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Video Transcript:

Speaker: Melissa Dudek, Assistant Director Athletics Communications

Hello, my name is Melissa Dudek, and I've worked here at the University of Virginia for 12 years, all of them in the athletic department in the same position. But I would like to talk to you about professional growth today, and what I've been able to do here at the University of Virginia with the educational benefit.

So, I came in without a master's degree. It was something that I always had wanted but didn't really think I would ever be able to do. And then I found a three-year online program and used the funding from Human Resources to be able to pay for that. So, it was a huge thing for me. Another one of my coworkers saw what I had done and he also went on to get his master's degree. Many of the other people in my department already had their degrees and didn't need that part of the educational benefit, but they've been able to use that money for professional growth through conferences and through other professional development opportunities. So it's just another great perk of working here. Hope you choose the University of Virginia.

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