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Students race to the finish line at the Mini 500, a favorite Homecoming tradition. Photo by Tyler Parker.



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A Message From Jim Hall

As this year ends, I am grateful for all we have accomplished together. Georgia Tech's momentum, reach, and impact continue to build — largely due to the incredible support of the alumni, friends, parents, foundations, and corporations who are investing in the Institute's students, faculty, research, and campus.



Jim Hall
Vice President
for Development

Without a doubt, it is a great time to be a Yellow Jacket. This feeling of pride and school spirit is abundant across campus every day — and especially at campaign gatherings with Tech alumni and friends and during special events like Homecoming & Reunion Weekend.

We are eight years into the 10-year campaign, and as we enter the homestretch of *Transforming Tomorrow: The Campaign for Georgia Tech*, we are well-positioned to exceed many of our initial goals. More than meeting the overall \$2 billion goal, though, we want our outcomes to be historic and impactful. We have work to do to meet our fundraising goals for every College and School, for undergraduate scholarships and graduate fellowships, for advancing research across campus, and for key capital projects like the Medical Innovation Building and the Aerospace Engineering Building, which received its first major investment from Delta (more to come in the next issue). Together, we can reach these goals that will transform Georgia Tech today and tomorrow.

This *Campaign Quarterly* features stories about the expected long-lasting impact of John W. Durstine's \$100 million bequest to the George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering. It also spotlights the results of the Invest in the Best Scholarship Challenge. To give you a quick preview: 147 individuals and families participated in the dollar-for-dollar challenge, resulting in \$100 million in permanent endowed support for need-based scholarships. I invite you to read more about the many ways in which donors are supporting students, research, academics, and intercollegiate athletics.

Thank you for your continued belief in and support of Georgia Tech. Please know that every commitment makes a difference.

Go Jackets!

—Jim

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THE CAMPAIGN QUARTERLY INTERVIEW WITH
CAMPAIGN STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBER

THOMAS M. “TOMMY” HOLDER

A visionary leader in his community and the construction industry nationwide, Thomas M. “Tommy” Holder, IMGT 1979, has been extensively involved with Georgia Tech. An Atlanta native, he began his career at Holder Construction Company in 1979 and rose through the corporate ranks to become CEO for 32 years, leading the firm to become the largest Atlanta-based construction company. He stepped down in 2021 and remains chairman of the company.

Holder has enriched his community through his longstanding involvement with and support for nonprofit organizations and educational institutions. He has provided significant philanthropic support and volunteer leadership to his alma mater through his service on multiple boards, including the Georgia Tech Foundation Board of Trustees, where he is a past chair.

Holder will receive the 2026 Joseph Mayo Pettit Distinguished Service Award, the highest award conferred by the Alumni Association, recognizing lifetime leadership, achievement, and service to the Institute and to the community. Through his extraordinary support and remarkable service to Georgia Tech, the city of Atlanta, and the state of Georgia, Holder has made a lasting impact on his community and enabled the advancement of the Institute.



What was your experience like as a student at Georgia Tech?

I had a great time at Tech. I had a lot of good friends. I enjoyed being in a fraternity, going to football games, and taking those courses that woke me up to the reality that I was there to get an education.

How have you been involved with the Institute over the years?

I went for a long time without really being engaged, other than going to football games. But I reengaged about 15 years ago when some friends recruited me to join the Georgia Tech Foundation board of Trustees. I served as chair of the Real Estate Committee, then the Finance Committee, chair-elect, chair, and now past chair — which is the best title of all.

What role did Georgia Tech play in preparing you for your career?

I wasn't a great student, but what I did learn at Tech was how to tackle significant challenges and succeed. Just navigating course selections and prerequisites was a huge obstacle. Tech opened my eyes to the real world. It enabled me to grow up in a hurry and recognize that there wasn't anything I was afraid to take on. I got through Tech. I got a degree. What else can you throw at me?

What inspires you to give back to Georgia Tech?

Georgia Tech prepared me for life, and I had a successful career. I believe there is a responsibility to pay back and make sure that the experience I had is available for future students. It wasn't a hard sell. I knew I needed to support my alma mater. I've been giving to Roll Call for nearly 50 years. Being on the Foundation board, it is imperative to live up to the gold standard.

Why did you choose to serve on the Campaign Steering Committee for Transforming Tomorrow?

At the time of the public launch, I was chair-elect of the Foundation board. Leadership should be part of the campaign. It's a sign of solidarity. I believe in it, and we're going to raise the money together.

What makes Georgia Tech a good philanthropic investment?

Investing in Georgia Tech is money well spent. Georgia Tech takes those dollars and puts them to really good use. One example is the Pediatric Technology Center, where Tech partners with Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and Emory to solve real problems. It's creative, important work. That's just one example of how your investment yields results.

What do you think is the highest philanthropic priority for the campaign?

I was in the management school so, selfishly, I'd like to see Scheller meet their goals and continue to elevate the College. We have a great business school that needs more recognition. We need to compete with other top schools offering full scholarships. We ought to be able to give kids a better deal to come to Tech than to go to Stanford or the University of Southern California.

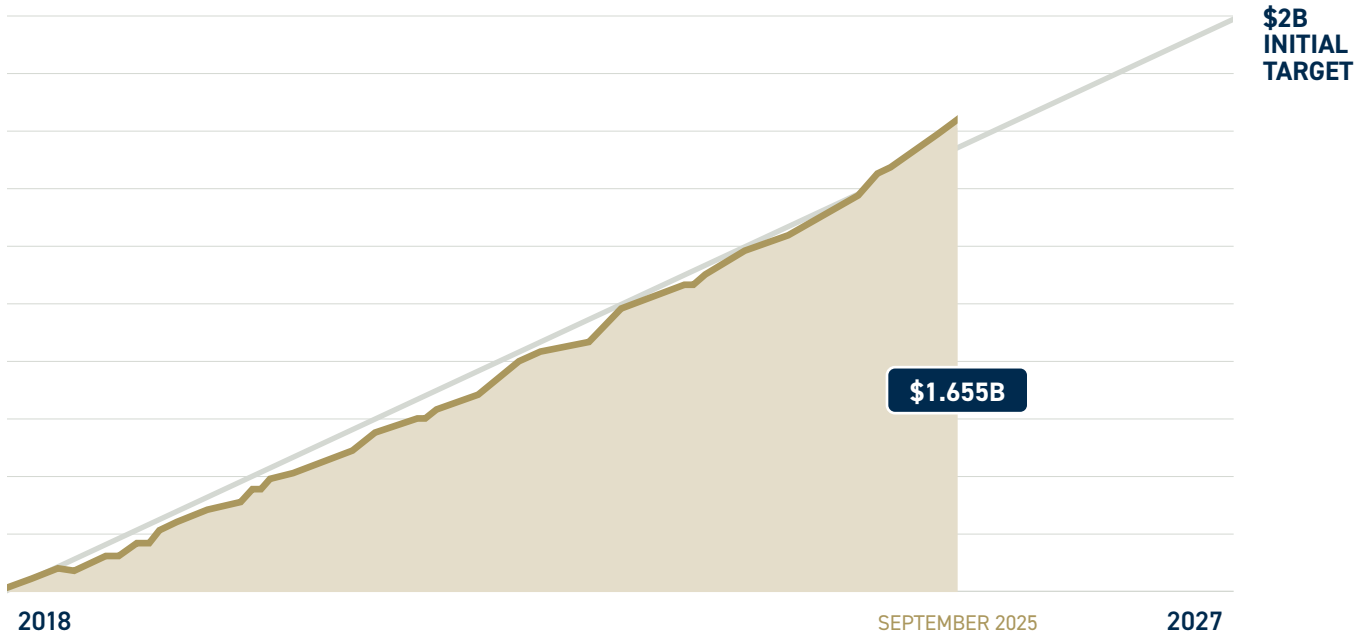
What are your hopes for the future of Georgia Tech?

Georgia Tech is on a great trajectory. We've got a strong president, a great new athletic director, and a football coach who's inspiring real excitement. Athletics plays a big role in Tech's success. When we flash our GT logo across the country as winners, it sends a message to prospective students and alumni alike. Just a few years ago, our football program was struggling, and now the stadium is packed, the energy is high, and people are paying attention. That kind of momentum helps drive investment — not just in athletics, but across the Institute. We need to sustain that through continued support of the campaign, our academic programs, and our student experience.

My hope is that we keep pushing forward — raising the bar, solving real-world problems, and preparing the next generation. We've got the leadership, the talent, and the vision. Now we need to keep investing in it. ///

CAMPAIGN PROGRESS TO DATE

The accounting period for Transforming Tomorrow: The Campaign for Georgia Tech is January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2027. The following update reflects our reported progress toward initial targets through September 30, 2025.



\$476+
million

Student Success

Toward \$700 million goal

\$352+
million

Athletics

Toward \$500 million goal

\$221+
million

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Toward \$300 million goal



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COLLEGE OF COMPUTING SECOND COLLEGE TO SURPASS TARGET

In September, the College of Computing became the second College to exceed its *Transforming Tomorrow* campaign target, raising \$75 million and counting.

Thanks to *Transforming Tomorrow* donor support, the College has launched the new Center for Scientific Software Engineering, which partners with researchers to accelerate scientific discovery and programs that support K-12 computing education across

Georgia and the nation. Philanthropy has also provided critical funding for faculty, research, undergraduate scholarships, and graduate fellowships. Dean and John P. Imlay Chair of the College of Computing Vivek Sarkar said, “One of the most rewarding experiences for me during this campaign has been to learn how fortunate we are to have such a caring and dedicated community of alumni, faculty, staff, students, and friends. Your generosity and involvement have already lifted the College of Computing to new heights, and I’m truly excited to see how your continued engagement will shape our future.”

For the remainder of the campaign, the College is committed to raising more funds for key priorities, including undergraduate scholarships and graduate fellowships, endowed faculty positions, and flexible unrestricted support to seize emerging opportunities. ///

TRANSFORMING TOMORROW ON THE ROAD

Georgia Tech continues to spread the campaign message to alumni and friends at events across the country and world. Events this fall took place in Boulder, Colorado; Panama City, Panama; Chicago, Illinois; and Greenville, South Carolina. Visit transformingtomorrow.gatech.edu for more information about upcoming campaign events in your area. ///



Chicago, Illinois



Chicago, Illinois



Boulder, Colorado



Greenville, South Carolina



Panama City, Panama

Advancing Talent:

BlackRock Hallac Scholarship Program's Transformative Impact

In 2016, BlackRock, the nation's largest public assets management firm, established the BlackRock Hallac Scholarship program at Georgia Tech in memory of Charles "Charlie" Hallac, BlackRock's former chief operating officer and co-president.

Now approaching its 10-year anniversary, the BlackRock Hallac Scholarship program is a highly successful need-based scholarship and internship program. It offers bright, innovative, entrepreneurial-minded Tech students, from economically disadvantaged circumstances, financial assistance and BlackRock internships.

Born in Israel and raised in the Philippines, Hallac graduated with a degree in economics and computer science from Brandeis University before joining BlackRock as its first employee in 1988. In addition to serving as BlackRock's chief operating officer and co-president, Hallac was chief architect of BlackRock's comprehensive investment and trading platform, Aladdin. When he died of cancer in 2015, as a way of honoring his memory and legacy as an inspiring leader and mentor, BlackRock established the BlackRock Hallac Scholarship program at Georgia Tech — choosing to partner with Tech because of its solid tech reputation.

Through this program, BlackRock provides two full scholarships from the fall semester of the student's second year through graduation. For BlackRock Scholars who take advantage of the internship offering, they begin their internships in their second year — a year earlier than many other college internships — making the internship portion the most beneficial part of the program because of the opportunity for early-stage real-world job experience.

A significant number of finalists and scholarship recipients have become full-time BlackRock employees following successful summer internships.

Brooke White, CS 2019, came to Tech from Kennesaw, Georgia. A member of the first BlackRock Hallac Scholars cohort, White said the program was transformative for her. Grateful for the financial support provided, White added, "I was actually able to afford things like getting my wisdom teeth out." Beyond the financial support,

the program broadened her perspective. "It helped open my eyes to other places I could apply my computer science education beyond a tech company," she said. Currently, White serves as a vice president senior engineer at BlackRock.

Hailing from Savannah, Georgia, James Hazzard, ME 2020, has a similar success story. Given his engineering background, Hazzard was initially unsure where he would fit into a financial investment firm. Interning as a BlackRock Scholar, however, taught him that "it all comes down to problem-solving," something his mechanical engineering education prepared him for. "The medium may be different," Hazzard said, "but the overall task of solving the problem is the same." Hazzard now works for BlackRock

as an associate software engineer on the portfolio management engineering team, helping develop software used by the company's portfolio managers.

Venezuelan-born Armando Marimon, IE 2020, applied the lessons he learned in industrial engineering to his experience as a BlackRock Hallac Scholar. "One of the beauties of the BlackRock Hallac Scholarship is that applicants are not applying to be admitted to specific teams within the company," he said. "The program helps place individuals on the team they think would be the best fit." Marimon was placed in BlackRock's Transformation Office, a project management and internal consulting team where he works at the intersection of technology and business. The fit "worked out perfectly for me," he said. Marimon now serves as vice president of that same team.

Reflecting on the quality of the students in the scholarship program named for her late husband, Sarah Hallac, senior advisor at BlackRock, said, "The students are remarkable, and bringing them into the BlackRock family has been incredibly gratifying." ///



To learn more about how your corporation might support students or engage with Georgia Tech, contact **Caroline Wood**, executive director of Corporate Engagement, at caroline@corporate.gatech.edu.



Devoted Fan, Enduring Gift

Dan Tancredi, ECON 1997, loved Georgia Tech — and especially Yellow Jacket basketball. Tancredi died Aug. 23, 2025, in Brooklyn, New York. Now, his generous bequest provision to the Alexander-Tharpe Fund will perpetuate his legacy and his passion for Georgia Tech athletics for generations.

Tancredi was born in Staten Island, New York, and graduated from Georgia Tech in 1997 with a degree in economics. Early on, he was an avid reader and comic book collector. He attended Dragon Con every year and befriended and sometimes financially supported the local artists he admired, amassing an impressive collection of original comics. He was also passionate about music and his friendships. Tancredi's classmate and friend, Magd Riad, IE 2001, described him as a “unique person” who “always thought of others first.” That generosity of spirit was evident in his gift to Georgia Tech in honor of what was perhaps his greatest passion — Yellow Jacket basketball.

As a student, Tancredi would camp out for Tech basketball tickets. Typically first in line, he usually sat in the prime spot in the student area: Row 1, Seat 1 in the Alexander Memorial Coliseum. He also got to know members of the basketball team through his role as a tutor.

After graduating, Tancredi went on to enjoy a successful career in finance, most recently serving as senior vice president of Commercial Credit at Bank of America. He remained an ardent supporter of his alma mater and a devoted fan of the basketball program.

Over the years, Tancredi made significant gifts to intercollegiate athletics and supported scholarships for student-athletes. His passion for Georgia Tech and its athletics programs lives on through the Daniel E. Tancredi Men's Basketball Program Endowment, which will support athletic scholarships for men's



basketball players. In recognition of his gift, the student section of McCamish Pavilion has been named in Tancredi's honor, commemorating his devotion to the Yellow Jackets. “I think he wanted a place that his friends and their kids could go and just kind of remember him,” Riad said. “The student section in McCamish serves that purpose.”

Acknowledging Tancredi's generosity, Ryan Alpert, vice president and director of Athletics, said, “Dan Tancredi's passion for Georgia Tech basketball was unrivaled. A longtime season ticket holder, even while he was living in New York, he traveled great distances to support the Yellow Jackets, both here on The Flats and on the road. Since his passion for Tech basketball began as a student cheering on the Jackets at Alexander Memorial Coliseum, it's only fitting that the student section at McCamish Pavilion be named in his honor. Georgia Tech couldn't be more grateful for Dan's longtime support, and we're proud that his memory will live on in McCamish Pavilion.” ///

To make a gift or commitment to Athletics, contact **Robby Poteat**, executive associate athletics director for Development, at rpoteat@athletics.gatech.edu.

DARPA Challenge Win Inspires \$2M Gift

Team Atlanta, a group primarily made up of Georgia Tech students, faculty, and alumni focused on cybersecurity research, recently won the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency's (DARPA) AI Cyber Challenge (AIxCC). Now, the current Tech students and faculty members who were part of the team are paying it forward, donating \$2 million of the \$4 million grand prize to the Systems Software and Security Lab in Georgia Tech's School of Cybersecurity and Privacy.

Launched in 2023, AIxCC was a two-year competition organized around the development of artificial intelligence-powered systems capable of autonomously finding and fixing cybersecurity software vulnerabilities. "This was a once-in-a-generation competition organized by DARPA about how to utilize recent advancements in AI to use in security-related tasks," said Taesoo Kim, professor in the School of Computer Science. "As hackers, we started this competition as AI skeptics, but now we truly believe in the potential of adopting large language models when solving security problems."

Comprising hackers, engineers, and cybersecurity researchers, Team Atlanta

submitted the Atlantis system for the competition. The Atlantis (AI-driven Threat Localization, Analysis, and Triage Intelligence) system is a "fuzzer" — automated software that finds vulnerabilities or bugs. The team enhanced the software by combining several different types of large language models with traditional analysis techniques to improve the accuracy of finding and patching cyber vulnerabilities.

"Finding vulnerabilities and patching codebases using current methods is slow, expensive, and depends on a limited workforce — especially as adversaries use AI to amplify their exploits," said DARPA Director Stephen Winchell. "AIxCC-developed technology will give defenders a much-needed edge in identifying and patching vulnerabilities at speed and scale."

DARPA collaborated with the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) to sponsor the challenge. DARPA's release of all the finalists' projects as open-sourced code is just the first step toward making a real-world impact. To further the practical application of the cutting-edge technology developed for the

competition, ARPA-H is also assisting teams in making their technologies more accessible and usable. Jason Roos, acting director of ARPA-H, said, "ARPA-H is committed to supporting these teams to transition their technologies and make a meaningful impact in healthcare security and patient safety."

Closer to home, Team Atlanta is having a tangible impact of its own, with its \$2 million gift to the Systems Software and Security Lab in the School of Cybersecurity and Privacy.

The lab is part of the Georgia Tech Information Security Center, which focuses on developing secure, high-performance software systems with real-world applications. Mustaque Ahamad, the School's interim chair, said, "The outstanding researchers we are able to attract to Georgia Tech are the reason for Team Atlanta's impressive win at AIxCC. As the funding climate becomes more challenging, we have to look for other sources of funding to support our research. We really appreciate Taesoo Kim and other Georgia Tech members of Team Atlanta choosing to donate the prize money to support continued research in AI and cybersecurity. This will help Georgia Tech remain a leader in these important areas." ///

To learn more or make a gift to the College of Computing, contact **Jason Zwang**, senior director of Development, College of Computing, at jason.zwang@cc.gatech.edu.





John W. Durstine's Quiet Philanthropy Fuels Transformative Impact

On Sept. 4, at Georgia Tech's annual Institute Address, President Ángel Cabrera announced that Tech had received the largest single gift in its history: \$100 million. The late John W. Durstine, a 1957 mechanical engineering graduate, left the transformative estate gift to the Institute in support of the George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering.

Durstine grew up in Birmingham, Alabama, before enrolling at Tech in 1952. While he would go on to study at Harvard Business School and enjoy a highly successful career as an executive with Ford Motor Company in Michigan, he never lost touch with Georgia Tech, maintaining relationships with faculty and staff over the years.

Ward Winer and William Wepfer, who both served as the Eugene C. Gwaltney Jr. School Chair for the Woodruff School, kept in touch with Durstine and visited with him regularly in Michigan where he lived until the time of his death. The warmth of these relationships, and the confidence Durstine had in the administration's strategic vision for the Woodruff School, were among the factors that affirmed Durstine's decision to support his alma mater with such an enormous gift, Wepfer said.

Durstine also met with several Development staff members over the years, and in 1999, he began discussions with Ann Dibble, then director of Gift Planning at Georgia Tech, about making an estate gift. Dibble, now retired, said his estate gift would be his way "to give back to the university that launched him on his career."

In a 2010 meeting with Wepfer and Dibble, Durstine disclosed the details of his estate. He

also made it clear he did not want the magnitude of his high-value estate shared beyond these two confidants. Underscoring his quiet, selfless persona, Dibble said he "didn't want any fanfare or attention."

Often part of estate plans, planned giving is a way for donors to make future gifts, usually providing them with tax benefits and flexibility, making way for long-term funding of lasting-impact investments such as endowments. "A lot of times, people will make their largest gift through their estate — once they know that their loved ones are cared for," said Dibble.

Noting how much of an enormous boost Durstine's gift would be to the Woodruff School, Raheem Beyah, provost and executive vice president for Academic Affairs, who served as dean of the College of Engineering at the time of the announcement, said: "This gift provides once-in-a-lifetime resources for the Woodruff School. By investing in the people who teach, inspire, and mentor our students, Mr. Durstine has strengthened the core of the Woodruff School and put it in a class of its own. His legacy is a testament to the extraordinary loyalty and vision of our alumni."

Durstine's gift will offer vital support for faculty endowments, providing permanent funds to support faculty research, intellectual property, and resources for teaching and mentoring.

"John Durstine's historic generosity is deeply inspiring to all of us working to carry out the Institute's mission," said President Cabrera. "John could have left his estate to many good causes, and he chose to invest in

Georgia Tech's faculty because he knew firsthand the transformative impact that our outstanding faculty have on the lives and careers of our students. This gift will have an enduring impact and will ensure that Georgia Tech faculty have the resources to push the boundaries of mechanical engineering, inspire our students, and help improve the human condition. His legacy will live on in every discovery, every innovation, and every student who learns from the faculty his gift supports."

The Woodruff School is already among the nation's top-ranked mechanical engineering programs, and strengthening the School's position was Durstine's vision for his gift. "His generosity will propel the Woodruff School's academic excellence," Dibble said.

To maintain the momentum from Durstine's gift and meet future challenges, the Woodruff School will continue to seek philanthropic support for three interconnected priorities: faculty talent, student experience, and innovation infrastructure to ensure that the Woodruff School — and Georgia Tech — continue to advance technology and improve the human condition. ///

*To make a gift or commitment to Georgia Tech's George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering, contact **Jaimie Hayes**, senior director of Development, Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering, at jaimie.hayes@me.gatech.edu. To arrange a planned gift, contact **Baylor Bassett**, assistant vice president, Gift Planning, at baylor.bassett@dev.gatech.edu.*

Transforming Tomorrow

THE CAMPAIGN FOR GEORGIA TECH



INVEST IN THE BEST

SCHOLARSHIP CHALLENGE

Historic Investment, Historic Impact

The Invest in the Best Scholarship Challenge resulted in a historic \$100 million in endowed funding for undergraduate scholarships for students with low and limited income. Thanks to the \$50 million dollar-for-dollar match provided by the Georgia Tech Foundation, 147 donors were able to double their impact, providing permanent funding in perpetuity for scholarships.

Through the challenge, 104 newly endowed scholarships were created, and donors increased their support for 47 existing endowed scholarships. The average gift size was \$333,000, and 54 donors established endowed scholarships for the first time.

Through Invest in the Best, the Kent Richard Hofmann Foundation provided transformative scholarship support for architecture students, doubling the family foundation's seven-figure gift through the challenge. As a result, Georgia Tech now has the opportunity to award more than a dozen new scholarships annually to architecture students with financial need.

Julian Saul, IM 1962, and his wife, Anita, also participated. Saul said, "We appreciate the Georgia Tech Foundation's commitment to supporting qualified students who otherwise could not afford a college education without financial aid." He added, "This

is the second need-based scholarship that we have established; our first scholarship has supported students who have overcome extraordinary circumstances to attend and graduate from Georgia Tech. I've seen what these scholarships can do for impressive Tech students."

Mary Gordon, EE 1981, is guided by the principle that no student should be limited due to a lack of financial means. For Gordon, Invest in the Best provided the perfect opportunity to further her support for students through the scholarship she had previously established in honor of her parents, Avon and Estelle Gordon. "It was extremely important to me to support students while honoring my parents' legacy of using your talents and giving to others no matter how challenging the circumstances," said Gordon. "Invest in the Best has multiplied that impact."

These scholarships will forever change the trajectories and the lives of Georgia Tech students, their families, and their communities.

At the heart of *Transforming Tomorrow: The Campaign for Georgia Tech* is the belief that there is no greater investment than our students. Thank you all who are investing in our students for generations to come. ///

Individuals and families who are transforming lives through Invest in the Best:

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David Barnhouse, PHYS 1977

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Rick Barrett, IE 1985

Carol and Ron Beerman, IE 1973

Cheryl and Jim Begley, ICS 1983

Toni and Dick Bergmark, IMGT 1975,
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Alla T. and Charles A. Campbell, IE 1966

Tracy M. and John M. Carroll Jr., CE 1977

Peggy T. Cobb

Rich Combes, ME 1970, M.S. ME 1981, M.S. TASP 1992, Ph.D. HT 2002

Amy and Stan Connally Jr., ME 1993

Terry A. Crockford, CE 1986

Barbara and Fred Crowe, IMGT 1971

Mike Danzig, IE 1963

Janet G. Davidson, M.S. EE 1979, and **William J. Proetta**

Runi Chattopadhyay and Jayanta J. Debnath, CHEM 1992

Angel and Steve Deedy, IMGT 1981

Maria and Jim Drinkard, CE 1975

Donna and Dean Drinkard, CE 1971

Shirley and Ron Edwards, IM 1970

Raena and Joe Evans, IM 1971

Ann and David D. Flanagan, IE 1976

Prentiss and Bill Flegal, ME 1966, M.S. ME 1968, Ph.D. ME 1970

Beth and Fort Flowers Jr., ME 1983

Heather and Lou Fouts, IE 1990

Sharla A. Frenzel, IE 1992, and **Bob Frenzel Jr.**, IE 1992

Susan and Don Gaston Jr., ME 1980

Laura K. Giglio, EE 2010, M.S. ECE 2011, and **Danny Giglio**, EE 2009, MBA 2017

Raquel and Jaime Gilinski, IE 1978

Andrea H. Gimon, IE 1997, and **Scott Potter**, EE 1984

Alana and Sherman J. Glass Jr., CHE 1971, M.S. CHE 1972

Elisabeth Gooch, Lalla Harley, Mary F. Haugh, and James D. Haugh

Mary A. Gordon, EE 1981

Peggy D. and Larry W. Green, ME 1965

Sarah R. Ramsey Haas, IE 2005, and **Keith A. Haas**, ME 1989

Jackie Hamilton, BIOL 1996, and **Mark Dingle**

Gigi Harrell, IE 1996, and **Scott Harrell**, IE 1996

Jo Anne and Bobby Hecht, ARCH 1949

Kris and Brett R. Hitt, BC 1984, and the **Hitt Family Foundation Inc.**

Lily T. Ho, M.S. ICS 1982, and **David Ho**, M.S. CHE 1979, M.S. ICS 1981

Julia and Greg Hodgdon, CE 1985

Beth and Tommy Holder, IMGT 1979

Patricia and Dick Iannacone, IE 1962

Claire P. James

Molly and Dennis H. James Jr., MGT 1992

Michelle E. Jarrard, IE 1989, and **Jimmy Jarrard**, CE 1986

Ron Johnson, MS OR 1985

Pat and Dick Johnston Jr., IM 1962

Marjorie L. and Anthony B. Kehoe, ME 1980, M.S. ME 1985, Ph.D. ME 1990

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Renu K. Kulkarni, MSCI 1985

Denise R. Rutherford and Maurice H. Kuypers, ME 1982

Andrea L. Laliberte, IE 1982, M.S. IE 1984, HON Ph.D. 2025

Megan M. and Rick Lane Jr., CS 2003

Carol B. Langer

Melanie P. Langsett, MSCI 1986, and **Kevin S. Langsett**

Betty and John L. Lee Jr., CE 1968

Chris Lofgren, Ph.D. IE 1986

Megan Apple and Stu Long, PHYS 1971

Kristie L. Lowery, MGT 1992, and **Scott Lowery**, EE 1990

Claire R. and William T. Lyford III, EE 1965

Sheree and Bob Martin, IE 1969

Gloria M. and Jack L. McGinnis Jr., ECON 1972

Sarah and Dave McKenney, PHYS 1960, IE 1964, and **The University Financing Foundation**

Sara and Roberto Mercade, IE 1990

Kimberley R. and Mark G. Miller, CHE 1980, M.S. MET 1982

Laura G. and Mark D. Morelli, ME 1987

Denise B. Morgan, EE 1987, and **Warren E. Morgan**, CHEM 1984

Susan and Chris Morris, EE 1966

Brenda and Mac Nease III, IM 1965

Robert L. Nitschke, PHYS 1972, M.S. NE 1973

Beth Nowers, IMGT 1979, and **Jack Curtin Jr.**

James T. Nozar, BC 2001, and **Adam Unger**

Vickie R. Otto, AE 2005, and **Nicholas M. Otto**, EE 2005

Joe Owens Jr., ECON 1977

Jim Pekar, IM 1971

Antai Peng, Ph.D. EE 1996, and **Nick Psaris**

Val Peterson and Bud Peterson

Dave Phelps, M.S. EE 1982

Betha and Samuel O. Piper, PHYS 1973, M.S. EE 1976

Mary C. and Bill R. Poland, ME 1967

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Allison E. Poucher, CE 2007

Shary and Matt Price, IMGT 1978

Claudia L. Raines

Becky Ramirez and Gus Ramirez Jr., AE 1968, M.S. AE 1970, and the **Agustin A. Ramirez Jr. Family Foundation**

Janet Reed

Maria Urbano and Alejandro Reynal, ME 1994, M.S. ME 1996

Melany R. Arjona, M.S. ECE 2000, and **Vicente A. Reynal**, ME 1995

Lesley and Harold R. Reynolds, IE 1980, and the **BankSouth Foundation**

Trish and Carl D. Ring, ME 1978

Michele and David P. Rowland, IMGT 1983

Lisa B. and Guillermo A. Ruiz, CHE 1998

Anita and Julian D. Saul, IM 1962

Phyllis A. Schneck, Ph.D. CS 1998

Sheila P. and Cochran A. Scott Jr., IMGT 1978

Paige Shiver, MGT 1991, and **Warren D. Shiver II**, ME 1993

Ronda R. Sides, IE 1983, and **Alan F. Sides**, ME 1983

Yvette H. Smith, IE 1990, and **Richard D. Smith**

Sarah M. Smith, IE 2004, and **Ryan Smith**, EE 2003

Teresa M. Smith, IMGT 1983, and **Wayne Sellers**

Jessica and Yancey L. Spruill, EE 1989

Jocelyn M. Stargel, IE 1982, M.S. IE 1986, and **Bob Stargel Jr.**, EE 1983

Jessica D. Stewart, BIOL 1997, and **Peter J. Stewart**, CE 1997

Jo Ann Czekalski and Jim Stokes, IM 1962

Clarke Story, ME 1996

Carolina and Friedel Stubbe, CE 1970

Victoria and Danny Tai, M.S. CE 1965

Melba and Al Trujillo Jr., AE 1981

Dianne and Gene L. Ussery Jr., GMGT 1971

Tim Vanderham

Madhvi and Rohit Verma

Jane and Randy I. Walker, EE 1987, M.S. EE 1993

Karen and Alan C. Warren, PHYS 1978, and the **KASS-Warren Foundation**

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Kathy Weller, M.S. HS 1994, and **Andreas Weller**, M.S. IE 1994

Amanda H. Widmaier, IE 2009, M.S. HS 2010, and **Kevin M. Widmaier**, PUBP 2008

Ellen and Armistead B. Whitney Jr.

Donald F. Zyriek II, EE 1982, M.S. EE 1983

PHILANTHROPY AT WORK

COLLEGE OF COMPUTING

Company Supports Innovative Research



Dolby has renewed its investment in the College of Computing for a second year, directing \$600,000 for cutting-edge research.

The audiovisual technology company supported seven research projects last year, in areas ranging from computing systems to immersive storytelling to AI modeling. Both Georgia Tech and Dolby have laboratories in the Coda building, which has made collaboration easier.

“At its core, this is really about developing a relationship between faculty and students and Dolby,” said Humphrey Shi, associate professor in the School of Interactive Computing. The students get experience in solving real-world problems for an international corporation, and Dolby’s researchers expand their knowledge through connecting with Tech faculty. These collaborations have already produced several published papers.

“This partnership has reinforced the importance of taking an interdisciplinary approach to our research,” said Vivek Sarkar, John P. Imlay Jr. Dean of the College of Computing. “I’d like to see us go even deeper in finding ways to combine faculty from different Schools and different research areas to work with partners.” ///

To fund innovative research in the College of Computing, contact **Jason Zwang**, senior director of Development, College of Computing, at jason.zwang@cc.gatech.edu.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Opportunity to Double Impact for Civil Engineering Graduate Students

U.S. News & World Report ranked Georgia Tech’s civil engineering graduate program No. 2 in the nation, and environmental engineering is No. 4. One of the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering’s (CEE) key priorities is increasing fellowship support for Ph.D. students. Growing endowed funding in this space will allow CEE to make bold, yet sustainable, fellowship offers to the nation’s brightest graduate students.

A generous family is assisting CEE with this goal. They have provided a \$5 million gift to establish a dollar-for-dollar matching opportunity and inspire others to support this priority. To date, 39 donors have responded and are funding 13 new endowments. ///

*Opportunities remain to double the impact of your own gift to help transform the future of CEE’s graduate student support. Contact **David Zaksheske**, assistant vice president – Development, College of Engineering, at davez@coe.gatech.edu to learn more.*



COLLEGE OF DESIGN

Design, Football, and Camaraderie Collide at the Blueprint Tailgate



Before the Yellow Jackets took the field against Clemson on Sept. 13, the Architecture East Lawn came alive with design energy at the inaugural Blueprint Tailgate — a joint celebration hosted by Georgia Tech’s College of Design and Clemson’s College of Architecture, Art and Construction. Sponsored by Choate Construction and Rule Joy Trammell + Rubio, the event united alumni, faculty, industry partners, and friends for a morning of connection and philanthropy.

“The construction and design industry thrives on relationships,” said Sherwin Loudermilk, advisory board member for both programs. “Events like this bridge education, technology, and collaboration.”

By bringing together professional networks and academic innovation, the Blueprint Tailgate showcased the College’s commitment to cultivating partnerships that expand opportunity, fuel workforce pipelines, and celebrate the generous donors and firms shaping the future of design. ///

To learn more about sponsorship opportunities in the College of Design, contact **Kelly Smith**, director of Development, College of Design, at kelly.smith@design.gatech.edu.

IVAN ALLEN COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Archaeology Comes to Georgia Tech

For the first time at Georgia Tech, the School of History and Sociology will offer archaeology classes beginning Spring 2026. The introductory undergraduate This is Archaeology course will be offered first, with ethics and skills classes to follow.

The courses will be taught by Allison Mickel, the new H. Bruce McEver Chair in Archaeological Science and Technologies. Mickel, who researches the impact of excavations on local communities, has excavated in Jordan, Turkey, Kenya, and the United States.

Bruce McEver, IE 1966, established the chair because he sees Georgia Tech as a potential major innovator in archaeological technologies, an area that has seen dramatic change in recent years.

“Georgia Tech brings to the table a range of technical disciplines that can help accelerate the use and effectiveness of new innovations in archaeology research,” he said. “This program gives Georgia Tech a chance to play an integral role as part of the larger archaeology research community in the United States and beyond.” ///

To support promising faculty in the School of History and Sociology, contact **Lauren Kennedy**, director of Development, Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts, at lauren.kennedy@dev.gatech.edu.

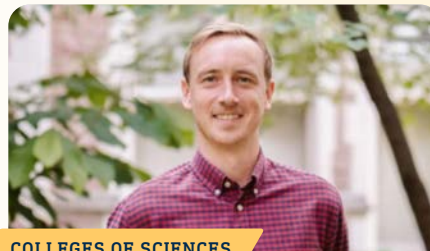


COLLEGE OF LIFETIME LEARNING

Inaugural Lifetime Learning Symposium

The College of Lifetime Learning hosted its inaugural Lifetime Learning Symposium Oct. 6 – 8 at Georgia Tech’s Global Learning Center, convening educators, policymakers, and industry leaders to explore how learning can span a lifetime. The event marked an important milestone in establishing lifetime learning as a strategic, interdisciplinary field that connects K–12 education, higher education, and workforce development through shared purpose and vision. In his keynote, Dean Bill Gaudelli challenged participants to move from a “learned society” to a “learning society,” emphasizing the role of technology, access, and collaboration in building a more adaptive educational ecosystem. Sessions and panels highlighted innovations in affordability, credentialing, and research, including Georgia Tech’s Rural Computer Science Initiative, which now reaches more than 10,000 high school students across 45 Georgia school districts. The symposium affirmed Georgia Tech’s leadership in shaping a future where education is continuous, inclusive, and transformative for learners at every age and stage of their lives. ///

To learn more or to support the College of Lifetime Learning’s programs for learners at every stage, contact **Ashley Coogan**, assistant vice president for Unit Development, at ashley.coogan@dev.gatech.edu.



COLLEGES OF SCIENCES

Mapping Evolution: James Stroud Named 2025 Packard Fellow

James Stroud, Elizabeth Smithgall Watts Early Career Assistant Professor in the School of Biological Sciences, has been named a 2025 Packard Fellow for Science and Engineering — one of the nation’s most prestigious early-career research honors. Stroud’s work addresses a fundamental challenge in evolutionary biology: understanding how natural selection operates in the wild. On “Lizard Island,” a small tropical ecosystem, he is equipping 1,000 lizards with ultra-lightweight “backpack” sensors and overlaying their movements onto a high-resolution 3D map of the habitat.

This groundbreaking approach bridges laboratory precision with real-world complexity to reveal evolution’s missing link — the role of behavior. Building on a decade of data, Stroud’s research will produce evolution’s first high-definition map, showing precisely where, when, and on whom natural selection acts. The fellowship empowers Stroud to redefine how evolution is studied in nature, spotlighting Georgia Tech’s leadership in fundamental science and the transformative potential of philanthropic support. ///

To fund groundbreaking faculty research in the School of Biological Sciences, contact **Dan Warren**, director of Development, College of Sciences, at dan.warren.cos@gatech.edu.





SCHELLER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Empowering the Next Generation of Entrepreneurs

Business Lab (MGT 4803), a new course at the Scheller College of Business, is redefining how entrepreneurship is taught and experienced. Made possible through the generous philanthropic support of Gary Dennis, IMGT 1987, and Scheller College Advisory Board member, the new course enables students to transform classroom concepts into real startups through mentorship, customer discovery, and launch strategy.

Dunn Family Professor Karthik Ramachandran and Associate Professor Andre Calmon designed the course to reflect how innovation happens in the real world by testing, pivoting, and learning from failure. Their mantra: “We teach that setbacks aren’t failures — they’re just data. We literally clap when teams pivot.”

Philanthropic support can help expand this experiential model across curricula at Georgia Tech, providing seed funding, prototyping resources, and mentorship opportunities that prepare students to become founders and change-makers. With additional investment, we can ensure that every student who wants to launch a venture has the tools and support to do so. ///

To support experiential learning opportunities in Scheller College, contact **Duante Stanton**, senior director of Development, Scheller College of Business, at dstanton30@gatech.edu.

ATHLETICS

Fanning Center Construction Continues

The Thomas A. Fanning Student-Athlete Performance Center continues to take shape in the northeast corner of Bobby Dodd Stadium at Hyundai Field. The Fanning Center, Georgia Tech’s 100,000-square-foot student-athlete hub, remains on schedule to open in Spring 2026.

The state-of-the-art facility will feature areas dedicated to strength and conditioning, sports medicine (including mental health services), and nutrition, as well as expanded and enhanced meeting and office space exclusive to Georgia Tech football.

The Fanning Center will also be equipped with the Institute’s first-ever sports science lab, which will use pro-model motion tracking to capture student-athletes’ performance data. This information will feed into an in-house data analytics office for performance tracking and analysis.

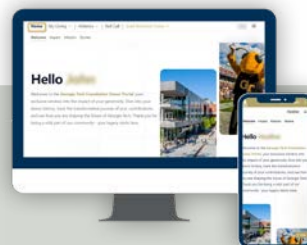
The building is named in honor of Georgia Tech alumnus and *Transforming Tomorrow* co-chair Thomas A. Fanning, IMGT 1979, M.S. IMGT 1980, HON Ph.D. 2013. A visionary leader in the energy industry, Fanning worked for Southern Company for 43 years, where he served as president and chief executive officer, among other roles. ///

To learn more or support facilities projects for Athletics, contact **Robby Poteat**, executive associate athletics director for Development, at rpoteat@athletics.gatech.edu.

GEORGIA TECH FOUNDATION

Easy Access to All Your Donor Information

The Georgia Tech Foundation Donor Portal offers a transparent, secure, and user-friendly experience for donors to view and manage their contributions in support of the Georgia Institute of Technology. Easily access detailed reports on your general donations, as well as on specific gifts to the Alumni Association through Roll Call, or to Georgia Tech Athletics. See the real impact of your generosity with tools to track your giving history, endowment information, annual gift statements, Athletics gift summary, and more — all in one place. You can also update your contact information directly through the portal. Log in today to experience our award-winning platform. ///



LIBRARY

Upcoming Exhibit to Celebrate the Atlanta Olympics



The Georgia Tech Library is working on a 2026 public exhibit for the 30th anniversary of the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta and is looking for photos, videos, and stories to help supplement the Institute archives. The items will be displayed at a public event co-hosted with the Georgia Tech Alumni Association to celebrate this milestone on Feb. 28, 2026.

The Georgia Tech Archives collects and preserves unique historical materials to inspire new creations, advance knowledge, and encourage innovation in service of the public interest. ///

To make a gift to the Georgia Tech archives, contact **Heather Howarth**, director of Development, Georgia Tech Library, at heather.howarth@library.gatech.edu.



Click here to submit your personal material and memories for consideration.

ROLL CALL

Honoring Tradition, Powering the Future

Nearly 24,000 alumni and friends were part of the 78th Roll Call. Created in the wake of World War II as the Institute faced a dire lack of funding, Roll Call has provided crucial unrestricted funding to support student needs, scholarships, and programs. You can help continue this powerful legacy: Make your gift to the 79th Roll Call today. ///



[Click here to make your gift.](#)

RESEARCH

Program to Build Talent Pipeline for Manufacturing

Smart manufacturing, data-driven design, and artificial intelligence aren't just buzzwords — they are fields creating high-paying, high-tech careers across the U.S. In rural Georgia communities, these advanced manufacturing roles are growing, but the talent pipeline isn't keeping pace. Georgia Tech's Manufacturing Institute launched the Advanced Manufacturing Pathways (AMP) Program to address this gap in Fall 2025 in three school districts — Decatur County, Thomas County, and Thomasville — with plans to expand in Spring 2026.

The program engages over 200 K-12 students through hands-on labs, virtual instruction, and real-world projects. The flagship course, Design, Build, Race, teaches students to build and race custom cars using 3D printing, engineering, and data science. Originally developed in 2023, the course was adapted for high schools with support from Georgia AI in Manufacturing and Southern Regional Technical College.

Funded by the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission, AMP combines cutting-edge tools with creative learning to inspire students and build a sustainable talent pipeline for advanced manufacturing careers. ///

*To fund programmatic opportunities that develop future workforces, contact **Meagan Burton-Krieger**, executive director of Campaign Operations and chief of staff, at meagan.burton-krieger@dev.gatech.edu.*

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND WELL-BEING

Family's Gift Supports Student Well-Being



A family of Yellow Jackets — Kathy Avery, EE 1991, and sons Ryan Avery, ME 2019, and Will Avery, ME 2022 — has made a generous gift to Georgia Tech in memory of their husband and father, Rob Avery, ME 1989.

They have provided funding for a new Kilter Board climbing wall in the Campus Recreation Center, offering students opportunities to challenge themselves physically while building teamwork, confidence, and community. In addition, the Avery family has established scholarships for students to participate in Outdoor Recreation at Georgia Tech (ORGT) programs — ensuring that those who might not otherwise have the resources are able to experience the leadership, resilience, and belonging that come from Tech's distinctive outdoor education experiences.

The Avery family's philanthropic support will help expand access to the kinds of transformative experiences that shape Georgia Tech students into leaders who improve the human condition. Their commitment reflects the mission of Student Engagement and Well-Being (SEWB) to create spaces and opportunities for every student to thrive. Support of SEWB's Fund for Holistic Student Success sustains programs that foster connection and belonging across campus, empowering students to discover their passions, strengthen their well-being, and find community through ORGT and similar experiences. ///

*To enhance the student experience at Georgia Tech, contact **Emily Wong**, senior director of Development, Student Experience, at emily.wong@dev.gatech.edu.*

2025-2026

Georgia Tech Advisory Board Members

These new members of the Georgia Tech Advisory Board (GTAB) will serve three-year terms ending in June 2027. The 61-member board advises Institute leadership on policy matters in accordance with their expertise in business, government, and higher education management, and works to advance and support the interests of the Institute among alumni and nonalumni alike, including constituencies such as governmental agencies, philanthropic foundations, higher education, business, and industry.

NEW ELECTED MEMBERS



Latanza Adjei,
IE 1998
Senior Vice President of Customer Experience and Chief Customer Officer
Georgia Power Company
Atlanta, Georgia



Michael Alesandro,
ME 1983
President and CEO
iSoft Solutions LLC
Key Biscayne, Florida



Mary Beth Coke
MGT 2003
Executive Vice President;
Commercial Banking District
Director, Georgia/Carolinas
Regions Bank
Brookhaven, Georgia



Stacey Dixon
M.S. ME 1995, Ph.D. ME 2000
Former Principal Deputy
Director of the National
Intelligence Office of the Director
of National Intelligence
Washington, D.C.



Sarah Hallac
Senior Advisor
BlackRock
Scarsdale, New York



Scott Marlette
EE 2004
Founder
GoodRx
Santa Monica, California



Blake Moret
ME 1985
Chairman and CEO
Rockwell Automation
Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin



Allen Morris
BMGT 1975
Chairman and CEO
The Allen Morris Company
Coral Gables, Florida



Aparna Pappu
M.S. CS 1999
Vice President
Google LLC
Brooklyn, New York



Githesh Ramamurthy
M.S. ICS 1983
Chairman and CEO
CCC Intelligent Solutions
Winnetka, Illinois



Kenneth Ramirez
EE 1991
Global Executive Vice President
Hyundai Motor Group
Spring Hill, Florida



Luis Silberwasser
IE 1986
Chairman and CEO - TNT Sports
Warner Bros. Discovery
Miami, Florida



Stefanie Smith
Executive Vice President,
Human Resources
The Home Depot
Atlanta, Georgia

2025-26 GTAB CHAIR



Anne Chow
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Independent Board Director,
FranklinCovey, 3M, CSX
Southlake, Texas

2025-26 GTAB VICE CHAIR



Robert "Bob" C. Frenzel Jr
IE 1992
Chairman, President, and CEO
Xcel Energy Inc.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

60TH CLASS REUNION
Class of 1965

\$23.4 million

CLASS OF 1965 CHAIR

Bo Godbold, IE 1965
Tierra Verde, Florida



50TH CLASS REUNION
Class of 1975

\$7.5 million

CLASS OF 1975 CHAIR

Ted Haile, CHE 1975
Charlottesville, Virginia



40TH CLASS REUNION
Class of 1985

\$5.2 million

CLASS OF 1985 CO-CHAIRS

Barry Cowart, IMGT 1985
Bradenton, FL

Steve Pinsky, ME 1985
Plainview, New York



REUNION GIVING UPDATE:

Investing in the Future

Yellow Jackets from across the decades returned to campus Oct. 23 – 25 for Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2025. The celebration featured a rousing Georgia Tech victory over ACC rival Syracuse University, lively reunion gatherings, heartfelt moments of camaraderie, and a shared commitment to giving back.

Alumni from the Classes of 1975, 1985, 2000, and 2015 celebrated their milestone reunions and came together to support projects that advance the Institute and enhance opportunities for current and future Tech students. Members from the Class of 1965 also joined the festivities and celebrated 60 years since graduating from Tech.

Planning is already underway for next year's milestone reunions. Alumni from the Classes of 1976, 1986, 2001, and 2016 who want to help lead the effort are invited to join their class reunion committees. ///

For more information, contact **Stefanie Smith**, director of Development, Reunion Giving, at stefanie.smith@dev.gatech.edu.

25TH CLASS REUNION
Class of 2000

\$2.5 million

CLASS OF 2000 CO-CHAIRS

Sarah Barge, IE 2000
Atlanta, Georgia

Jonathon Barge, ME 2000, M.S. BC 2002
Atlanta, Georgia



10TH CLASS REUNION
Class of 2015

\$311,000

CLASS OF 2015 CHAIR

Erin Lightfoot Robinson, IE 2015
College Park, Georgia



From left to right: Sarah Carter, Josh Carter, Cassidy Sugimoto, Ángel Cabrera, Jason Carter, Paige Alexander, Amanda Murdie, and John Tien



Ceremony Honors Naming of Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School of Public Policy

For more than half a century, Georgia natives President Jimmy Carter and first lady Rosalynn Carter exemplified the work of turning complex technical challenges into human solutions, moral conviction into lasting policy, and compassion into a more just and equitable society. Together, they forged a partnership in service that's recognized worldwide. That legacy continues with the naming of the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School of Public Policy.

The honorary naming, first announced in April, was formally celebrated at a Nov. 13 ceremony at the newly renovated D.M. Smith building on the Georgia Tech campus. A standing-room-only crowd — including President Ángel Cabrera, University System of Georgia Chancellor Sonny Perdue, former U.S. Sen. Sam Nunn, civil rights icon and former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young, members of the Carter family, and other luminaries — attended the event. The program included remarks from Institute leadership as well as Perdue; The Carter Center CEO Paige Alexander; Chairman of The Carter

Center Board of Trustees Jason Carter; and Georgia Tech alumnus Josh Carter, the Carters' fourth grandson.

By linking the School's mission of ethically addressing societal problems with the Carters' lifelong work to improve the human condition, the naming honors far more than a homegrown president and first lady.

"Names matter," said Cassidy R. Sugimoto, Tom and Marie Patton Professor and Chair, Carter School of Public Policy. "When you evoke the Carter name, it means something. In that one word, you encompass decades of public service, values of humility, respect, faith, integrity, justice, a deep commitment to human rights and democracy."

Before James Earl Carter Jr. was a naval officer, a governor, or a president, he was a Georgia Tech student. Carter arrived in 1942 and attended for one year before moving on to the U.S. Naval Academy. While his time at Georgia Tech was brief, it was impactful, said Josh Carter, ME 2006.

"Georgia Tech is where my grandpa learned to love engineering," he said. "And every time my grandpa talked about the Naval Academy,

he always made a point to say that he got his start at Georgia Tech and left here to graduate from an easier school."

The Carter School embodies Jimmy Carter's engineering-forward outlook on policy and the compassionate approach to public well-being he shared with his wife. The School being housed in the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts drives that approach home. The College is named for former Atlanta Mayor Ivan Allen Jr., a Georgia Tech graduate — and another Southern political leader who championed desegregation. Allen's calls for transformative urban leadership continue to shape the College's mission today. And the Carters' legacy of ethical public service, technological advancement, and commitment to sustainability and human and civil rights serves as another guiding principle for Carter School students, faculty, and staff.

"They both led with humility and an unshakable moral compass," said President Ángel Cabrera. "And they showed us what true service looks like. I could not think of a better name to be associated with the School. This is a proud day for Georgia Tech." ///

*To learn more or to support fundraising priorities, such as scholarships and fellowships; endowed faculty positions; and innovative research for the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School of Public Policy, contact **Lauren Kennedy**, director of Development in the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts, at lauren.kennedy@dev.gatech.edu.*



Celebrating the Naming of the John H. Martinson Honors Program

On Aug. 27, Georgia Tech celebrated the naming of the John H. Martinson Honors Program with the program's namesake, philanthropist, and venture capitalist John H. Martinson; Honors Program students, alumni, faculty, and staff; and Institute leadership.

As a result of Martinson's transformative \$10 million commitment, Georgia Tech will expand and enhance its Honors Program to serve more students, enrich the undergraduate experience, and elevate the program's national standing. ///

For more information or to make a gift in support of the John H. Martinson Honors Program, contact **Emily Wong**, senior director of Development, Student Experience, at emily.wong@dev.gatech.edu.





Founders' Council Members Enjoy a Pregame Tailgate

On Sept. 6, Founders' Council members gathered on campus before the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets took on the Gardner-Webb Runnin' Bulldogs. Attendees enjoyed connecting with one another as well as appearances by the Yellow Jacket Marching Band, the cheerleading squad, the a cappella group Nothin' But Treble, and Buzz.

The Founders' Council recognizes generous alumni and friends of Georgia Tech who have made provisions of \$25,000 or more in support of the Institute. Planned gifts may include noncontingent bequests, charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, gifts of retirement plan assets, charitable lead trusts, retained life estate gifts, pooled income funds, and life insurance. ///

Learn more at plannedgiving.gatech.edu.





From left to right: G.P. "Bud" Peterson, Ángel Cabrera, Lynn Durham, and G. Wayne Clough



Hill Society Event Features Conversation With Tech Presidents

Members of Georgia Tech's most prestigious giving recognition society gathered on Oct. 17 for brunch and a conversation with Georgia Tech President Ángel Cabrera, President Emeritus G.P. "Bud" Peterson, and President Emeritus G. Wayne Clough.

The Hill Society members heard the Institute's current and past presidents reflect candidly on topics such as their individual paths to the Tech presidency, transformative capital campaigns, and plans for continuing to advance Tech's reputation as a top institution.

The conversation was moderated by Lynn Durham, who served during the terms of all three administrations and is now president and CEO of the Georgia Center for Oncology Research and Education. ///

To learn more about The Hill Society, contact **Sarah King**, director of Donor Relations, at sarah.king@dev.gatech.edu.



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the recording.

“I wanted to give an unrestricted gift to the College of Engineering because one can never anticipate what needs will be down the road, and I trust the administrators at Georgia Tech to make the best value of the resources they have.”

— Gregory “Greg” Dess, IE 1971



Greg Dess, IE 1971, grew up in a military family and began his college career at Southern Methodist University before transferring to Georgia Tech. Dess quickly became involved on campus through the Co-Op Program, Army ROTC, and Delta Sigma Phi. His fraternity brothers were fast friends as well as study partners, and they studied together for engineering exams. He remembers his time at Tech as both fun and challenging.

“Georgia Tech is tough, but once you ‘get out,’ you really feel that you’ve accomplished something and learned a lot,” said Dess. “And it’s not just what you learn but the discipline of setting goals and achieving them.” His deep appreciation for the opportunities and skills he gained at Tech has inspired him to give back.

Dess and his wife, Margaret, established a charitable gift annuity supporting the College of Engineering Dean’s Discretionary Fund. This unrestricted gift to the College will ensure that its students and faculty have the resources they need to remain on the leading edge of engineering innovation, education, and research.

Dess’ primary objective is to ensure that the College is able to attract the very best faculty. “Faculty members leverage knowledge to help generations of students be as successful as they can possibly be,” said Dess. “It’s important to attract faculty at the top of their fields, who bring in additional resources, collaborate with other instructors, and inspire students at the graduate and undergraduate levels.”

This gift builds upon the couple’s previous philanthropy across the Institute, which includes support directed to need-based scholarships in the H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial and Systems Engineering and the G. Wayne Clough Undergraduate Learning Commons. Dess also has provided volunteer leadership and service to his alma mater through his involvement on his 40th and 50th Reunion Committees. Through his philanthropic support and engagement with Georgia Tech, Dess has demonstrated his steadfast commitment to the Institute while providing opportunities for current and future generations of engineering students and faculty.



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At Georgia Tech, students are our top priority. We are recruiting, retaining, and developing talented students from all backgrounds, providing them with opportunities and resources to succeed academically and professionally, and delivering the best return on investment in the nation. Bhakti Patel, a fifth-year neuroscience student, said that because of her scholarship, she is “getting to experience life and the opportunities that education offers to the fullest extent.” Opportunities to support talented students like Patel include:

Scholarships for Students With Limited Income

These scholarships provide critical funds for qualified, talented in-state and out-of-state students who otherwise would be unable to afford to attend Georgia Tech.

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The G. Wayne Clough Tech Promise Scholarship makes it possible for academically qualified in-state students with a family income below \$55,500 to earn a Georgia Tech degree debt free.

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Georgia Tech’s student-athletes have a proud tradition of excellence — on the field, court, track, and in the classroom. Fully endowing athletic scholarships provides critical resources to ensure competitive excellence.

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Dean’s Scholarships

The Dean’s Scholarship is a four-year scholarship awarded through a competitive, merit-based process.

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