



## CALL FOR HAPPENINGS EDITOR

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*The Pylon*, Virginia Tech and Blacksburg's newest source of investigative and longform journalism, informed commentaries, and submission-based creative works, is searching for a qualified candidate to take on the role of Happenings editor.

The Happenings section aims to bring the Blacksburg and Virginia Tech communities high quality, in-depth news stories that are relevant and important, and may not be covered elsewhere. Stories should be investigative, heavily fact-checked, and reported within the framework of our ethical standards in a timely fashion.

### Functions of the Happenings editor

- The Happenings editor reports to the managing editor and editor-in-chief and is responsible for overseeing the Happenings section and leading a staff of reporters.
- The editor is expected to attend every budget meeting, go to write-ins frequently, edit stories, work with the visuals section and other sections when necessary, to be mentors for their staffers, and to promote *Pylon* content on social media.
- The editor is expected to set appropriate deadlines for their staff and to meet deadlines and respond to email and Slack messages in a timely fashion.
- The editor must treat colleagues and sources with respect and act ethically at all times.
- In addition, the Happenings editor is expected to complete all trainings hosted by *The Pylon* and to seek additional editing and reporting training when possible, potentially through classes, conferences, or even books.

### Desired qualities and qualifications

- Is inquisitive and curious
- Can be fair and neutral, and can write objectively
- Thinks critically and ethically
- Can work closely with editorial staff and enjoys constructive feedback
- Should have demonstrated writing experience or samples
- Should have a strong desire to grow and learn as a reporter
- Editing experience a plus
- Availability for ~10 hours per week, with regular mandatory meetings

All people living in or near Blacksburg are encouraged to apply (student or not).

**Note—the position is unpaid.**

### What do we have to offer?

- Journalism experience with a dynamic startup
- Professional letters of recommendation
- Significant opportunities to grow and learn essential reporting and editing skills
- Extensive training and professional development opportunities

To apply, please email [editor@thepylon.org](mailto:editor@thepylon.org) with a resume and a subject line of “HAPPENINGS EDITOR.” The body of the email constitutes an informal cover letter.

Questions? Send them to our recruitment manager, Alec Masella ([alec11@vt.edu](mailto:alec11@vt.edu)), or send a direct message to our official pages on Twitter ([twitter.com/thepylonorg](https://twitter.com/thepylonorg)) or Facebook ([facebook.com/thepylonorg](https://facebook.com/thepylonorg)).

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