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20 Questions

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Dr. Eugene Trani President of VCU



Photo by Hilary Benas

“I am a work horse, not a show horse.”

Favorite thing to do when not working?

Take my grandchildren (Tegan, Woodrow, Olivia, James and Renn) to breakfast on a Saturday morning. Our favorites are the Dairy Bar, Aunt Sarah's, places like that.

The hardest lesson you had to learn?

To be patient

Your idea of luxury?

Smoking a cigar on a good golf course

Name of your first pet?

Joe, a cocker spaniel

Favorite vacation spot?

Ireland. It's such a beautiful country.

Favorite article of clothing?

A pair of loafers that are 25 years old. A shoemaker in Carytown keeps them alive.

Favorite food?

I like Italian food, hot food.

Closest you've come to being arrested?

There were a couple of times when I was entering or leaving the Soviet Union back in the old days

What is your motto?

I read the obit page every day, and my motto is "Keep Going."

Your hobby?

I collect golf ball markers, both courses and corporations. I have over 5,000. E-bay is a great place to find them.

Your least-favorite drive?

I don't enjoy any drive that's long.

Favorite gadget?

My computer

Three favorite movies?

"Chariots of Fire," "The Hunt for Red October," "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"

Three things you couldn't do without?

My family, my affiliation with VCU, the Internet

Favorite place to eat?

The grill at the Country Club of Virginia

The last person you wrote a letter to?

Paul Simon, the former senator from Illinois. I taught him at Southern Illinois University and was responding to a letter from him.

CD in your stereo now?

The Irish Tenors "Ellis Island Concert"

What did you do Saturday night?

Celebrated Notre Dame beating Michigan. I was in South Bend for meetings on Friday and Saturday and I got to go to the game.

Favorite spot in Richmond?

Wherever my grandchildren want to go. They even got me to go bowling the other day, something I haven't done in 35 years.



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