences of other individuals in the community realizing that this exposure is part of their development. The Virginia Tech experience cannot be generalized, because it is so many different things to so many different people. A Global Hokie acknowledges that their experience at Virginia Tech is only a small piece of the experience and does not discredit the experiences of other Hokies.

The Global Hokie is a constant representation of Virginia Tech and its community through their actions and commitment. Carrying the pride and spirit of this great school at all times and all places is what makes a Global Hokie. Anyone that comes in contact with this individual will be able to feel that bond that brings all Hokies together. This is the bond that is formed when thousands are cheering for the beloved football team in Lane Stadium. This is the same bond that is created by experiences in the dorms, dining facilities, math emporium, and the library. This is the bond that was clung to when the tragic events of 4/16/07 when the lives of 32 beloved Hokies were taken. Virginia Tech is not only a school, but a culture, experience, and community all in one. Any individual that has made a contribution and finds pride and carries that passion for Virginia Tech where ever they step foot can be called a Global Hokie.