

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

### 2/9: Life Insurance Lunch & Learn 12pm

» Daniel Webb from The Conner Group will be doing a lunch and learn on Life Insurance for us on Thursday, February 9th at noon. Daniel will talk to us about the different types of life insurance, the importance, how much you should have, beneficiaries, etc. Your attendance is optional. Lunch will be provided.

## 2/13: FDS Annual Souper Bowl Contest

We will be having our annual Souper Bowl contest on Monday, February 13th at 12pm. Anyone who wishes to compete should prepare a soup or chili in a crockpot and bring it in to share. We will place crockpot liners in the kitchen for you to use closer to the event to make cleanup easier. If possible, healthy recipes are encouraged to support our Biggest Loser contestants. Everyone will be able to taste the soups and then vote for their favorite! We will also make grilled cheese sandwiches with various cheeses. You can sample and vote on the soups even if you do not enter a soup in the competition. The winner will receive a prize and the coveted "Souper Bowl Champ Spoon"! We will place a sign-up sheet by the mailboxes closer to the date. Kate was our 2022 Champ.

2/20: President's Day

2/20: Biggest Loser Contestant Weigh-In Day



CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE EMPLOYEES CELEBRATING THEIR ANNIVERSARIES!		
JORDAN	1/16	1 YEAR
SARAH	1/31	18 YEARS
LARISSA	2/4	1 YEAR
KEVIN	2/25	23 YEARS

## **Exciting News!**

Two new holidays have been added to the calendar this year. FDS will now be closed Good Friday and New Year's Eve for a total of 13 paid holidays! Also, once you have been employed full-time 5 years, you will receive your FDS anniversary off. Once you've been employed 10 years, you will receive your birthday off!

See the holiday schedule for the full list of holidays.



## **WELCOME TO THE FDS TEAM!**

# HUNTER HOWERY



PROJECT ENGINEER

#### TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF.

Currently attending Virginia Tech with plans to graduate in 2024.

#### WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES, INTERESTS OUTSIDE OF WORK?

I enjoy reading and spending time with my friends and family.

#### WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR GOALS FOR THE FUTURE?

Ultimately the goal is to graduate from college with my Bachelor's in Civil Engineering and put the degree to good use.

#### WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT WORKING HERE SO FAR?

I like the inclusive environment and the personalities around the firm.

# TY COOLEY



SENIOR SURVEY TECHNICIAN

#### TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF.

My family of 6 includes my life partner, Lyndsey, her son (my "step son") Colton, our two cats, Bella and Pikochan (it's a family name), and our dog Ebeneezer (Lil Neezy is what he prefers). We squeeze into a 2-bedroom, 40' travel trailer and love every minute of it.

#### WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES, INTERESTS OUTSIDE OF WORK?

Outside of work my family and I love to travel. In the past year we have had extended stays in along the Outer Banks and throughout Central and Eastern Virginia. We plan to come stay in the Christiansburg area for the month of February and then continue our travels south to warmer weather.

We also play disc golf quite often and competitively. We have traveled from Virginia to Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Maryland, West Virginia, and Indiana to compete against the top tier of amateur disc golfers. In 2022 we played in 25+ formal events, but for 2023 we plan to take a small step back and play only at the Amateur Disc Golf World Championships and a few of our favorite local tournaments.

#### WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR GOALS FOR THE FUTURE?

My goals for work include obtaining my Land Surveyor license and becoming licensed in as many states as possible. Eventually I would love to pass along my knowledge and grow the land surveying community in any way I can.

Outside of work, Lyndsey, Colton, and I have decided that our biggest goal as a family is to "live everywhere".

### **Christmas at FDS 2022**

We enjoyed some of our favorite traditions once again this year: decorating the lobby Christmas tree and outside the building, our annual potluck lunch, wrapping gifts and preparing treat bags for residents at English Meadows, Santa and his elves delivered those gifts a little later. We also added a new tradition this year - Pancakes with Santa!

