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Students in George Tower | Scheller Tower, the newest addition to Tech Square. The facility's first three floors are already in use, with construction continuing toward a full opening in Fall 2026.

A Message From Jim Hall



When I think about where Georgia Tech stands today — and where we are headed — I am gratified by what this community has made possible. The generosity of our donors is apparent across every inch of this campus and across our broader community. I see it in the students who are here because a scholarship made it possible, in the faculty whose groundbreaking work is powered by endowed support, and in the new and planned facilities that will shape our campus. Philanthropy is the lifeblood of what makes this place extraordinary.

As we head into the final year and a half of *Transforming Tomorrow: The Campaign for Georgia Tech*, we are thinking about what real success looks like. Reaching our \$2 billion comprehensive goal (or \$2.147 billion for those who know the number behind the number) matters enormously — and we are closer than ever. But for us, success is defined by impact and the depth of our victories.

What does that mean? It means every College and School surpassing its own campaign goal, not just the Institute reaching a collective total. It means completing the Aerospace Engineering Building, a transformative space that will position Georgia Tech's students and faculty at the forefront of one of Georgia's most vital industries and the discoveries shaping its future. It means funding a new medical innovation building to anchor the Medical Innovation Hub, where engineering and medicine come together to take on some of today's most urgent health challenges. And it means real, meaningful support for students and for research — the heart of everything we do here.

We are particularly enthusiastic about supporting students: the graduate student whose fellowship gives them the freedom to pursue bold ideas, and the undergraduate whose entire trajectory changed because of a scholarship. Programs like the G. Wayne Clough Georgia Tech Promise Scholarship for Georgia students with a household income of less than \$55,500 are proof of what is possible when our donors choose to invest in people. We have made significant progress, but the need is still greater than what current philanthropy can meet. That is what keeps us motivated, and I hope it motivates you, too.

Research is another area where donor investment pays off in remarkable ways. Endowed chairs and professorships allow us to attract and keep faculty who are among the very best in their fields. Every gift at every level contributes to that momentum.

I also want to give you a preview of something we will be exploring more deeply in future editions of *Campaign Quarterly*: our international initiatives. Georgia Tech's impact extends well beyond Atlanta and the United States, and philanthropy that supports our global programs allows us to address challenges that know no borders. I look forward to sharing more about those initiatives.

Please know how grateful I am for your belief in Georgia Tech, for your partnership, and for your continued commitment to transforming tomorrow. We still have important work ahead, but together, we will ensure that Georgia Tech continues to expand opportunity, advance discovery, and make a lasting difference for generations to come.

Go Jackets!

—Jim

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THE CAMPAIGN QUARTERLY INTERVIEW WITH
CAMPAIGN STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBER

GREG OWENS

Gregory J. “Greg” Owens, IMGT 1982, is chairman and co-founder of iGAM Solutions, an online marketplace for used industrial robots, parts, and manufacturing equipment. He has held senior leadership roles across industrial marketplaces and supply chain enterprises.

Together with his wife, Cindy, Owens has provided significant philanthropic support across campus and indispensable advice and counsel to his alma mater through his extensive involvement on the Ernest Scheller Jr. College of Business Advisory Board, the Georgia Tech Advisory Board, the Georgia Tech Foundation Board of Trustees, and the Transforming Tomorrow Campaign Steering Committee.

In 2023, he received the Joseph Mayo Pettit Alumni Distinguished Service Award, the highest award conferred by the Georgia Tech Alumni Association, recognizing lifetime leadership, achievement, and service to the Institute and to the community.



What brought you to Georgia Tech, and how did your education shape your career?

Growing up in Georgia, I wanted to stay in state, and Georgia Tech was by far the best in the state. I knew the value of the education was much more important than playing D3 tennis, which was going to be short-lived anyway.

Tech helps you determine how to problem-solve — it teaches you to break problems down into pieces. It’s like getting a very large calculus problem that you can’t solve all at one time. I think business is a lot like that. Tech prepared me extremely well to take on leadership positions very early in my career. I became a managing partner of supply chain for Accenture when I was 33 years old and then became a public company CEO when I was 38. I don’t think that would have happened without my background at Georgia Tech.

Tell us about your engagement with Georgia Tech as an alumnus.

I first got involved on the Scheller Advisory Board in 2000. I’ve been on it for 26 consecutive years, through four deans. I served as chair early on, and that led to my involvement with the Georgia Tech Foundation Board of Trustees, where I served as treasurer, chair-elect, and ultimately chair. I feel very strongly about helping Georgia Tech be the best institution possible.

What led you to join the Campaign Steering Committee?

You’ve got to have the financial resources to continue to drive the results and the impact that Georgia Tech is going to have. You’ve got to have high-caliber facilities, but you also need to have the right professors. To me, the financial resources are part of what you’ve got to do if you’re going to be a top 10 school. Georgia Tech gets recognized in all that we do, whether it’s research, educating students, or return on investment.

What do you hope your philanthropy will accomplish?

Cindy and I have seen the impact of education on people’s lives — having a career as opposed to a job, and how that affects them and the families they ultimately start. That is what we hope for through our support of Tech: that students can get that high-quality education, interview for the right types of companies, and ultimately enjoy a higher quality of life. And hopefully they’ll do the same thing — give back — so you start a perpetual cycle.

You have been a long-time supporter of Scheller College and athletics — why are those areas important to you?

The two go together. We’re first and foremost an academic institution, and the rankings are important for Scheller. We used money early on to go get the best professors that we could possibly get in the

United States. We were able to attract them and bring them to Georgia Tech. And that really enhanced our programs. Academically, it is very important to us to continue to have very high rankings and to generate a great product — which is our graduates.

But you can’t study all the time, and Georgia Tech is hard. You need to be a complete school with athletics. We want a high-caliber athletics department. To me, it is a full complement: high academic performance, athletics, Greek programs, and plenty of other clubs where people can find a sense of community.

How do you make the case for giving to Georgia Tech?

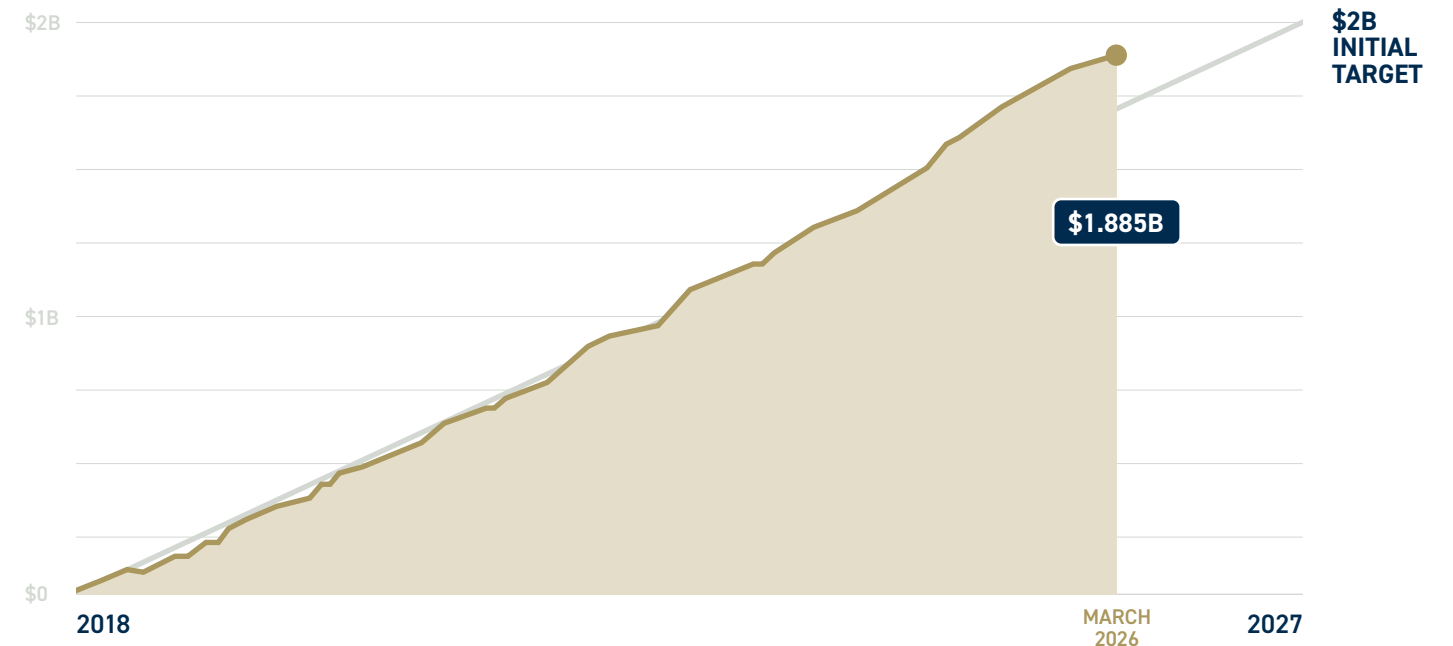
I tend to ask: What do you think Georgia Tech did for you in your education and in developing your career? And then I say, this is why we give back to Georgia Tech — so you can provide that experience for someone else.

Looking ahead, what are your hopes for Georgia Tech’s future?

I want to continue to see us recognized as one of the top schools in the country. I want to see that prestige, that recognition that goes along with being a Georgia Tech graduate. ///

CAMPAIGN PROGRESS TO DATE

The accounting period for Transforming Tomorrow: The Campaign for Georgia Tech is Jan. 1, 2018, through Dec. 31, 2027. The following update reflects our reported progress toward initial targets through March 31, 2026.



\$501+ million

Student Success

Toward \$700 million goal

\$786+ million

Endowment

Toward \$1 billion goal

\$245+ million

Research

Toward \$350 million goal



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THE AEROSPACE ENGINEERING BUILDING: AN INVESTMENT IN STUDENTS

At Georgia Tech, the next era of mobility, autonomy, and global innovation is already taking shape. The opportunity now is to equip students and researchers with the environment they need to turn that momentum into real-world impact.

The Daniel Guggenheim School of Aerospace Engineering — ranked No. 1 among public institutions and No. 2 overall by U.S. News & World Report — enrolls more than 2,300 students whose work extends far beyond aerospace, influencing fields such as artificial intelligence, robotics, energy, logistics, and national security. Yet today, this world-class program operates in facilities built for a different era.

With an \$88 million investment from the State of Georgia, Georgia Tech is advancing a new, 220,000-square-foot Aerospace Engineering (AE) Building designed to transform how students learn, how research advances, and how industry engages. Inside, students will design, build, and test next-generation systems alongside faculty and industry partners — gaining the real-world experience required to lead in rapidly evolving fields. Georgia’s aerospace sector — the state’s No. 1 export in a global market projected to surpass \$1 trillion by 2040 — demands engineers who are prepared to lead from day one. Companies will engage directly with emerging talent and research to accelerate innovation from concept to application.

State funding establishes the foundation. Philanthropy brings it to life. Philanthropic support will equip this facility with the advanced labs, tools, and collaborative spaces that make hands-on learning possible, from flight testing and autonomous systems to next-generation propulsion and space technologies. It will expand access to experiential learning, support student-led innovation, and deepen partnerships that connect ideas to industry and impact.

For donors, this is an investment in people and potential; for corporate funders, it is access to the talent, ideas, and partnerships that drive innovation and competitive advantage. This is more than a building. It is a place where students will gain the experience to lead, where ideas will become real-world solutions, and where Georgia Tech will continue to shape the future of aerospace and beyond. Join us in building the future — and in preparing the people who will lead it. ///

To make a gift or commitment of any size to the Aerospace Engineering Building, contact Dave Zakesheske, assistant vice president for Development, College of Engineering, at davez@coe.gatech.edu.

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

A range of gift opportunities allows donors to directly shape the experiences and innovation the AE Building makes possible. Some of the signature spaces available for naming include:

Aerospace Engineering Building

please inquire

Establish a legacy at the center of a top-ranked program.

Wind Tunnel

from \$10,000,000

Hands-on environment for testing aerodynamic concepts in real time.

Makerspace

from \$10,000,000

A central hub for design, creation, and student collaboration.

Mission Control

from \$10,000,000

Home for student-led spaceflight operations and real-time mission analysis.

Shop (Advanced Fabrication Facility)

from \$7,500,000

State-of-the-art environment for machining, composites, and manufacturing.

Student Competition Assembly Spaces

from \$1,000,000 each

Dedicated areas for student teams to build real-world systems.

Indoor Flight Lab

from \$5,000,000

Controlled environment for drone and autonomous flight testing.

Drop Tower

from \$4,000,000

Multistory facility for microgravity experimentation.

Aircraft Simulator Lab

from \$3,000,000

Advanced simulation environment for flight research and training.

SSDL Research Labs

from \$3,000,000

Facilities supporting space systems development and testing.

Clean Room

from \$1,500,000

Controlled environment for satellite construction and advanced research.

Additional opportunities, including a named lecture hall, classrooms, and labs, are available.

Foundation Creates Opportunities That Change Lives



Since 2014, the Annexstad Family Foundation (AFF) has partnered with Georgia Tech to ensure that talented students with leadership qualities and significant financial need can earn a degree from the Institute without incurring debt. The AFF's Leaders For Tomorrow (LFT) scholarship program has enabled bright, driven students to come to Georgia Tech and thrive. In the 12 years since the scholarship was first awarded to Georgia Tech students, 21 LFT scholars have graduated, and eight are currently enrolled. Scholarship recipients represent majors from across disciplines and have overcome many hardships on their paths to a Georgia Tech education.

"I have worked with the Annexstad Scholars since the program began at Tech," said Gina Summers, senior associate director in the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid. "I remain incredibly impressed by the dedicated, smart, and accomplished students. It brings me so much joy to see how their cohort can offer community and support to one another while they achieve great things and overcome obstacles."

The partnership with AFF complements Georgia Tech's commitment to student success and access through programs such as the G. Wayne Clough Georgia Tech Promise Scholarship. Tech Promise makes it possible for academically qualified in-state students with family incomes below \$55,500 to earn a Georgia Tech degree debt-free. Beyond financial support, Tech Promise also provides community, mentorship, and professional development opportunities to help students thrive.



"It is incredibly motivating to know that there are people who believe in my potential and are invested in my success."

— Kyra Miller, LFT and Tech Promise scholarship recipient

Kyra Miller, a fourth-year neuroscience student with a minor in health and medical sciences, is a recipient of the LFT and Tech Promise scholarships. Miller is an undergraduate research assistant in a lab focused on aging and disability, where she assesses the unmet needs of older adults with long-term disabilities with the aim of creating and enhancing accessible technologies to improve quality of life. She conducts this research while managing her studies, in addition to her involvement with the Student Alumni Association, Astronomy Club, and Student Neuroscience Association. Miller plans to pursue graduate school and a career in clinical research after she graduates.

"Being an Annexstad Scholar has had such a meaningful impact on my college experience," said Miller. "I am grateful for the support, encouragement, and sense of community AFF provides. It is incredibly motivating to know that there are people who believe in my potential and are invested in my success."

Cathy Annexstad, co-founder of The Annexstad Family Foundation, said, "Our work with the Georgia Institute of Technology is rooted in a simple belief: When you invest in students with potential and remove financial barriers, they rise, and so do the communities around them. We are proud to partner in creating opportunities that change lives."

The ongoing partnership between the AFF and Georgia Tech is a testament to their shared belief in the importance of bright young people having access to a world-class education. ///

For more information or to make a gift in support of need-based scholarships, contact Meagan Burton-Krieger, executive director of Campaign Operations and chief of staff, at meagan.burton-krieger@dev.gatech.edu.

Alumnus Makes Commitment for Civil and Environmental Engineering

For Bob Clark Jr., CE 1961, the decision to make a significant estate commitment to Georgia Tech came down to one thing: gratitude. "The good things that have happened to me have been a result of being able to stick it out at Georgia Tech," he said. His estate gift, directed to unrestricted support for the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE), reflects a conviction that the discipline and resilience Georgia Tech instilled in him deserve to be passed on to the next generation of engineers.

Family shaped Clark's path to Tech. His father, a Georgia native from Mitchell County, urged him to study at Tech, and the family had enjoyed visiting campus for Yellow Jacket football games during his childhood.

But Clark was also encouraged to attend college in Florida, where he was born and raised. He found Georgia Tech challenging and joked that "everything they taught was hazardous to my health." Clark intended to transfer to the University of Florida after his first year to join his friends. When he discovered his low grades would not transfer, he stayed at Tech and enjoyed being a part of the Sigma Chi fraternity.

What Georgia Tech ultimately gave Clark was something no transcript could measure. "At Georgia Tech, they teach you that if you don't understand it, go over it again. If you have to read it 20 times to understand, that's your job," said Clark. That discipline — learning to allocate time and persevere — became the foundation of his remarkable career.

As president of Tampa Steel Erecting Company, Clark has led fabrication projects that include EPCOT's Spaceship Earth, SeaWorld's Shamu Stadium, the Florida Aquarium, and the award-winning Margaret McDermott Bridge in Dallas, Texas. He has been recognized as Tampa Bay's Outstanding Leader of the Year and was inducted into the Tampa Bay Business Hall of Fame in 2024, among numerous other honors.

Describing Clark's profound influence on his industry and his community, Don Webster, Karen and John Huff School Chair of Tech's CEE, said, "Bob Clark is a true titan of the civil engineering profession. Through his steel fabricating company, he has helped shape some of the nation's most recognizable and enduring structures. Equally notable is Bob's civic leadership in Tampa, where he has long brought community leaders together for weekly Friday lunches for 25 years at the iconic Columbia Restaurant — a tradition so meaningful that the gathering table there is named in his honor."

Webster added, "This generous estate gift will inspire future generations of Georgia Tech engineers to dream boldly and help build the next wave of American infrastructure."

Clark's estate commitment will provide CEE with the flexibility to deploy resources where they are needed most — for the students, faculty, and research that will shape the future of the profession. ///

To learn more about making a planned gift to Georgia Tech, contact [Donna Ashley](mailto:Donna.Ashley@dev.gatech.edu), director of Gift Planning, at Donna.Ashley@dev.gatech.edu. To inquire about making a gift or commitment to the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, contact [Tricia White](mailto:Tricia.White@dev.gatech.edu), director of Development for CEE, at patricia.white@ce.gatech.edu.



Philanthropy At Work

COLLEGE OF COMPUTING

Alumnus Establishes Need-Based Computing Scholarship

Christian Battaglia, CS 2017, has endowed a need-based scholarship in the College of Computing. “I wanted to help students,” he said, “the ones who need it the most.”

Battaglia serves as VP of Engineering for Sysdyne, a sales integration platform for construction materials: concrete, asphalt, and gravel. A seasoned entrepreneur, Battaglia was a founding engineer at the food delivery site Glovo, of the on-board vehicle diagnostic scanner Fixd, and a founder of the platforms Triple Axel and Slabstack. The latter, a sales platform for concrete, was acquired by Sysdyne in 2025.

While at Tech, Battaglia was involved in “a little of everything” — lacrosse, Phi Delta Theta, a GTRI co-op, and study abroad in Barcelona. He says Tech’s emphasis on applied computing prepared him well for his career. “For me, it was like my playground,” he said. “I’m so thankful I got exposed to so many different things.”

Battaglia also is extensively involved with the alumni chapter for the College of Computing in New York City, where he is based. He celebrates his 10-year reunion this fall. ///

To provide support for computing students with financial need, contact **Jason Zwang**, senior director of Development, College of Computing, at jason.zwang@cc.gatech.edu.

COLLEGE OF LIFETIME LEARNING

Strategy 2035 Optimizes Learning Systems

The College of Lifetime Learning is advancing Strategy 2035 as it redefines the future of learning across the lifespan. This 10-year roadmap positions Georgia Tech at the forefront of a global shift toward lifelong learning. Shaped by the voices of more than 450 students, faculty, staff, alumni, and partners, the strategy reflects a shared insight: Learning can no longer be confined to a single phase of life — it must operate as a dynamic, integrated system that evolves with people and a changing world. Since January, inaugural Dean Bill Gaudelli has mobilized the College around this vision, integrating research, teaching, and extension into a unified model that reimagines how education is designed and delivered.

Strategy 2035 sets an ambitious course: Engage 5 million learners, credential 2 million individuals, and accelerate breakthroughs in optimized learning systems. As implementation accelerates, philanthropic support is vital in helping the College build the infrastructure, partnerships, and pathways needed to support learning that is continuous, accessible, and responsive to rapidly shifting societal demands. ///

To learn more and help fund Strategy 2035, contact **Macie Thompson**, director of Development, College of Lifetime Learning, at macie.thompson@dev.gatech.edu.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Newest Makerspace Funded by Philanthropy



The H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial and Systems Engineering (ISyE) has opened Tech’s newest makerspace. Thanks to the generous endowed support of the late P. Dexter Allen Jr., IE 1955, and his wife Evelyn Allen, and named in honor of the Allens and I.M. “Mac” Davidson, CE 1934, and Paul M. “Skeet” Coleman, CE 1911, the Allen-Davidson-Coleman (ADC) XR Makerspace expands access to extended reality (XR) tools for the ISyE community.

XR is an umbrella term encompassing everything that merges physical and virtual worlds. It includes augmented reality (where digital objects are added to the physical world), mixed reality (where digital elements can interact with the physical world), and virtual reality (which uses a completely virtual environment).

The makerspace offers a wide range of equipment for student and faculty research and exploration. Technology includes Apple and Meta headsets, augmented reality glasses, haptic gloves, motion-tracking cameras, and 3D printers.

Student-led, the makerspace is located on campus in the Groseclose Building but will move to the new 18-story George Tower in Tech Square later this year. ///

To support state-of-the-art facilities for the next generation of engineers, contact **Dave Zaksheske**, assistant vice president for Development, College of Engineering, at davez@coe.gatech.edu.



IVAN ALLEN COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Sam Nunn Endows Professorship

In celebration of their 60 years of marriage and his wife’s distinguished career in national security, former Sen. Sam Nunn, IM 1960, HON Ph.D. 2008, has established the Colleen O. Nunn Global Strategic Intelligence Faculty Endowment Fund in Tech’s Sam Nunn School of International Affairs.

The endowed professorship honors Colleen’s early career in diplomacy and intelligence and her lifetime of civic and philanthropic leadership. It also celebrates the couple’s shared commitment to and legacy of outstanding public service.

The professorship will advance the Nunn School’s teaching and scholarship related to intelligence, national security, strategy, and policy. This anniversary gift stands as a testament to the couple’s decades of public service and an enduring investment in future generations of civic leadership. ///

To learn more or provide essential support for faculty-scholars in the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, contact **Lauren Kennedy**, director of Development, Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts, at lauren.kennedy@dev.gatech.edu.

COLLEGE OF DESIGN

Shaping Cities, Supporting Futures: \$11M Fuels College of Design Growth

The Georgia Tech College of Design generated more than \$11 million in philanthropic support from alumni, donors, and partners in 2025, marking a significant milestone in the College’s continued growth.

For decades, the College has helped shape Atlanta into the dynamic, globally recognized city it is today — educating generations of architects, designers, planners, and builders whose work defines the region’s skyline, infrastructure, and cultural life. This growing support is now fueling its next

SHELLER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Top Ranking for Donor-Funded Career Services Center

Georgia Tech has been ranked by *Financial Times* as No. 1 in the world for MBA career services. Scheller College’s top-ranking MBA career services are made possible by the Jones Career Center and the generosity of Gary T. Jones, GMGT 1971. The Jones Career Center assists Scheller graduate students by providing support such as career strategy development, interview preparation, networking, and employer recruiting sessions. ///

To support the Scheller College of Business and its top-ranked services for students, contact **Duante Stanton**, senior director of Development, Scheller College, at dstanton30@gatech.edu.



chapter by expanding access, strengthening programs, and enhancing student experiences.

Philanthropic investment is already translating into impact, including \$5.2 million in new scholarship gifts, \$765,000 in fellowships, and \$5.3 million supporting student programs and initiatives. “We are so grateful to supporters of the College and its Schools for the unparalleled financial support we received this year,” said Ellen M. Bassett, dean and John Portman Chair.

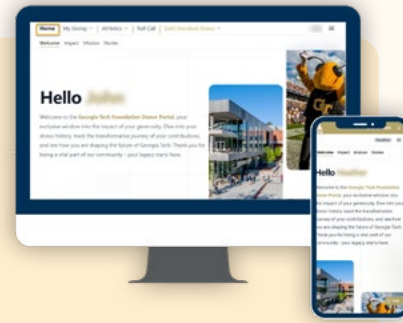
Many of the year’s most generous donors were recognized at the annual Design Excellence Awards, reflecting a growing culture of philanthropy across the College’s community. ///

To support the College of Design, contact **Kelly Smith**, director of Development, College of Design, at kelly.smith@design.gatech.edu.

Future of Funding Now at Donors' Fingertips

The Georgia Tech Foundation has introduced the Donor Portal — a secure, user-friendly hub in which donors can track their contributions and stay informed. With advanced encryption protecting personal data, the portal offers 24/7 access to everything donors need, including: Athletics Gift Summaries, Complete Giving History, Enhanced Endowment Reports, Annual Gift Statements, Roll Call Summaries, and Profile Updates.

Donor support shapes the future of Georgia Tech, and the new dashboard puts the proof at their fingertips. Each card — Giving History, Endowments, Roll Call, and A-T Fund Priority Points — is clickable, letting donors instantly dive deeper into their lifetime commitments, pledge balances, consecutive giving years, and athletic priority points, all from one convenient home screen. ///



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LIBRARY

Library Efforts Increase Student Success

In 2025, the Georgia Tech Library saved students, faculty, and staff more than \$5.1 million through affordable education efforts like course reserves and lending services like Gadgets. And support of the Library's Affordable Education Fund is one of the most effective ways to measurably increase student success. A gift to the Library offsets the cost of purchasing lendable textbooks, reducing the price of required course materials. When textbooks are readily available, students can access required materials from the first day of class — a factor consistently linked to stronger academic outcomes.

Reading Lists from Leganto is also among the top savers. This software option allows instructors to tie their course-required materials to existing Library collections, creating about \$170 in savings per student. ///

To learn more or support affordable education efforts like these, contact **Emily Wong**, senior director of Development, Student Experience, at emily.wong@development.gatech.edu.



ROLL CALL

Scholarship Support Empowers Groundbreaking Research

J'Avani Stinson is able to channel his lifelong passion for science and community commitment into groundbreaking research, academic excellence, and purposeful engagement because of Roll Call. Empowered by the opportunities he has earned, the biology major from Stone Mountain, Georgia, is determined to pay it forward by studying chronic pediatric diseases to drive meaningful change in society.

Roll Call gifts fuel programs like Tech Promise, ensuring talented students like Stinson have support to innovate, excel, and lead — advancing Georgia Tech's aim to deliver unmatched outcomes and value for every student. ///

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COLLEGE OF SCIENCES

Early-Career Professorship Fuels Innovation, Impact

Through their philanthropic investment in the McCallum Family Foundation, Dana and Jack McCallum, BIOL 1966, are advancing research at Georgia Tech that bridges discovery and human health. Their philanthropy has helped accelerate the work of Nick Housley, assistant professor in the School of Biological Sciences, whose research sits at the intersection of neuroscience, cancer biology, and nanotechnology.

Housley's lab investigates how cancer and its treatments affect the nervous system, while also developing innovative nanotechnologies designed to improve the delivery and effectiveness of cancer therapies.

This early career funding has provided the flexibility to pursue bold, interdisciplinary research, engage postdoctoral scholars, and translate fundamental insight into real-world impact. The McCallums' support reflects the power of philanthropy to fuel innovation, empower talented faculty, and strengthen Tech's commitment to research that improves lives and advances science in service to society. ///

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

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND WELL-BEING

Supporting Recovery, Advancing Student Success

At Georgia Tech, student success means supporting the whole student. For those in recovery from substance use disorders, that support can be life-changing.

The Collegiate Recovery Program (CRP), housed with the Center for Mental Health Care and Resources, ensures that students never have to choose between their education and their commitment to sobriety. And now, with a lead gift from alumni parents Lance and Julie Fritz, Tech is reimagining the CRP through a bold new initiative that includes a dedicated recovery lounge, mutual support meetings, specialized staff, scholarships, and supportive housing. A generous gift launched this vision, and additional philanthropic investments will ensure it becomes a lasting resource, transforming lives and strengthening Tech's commitment to student well-being and success.

Designed for students navigating sobriety in a campus environment, the CRP provides structure, peer connection, individualized coaching, and access to on- and off-campus resources.

Together, these support frameworks empower students to maintain their recovery while fully engaging in the Institute's academic and social life. The program also fosters a sense of belonging, helping students persist, thrive, and graduate as confident leaders. ///

To support programs for students such as the Collegiate Recovery Program, contact **Emily Wong**, senior director of Development, Student Experience, at emily.wong@dev.gatech.edu.

RESEARCH

Advanced Manufacturing Pathways Brings STEM to Rural Georgia

Georgia Tech's Advanced Manufacturing Pathways (AMP) program is tackling a critical talent gap in rural Georgia by offering hands-on engineering education to local high schools.

Launched in Fall 2025 through the Georgia Tech Manufacturing Institute in partnership with Georgia Tech Research Institute's Rural Computer Science Initiative, the pilot program engages students in designing and building custom race cars using CAD software, 3D printers, machining equipment, and Python-based data analysis.

Schools in Thomasville and Bainbridge are among the first cohorts, with students discovering new passions and reconsidering college and career paths they once thought out of reach. Local educators receive hands-on training at Georgia Tech, ensuring the program's sustainability beyond any single visit.

Funded by the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission through Georgia AI in Manufacturing, AMP aims not just to teach technical skills but to reshape how rural students see their own potential. With donor support, Georgia Tech can bring programs like AMP to more rural communities, ensuring that geography is never a barrier to opportunity. ///

To expand Georgia Tech's reach and impact through education and outreach programs like AMP, contact **Meagan Burton-Krieger**, executive director of Campaign Operations and chief of staff, at meagan.burton-krieger@dev.gatech.edu.

ATHLETICS

Scholarship Endowment Dinner Connects Donors, Recipients

The Alexander-Tharpe (A-T) Fund, the fundraising arm of Georgia Tech Athletics, held its 2026 Scholarship Endowment Dinner on January 12, at the Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center.

The Scholarship Endowment Dinner is held annually to show appreciation for the A-T Fund donors who support Georgia Tech student-athletes through endowed athletic scholarships. As importantly, it affords scholarship recipients the opportunity to express their gratitude for donors' generous support.

This year's dinner was emceed by Assistant Athletics Director for Student-Athlete Development Kevin Cone, ME 2010. It featured a fireside chat with Vice President and Director of Athletics Ryan Alpert. It also included a student-athlete panel with softball's Makayla Coffield; women's tennis' Alejandra Cruz; baseball's Alex Hernandez; and men's basketball's Kowacie Reeves Jr. Softball student-athlete Addison Leschber offered the invocation.

Endowed athletic scholarships help provide the resources necessary to attract talented student-athletes to Georgia Tech. An endowment fund may be named after the donor or in honor of someone of the donor's choosing. ///

To endow a scholarship for a Georgia Tech student-athlete, contact **Robby Poteat**, executive director for Development, at rpoteat@athletics.gatech.edu.



HOW YOUR PHILANTHROPY SHAPES GEORGIA TECH

At Georgia Tech, progress happens because of you. Since 1885, supporters like you have helped Georgia Tech advance ideas, expand access to a world-class education, and solve real-world problems. Today, your investment continues to open doors for students, empower faculty, and accelerate solutions to the world's most urgent challenges.

Here's what your investment makes possible:



OPENING DOORS FOR STUDENTS

Each year, Georgia Tech admits more talented students than can afford to attend.

Take Kolby Roberts, a first-year student from Wrightsville, a small town in central Georgia. With the help of the Lawton M. "Mac" Nease Family Promise Scholarship, he can study mechanical engineering at his dream school. Without that scholarship support, attending Tech would not have been an option. Your gift makes stories like Roberts' possible.

Programs like the G. Wayne Clough Georgia Tech Promise Scholarship and the Invest in the Best Scholarship Matching Challenge, which generated \$100 million in endowed funding, have expanded access for thousands of students. Even so, significant financial need remains.

Your investment ensures that at Georgia Tech, potential — not cost — determines who can learn, grow, innovate, and lead.



STRENGTHENING WORLD-CLASS FACULTY

The impact of a Georgia Tech education starts with its faculty. Endowed chairs and professorships allow Georgia Tech to attract leading scholars whose teaching and research shape the future. Faculty members such as Omer Inan mentor students like Roberts and lead breakthroughs that improve patient care and health outcomes. Inan is the Linda J. and Mark C. Smith Chair and a professor in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering who designs medical devices and systems and translates them from the lab to patient care applications.

Your support provides vital resources for the faculty who make Georgia Tech exceptional.



ACCELERATING RESEARCH WITH REAL-WORLD IMPACT

At Georgia Tech, research is designed to move quickly from idea to application. In Fiscal Year 2025, our research enterprise reached \$1.43 billion, reflecting both the scale and urgency of the work underway. From medical innovation to emerging fields like AI, researchers are addressing challenges that affect millions of lives.

Philanthropy provides the flexibility to pursue new ideas, fund early-stage discoveries, and accelerate solutions when timing matters most. Your investment helps bring meaningful innovations into the world faster.



BUILDING A CAMPUS THAT POWERS GEORGIA'S ECONOMY

Walk across Georgia Tech's campus, and you can see philanthropy at work — from Tech Tower (officially named the Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Administration Building for one of Georgia Tech's most generous benefactors) to advanced research labs, makerspaces, and innovation districts. These are more than buildings. They are where Georgia's future workforce is trained, where lifesaving solutions are developed, and where ideas become companies.

Students gain hands-on experience in fields that drive the state's economy, while faculty and industry partners work side by side to develop new technologies. Companies come to campus to collaborate, recruit talent, and invest — enhancing Atlanta's position as a hub for innovation.

The impact is clear: Your generosity prepares Georgia Tech graduates to contribute, advances research that fuels business growth, and strengthens partnerships that bring jobs and investment to the state. Every investment in Georgia Tech improves Georgia's competitiveness, driving economic growth and expanding opportunity statewide.



TAKE THE NEXT STEP

Support that is given today can immediately fund scholarships, enhance faculty leadership, and accelerate research already in motion. A gift to Georgia Tech is an investment in people, ideas, and solutions that extend far beyond campus. Make your gift today at giving.gatech.edu and help drive what comes next.

WHY YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS NOW MORE THAN EVER

Demand for a Georgia Tech education continues to grow — along with the need for scholarships, fellowships, faculty support, and research investment. At the same time, new opportunities are emerging and moving quickly. Breakthroughs in health, technology, and manufacturing require resources that can be deployed without delay. Students are ready. Faculty are leading. Research is advancing. Your support determines how far and how fast we can go.





Georgia Tech Institute for Technology and Civic Leadership Launches

On April 2, Georgia Tech launched the Institute for Technology and Civic Leadership with a symposium built around a simple idea: Society benefits when people are willing to listen, especially to those with different viewpoints.

“The institute will serve as a space to share ideas, learn from one another, and discover common ground,” said Amanda Murdie, Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts Dean, Regents’ Professor, and Ivan Allen Jr. Chair. “This is especially important in a moment when technology is rapidly altering how we encounter information, form beliefs, and relate to one another.”

Aaron Levine, associate dean for Research and Outreach in the Ivan Allen College and interim executive director of the Institute for Technology and Civic Leadership, said, “The institute creates opportunities for students to examine the civic and social implications of technological innovation.”

He added, “It will support leaders who can approach difficult questions thoughtfully, drawing on evidence, expertise, and an understanding of diverse perspectives.”

That focus was reflected in the symposium’s keynote dialogue between Robert George and Cornel West, eminent scholars, longtime friends, and co-authors of *Truth Matters: A Dialogue on Fruitful Disagreement in an Age of Division*.

The conversation modeled the kind of thoughtful dialogue across deep differences that the new institute aims to cultivate. George and West shared that they do not expect to change each other’s minds — for them, it is about learning from one another.

The two-day event also included panel discussions featuring insights from peer institutions and breakout sessions inviting the campus community to contribute feedback and ideas about the new institute.

The Institute for Technology and Civic Leadership will give students the chance to explore a broad range of ideas about how innovation shapes communities, the economy, and public life. It aims to be a place where people can exchange ideas freely, learn from one another, and find common ground — all anchored in open debate, scientific inquiry, and evidence-based problem-solving.

It will also serve as a hub for bringing together leaders from government, industry, academia, and other sectors to tackle pressing challenges and pursue science- and data-driven solutions. ///

To learn more or make a gift or commitment to the Institute for Technology and Civic Leadership, contact Meg Hendryx, associate vice president for Principal Gifts, at meg.hendryx@dev.gatech.edu.

Q&A With New Vice Provost for Enrollment Management

Rick Clark

Rick Clark was named Georgia Tech’s vice provost for Enrollment Management in January 2026. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a degree in English and journalism. For more than two decades, Clark has served in enrollment roles at Georgia Tech.

Tell us about your background and your new role.

I came to Georgia Tech in 2003 and have served in various roles within Enrollment Management. For most of that time, I worked in undergraduate admission, ultimately serving as AVP and executive director. More recently, I was Tech’s inaugural executive director for Strategic Student Access. In the vice provost role, I am excited to build on the foundation and relationships I have established, to help Tech expand access, amplify impact, and accomplish our ambitious strategic enrollment goals.

What priorities are you most excited to pursue as vice provost?

Our priority is making Georgia Tech a financially logical choice for top talent. From an outreach, recruitment, and financial aid standpoint, we’re creating unique pipelines and strategic pathways for students, and then working to ensure that once we admit a student, our cost is competitive with the other amazing schools that they have offers from.

How do you hope Transforming Tomorrow will benefit undergraduate admission, scholarships and financial aid, and other programs?

In my previous roles, I prioritized working with the Office of Development. As vice provost, I look forward to building on that partnership, helping donors understand how their investments transform Tech and students’ lives. The success of Development is directly correlated to the success of Enrollment Management. And that’s where the campaign plays such a pivotal role. It

begins with convincing students to choose us but then extends to providing them the crucial support to take advantage of the opportunities — co-ops, internships, study abroad, networking, mentoring, and professional development — that will catapult them into future success.

How can philanthropic support further Tech’s strategic enrollment priorities and student success?

To live up to our mission, we cannot let a family’s financial background prevent a student from being able to enroll here. Georgia Tech needs to continue to prove to students and families that our return on investment is among the best in the nation. Admission, financial aid, and enrollment is just the beginning of the student experience. Donor generosity is what helps make the full Georgia Tech experience accessible to every student.

What role does the G. Wayne Clough Tech Promise Scholarship program play in furthering Tech’s goals of expanding access?

We’re approaching the 20th anniversary of the Tech Promise Scholarship program. Over those 20 years, there have been significant milestones. One of the most impactful developments was when President Cabrera raised the ceiling on family income for eligibility from \$33,000 to \$55,500. We’re now serving more students than ever before. We are fundamentally changing lives on a broader scale. And the students who benefit from this scholarship will, in turn, go out and improve the lives of others, as well as their communities and companies.



Why is expanding access important to Georgia Tech?

We’re like any NBA team or company: We’re in the talent acquisition and talent development business. We want the best students to come to Tech — regardless of where they come from or how much money their parents make. To remain competitive with our peers around the country in enrolling students once they’ve been admitted, we need the tools — the packaging and power — to make Georgia Tech the best financial decision for the most talented students across our state, our country, and the world.

What sets Georgia Tech apart from other public and private institutions?

Unlike some of our competitors, we have not seen our best days. If you want to be part of something that is on an incredibly steep trajectory toward excellence, where the better days are still ahead, that’s why you come to Georgia Tech.

How have you seen philanthropy transform the lives of students and donors?

At Georgia Tech, our donors are giving students the gift of access and the ability to have choices and make choices, often for the first time in their lives. In the human experience, there may be nothing more gratifying than giving a student that kind of freedom. While talent may be evenly distributed, opportunities are not. Our donors are connecting that talent to opportunity. ///



Event Celebrates Tony Kepano Joint Center for Real Estate

Alumni, friends, faculty, students, and real estate industry professionals gathered at Tech Square Tavern on April 1 to celebrate the launch of the Tony Kepano Joint Center for Real Estate. The center was established through a commitment from Tony Kepano, IMGT 1986, vice chairman of Industrial and Logistics Advisory & Transaction Services at CBRE, the world's largest commercial real estate services and investment firm.

The Tony Kepano Joint Center for Real Estate seeks to advance interdisciplinary learning, research, and industry engagement by building on the strengths of the Scheller College of Business and the College of Design's School of Building Construction across finance, construction, city planning, engineering, and emerging technologies.

The event began with remarks from Anuj Mehrotra, dean and Stephen P. Zelnak Jr. Chair of Scheller College, and Ellen Bassett, dean and John Portman Chair of the College of Design, who detailed how the initiative came together and how it aligns with the Colleges' strategic priorities. "We want to be the most connected, the most entrepreneurial, and the most experiential business school in the world," Mehrotra said.

Bassett noted that the center serves as a differentiator for Georgia Tech. "This sets an excellent example of what two Colleges can do

together, and it's an unusual mix for real estate centers," she said. The center "will really speak to the broader community, not only in Atlanta but nationally and globally."

Matthew Devon, a third-year business administration student and president of the Georgia Tech Real Estate Club, also spoke. Devon said that by forging connections across campus, the Kepano Joint Center creates a "unique competitive advantage for Georgia Tech students to gain an interdisciplinary perspective" on the real estate industry.

The center's namesake spoke of his challenges as a Tech student with an interest in real estate but few curricular lanes to pursue it. "The purpose of this center is to ensure that students will not have to go through that," Kepano said. And, as the real estate industry continues to be shaped by data and technology, he asked, "What better place to be than Georgia Tech to lead at that intersection?" ///

To learn more or make a gift to the Tony Kepano Joint Center for Real Estate, contact Duante Stanton, senior director of Development, Scheller College of Business, at dstanton30@gatech.edu, or Kelly Smith, director of Development, College of Design, at kelly.smith@design.gatech.edu.

New Pathway of Progress Honorees Announced

One year after the opening of *Pathway of Progress: Celebrating Georgia Tech Women*, the newest honorees have been selected for the permanent campus art installation.

Made possible by significant philanthropic support from Andrea Laliberte, IE 1982, M.S. IE 1984, HON Ph.D. 2025, *Pathway of Progress* recognizes Georgia Tech alumnae, students, faculty, and staff who have made significant contributions to campus, their chosen fields, and their communities. It was designed by Merica May Jensen, MGT 2008, M. ARCH 2011. Following a nomination and selection process, individuals will continue to be added to this living installation each year.

The 2026 honorees embody the Institute's motto of Progress and Service and have made a lasting impact on the world. They are:

- Niesha Alice Butler, INTA 2016 – Founder and CEO, S.T.E.A.M. CHAMPS.
- Mary Ann Gordon, EE 1981 – Retired vice president - quality compliance, Altria Group.
- Margie Ann Morse, NE 1979 – Nuclear engineering pioneer.
- Heather Smith Rocker, IE 1998 – CEO, Women in Technology.
- Marilyn Jones Smith, AE 1982, M.S. AE 1985, Ph.D. AE 1994 – David S. Lewis Professor, Daniel Guggenheim School of Aerospace Engineering; director, Vertical Lift Research Center of Excellence.
- Ridhi Tariyal, IE 2002 – Co-founder and CEO, NextGen Jane.
- Liz Harriss York, ARCH 1990, M. ARCH 1995 – Managing principal, HDR; recognized leader in sustainability, architecture, and public health.



Funded by Laliberte and other generous alumnae and friends, the Pathway of Progress: Celebrating Georgia Tech Women Challenge is a dollar-for-dollar \$1,000,000 match for endowed scholarships for students with financial need who demonstrate a commitment to advancing women in STEM and for endowed programmatic support. ///

To learn more or make a gift, contact Meagan Burton-Krieger, executive director of Campaign Operations and chief of staff, at meagan.burton-krieger@dev.gatech.edu.



Georgia Tech Giving Day and Ramble the Night Deliver

This year's Georgia Tech Giving Day was a resounding success — and for the first time, it joined forces with Ramble the Night, Tech's one-night-only worldwide gathering of Yellow Jackets, for an evening of giving and gathering that spanned the globe.

Working alongside colleagues across Development, the Roll Call team partnered with every College, Athletics, the Library, and Student Engagement and Well-Being to deliver one of the Institute's most successful Giving Days to date. Across 11 participating groups, Giving Day closed at \$808,443 thanks to more than 1,900 gifts — a 24% increase in funds raised and an 11% increase in the number of gifts over the prior year.

Now in its fourth year, Ramble the Night brought Yellow Jackets together at 95 locations worldwide, including more than 30 international sites and a virtual gathering for alumni in the Middle East. From Melbourne to Amsterdam, Bengaluru to New York, Los Angeles, and Washington, D.C., the Georgia Tech community showed up in force. On campus, over 1,800 students joined the celebration on Tech Green — an opportunity to connect the next generation of Yellow Jackets with the vast, engaged Tech community and the Roll Call tradition of giving back. ///

To support this year's Roll Call, make your gift before June 30 at gtalumni.org/rollcall.



Atlanta, Georgia



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Donors Explore Urban Beekeeping at Tech

Bee Curious: Inside Tech's Urban Honey Bee Project offered Hill Society members a rare behind-the-scenes look at one of Georgia Tech's most distinctive sustainability initiatives. Held April 25 at The Kendeda Building for Innovative Sustainable Design, the experience brought together a small group of donors for an immersive introduction to urban beekeeping and its role on campus.

Guests were welcomed by Jennifer Leavey, assistant dean for faculty mentoring in the College of Sciences and director of the Urban Honey Bee Project. Leavey guided attendees through the purpose and scope of the initiative, which explores the intersection of environmental stewardship, research, and education in the heart of Atlanta.

Designed exclusively for Hill Society members, the experience offered them a chance to suit up in protective beekeeping gear and gain an up-close perspective on the care, science, and infrastructure that support honey bee colonies in an urban environment, all against the backdrop of Georgia Tech's award-winning Kendeda Building. Shan Arora, director of the facility, led a building tour as part of the experience.

Made possible by a grant from The Kendeda Fund, The Kendeda Building is the Southeast's first Living Building Challenge-certified project, representing the pinnacle of green building achievements worldwide. Unlike traditional green buildings that focus on reducing harm, The Kendeda Building is regenerative — giving back more than it consumes.

After the building tour, guests enjoyed a honey-forward lunch, followed by time for conversation and reflection on how innovative projects like the Urban Honey Bee Project advance Tech's broader commitment to sustainability, interdisciplinary learning, and real-world impact.

The exclusive campus event offered a meaningful opportunity for Hill Society members to connect and engage more deeply with Georgia Tech.

The Hill Society recognizes Georgia Tech's most dedicated donors whose sustained philanthropic leadership advances the Institute's highest priorities. ///

Visionary Business Leader and Philanthropist Honored at Commencement



At the 2026 Spring Commencement, Georgia Tech awarded an honorary degree to esteemed alumnus and visionary global business leader Jaime Gilinski Bacal, IE 1978, for his commitment and service to the Institute.

Gilinski Bacal's extensive engagement with Tech includes valuable support for undergraduate scholarships, partnerships with the Scheller College of Business, and volunteer leadership and service on the Georgia Tech Advisory Board.

Originally from Colombia, Gilinski Bacal came to the United States in 1974 to pursue

his education at Tech, earning a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering in 1978. He went on to earn his MBA from Harvard Business School before embarking on a career in banking and investment. His strategic leadership has turned distressed financial institutions into highly profitable assets.

Broadening his portfolio beyond banking, Gilinski Bacal has invested in Group Nutresa, one of South America's leading food conglomerates. He has also invested in major real estate developments, such as Panama Pacifico, a sustainable, mixed-use real estate development near Panama City, Panama. ///

IN MEMORIAM

Georgia Tech mourns the recent passing of alumni, friends, and staff of the Institute.



H. Allen Ecker, EE 1957, M.S. EE 1959

Visionary leader H. Allen Ecker died on March 14. Ecker played football for Tech under Coach Bobby Dodd, earning Academic and Athletic All-American honors. He worked for the Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI), ultimately serving as director of Applied Engineering. Ecker gave back to Tech through his philanthropic support of Athletics, facilities, programs, faculty research, and student scholarships. He served on multiple boards, including the Georgia Tech Foundation, the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering Advisory Board, and the GTRI Advisory Council.



Irma Gail Savage Glover, Friend

Irma Gail Savage “Gail” Glover died on March 31. Glover attended Agnes Scott College and later earned her master’s degree in mathematics from the University of North Carolina. Along with her husband, Marion B. Glover, IM 1965, she settled in Atlanta, Georgia, where they founded Glover & Associates Inc., a financial consulting firm. Dedicated to their alma maters, the Glovers have supported Agnes Scott and Georgia Tech, directing their philanthropy to the Scheller College of Business; merit- and need-based scholarships; and athletic scholarships, among other areas of interest. On football Saturdays, the couple often drove to campus in their gold-and-black 1931 Model A Ford.



Ricardo Hubler, Staff

Cherished friend and coworker Ricardo “Ric” Hubler, senior director of Development in Corporate Engagement, died on Feb. 8. Born in Toledo, Ohio, Hubler earned a bachelor’s degree in Spanish and a Global Partners MBA from Tulane University. He also earned an MBA in international business from Georgia State University. He was dedicated to his community, serving on the board of directors of the National Association of Chinese Americans, Atlanta Chapter. At Tech, Hubler built meaningful partnerships between industry and the Institute, nurturing relationships and helping to create opportunities across campus.



Jonathan Oscher, IM 1954

Distinguished alumnus and business leader Jonathan “Jon” Oscher, IM 1954, died on Feb. 19. Oscher was a pioneer and visionary leader in the cable television industry for over 30 years, founding Prestige Cable TV. Under his leadership, Prestige became one of the first cable companies to expand into fiber and internet services. An avid car and art collector, he later served as CEO of Anverse Inc., an organization that manages the Booth Western Art Museum, the Tellus Science Museum, the Bartow History Museum, and the Savoy Automobile Museum. Oscher was a proud Georgia Tech alumnus and a devoted fan of Yellow Jacket football and basketball.



Marlene McWhorter, Staff

Beloved friend and colleague Marlene McWhorter died on March 1. As director of Prospect Research, McWhorter loved her work and spoke about her passion for her role and her appreciation for Georgia Tech. She came to Tech from Spelman College and held previous roles at the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and Habitat for Humanity. McWhorter was an active volunteer and served in leadership roles in the Georgia chapter of Apra, the international organization for professionals in Prospect Development.



Charles Sewell, Class of 1954

Esteemed business leader Charles Sewell died on March 23. Sewell attended Tech prior to earning his bachelor’s degree from Piedmont College in 1954. He later joined the family business, Sewell Dairy Supply. At age 26, he purchased his own company and eventually merged it with his family’s. With his father and younger brother Joe, he co-founded Sewell Plastics. When the company was later sold, Sewell remained as president before founding CKS Packaging, which grew to become the eighth largest plastic blow-molding company in North America. A passionate Georgia Tech football fan, Sewell provided significant philanthropic support for Athletics.

“Kristen had a lot of gratitude for the opportunities she had been given, and she felt an obligation to help others.”

— The late Thomas P. Hoey, about his daughter Kristen A. Hoey, IE 2008



Kristen A. Hoey, IE 2008, accomplished a lifetime’s worth of achievements in 32 years. Fluent in French, with degrees from both Georgia Tech and the Bordeaux School of Management in France, Kristen traveled the world over. A specialist in global supply chain management, she worked in Chicago, Houston, Paris, Kuala Lumpur, and Dubai.

“She was a risk-taker,” her late father, Thomas P. Hoey, recalled. “Kristen always said, ‘If you don’t live at the edge of your comfort zone, you’re not living.’”

Kristen applied this philosophy to all areas of her life. “She rode camels in Morocco and traveled across Europe and Asia. And she witnessed extreme poverty in her travels, frequently engaging with people who had experienced horrendous life circumstances. She felt she had an obligation to help others,” Hoey said.

She also impressed upon her father her personal belief that “90% of your success in life is directly related to where you were born and the family you were born into.”

In 2016, the ambitious Kristen and a colleague departed for Malaysia, where they launched their own global supply chain company after leaving Schlumberger, the French oil and gas company. Kristen was diagnosed with metastatic melanoma shortly after the move. She died in a matter of weeks.

In Kristen’s honor, her father and other family members established the Kristen A. Hoey Memorial Scholarship through an estate gift. The scholarship gives preference to students from low- to middle-income families pursuing degrees in the H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial and Systems Engineering.

“Kristen was all about helping others,” Hoey said. “When she was dying, she worried that no one would remember her.” So, according to her father, the Hoey scholarship would have meant a great deal to her. Inspired by a life well lived, her family has made certain that Kristen Hoey’s memory and desire to help others will live on for many years to come.



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Fulfilling the Promise for Georgia Students

Each year, exceptional Georgia students earn admission to Georgia Tech — but not all can afford to attend.

For nearly 20 years, the G. Wayne Clough Georgia Tech Promise Scholarship program has ensured that talent and determination — not family income — determine who attends Tech. Tech Promise supports Georgia's highest-achieving students with the greatest financial need, enabling them to thrive at Tech and shape the future of our state.

Tech Promise makes a Georgia Tech education affordable for incoming first-year students from families with incomes of \$55,500 or less. For Giuli Capparelli Sanabria, a first-generation college student from Johns Creek, Georgia, the impact has been life-changing. The third-year biology major on the pre-veterinary pathway said that receiving a Tech Promise scholarship “gave me the financial freedom to pursue what I truly wanted to do,” making a career in veterinary medicine possible without financial burdens.

With donor support, Tech Promise has:

- Provided four years of financial support and a strong cohort experience for scholarship recipients.
- Helped more than 1,250 Georgia students with significant financial need attend Georgia Tech.
- Inspired nearly \$78 million in philanthropic investment.

This generosity has built a strong foundation, including more than \$65 million in endowed scholarship support. But the need is growing — and the annual gap is widening.

Without additional investment, Georgia Tech is limited in its ability to expand Tech Promise to include more students with need, such as transfer students from Georgia.

A gift to Tech Promise expands opportunities, helping students graduate with less debt and greater ability to contribute to Georgia.

You can help fulfill the promise — and fund the next generation of Tech Promise scholars.

To make your gift today, contact **Meagan Burton-Krieger**, executive director of Campaign Operations and chief of staff, at meagan.burton-krieger@dev.gatech.edu.

