What does it mean to be a Global Hokie?

When I first read the word “Hokie” I had no idea that I was actually one – later to discover, a *global* one. Intrigued and curious enough, I googled it to find out that it was defined as an “emasculated turkey”, which only made me more confused. Being an off-campus student situated in Egypt, I later learned through various correspondences that the Hokie Bird was Virginia Tech’s official mascot and supporter of Virginia Tech’s football and basketball teams. In general terms a Hokie referred to any member of the Virginia Tech society.

After being enrolled in Virginia Tech as an off-campus graduate student for 2 years, I just moved to Blacksburg about 8 months ago to continue my studies on campus. I couldn’t help but notice the presence of the Hokie Bird all over the place, in the Students Squires Center, in the University Bookstore, the Lane Stadium, etc... I also noticed that no two Hokies were identical – every Hokie Bird wore a different outfit with its own combination of colors symbolizing the individuality and uniqueness of each character. However, no matter where a Hokie originated from globally, or where they ended up, they still possessed that same spirit you find in all the Hokies all over Blacksburg.

There is literally no difference between a Hokie and a Global one. If you look any particular Hokie straight in the eye, you feel this mixture of vibes consisting of pride, strength, diligence, yet, both humor and fun. Being a Global Hokie doesn’t underrate a Hokie in any sense. In fact, a Global Hokie is indeed a true Hokie enriched with qualities attained from various cultures. It is the presence of those Hokies of different origins, here and there, which contributes to the diversity and richness of the Virginia Tech culture and society. For it is the global aspects and cultural differences, that when brought together from all over the world, form this beautiful one-of-a-kind mixture of aromas that you can smell and recognize miles away.

Global Hokies are all manufactured having the ability to invade any part of the world with the same attitude that flourishes with success and achievement. They are able to “invent the future” and engrave their footprints long enough for generations to follow. Hokies come from all over the world and travel to wherever fate takes them. They never forget their luscious Blacksburg nest upon which they fed and thrived. There lifetime warranty allows them to pass on all the experiences and challenges they faced in
life until their day comes. The one thing that is so true about Hokies is that they are true Hokies for life. Once a Hokie, always a Hokie...