

Student Stories

Meet Bill



Major: Mechanical Engineering
Concentration: Automotive
Minor: Mathematics and Business
Year: Sophomore
GPA: 3.1
Age: 19
Hometown: Hanover, VA
High School: Atlee High School

Bill, a sophomore **Mechanical Engineering** student, spends as much free time as he can working on cars and enjoys any time that he can get his hands dirty. As a student, he's involved with automotive projects and clubs whenever possible.

Once he started college, Bill found a perfect fit as part of VCU Engineering's SAE Formula car team as a drive train and suspension specialist. The club participates in a collegiate student design competition where teams produce prototype race cars that are evaluated for their potential as production items. VCU's team has plans to take their car to a competition in Michigan next March.

Bill plans to pursue a Master's degree after graduation, and from there become an automotive engineer. Eventually, he intends to open up his own CNC business designing and selling high performance auto racing parts.

Favorites:

- **Class:** *Engineering 101*
- **Professor:** *Dr. McLeskey*
- **Place to study:** *Library*
- **Food hotspot:** *Shafer Court Dining Center*
- **Weekend plans:** *Work, or design and build automotive parts*
- **Richmond-specific:** *Concerts and car shows*

According to Bill: "The School of Engineering at VCU is showing me that life is truly hard work, but I enjoy what I'm doing, so that makes up for it."

His advice on preparing for college? "Don't be nervous, college isn't as impossible as many describe it to be. You just need to persevere if you really want it. You can do anything you put your mind to."