



# 2022-2023 Calendar & Handbook

for Georgia Tech Families



Parent and  
Family Programs





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# Family Weekend

*A Tech Family Tradition Since 1989*

Join other Yellow Jacket families from around the world **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022**

Parent and Family Programs collaborates with numerous campus partners every Fall to welcome back our families for a special weekend. Year after year, we look forward to celebrating what makes Georgia Tech a great place to be with more than 4,000 participants.

Join us this year for Georgia Tech's 34rd Family Weekend! Activities include: presentations by faculty and staff, College and School receptions, Family Fun Night, Family Tailgate, GT vs. Ole Miss football game, Jazz Brunch with Associate Vice President and Dean of Students, John Stein and more!

We know you will enjoy spending the weekend with us and creating some special memories with your Georgia Tech student. We encourage you to visit [parents.gatech.edu/family-weekend/family-weekend](https://parents.gatech.edu/family-weekend/family-weekend) to learn more about discounted hotel rooms, football tickets, and other helpful information for the weekend.

**WELLS  
FARGO**



*We look forward to seeing you  
at Family Weekend!*

Register online beginning Wednesday, July 6, 2022  
at [parents.gatech.edu/familyweekend](https://parents.gatech.edu/familyweekend)

Registration closes Tuesday, September 6 at 11:59 p.m.  
or when capacity is reached for events.





Fraternity and  
Sorority Life

Learn more about our community  
& the joining process at



@gtcpc, @gt\_ifc  
@gt.mpc, @gt\_nphc

**24%**  
of undergraduates  
are affiliated

**52**  
chapters

**4**  
councils

**39**  
houses

**3.6**  
all Greek GPA

**[greek.gatech.edu](http://greek.gatech.edu)**

**Collegiate Panhellenic Council (CPC)**

**Interfraternity Council (IFC)**

**Multicultural Panhellenic Council (MPC)**

**National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)**





# Welcome!

## Dear Yellow Jacket Family Members,

Congratulations! I know you must feel a great sense of pride in your student's accomplishments. Being accepted to Georgia Tech is truly something to be proud of. I want you to know that we appreciate the confidence you have placed in Georgia Tech to provide your student with many wonderful opportunities for learning in and out of the classroom.

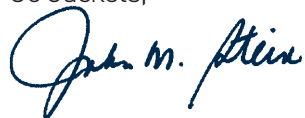


Georgia Tech places the highest value on each student's academic, social, and professional development. We have a proud history of fostering the personal and professional achievement that transforms today's outstanding students into tomorrow's extraordinary leaders.

As a part of the Division of Student Engagement & Well-Being, Parent and Family Programs is committed to providing the resources, services, and opportunities for families to help their students succeed at Georgia Tech.

We look forward to meeting you and working together in support of your student's experience here at Georgia Tech. If you have any questions, please e-mail me at [john.stein@studentlife.gatech.edu](mailto:john.stein@studentlife.gatech.edu).

Go Jackets,



**John M. Stein**

Associate Vice President and Brandt-Fritz Dean of Students Chair



## Dear Yellow Jacket Family Members,

Welcome to the Georgia Tech campus community! We are excited for your student's next chapter to begin and we hope your student's time at Georgia Tech will be a unique journey filled with many new experiences, successes, and challenges. We hope you will allow the information in this calendar and handbook to assist you in helping your student as they navigate new experiences.

Being the parent or guardian of a college student takes some adjustment. You are the family members who have helped your student get to where they are today, and you have an important role in their academic journey. At Georgia Tech, we recognize that parents and families are valuable partners in a student's success. We encourage you to stay connected with your student's experience, as you also encourage your student to grow and develop.

You have a new role as a parent or family member of a college student; you are becoming a mentor. Your student will be encountering adult responsibilities and you can become a trusted advisor in this process. College is the time to let your student take all the good advice you have given them and put it to the test. When your student succeeds, CELEBRATE! When they don't, LISTEN. Asking open ended questions will encourage dialogue and assist with the adjustment to these new roles. Provide your best care and support when needed for those challenging times, and use the resources we provide to help your student develop a plan for resolution.

You may have heard of the term "helicopter parent," which refers to parents who "hover" over their college student. We recommend your family think of a new image—a tandem bicycle. When your child was younger, you sat in front and steered the bicycle, you pedaled, and you most likely determined the destination; all while your child was on the back, pedaling and enjoying the ride. In college, the roles change and the student is on the front of the bike steering their own course and pedaling, and you, the parent or family member, are right there with them on the back of the bike; pedaling, supporting, and cheering!

We look forward to being a resource for you while your student is at Georgia Tech. On behalf of the Parent and Family Programs staff, we wish you and your student a successful year.



With Yellow Jacket Pride,

**Laci Weeden, Ed.D.,**

Director, Parent and Family Programs

**Tyler Barker, M.A.**

Coordinator, Parent and Family Programs



Community Service | Leadership Development | Building Diversity

## GEORGIA TECH PARENTS FUND

Your support of the Georgia Tech Parents Fund means more students can participate in life-changing experiences and take advantage of everything Tech has to offer.

Please make your gift today!  
[parents.gatech.edu/get-involved/parents-fund](https://parents.gatech.edu/get-involved/parents-fund)

Supporting Traditions | Health & Well-being | Artistic Expression





# Contacts



## Emergency Contacts

Center for Assessment, Referral  
and Education (CARE) . . . . . 404-894-3498 . . . . . care.gatech.edu  
Counseling Center . . . . . 404-894-2575 . . . . . counseling.gatech.edu  
Offices of Student Life & Dean of Students . 404-894-2565 . . . . . studentlife.gatech.edu  
Georgia Tech Police Department . . . . . 404-894-2500 . . . . . police.gatech.edu  
Housing . . . . . 404-894-2470 . . . . . housing.gatech.edu  
Stamps Health Services . . . . . 404-894-1420 . . . . . health.gatech.edu  
Parking and Transportation Services . . 404-385-7275 . . . . . pts.gatech.edu

For more information about various dates and events on campus,  
please visit the following campus calendars:

Georgia Tech Alumni Association . . . . . gtalumni.org/calendar  
Georgia Tech Arts . . . . . arts.gatech.edu  
Athletic Association . . . . . ramblinwreck.com/all-sports-schedule  
Office of the Bursar (Tuition and Billing) . . . . . bursar.gatech.edu  
Georgia Tech Campus Calendar . . . . . gatech.edu/calendar  
Office of the Registrar (Academic Records). . . registrar.gatech.edu



## Parent and Family Programs

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## Parent and Family Programs

Parent and Family Programs views the relationship we have with our students' parents and families as a partnership – a partnership created to help students be successful. Our motto is **“when parents and families are informed, students benefit.”** Parent and Family Programs facilitates communication with our families, hosts events such as Family Weekend, Sibs Day, and Grandparents & Friends Day, and provides a variety of resources to support your student and family. We want you to engage in our campus community – we can help you navigate Georgia Tech, assist you and your student, and truly make you feel part of the Georgia Tech community.

## Stay Connected

Good communication with parents is vital to providing the highest quality student experience at Georgia Tech. Parent and Family Programs serves as a communication link between parents and families of students and the Institute. We encourage families to opt-in to communications from Parent and Family Programs and the Institute by subscribing to our electronic monthly newsletter, ParentNews. Visit the Georgia Tech Parent and Family Programs website, [www.parents.gatech.edu](http://www.parents.gatech.edu), and select the “Stay Connected” link.

## Parent Volunteering

Georgia Tech offers many opportunities for parents and families of Georgia Tech students to be actively involved on and off campus through volunteering. Parent volunteers are valuable in interacting with parents of prospective students by offering advice and support. Volunteer opportunities are announced in our ParentNews e-newsletter and are posted regularly on the Georgia Tech Parent and Family Programs Facebook page.

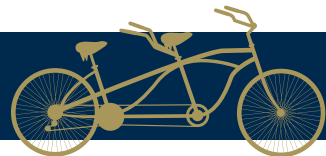


## Prior to Arrival–“Must Do” Checklist

Whether your student is entering Georgia Tech or returning, planning is one of the most important parts of the process. Here is an important checklist of tips and reminders as the first day of class approaches:

- \_\_\_ Does your student have a valid health insurance plan and card?
- \_\_\_ Has your student submitted immunization records to Stamps Health Services?
- \_\_\_ Has your student completed and/or updated emergency contact information using the BuzzPort student portal ([buzzport.gatech.edu](http://buzzport.gatech.edu))?
- \_\_\_ Has your student registered for LiveSafe? Features include:
  - SafeWalk™ so friends and family can electronically “follow you home.”
  - Location Sharing with Georgia Tech Police Department in an emergency.
  - See something – Send something! Report suspicious activity to GTPD with text, photos, and videos – discreetly and anonymously
  - Quick Access to Emergency Phone Numbers
  - Safety Alerts and Notifications
- Download “**LiveSafe**” from the App Store or Google Play  
(Be sure to enable location services and push notifications when prompted.)
- \_\_\_ If your student is bringing a vehicle, have they obtained proper vehicle registration information and a parking permit?
- \_\_\_ Has your student established a home-away-from-home by completing any last minute housing information?
- \_\_\_ Have you discussed meal plan options with your student and has your student made a selection?
- \_\_\_ Does your student have an activated **BuzzCard**?
- \_\_\_ Have you registered to receive updates and emails, including the monthly e-newsletter called **ParentNews**, by completing a registration card at FASET or by going online to [parents.gatech.edu](http://parents.gatech.edu) and clicking the Stay Connected tab?
- \_\_\_ Has your student downloaded the **CORQ** App? This app will be used for all Week of Welcome activities and connects your student to engagement opportunities throughout the year.

### Pedaling Pointers



#### Here are some pointers to get your ride off to a great start–

- \_\_\_ Let your student know you believe in them. Reaffirm your family’s values and trust your student to make sound decisions. You’ve done a great job!
- \_\_\_ Be happy and excited about the new college experience. If your student knows or can sense that you are worried, your student is likely to be less confident.
- \_\_\_ Encourage your student to resolve problems without your assistance. Remind them about campus resources and suggest possible solutions. Some of the best lessons will be learned through mistakes.
- \_\_\_ Listen to what they have to say. Your student may be giving you a hint of how they are feeling.
- \_\_\_ Assure them that you are okay. Let your student know that they are missed back home, but you are happy for them.
- \_\_\_ Know that both of you will change and grow. You will probably find that a rewarding new adult friendship will emerge.

## Student Conduct

It is important to revisit your family’s core values in conversations about sensitive issues students will face at college. Presenting scenarios that may challenge your student’s values and asking them how they would react will serve as an affirmation for when they will have to negotiate with roommates, friends, faculty, and peers.

You should also advise your student what the consequences would be, should they incur a conduct violation. Most parents do not expect their students to commit a conduct violation—and most will not. But, just as you have held them accountable for poor choices in the first 18 years of their lives, you also have the opportunity to help them learn that poor choices made in college will continue to have consequences throughout their lives.

Georgia Tech expects students to behave in accordance with federal, state, and local laws as well as Institute rules, regulations, and policies. A complete list of policies, rules, and regulations is available at: <http://www.policylibrary.gatech.edu/>

## Safety–Physical and Virtual

Georgia Tech is a big campus in a very big city—neither have gates. Students, staff, and faculty are all subject to the same dangers on campus that they would be in any metropolitan area. Remind your student to use good common sense when it comes to personal safety – walk in groups, lock their room and apartment doors, never prop open doors to rooms, stairwells or buildings, do not leave personal or private belongings in plain view in a room or vehicle, etc. Additionally, in this age of technology, students are also subject to the dangers of the virtual world. It is wise for students to protect their electronic information by taking such precautions as logging off their computers when not in use and avoiding sharing too much personal information in online communities, such as Instagram, Snapchat, and Twitter.

## Personal Relationships

Personal struggles are a reality for most college students. Relationship issues and managing stress consume a great deal of your student’s energy and cause worry for you as a family member. The “instant” friendships developed initially due to proximity in activities, classes and living arrangements, may not withstand the test of time. There may also be a broken heart or two along the way. It is crucial to understand that these struggles are an important and natural part of your student’s development. Offering an understanding and sympathetic ear may be the best thing you can do to help your student deal with relationship issues.

## Community

The Georgia Institute of Technology welcomes and embraces a wide variety of intellectual and cultural perspectives. Our commitment to developing and maintaining an open, friendly, and productive environment is reflected throughout the campus. Each individual has something to contribute to the Georgia Tech experience. Georgia Tech is dedicated to learning, teaching, and serving society through education, research, and public service. The Institute strives to foster a climate of fairness, cooperation, and professionalism and encourages students to embrace those that are different. We encourage our families to support our students in learning about others that are different from them, which will allow them to learn more about themselves and extend their learning outside the classroom.





### Staying in Touch

It is a good idea to discuss with your student how you want to communicate with each other, and how often. Every day may be too much for your student who is trying to establish a new network at Georgia Tech, but for some families once a week is too long to go without communicating. Talk to your student about how often you will communicate by phone, letter, email, social media, or text messaging. These are all great ways to stay in touch without taking up too much of your student's time. It is important that both you and your student agree. It is also a good idea to revisit your communication plan, as things change from semester to semester.



## Before Arrival

Try to talk seriously about the college experience with your student before they arrive on campus in August. Consider the following conversation starters:

### What are you excited about?

### What are you worried about?

It's important to share your student's enthusiasm about a new experience. Moving to campus, meeting new people, and learning new things can be very exciting. At the same time, they can be daunting. Avoid saying "these will be the best years of your life." This could create a lot of pressure for a student who may begin to believe that nothing could or should go wrong or they are not living up to expectations. Acknowledging that there will be great experiences and tough challenges will ultimately help them learn to solve problems. The good news is there are a lot of campus resources and staff eager to help students through the tough times.

### What would you like to accomplish in your first year at Georgia Tech?

Most students likely will say "get good grades." Encourage your student to think a bit broader and consider what they want to do outside the classroom—study abroad, provide service to others, join a student organization, continue their current hobbies, or learn a new skill. Georgia Tech promotes events and activities to help students adjust to campus life the first year. It is important for students to stay in the know and to take advantage of these opportunities. By the second year, the Institute expects students to be involved or to know how to do so. It is also important to discuss realistic expectations for academic achievement at college level. We know our first year students have a 97% retention rate and return their second year. The support and assistance is available to help them succeed. Encourage them to advantage of all that Georgia Tech has to offer, both in and out of the classroom.

### Family finances and your college budget:

Make sure your student knows how to manage their expenses/checking account. Encourage them to develop a budget for spending money. Additionally, a conversation about credit card use and abuse is essential. Simply saying, "this is for emergency-purposes only" can take a completely different meaning for students.

July 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <b>DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR FAMILY WEEKEND!</b> <b>Registration opens on July 6, and closes on September 6</b> Family Weekend Registration has SOLD OUT in past years due to capacity issues, so you are encouraged to register early. <a href="https://parents.gatech.edu/familyweekend">parents.gatech.edu/familyweekend</a>					1	2
3	4 Independence Day Official Institute Holiday  No Classes	5 Student Recess	6 Family Weekend Registration opens at 9 AM	7	8	9 Tisha B'Av and Eid al-Adha
10 Tisha B'Av and Eid al-Adha	11 FASET 3	12 FASET 4	13 First Year Semester Abroad FASET	14 FASET 5	15 FASET 6 Cross Registration Application Deadline Spring App. Deadline for Tokyo Tech Exchange	16
17 Late Short Summer Session: Last day to withdraw with a 'W'	18 FASET 7	19 FASET 8	20	21 International FASET 9	22 FASET 10	23
24	25 Last Day of Classes for Full Summer	26 Last Day of Classes for Full and Late Short Summer Session	27 Reading Period - All Day, Full and Late Short Summer	28 Final Exams: Full and Late Short Summer Reading Period 8am-2:40pm Full and Late Short Summer Transfer FASET 1	29 Final Exams: Late Short Summer, Full Summer Transfer FASET 2	30 Final Exams: Late Short Summer, Full Summer
31 Final Exams: Late Short Summer, Full Summer						





## Team Family

College is a time of transition for students and families. Your student may be feeling a bit overwhelmed with the campus, new and unfamiliar services, different policies and procedures, a new roommate(s), and few familiar faces. Changes for family members who are staying at home can also cause concern for you and the rest of the family. Phone calls, emails, text messages, or letters will help everyone in this time of transition.

With all the new challenges students are facing and without a support system in place, this might be a time your student is actually conscious of staying in touch. Convey interest in what your student is experiencing and show that you place value on this experience. In the event of personal struggles with roommates, professors, etc., encourage your student to work out situations to the best of their ability. Your instinct may be to "fix" the problem. Instead, recommend that your student use campus resources such as their Resident Advisor (RA), Counseling Center, or tutorial services that are available with Tutoring & Academic Support. This way, you are fostering independence, while continuing to communicate your support and concern.





## Tips

- » Students will want to explore campus, meet new people and exercise their independence. Give them the freedom to do so.
- » Ask questions about your student's classes, roommate(s), friends, and new life.
- » Expect changes in their behavior, look, and schedule. As they begin to flex their freedom, they might not remember to call home as often.
- » Don't worry (too much) about sad phone calls and letters. With change often comes homesickness and the longing for something familiar. Try to remind your student to get involved and that they will soon fit in. Everything takes time.
- » If your student is living on campus, encourage them to get to know their Resident Advisor (RA). If your student is living off campus and commuting, encourage them to get involved in a student organization, find a campus job, or get involved in intramural activities.
- » Fraternities and Sororities are another great way to get involved and help others. Each chapter on campus sponsors their own philanthropy and holds events throughout the year. Greek students have higher rates of community service on average than their non-Greek counterparts.
- » If your new student is feeling overwhelmed or stressed out adjusting to college life, then suggest they visit CARE during walk-in hours for help in finding connections on-campus and feel more in tuned with Georgia Tech.
- » Encourage your student to schedule free tutoring to help them achieve their academic goals.

August 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Final Exams: Late Short Summer, Full Summer				End of Summer Term	
	International Plan App. Fall Priority Deadline	Reading Period - 8am-2:40pm Full and Late Short Summer				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Grades available for all Summer sessions at 6pm		Degree Confirmation Date for Summer Candidates  Raksha Bandhan	Phase II Time Tickets (6:00 PM Est)	Phase II Registration (Through 8/26)
					New Students Move In	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Transfer FASET 3		Exchange FASET  Janmashtami	GRIP Fall Registration Deadline Natl. Aviation Day Janmashtami	
	Returning Students Move In					
Week of Welcome						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Remind your students to get their picture taken on Tech Green on the First Day of Class with Parent and Family Programs!	First Day of Classes Summer & Fall Study Abroad Application Opens and GTL Summer and Fall Application Opens	International Opportunities Open House			Last day to drop a class without a "W" Fall 2022  Woman's Equality Day	
28	29	30	31			
	Fall Fee Payment Deadline (4:00 pm)		Ganesh Chaturthi			



September 2022



# Family Weekend

*A Tech Family Tradition Since 1989*





Your student is now settled in, made a few new friends, discovered their favorite classes, and is traveling around campus and the community at night and on weekends. During your regular phone calls with your student, somewhere in between the discussions of course work, dating, and money, you should also carve some time out to discuss their general health. This is more than just how they are feeling or if they are sick. A healthy lifestyle is one that encompasses mental and physical health, too. This can include alcohol use, getting enough sleep, exercise, nutrition, and overall general wellness. At Georgia Tech, there are ample ways to sustain a healthy lifestyle or start one if your student needs an extra boost.

## Tips

- » Encourage your student to use the library as a resource and as a quiet study space. Also, encourage your student to talk to their professors and advisors about any concerns or questions before it is too late in the semester—during faculty and staff office hours.
- » Reassure your student that feeling overwhelmed is normal for students learning to manage new academic demands and personal responsibilities.
- » If your student seems to be depressed or anxious, encourage them to visit CARE (CARE.gatech.edu).
- » Encourage your student to achieve a sense of balance including a healthy diet, adequate sleep, exercise, and relaxation.
- » Frequently share with your student that you trust them to make good choices.
- » Establish or reestablish expectations for budgeting and finances.
- » Encourage your student to submit a proposal for the Teams for Tech IDEAS Competition. Projects can focus on reducing Georgia Tech's carbon footprint, enhancing the quality of student life or even improving technology and accessibility, all while having a direct impact on Tech's student body and campus.
- » The Office of International Education hosts the Education Abroad Fair where students can learn about the international opportunities open to them. Remind your student to stop by the Education Abroad Fair on October 4 from 10am-2pm.
- » Encourage your student to check out numerous programs and services at the Campus Recreation Center (CRC), which is one of the best campus recreational facilities in the country, to keep them active, relieve stress, and meet other students.
- » Your student should know: the Campus Recreation Center (CRC) is more than a world-class recreational facility, it is a cornerstone of our community's overall well-being! The programs, activities, and opportunities offered by the CRC help your student connect to resources and a community dedicated to supporting a student's active and healthy lifestyle through dynamic and transformative experiences.

September 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 International Plan App. Final Fall Deadline and App. Deadline for Georgia Tech Spring Exchange Programs  Photo Contest Deadline	2	3
	4  Georgia Tech vs Clemson @Mercedes-Benz Stadium Labor Day Official Institute Holiday	5  <b>Registration for Family Weekend Closes at 11:59 pm</b>	6	7	8 Student Center Grand Opening	9  Georgia Tech vs Western Carolina @ Bobby Dodd Stadium
11 Patriot Day	12	13	14	15	16 Six Flags with SCPC   Family Weekend	17 Georgia Tech vs Ole Miss @ Bobby Dodd Stadium
18  Family Weekend	19	20 International Plan Induction Ceremony	21	22 Autumnal Equinox	23 Fall Begins	24 Georgia Tech vs UCF @Orlando, FL
25 Rosh Hashanah begins  Navaratri begins	26	27	28	29	30	



October 2022





## Changing Gears

Students who are involved in at least one student organization are more likely to feel connected to their peers, get higher grades, have fewer problems with alcohol and other drugs, and are better prepared for life after graduation. A tremendous amount of learning, personal growth, and skill development takes place outside of the classroom. With so many excellent opportunities to get involved, students are sure to find a club or organization that not only interests them, but also provides an opportunity to meet new people, pursue new interests, and give them a sense of belonging.

## Tips

- » Georgia Tech has over 500 registered student organizations. Ask your student if they've found anything they like thus far and if not, encourage them to check out the Center for Student Engagement.
- » Leadership continues to be one of the most pressing issues faced by global organizations today. Organizations are looking for students who have the ability to collaborate across boundaries, conceptualize new solutions, and motivate diverse teams (*2016 Global Human Capital Trends Report-Deloitte University Press*). All students should consider applying to Leading Edge (One-on-One Leadership Coaching), sponsored by Leadership Education and Development, to actively explore and improve their individual and team leadership skills through practice and critical reflection, challenge themselves to be a better leader, and develop their leadership vision.
- » Involvement in a pre-professional or major-related organization can help students connect with like-minded peers in a particular academic area and it can open up opportunities after graduation.
- » Suggest the exploration of opportunities for involvement in the residential community. Your student can ask their Resident Advisor (RA) about involvement and leadership opportunities in their residence hall.
- » Your student should subscribe to The Student Events Weekly Digest, an online listing of upcoming events on campus each week.
- » Tell your student to cheer on their fellow Yellow Jackets at athletics events throughout the year. For a schedule of the events go to [www.ramblinwreck.com](http://www.ramblinwreck.com)
- » Encourage your students to engage with OUT Week to celebrate LGBTQIA communities.
- » Trust them to make the right decisions. You have raised them with a great set of values and they will likely keep those values throughout their college career.
- » If your student is stressed because of Midterms, encourage them to visit CARE to help point them in the right direction for resources on academic success.
- » Remind your student to apply for OIE Scholarships to study abroad in spring or summer 2023.

## October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Georgia Tech vs Pitt @ Pittsburgh, PA GTL Application Deadline
2	3 Progress Report Deadline Fall 2022	4 Education Abroad Fair SCPC Homecoming Festival Navaratri ends Yom Kippur	5 Yom Kippur	6	7	8 Georgia Tech vs Duke @ Bobby Dodd Stadium Georgia Tech Homecoming
9 Sukkot begins Homecoming	10 Columbus Day	11	12	13	14	15 OIE Administered Scholarship Deadline
16 Sukkot ends	17 Fall Break- No Classes	18	19	20 Georgia Tech vs Virginia @Bobby Dodd Stadium	21	22
23	24 Spring 2023 Registration Phase I begins Diwali GRIP Expo	25	26	27	28	29 Georgia Tech VS Florida State @ Tallahassee, FL Withdrawal Deadline to withdraw with a "W"
30	31 Halloween SCPC Halloween Event					



November 2022

Didn't we just start riding  
this Tandem Bike?



Where did the time go? As midterm tests and projects are ending, the focus shifts to final projects and tests that are just around the corner. As students will admit, this is the time when any earlier procrastination comes back to haunt them—when suddenly papers, projects, and exams are due practically on the same day. There's a lot of pressure on your student now, stemming from both personal expectations and expectations from you as a parent. And of course, there are other factors competing for your student's attention such as campus life events and end of the semester programs.





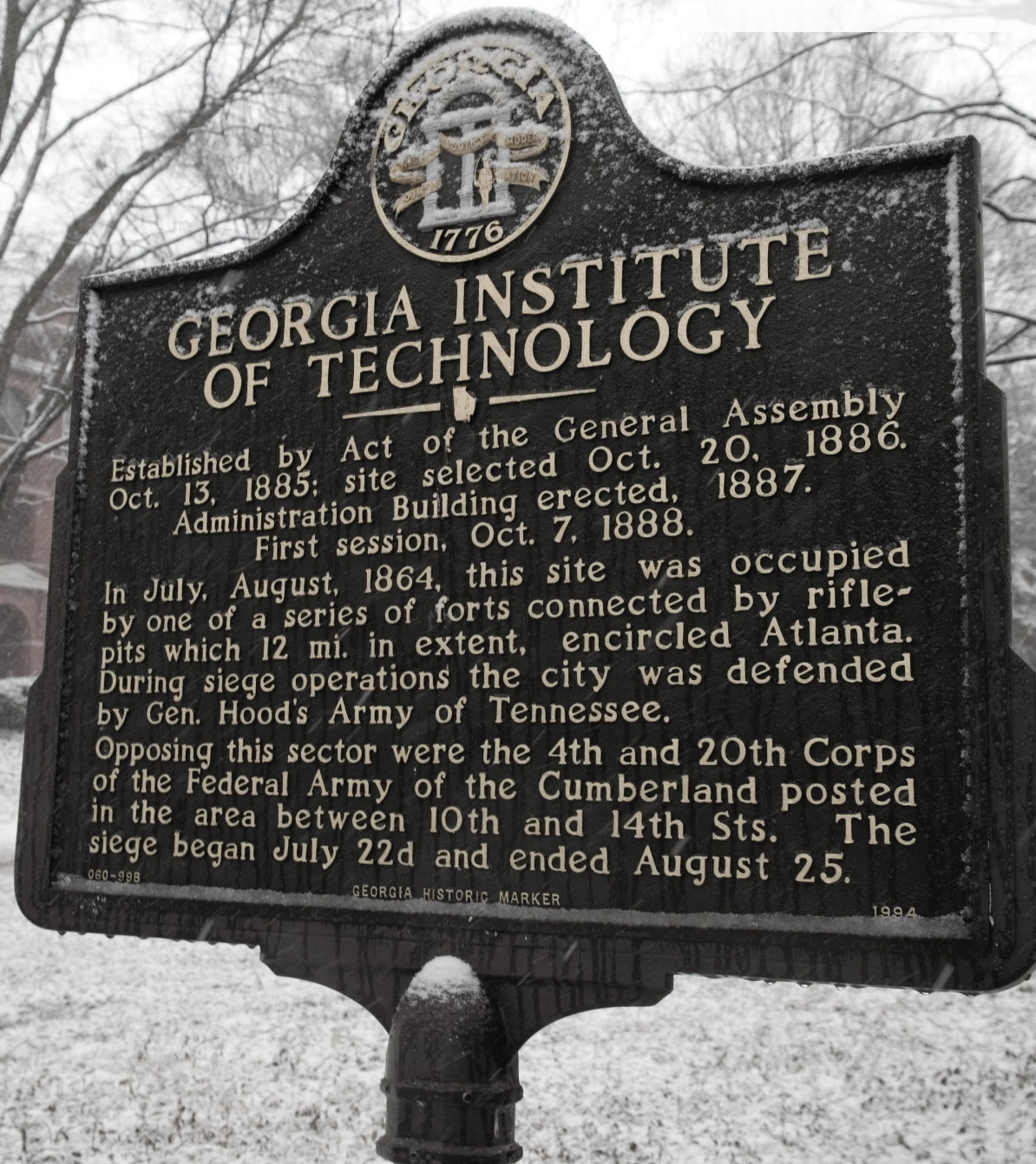
## Tips

- » November is host to International Education Week (<http://iew.gatech.edu>) and is a great time for your student to learn about the numerous international initiatives on and off-campus.
- » The Thanksgiving holiday provides a nice break to help your student refocus their energies for the remainder of the semester. Still, your student should not put studying and coursework completely aside, as finals are quickly approaching.
- » While your student is home during the Thanksgiving break, be sure to celebrate the semester's victories and work together to understand challenges.
- » If your student is staying on campus for the Thanksgiving Break, be sure to check ParentNews in November and Parent and Family Programs Facebook page for special programming for students not going home. You can also email [parents@gatech.edu](mailto:parents@gatech.edu) for some suggestions for your student.
- » Start encouraging your student to think about pursuing a part-time job or internship over winter break.
- » If your student expresses concern about tackling coursework and upcoming finals, remind them about Undergraduate Advising & Transition, which conducts workshops—both in-person and virtual/on-demand on preparing for exams as well as academic coaching to help with study strategies.
- » Reiterate the importance of adequate sleep, healthy eating, exercise, and relaxation. Encourage your student to find time for a favorite sport or hobby they can pursue to keep up morale and maintain balance.
- » Remind your student that the Division of Student Engagement & Well-Being and the Dean of Students Office are great resources.

November 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 All Saints' Day	2 All Souls' Day	3	4	5 Georgia Tech vs Virginia Tech @ Blacksburg, VA
6 Daylight Savings Time Ends	7 Spring 2023 Registration Phase I Begins	8 Election Day	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12 Georgia Tech vs Miami @ Bobby Dodd Stadium
13 Graduate Thesis Deadline	14	15	16	17	18	19 Georgia Tech vs North Carolina @ Chapel Hill, NC
20	21	22	23 Student Recess Fall 2022	24 Thanksgiving Official Institute Holiday Community Restaurants Closed	25	26 Georgia Tech vs Georgia @ Athens, GA
27	28	29	30			



As the holidays approach at the end of November and early December, your student is beginning to feel the true pressure of campus life. As the fall semester draws to a close, students feel stressed by academic deadlines, approaching exams, and plans for the holidays. Take this time to make sure your student is prepared for the upcoming finals and ensure proper resources are available.






When final exams are finished, many students head home for the winter break. They may have concerns about family issues and how they will adjust to routines back at home. It is important to discuss expectations with your student before they return home for winter break. Prepare yourself and other family members that the student who returns may not be the student you sent off to college. It may help to renegotiate curfew hours and family responsibilities. It is an important time of adjustment for everyone as your family grows and changes. Also note that some students choose to remain in Atlanta over winter break to work and/or save money. Talk with your student about these decisions as well.

Enjoy spending quality time with your student if they do come home for the break! Happy Holidays!

## Tips

- » Your student's emotions may be on a bit of a roller coaster during this period. For many students, this is the time when they begin to really feel connected to campus, but it is also when the reality of their academic progress begins to affect them.
- » Accept that your student's grades may suffer or decline if they are new to Georgia Tech. Remind them that college is supposed to be more difficult, but they will adjust in time. Be sure to let them know that you are proud of them, you recognize their hard work and that you love them.
- » Understand students may need some additional space and time as they buckle down for exams OR students may become homesick and reach out more often in their stress.
- » Send a care package to your student with enough treats for them to share with roommates and friends.
- » Offer support by calling, texting, sending emails, or visiting the campus if you can—check with your student first to make sure they have time to visit with you during this stressful time.
- » It's easy to forget about financial obligations during this time, but make sure your student's loan payments and other fees have been paid for the upcoming semester. Remember, the Office of the Bursar sends online statements to students, not parents.
- » Encourage your student to participate in morale boosting activities and traditions that take place during finals week such as the Midnight Breakfast, a free breakfast offered late at night during finals week in the Student Center.

December 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 RWTH Aachen Summer Research Exchange Deadline	2	3
4	5 Last Day of Classes	6	7 Reading Period- All Day	8 Reading Period- 8am-2:20pm	9	10
				Final Exams		
11	12 Relaxation Fest & Midnight Breakfast	13 Reading Period 8am-2:20pm	14	15 President's Graduation Celebration	16 Fall Commencement  End of Term  Students not returning for Spring 2023 move out by noon	17
		Final Exams		Final Exams		
18 Hanukkah begins	19	20 Grades Available online after 6:00pm	21 Winter Begins	22 Degree Confirmation Date for Fall 2022 Candidates	23	24 Christmas Eve
						Winter Break- Campus Closed
25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa begins and Hanukkah ends	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve
						Winter Break-Campus Closed



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# January 2023

## Keeping Up the Tempo

Now that your student has completed the fall semester, changing majors may be on their mind. This often creates worry and concern for both you and your student. Choosing a major is a difficult process. This can be a good opportunity for your student to explore interests and determine what they really want to study. Your student may also benefit from an internship or other employment to help determine career options. It is important to remember however, that students are more than their majors. The best way to prepare for a career is to get a sound education, develop leadership skills and gain career-related experience through internships, community service, part-time jobs, and campus involvement.



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## Tips

- » If your student did not meet their academic goals in the fall, suggest a visit to Academic Advising & Transition Programs, which offers a variety of resources to address your student's individual academic performance needs.
- » If your student is already thinking about how to make the most of the upcoming summer, bring up Georgia Tech's outstanding summer undergraduate research opportunities. Information on these research projects is typically available starting this month. Your student can learn more information by visiting the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program website at [undergradresearch.gatech.edu](http://undergradresearch.gatech.edu).
- » Participation in innovation and entrepreneurship is strongly encouraged at Georgia Tech as it creates the innovative and problem-solving mindset that companies are seeking in future employees. The InVenture Prize is Georgia Tech's largest competition centered around entrepreneurship. The deadline to apply for this interdisciplinary innovation competition, which is open to all undergraduate students and recent graduates, is during this month. The InVenture Prize final round will be held in March.
- » Encourage your student to speak with the Exploratory Advisor if they have concerns about their major.
- » Second year students may want to discuss changing majors, adding minors/certificates, career options, and defining their purpose. Encourage your student to participate in the many employment and graduate school fairs, workshops, and services sponsored by the GT Career Center. Second and third year students should seek an internship or co-op in their career field. The GT Career Center can assist your student in this process. Encourage your student to look into job shadowing, volunteering, working or interning in their career field of choice for the summer. It is not too early for your student to look into summer educational opportunities.
- » Students should have a current resume listing their part-time employment, internship, and/or co-op experience. Your student should also attend career fairs and graduate school fairs to gain exposure to all of the opportunities at Georgia Tech.
- » Be sure you and/or your returning student submit the appropriate financial aid applications for the upcoming academic year no later than a week prior to the January 31 priority deadline. Contact Financial Aid with any questions.

January 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day	2 Official Institute Holiday- Campus Closed	3	4 New Students Move-In	5 Spring 2023 Phase II Registration Begins	6 Returning Students Move-In	7
8	9 First Day of Spring Classes  GRIP Spring 2023 Registration Deadline	10	11	12	13 Last day to drop without a 'W' Spring 2023	14
15	16 Official Institute Holiday Martin Luther King Jr. National Holiday	17 Spring Fee Payment Deadline 4:00pm	18	19	20	21
22 Chinese New Year	23	24	25	26	27	28
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# February 2023

# Go Global!

Alumni often remember study abroad as one of the most influential and positive aspects of their college education. When students return from their international experience, they have gained confidence, a sense of independence, global awareness, and knowledge of a multicultural world that enhances them personally, academically, and professionally. With over 131 different opportunities to enhance their Georgia Tech degree, the question is when will your student make the most of these opportunities? For more information, visit: [oie.gatech.edu](https://oie.gatech.edu).





## Explore with Tech

Diversity at Georgia Tech abounds through a myriad of programs and our multicultural student body, faculty, and staff. Recognizing the importance of cultural backgrounds, Georgia Tech provides students with many opportunities to learn about those different than themselves. Encourage your student to make the most of their college experience by studying or interning abroad, taking a class, attending a program, performance, lecture, or getting involved in a club or organization.

- » Talk with your student about international opportunities. Whether it is for a week, a semester, or a year, studying abroad allows your student to learn another language, take major and elective coursework, discover new places, and make meaningful connections around the world.
- » Talk with your student about the different backgrounds of people they've met on campus. Explore the relationships they are making and promote an open dialogue with students different from themselves.
- » Encourage your student to attend diversity programs on campus. Offices such as the Women's Resource Center, the LGBTQIA Resource Center, and other resources on campus provide a space for students to drop-in, relax, attend educational programs, and meet new friends.
- » Encourage involvement through service learning. Alternative Service Breaks are meaningful ways for students to learn more about others, provide service to people in need, and explore different parts of the country and world. Students are encouraged to be globally conscious leaders through direct service, education, diversity, reflection, investigation of social justice issues, and reorientation.
- » One small step to CARE, one giant leap for self-care. Encourage your student to visit CARE during walk-in hours for their mental health and self-care referral needs. They can also learn about resources on and off campus.
- » Remind your student to apply for OIE Scholarships to study abroad in academic year 2022, fall 2022, or summer 2023.



February 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Application Deadline for many AY/Spring Japan Exchange Programs	2 Groundhog Day	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 Application Deadline for Georgia Tech - Lorraine Summer and OIE Administered Scholarship	16	17	18
19	20 President's Day  Spring 2023 Progress report deadline for 1000 and 2000 level courses	21 Fat Tuesday	22 Ash Wednesday	23	24	25
26	27	28				



# March 2023



## Lending a Helping Hand

Georgia Tech students collectively log thousands of community service hours each year volunteering locally, domestically and abroad. Many students choose to participate in service trips offered by the Alternative Service Break student organization during major Institute breaks! These immersive trip experiences offer the opportunity to participate in community service, learn about different populations, and explore new geographic regions. ASB works with a diverse set of community partners each year, offering both new and reoccurring service experiences for trip participants.

Pictured (from left to right) Claire, Grace, and Neha stop for a photo during a sunrise hike during their Fall 2021 ASB trip to Cherokee, North Carolina. They volunteered with Trails Forever at Great Smoky Mountains National Park.





## Tips

- » Spring has sprung and, with it, the possibility of severe weather. Make sure your student has signed up for Georgia Tech's Emergency Notification System(GTENS) to receive alerts via cellphone and email.
- » Encourage your student to meet with their academic advisor to discuss early registration for summer and fall classes.
- » If your student needs help with issues such as time management, relationships, or feelings of distress or depression, they can schedule an appointment with the Counseling Center or take advantage of one of its workshops. Also, visiting the Campus Recreation Center for fun and fitness can help relieve stress.
- » Encourage your student to seek out leadership development through a Minor in Leadership Studies or Leading Edge (One-on-One Leadership Coaching), sponsored by Leadership Education and Development. The minor adds breadth to your student's technical proficiency, preparing them to be a global citizen and world-class professional with the communication, ethical and problem-solving tools to help invent the future rather than simply waiting for it to happen. Coaching enables your student to work with a leadership development coach to actively explore and improve their leadership skills through practice and critical reflection, challenge themselves to be a better leader, and develop their leadership vision.
- » If your student has already participated in research they have the opportunity to present their hard work at the Spring Undergraduate Research Symposium. This is the month in which they can apply to participate by visiting the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program website at [undergradresearch.gatech.edu](http://undergradresearch.gatech.edu). The symposium will be held in April.
- » Send care packages complete with snacks, multi-vitamins, and encouraging words before or during mid-terms to give your student a little boost.
- » March is Diversity and Inclusivity Month at Georgia Tech. Encourage your student to attend special programming offered throughout the month of March. Visit [diverstyprograms.gatech.edu](http://diverstyprograms.gatech.edu) to learn more.
- » March is Women's Action Month at Georgia Tech, so encourage your student to get involved with the many activities sponsored by the Women's Resource Center.
- » If your student is considering going on to graduate school, they should start thinking now about applying. A good rule of thumb is to begin the application process at least one full year in advance of anticipated graduate school enrollment.
- » As the weather warms your student will have even more opportunities for outdoor recreation and well-being activities provided by the team at the Campus Recreation Center. Their programs and services go beyond just physical well-being - encourage your student to explore all the ways the CRC can support their overall health and wellness.

March 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Application Deadline for Georgia Tech - Lorraine Fall	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Georgia Tech Faculty Women's Scholarship Club (GTFWC) deadline	11
12 Daylight Savings Time Begins	13	14	15 Inventure Prize	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18
19	20 First Day of Spring and Vernal Equinox	21	22 First Day of Ramadan	23	24	25
	Spring Break					
26	27	28	29	30 Sting Break	31	



**April 2023**

# Rough Road Ahead



The end of the semester (or for some, graduation) is right around the corner. The pressure continues to escalate as the term winds down. Putting the finishing touches on that final assignment, coordinating a group project, tracking down notes from a missed class—students' minds are racing with all the work that still needs to be done. On top of this, many clubs and organizations are also wrapping up for the year. Your student's schedule could quickly become overrun with banquets, picnics, and formals. Other campus wide events, such as the Pi Mile Road Race and Sting Break, are fun experiences your student won't want to miss. Since sleep often suffers in times of stress, make sure your student is practicing healthy habits during the remaining hustle and bustle of the semester.



Understand that your student's passage into an independent and successful adulthood will be gradual and can be best aided by your respectful and simultaneous challenge and support.

## Tips

- » If your student has always enjoyed giving back and helping others, suggest they check into volunteering with the Center for Student Engagement. They can learn about local and global issues firsthand, put solutions into practice, make friends with similar interests, get on-the-job training, and give back to Atlanta and world communities.
- » Intramural sports allow your student and their friends to form teams and play competitive sports on a casual level. Your student can learn more at the Campus Recreation Center with the Georgia Tech Intramurals staff.
- » Encourage your student to use the library as a resource and as a quiet study space. Also, encourage students to talk to their professors about any concerns or questions before it is too late in the semester.
- » Summer is a great opportunity for your student to get ahead or take a class that may be a little more challenging. Encourage them to look in to summer school classes at Georgia Tech, [summer.gatech.edu](http://summer.gatech.edu), or at a college campus near home.
- » Emphasize the wisdom of approaching finals with the attitude of doing the very best they can, and not worrying tediously about what has or has not happened so far in the semester.
- » Intramural sports allow your student and their friends to connect and play team sports of all kinds on a casual level, which promotes their physical, emotional, and social well-being. Your student can learn more about the Campus Recreation Center's support for their active well-being at [crc.gatech.edu](http://crc.gatech.edu)



April 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 April Fool's Day Spring Georgia Tech - Lorraine App. Opens
2 Palm Sunday	3	4	5 First Day of Passover	6	7 Good Friday	8
9 Easter	10	11	12	13 Passover ends	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Last Day of Ramadan Eid al-Fitr	22 Earth Day Eid al-Fitr
23	24 Final Instructional Class Days	25	26 Reading Period All Day	27 Reading Period 8am-2:20pm Final Exams	28	29
30						



May 2023

## Dancing on the Pedals

While finals are wrapping up, students are thinking of packing up their room, returning home, and leaving friends and relationships. Or perhaps your student is planning to stay in Atlanta to work or study abroad and will miss family members. Your student may be concerned that relationships may not survive the summer break. Some students are concerned about not being able to maintain their independence while at home. Encourage your student through finals and the transition to summer.







Summer at home with a returned college student can mean major adjustments for you, your student, and the rest of the family. You may notice changes in your student including appearance and behaviors. Now is a good time to discuss expectations regarding curfew, social activities, responsibilities, family trips, working, etc. Clarity, consistency, and compromise can go a long way in finding common ground. Remember adjustments take time and before you know it your student will be heading back to Georgia Tech for another school year.

May is also a time for celebration and next steps for those that are graduating and headed to that first job, graduate school, or another exciting adventure! CONGRATULATIONS to your graduate and your family!

## Tips

- » Keep the lines of communication open and supportive. One of the best strategies students have against stress and fatigue is talking with someone they trust.
- » Prepare yourself and other family members that the student who returns may not be the student you sent off to college. It may help to renegotiate curfew hours and family responsibilities for the summer. It is an important time of adjustment for everyone as your family grows and changes.
- » Once your student returns home for the summer, review the events of the past year with your student. Identify problem areas and encourage your student to consider possible solutions.
- » Before students head home for the summer remind them to wrap up things on campus before they leave in May. Things to think about: forwarding their mail to their summer address, paying fines for overdue books and parking tickets, and looking into storage possibilities for all of their belongings for the summer if they can't bring everything home.
- » Summer is often a time for student to work and make money to take back to school.

May 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Relaxation Fest & Midnight Breakfast International Plan Summer Application Deadline  Final Exams	2 Reading Period - 8am-2:20pm	3	4 President's Graduation Celebration	5 Spring Commencement (Ph.D's & M.S.'s)  Students not living in residence halls for Summer move out by noon  Cinco de Mayo	6 Spring Commencement (Bachelor's)
7 Graduating students move out by noon	8	9	10	11	12 Transition and move-in day for early and full summer	13
14 Mother's Day	15 First day of Summer class	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day Official Institute Holiday	30	31			



June 2023



Cruisin'



Just because spring semester is over, doesn't mean your student won't be experiencing some major transitions and adventures in the next few months. There are many paths students can take over the summer, and each involves its own challenges. For some students, especially first year students, life back at home after a year away may take some getting used to. Your student knows that, although not a guest at your house, they are no longer a full-time resident either.






Some things around the house may have changed while your student was away, and that independent streak you've been nurturing may make your student seem a little distant; however, as long as you keep the lines of communication open and are clear about your expectations for the summer, your student should slowly begin to readjust to home life.

If your student opts to enroll in summer classes either at Georgia Tech or abroad, they will be thrown back into the grind of coursework and exams. If your student stays at school, there are going to be social activities that could compete with study time. Because the weather's inviting and the campus atmosphere is more laid back, your student may feel like they don't have to try as hard to complete the work. The fact is, though, that summer classes are just as rigorous—if not more so—as fall and spring classes. Summer classes often run at a quicker pace, and students have less time to complete assignments. Make sure you refresh your student's memory about time management so that they can enjoy summer fun but complete assignments on time.

## Tips

- » Help your student feel "at home" again by jointly planning family activities. This will also continue to encourage your student's responsible nature.
- » It may take some time for your student to adjust if they have decided to come home for the summer. Work with your student with regard to setting up a schedule and introducing any potential curfews.
- » Your student's relationship with hometown family and friends may have changed, so work with your student on coming to terms with, or redefining, those personal relationships.
- » Make time to visit your student if they are going to be away for the summer. Your student will appreciate the extra effort you've taken to spend time together.
- » Spend quality time with your student discussing what worked and what didn't last semester, and how to use the experience to make the next semester even better.
- » Remind your student that the Division of Student Engagement & Well-Being and the Dean of Students Office are great resources.
- » Review your student's financial needs for the upcoming year.
- » Talk to your student about the importance of credit and money management. There are several resources of financial assistance available: grants, scholarships, and loans. Encourage your student to apply for as many as possible. Even small scholarships will help.

June 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Pacific Spring Study Abroad App. Opens	2	3
	4	5	6	7	8	9
	10					
	11	12	13	14 Flag Day  OIE Administered Scholarship Deadline	15	16
	17					
18 Father's Day	19 Juneteenth Official Institute Holiday (Observed)	20	21 First Day of Summer	22	23	24
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## Helpful Transition Tips

Familial support contributes significantly to student success at Georgia Tech. Here are some helpful tips on how to assist your student during this exciting transition.

- » Learn about the support services available to you and your student.
- » Help your student understand that because Georgia Tech is located in an urban setting, there are certain safety precautions that they will need to take.
- » Challenge your student to identify, define, and solve problems independently. This will help them succeed now and in the future.
- » Be alert to signs that your student is under significant stress, is taking unhealthy risks, or is ill. Discuss concerns with your student and assist them in developing a plan to address the problem. There are many campus resources available to help your student through these issues.
- » Encourage your student to set and achieve personal goals and make responsible decisions related to academics, career planning, social interactions, and community engagement.
- » Listen to and support your student as they face uncertainty and learn to perform in complex environments and challenging situations.
- » Allow your student to accept consequences of their actions and accept responsibility for personal errors. Urge your student to examine disappointments and unexpected experiences in order to assess what caused them, what can be done about them, and how to avoid them in the future.
- » Understand the limitations regarding access to student records, as delineated by federal requirements outlined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
- » Support and encourage your student as they learn, perform, lead, and serve through campus and community activities.
- » Stay connected by participating in volunteer opportunities. Georgia Tech has many offerings for all members of our community to get involved.



## Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

In order to protect the privacy of students, educational records are considered confidential under a federal law called the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. While FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their student's education records, these rights transfer to the student when they reach the age of 18 or attends a college or university. If you are interested in knowing about your student's grades and academic performance, ask your student to print their unofficial transcript (available at any time) or request that they order an official transcript be sent to you. The student is the only one who can request a transcript. Staff in the Registrar's Office cannot give out information related to grades or the academic record.

## Office of the Registrar

The Office of the Registrar maintains the official academic record for all matriculated students and implements the Institute's academic policies including those affecting registration. The Office of the Registrar website is a great resource for information related to the academic calendar, rules and regulations, forms, the Catalog, the online degree audit system, and a host of other services. Parents are encouraged to visit the website to learn what kinds of information are there to assist students, parents, and the campus community.

For more information, visit [registrar.gatech.edu](http://registrar.gatech.edu) or call 404-894-4150.

## Office of Student Integrity

The Office of Student Integrity (OSI) wants to make sure that parents and families of Georgia Tech students understand that student integrity is everyone's responsibility. Student integrity refers to the actions and behaviors that students engage in that reflect a commitment to ethics and principled decision-making. This includes academic honesty as well as behavior that takes place in out-of-classroom settings. We also encourage students to be mindful about their behavior when they are off-campus and away from Georgia Tech – as Yellow Jackets, their deeds and words reflect back on the Institute. The process of learning is often as important as the product, and there are no shortcuts in education. Furthermore, a safe and civil environment is critical to the learning process.

To that end, the Office of Student Integrity addresses three types of cases:

- \_\_\_ Academic Integrity Violations
- \_\_\_ Code of Conduct Violations
- \_\_\_ Student Organization Violations

We thank you for your assistance as we seek to hold students to the highest of standards – not just for their own personal security and success, but to protect the value and credibility of the Georgia Tech degree. We invite you to learn more about the Office of Student Integrity, educational resources we provide the community, and the policies and procedures Georgia Tech has in place to help ensure academic and non-academic integrity by visiting our website, [osi.gatech.edu](http://osi.gatech.edu) or calling 404-894-2566. Please do not hesitate to contact OSI with any questions or concerns.

## Student Alcohol and Illegal Drugs Policy

The purpose of Georgia Tech's Student Alcohol and Illegal Drugs Policy is to educate students about the lawful and responsible use of alcohol and illegal drugs. In order to maintain an environment that is consistent with Institute's educational focus, Georgia Tech complies with all federal, state, and local laws and policies, including the policies of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, on the abuse of alcohol and other drugs by its students. The legal drinking age in the state of Georgia is twenty-one.

Each member of the Georgia Tech community should be involved in the implementation of and compliance of this policy. Unless otherwise stated by law, individuals retain responsibility for their actions at all times regardless of their mental or physical state, even if altered by alcoholic beverages or other drugs. The full policy is available by visiting the policies tab on the Office of Student Integrity website, [osi.gatech.edu](http://osi.gatech.edu).

## Good Samaritan/Medical Amnesty Provision

The health and safety of members of the Georgia Tech community are the primary concerns of the Institute. We are committed to ensuring that students obtain timely medical assistance for themselves and their peers. To this end, we have instituted this Good Samaritan / Medical Amnesty Provision to ensure that students do no delay seeking medical assistance for fear of disciplinary action by the Institute. The full provision is available by visiting the policies tab on the Office of Student Integrity website, [osi.gatech.edu](http://osi.gatech.edu).

## Parental Notification Policy

Parents of students under the age of twenty-one may be notified when a student is found responsible for violating the Georgia Tech Student Alcohol and Illegal Drugs Policy when any of the following occur:

- \_\_\_ When students endanger themselves or other students while under the influence of alcohol or other substances in instances including DUI, fighting, alcohol poisoning, and hospitalization.
- \_\_\_ When the Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students determines that any future violations of the Institute's policy will most likely result in suspension or expulsion from Georgia Tech.
- \_\_\_ When a student integrity or housing officer determines that any future violations of the Institute's policy will likely result in removal from housing.

It is the responsibility of the entire Georgia Tech community to uphold the integrity of the environment and to maintain the safety and security of the campus community, as a whole. The staff in the Office of Student Integrity are committed to the success of all of our students and serve as a partner in promoting a community of trust where every decision is made with integrity.



## Academics

For specific information on academic advising within each of Georgia Tech's six colleges, visit the college's website.

College of Design  
[design.gatech.edu/academic-advisement](https://design.gatech.edu/academic-advisement)

College of Computing  
[cc.gatech.edu/about/administration/academic](https://cc.gatech.edu/about/administration/academic)

College of Engineering  
[coe.gatech.edu/undergraduate-academics](https://coe.gatech.edu/undergraduate-academics)

Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts  
[iac.gatech.edu/students/undergraduate/academic\\_advising](https://iac.gatech.edu/students/undergraduate/academic_advising)

Scheller College of Business  
[scheller.gatech.edu/programs/under/current/advising\\_registration/index.html](https://scheller.gatech.edu/programs/under/current/advising_registration/index.html)

College of Sciences  
[cos.gatech.edu/undergraduate-degree-programs](https://cos.gatech.edu/undergraduate-degree-programs)

Degree programs and requirements, course descriptions, and other important academic information are online at [catalog.gatech.edu](https://catalog.gatech.edu).

## Academic Engagement and Success

### Building A Support Network: It takes a Village

Just like with most successful people in life, students who surround themselves with caring, knowledgeable people are more likely to succeed.

### Undergraduate Advising & Transition

All entering students are assigned an academic advisor depending on their declared major at Georgia Tech. Advisors are responsible for helping students plan an academic program suited to their interests, abilities, and career goals that will meet the requirements of their major and graduation. Frequent use of student-advisor contact is a proven factor in student success. Undergraduate Advising & Transition Programs includes exploratory advising, academic coaching, academic intervention programs and services for students who are experiencing academic difficulty (such as GT2100), and other student success programs and workshops. It also includes GT's first-year and transfer-year transition courses, GT1000 and GT2000 as well as Project One. For more information, visit [advising.gatech.edu](https://advising.gatech.edu).

## Academic Engagement Programs

Academic Engagement Programs provides programs and services that foster rigorous academic activities, integrate and enhance traditional curricular activities, and create meaningful opportunities for student-faculty engagement. Specifically, we are the home of the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, Student Innovation programs including The InVenture Prize, Learning Communities, and more. For additional information, visit [engagement.oue.gatech.edu](https://engagement.oue.gatech.edu) or call 404-385-8543.

## Center for Serve-Learn-Sustain

Making a difference through innovation and research has become a significant part of the educational experience for our students. Community engagement is also a source of pride at Georgia Tech, with our students contributing through community engagement projects, serving to make communities livable, sustainable, and prosperous. Georgia Tech is committed to making community engagement and sustainability a core element of learning, with a focus on the role that a technological institution can play in creating sustainable communities. One of Serve-Learn-Sustain's (SLS) central tenets is service learning and community engagement – educating students through classroom, co-curricular, and real-world learning, both on campus and off, to contribute to the task of “creating sustainable communities.” Students in any major can now work on community-focused projects incorporated into classroom learning. SLS has facilitated, and will continue to develop, key partnerships with community organizations, non-profits, government organizations, and industry partners that focus on joint learning, research, and action. SLS currently offers three foundation courses within the SLS program: one focusing on the concept of sustainable growth and development, one focusing on technology and sustainable communities, and the third on sustainable communities and systems. In addition, there are over 100 courses representing all Colleges affiliated with SLS. The Serve-Learn-Sustain program also provides access to related co-ops, internships, research opportunities, and study abroad programs. The SLS program is administered by the Center for Serve-Learn-Sustain, which is located in Clough Commons. For more information, visit [serve-learn-sustain.gatech.edu](https://serve-learn-sustain.gatech.edu) or email [serve-learn-sustain@gatech.edu](mailto:serve-learn-sustain@gatech.edu), or call (404) 385-8543.

## GT 1000: First-Year Seminar & GT 2000: Transfer Student Seminar

GT 1000 & GT 2000 are one-credit hour, letter graded seminar courses offered in Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters. These courses are designed to support the successful transition of new students to the Georgia Tech community. Students in GT 1000 and GT 2000 will learn key skills that will help them in their journeys at Georgia Tech and beyond, including leadership development, resume-writing skills, and academic success strategies. For more information, visit [transitionseminars.oue.gatech.edu](https://transitionseminars.oue.gatech.edu).



## Library

Georgia Tech Library redefines the technological research library of the 21st century. Students, faculty, and staff are inspired to create The Next through innovative digital and physical environments, curated scholarly content, outstanding services, and information expertise. The Georgia Tech Library features more than 1.8 million items in its circulating collection, including books, e-books, music and movies. The majority of this physical collection is housed in cold storage at the Library Service Center in partnership with Emory University, meaning students, faculty and staff have access to their multi-million volume collection, as well.

For more information, visit [library.gatech.edu](https://library.gatech.edu) or call 404-894-4500.

## Learning Communities

Each Georgia Tech community is an integrated experience that promotes interactions between faculty and students, fosters collaboration among students, enhances campus and civic engagement, and eases both the academic and social transition to college. 2022-2023 Learning Communities include: Explore, First-Year Fall Abroad, Global Leadership, Grand Challenges, Honors Program, Impact through Science, Technology, and Social Good, International House, and Women, Science, and Technology. Students in all First-year LLCs also participate in Housing's First-Year Experience Program. For more information, visit

[learningcommunities.gatech.edu](https://learningcommunities.gatech.edu).

## Office of Minority Educational Development

The Office of Minority Educational Development (OMED) supports the academic performance, retention, and development of students who are traditionally underrepresented in STEM (African American, Hispanic, and Native American) at Georgia Tech. OMED offers a variety of free academic support services to all Georgia Tech students including study sessions with academic assistance, individual and group study sessions, and periodic review sessions.

For more information visit, [omed.gatech.edu](https://omed.gatech.edu) or call 404-894-3959.

## Pre-Graduate and Pre-Professional Advising

Pre-Graduate and Pre-Professional (PGPP) Advising works with students who choose to attend professional or graduate school or pursue prestigious fellowships. We support students and alumni considering careers in academia, health, law, teaching, and other fields. Our programs and advisors encourage students to reflect on their knowledge, skills, experience, and strengths to determine the best path forward to their immediate and long-term goals. For students interested in professional school, our advisors ensure that students are prepared for the competitive admissions process to medical school and other health-related programs.

For more information, visit [pgpp.oue.gatech.edu](https://pgpp.oue.gatech.edu) or contact Shannon Dobranski at [Shannon.dobranski@gatech.edu](mailto:Shannon.dobranski@gatech.edu)

## Student Innovation

Student Innovation plans, manages, and coordinates invention and entrepreneurship programs and competitions. It focuses on growing the innovation ecosystem at Georgia Tech and connecting it to the wider startup community. Students connecting with this program can receive prototype awards, receive coaching & mentorship, participate in the InVenture Prize for cash awards and other prizes, and engage in other invention and entrepreneurship activities.

For more information, visit [innovation.gatech.edu](https://innovation.gatech.edu).

Twitter: @InnovatorsGT, Instagram: @InnovatorsGT, Facebook: @InnovatorsGT

## Summer and Special Session Initiatives

Students can take a variety of major and minor classes throughout the summer terms. There are four summer terms: Maymester, Early Short Summer, Later Short Summer, and Full Summer. Students will have a wide range of course options to select from that will be offered online and some on-campus. Additionally, students who take advantage of summer courses save money, experience smaller class sizes, more interaction with faculty, and reduce their overall time to graduate. Students may visit [oscar.gatech.edu](https://oscar.gatech.edu) to view a list of classes offered in the summer. Learn more at [Summer.gatech.edu](https://summer.gatech.edu). Contact us at [summer@gatech.edu](mailto:summer@gatech.edu) or follow us on Twitter: @GTSummerSession and Instagram: @GTSummerSession.

## Tutoring & Academic Support

Georgia Tech is challenging—that is one reason you are here: to show yourself and the world that you can meet the demands of a rigorous education. Part of excelling is getting help when you need it! We have the resources and staff to help make your journey to graduation easier and more rewarding. In fact, students taking advantage of TAS services achieve higher grades in their courses. TAS offers appointment-based tutoring, drop-in tutoring, peer-led study sessions, and learning assistance within the classroom.

For more information, visit [tutoring.gatech.edu](https://tutoring.gatech.edu), call (404) 894-1945, or reach out to [tutoring@gatech.edu](mailto:tutoring@gatech.edu).

## Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program

The Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) offers the structure, resources, incentives, and encouragement students need to work with faculty, industry partners, and fellow students on research projects. Programs include the Spring Undergraduate Research Symposium, President's Undergraduate Research Awards (PURA), the Research Option, and the peer-mentorship program, Undergraduate Research Ambassadors (URA)

For more information, visit [urop.gatech.edu](https://urop.gatech.edu) or email [urop@gatech.edu](mailto:urop@gatech.edu). Twitter: @GTUROP, Instagram: @GT\_UROP, Facebook: @GTUROP



## Living on Campus

### Georgia Tech Housing and Residence Life

We are glad to call Georgia Tech home, and we know that your student will be glad to live with us as well. Our residential experiences are an integral part of campus life and our goal is to support and facilitate students' academic endeavors. We are in the heart of it all – campus and Midtown Atlanta.

Georgia Tech on-campus housing communities are conveniently located on the East, West, and North campuses. First-year buildings are on both the East and West sides. Undergraduate and transfer students may select buildings from all three areas, and the North campus apartments offer accommodations for single undergrads, transfers, and graduate students as well as those with a family.

All our residential communities provide residents with a neighborhood designed to help them be successful in their studies; maximum efforts are made to maximize the safety of our residents – although our students also have to play a role in helping to ensure the collective safety of their peers, as well. Community restaurants, work out rooms, and laundry facilities are always close. Buildings include study rooms, meeting spaces, in-house tutoring space, easy access to campus transportation, and sponsored social activities that help friends meet and relax.

### What's In the Room?

Each student in a traditional or suite style room will have a desk, desk chair, wardrobe, dresser, and extra-long twin bed. Unless otherwise specified, apartments contain all these items plus a living room sofa, end tables, coffee table, and dinette set. Apartment kitchens come equipped with a stove, oven, microwave, refrigerator, dishwasher, and most have a garbage disposal. Bedrooms and living areas have either carpet or new wood laminate flooring. Rent includes all utilities and internet access. For more information about room specifications visit this website - [housing.gatech.edu/room-specifications](https://housing.gatech.edu/room-specifications).

### What to Bring

Most students bring too much. For a list of what to bring, visit our website, [housing.gatech.edu](https://housing.gatech.edu), and click on "Move In" and then click on "Items to Bring." Once your student's room assignment is completed, we encourage them to contact their new roommate(s) and discuss what each person will bring.

### Contracts and Billing

The Georgia Tech Housing Contract and other policy information is available on Housing's website. Deposits, rent, and fees will be billed through the student's Bursar account.

### Roommates

Part of living on campus is learning to live with roommates. Georgia Tech Housing has a number of resources to assist all of our residents create a thriving community, whether they have known their roommate all of their lives or have just met. We encourage communication before moving

in and once in a room, provide roommate agreements and conversation starters to aid in creating a positive shared space experience. On the rare occasions that roommate issues occur, our student and professional staff are well trained on how to handle these situations.

### Mail

Students pick up mail and packages sent to them via their student mail address at the Georgia Tech Post Office, which is located on the first floor of Student Center (unless they reside in the Graduate Living Center or Tenth and Home Apartments.) Students can find instructions to look up their student mail address at [postoffice.gatech.edu](https://postoffice.gatech.edu).

### Breaks/Halls Closings

Georgia Tech residential buildings do not close over break periods during the academic year. Some buildings will close for summer semester, but there will be uninterrupted housing options available for students taking classes or participating in Georgia Tech sponsored internships or the co-op program.

### The First-Year Experience Program

The First-Year Experience Program has been on campus since 1992. Through our efforts to create a strong community where new Georgia Tech students feel safe, comfortable, and prepared, we have increased retention rates from the first-year to sophomore year to 97 percent. We do our best to create a fun, respectful, and educational living environment for Georgia Tech's newest students. Read more about the First-Year Experience Program via our website, [housing.gatech.edu/first-year-experience](https://housing.gatech.edu/first-year-experience). For more information and details on move-in, visit [housing.gatech.edu](https://housing.gatech.edu), email [information@housing.gatech.edu](mailto:information@housing.gatech.edu) or call 404-894-2470.

## Dining on Campus

### Tech Dining

Now self-operated, Tech Dining's goal is to provide outstanding value and quality for students. With options that span from Asian-inspired fare to southern cuisine, we are able to serve every guest with a quality dining experience. Tech Dining has a special focus on tailoring the dining program to fit the intellectually dynamic and diverse community at Georgia Tech. Dining on campus isn't one size fits all. The meal plans have been engineered with students in mind. Brittain, North Avenue, and West Village offer all-you-care-to-eat dining with unlimited weekday and weekend meal plans that now come with more Dining Dollars that students can use at retail locations on campus. If you are looking to enjoy a meal with friends or just a snack on the go – there's a plan to fit every appetite.

A major focus on empowering students to make healthy lifestyle choices, which is an essential part of Tech Dining's primary mission. Each diner has unique needs and Tech Dining is here to make sure those needs are met. Each dining hall features options for vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free, and allergen-conscience needs. If students require assistance, our professional culinary staff can help identify delicious choices regardless of dietary restrictions.



In addition to traditional dining halls, Tech Dining operates more than 20 additional retail locations across campus. Students are never far from a hearty meal or a quick bite between classes. Dining hours vary by location; we take special care to offer service that matches the non-typical schedule of college students. Students who are in a rush can use our app for mobile ordering or stop by multiple locations for grab-and-go meals. For more information, visit Georgia Tech Dining Services: [techdining@gatech.edu](mailto:techdining@gatech.edu).

## Services for Health and Wellness

Georgia Tech has identified cultivating well-being as one of its six strategic areas of focus. As such, a number of efforts are in place to help create the conditions that promote well-being for all students, regardless of their background, identity or life experiences. Achieving a state of well-being is a community-wide effort, and also requires that students exert self-agency to foster their own well-being, as well. However, Georgia Tech has also invested in a number of programs and departments whose mission it is to assist and support students in this regard.

### Campus Recreation Center

The Campus Recreation Center (CRC) promotes a life-long wellness lifestyle through inclusive and fun healthy lifestyle activities and programs (Competitive Sports, Fitness, Outdoor Recreation) for Georgia Tech students. The CRC includes a fitness center, basketball/volleyball & racquetball courts, pools, outdoor turf fields, outdoor sand volleyball courts, an indoor climbing wall, and a sports simulator. It also encompasses The Leadership Challenge Complex, a powerful learning platform that takes participants outside of their comfort zones using custom workshop topics. Built on a culture of integrity and excellence, the CRC team is one of campus' largest employer of students.

For those inquiring about wellness, well-being or employment opportunities, visit [crc.gatech.edu](http://crc.gatech.edu) or call 404-385-PLAY(7529).

### Center for Assessment, Referral and Education (CARE)

The Center for Assessment, Referral and Education (CARE) located on the first floor of the Smithgall Student Services (Flag) Building serves as the primary point of access for mental health support and resources on and off-campus. Services are confidential and offered at no additional charge for degree-seeking students. We work closely with departments on campus, including the Georgia Tech Counseling Center, Stamps Psychiatry clinic, the CRC, and Health Initiatives, to serve student's needs. Students seeking assistance in finding resources on and off campus can visit or call CARE Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. EST during our walk-in hours for an assessment and referrals. If you need to see someone at the Counseling Center or at the Stamps Psychiatry clinic then you must go to CARE first to get assessed and be given an appointment. Each student will see a licensed counselor to discuss their concerns and receive a CARE treatment plan which includes referral information, an action plan, and information on the next appointment. CARE plans are customized and tailored to meet your needs. We aim to make it easy to connect each student to the right resources whether their concerns are big or small. Primary resources in our CARE plan include academic

services, clinical services, career services, health and wellbeing enhancement services, CRC Services and student life resources. If you believe you are struggling, or you know someone who is struggling with academic problems (e.g., excessive procrastination, career or course indecision, etc.), with interpersonal problems (e.g., inability to get along with others, social anxiety, etc.), or with behavioral problems (e.g., difficulty concentrating, problems with sleep, irritability, etc.), please visit CARE to point you in the right direction for on and off campus resources. If you have questions about our services, the number to call is 404-894-3498 or visit [care.gatech.edu](http://care.gatech.edu).

### Counseling Center

The Counseling Center serves to enhance the academic and personal experience and success of all students by providing a variety of counseling and psychological services. It accomplishes its mission by offering services that facilitate students' personal development, assist in the alleviation, remediation, and prevention of distress, as well as services that educate students in ways that develop self-awareness, self-reliance, and self-confidence. Licensed psychologists, counselors, doctoral interns, and graduate practicum students staff the Counseling Center. Students seeking mental health services and support at the Counseling Center, need to visit **CARE (Center for Assessment, Referral, and Education)** located on the first floor of Smithgall Student Services (Flag) Building for an initial consultation and referral to on and off campus services.

#### Services provided at the Center include:

- **Individual & Couples Counseling:** The Counseling Center offers individual counseling for students who present with a wide variety of psychological, career, and academic concerns. The Counseling Center uses a short-term, time-limited model of counseling to assist students in addressing their concerns. In addition, the Center provides couples counseling to currently enrolled students and their partners/spouses. To be eligible for couples counseling, one member of the couple must be a currently enrolled student.
- **Group Counseling:** The Counseling Center offers numerous group counseling sessions each semester. These include support groups, therapy groups, and educational groups.
- **Outreach & Consultation:** The Counseling Center offers campus consultation to various campus constituents as well as a number of educational programs and workshops. These workshops are open to all Georgia Tech students, faculty, and staff. Some of the workshops that are offered are on topics such as stress management, managing anxiety, relationships, and study skills.
- **Emergency & Crisis Services:** The Counseling Center provides crisis and emergency services to established clients during regular office hours. Additionally, students are able to access a counselor after-hours and during the weekend by calling our main number and following the prompts. The counseling staff is also available to provide emergency response to campus incidents and events. Non-client students are encouraged to walk-in to CARE for crisis and emergency service needs.
- **Referral Services:** Psychiatric referrals for medication evaluation and treatment are available through a psychiatrist at the Student Health Center. The Counseling Center works closely with Stamps Psychiatry to facilitate referrals for psychiatric evaluations and follow-up as needed. In addition, a comprehensive listing is maintained by the Counseling Center for students who are in need of extended services or whose presenting concerns are beyond the scope of service at the Center.



• **Testing & Assessment:** A variety of psychological and psychoeducational assessments are available from licensed psychologists for current clients. These include screenings for ADHD, personality assessment, and interest inventories.

## Communication and Understanding– The Key to a Healthy and Helping Relationship

College is a time of excitement and the unknown for parents and students. During this time, establishing and maintaining healthy relationships is important to help your student navigate through various challenges and difficulties. Families play an important role in their student's success by encouraging a healthy lifestyle, supporting development of healthy peer and social relationships, and being open to talk about difficult experiences. As a helpful family member, here are some things to consider:

### *What can I do if I am concerned about my student?*

As the parent of a Georgia Tech student you can talk to a counselor at the Counseling Center during office hours, Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Counselors will be able to help you with many questions and concerns you may have about your student's well-being. They can also help you decide if your student needs assistance and where to get help. The number to call is 404-894-2575.

Confidentiality is an essential part of any counseling relationship and is legally protected in Georgia. Consequently, the Counseling Center cannot discuss your student's counseling in any way without written permission from your student, except in rare instances when disclosures are legally required, including but not limited to, situations when child abuse is suspected, when the therapist has reasonable cause to believe that a client presents a danger to themselves or others, or in response to a valid court order.

You should not expect anyone from the Counseling Center to confirm in any way whether your student has been seen at the Counseling Center. However, you should always feel free to contact the Counseling Center if you have any concerns about your student, want the Counseling Center to be aware of something concerning your student, or have questions about how the Counseling Center works.

### *What can I expect from my student?*

Your student will very likely be experiencing a range of emotions as they leave for college. Remember that these emotions, such as joy, anxiety, excitement, and sadness are perfectly normal. During the college years, your student will be continuing a process of independence yet also establishing new and intimate connections with friends, faculty, and other mentors. They will be exposed to many new ideas and may experiment with new ways of being with friends and with you. Remember that many of these changes are a normal part of growing up. Also, remember that every student is different and has their own experiences of adjusting to and dealing with the challenges and rewards of college life.

### *What can I expect as a parent?*

Like your student, you can expect to experience a wide range of emotions when your student leaves for college. You may experience the joy of new freedom as your student leaves home, as well as sadness at their departure. You may experience a great deal of pride and joy about

your student's achievements. You also may worry about whether they will be able to adjust well to a new life, and you may worry about "losing" your student as they experiment with new ideas, behaviors, and relationships. These are normal feelings and ones that are often good to share with other family members and friends.

### *What can I do to help my child with this adjustment?*

- **Listen:** One of the most important roles of a parent is that of listener and supporter. You cannot overestimate how important this role is. Be an active listener. Work hard at understanding what your student tells you about their feelings or experiences. Be sure to listen before making suggestions or giving advice. Listening is always necessary and often sufficient.
- **Support Independence:** Offer suggestions when appropriate but also allow your student to make up their own mind. Resist rescuing your student from a problem but rather let your student know how confident you are in their ability to resolve things independently. Help your student find the appropriate resources on campus. Remember that while it may be difficult for some parents not to talk to their children every day, developing autonomy is an important aspect of emerging into adulthood.
- **Communicate:** Stay in touch with your student. Let them know what is going on at home, when appropriate. Remind your student that they are still part of the family. Seek your student's input on how to use his or her old bedroom!
- **Address Problems Effectively:** If there are problems at home, a divorce or illness, for example, work hard to resolve them effectively. Just as you want to know that your student will be able to take care of themselves, your student needs to know that you can deal with these situations effectively on your own. In the case of a divorce, work especially hard to keep your student out of the marital argument.
- **Know Warning Signs:** College students are not always direct about letting parents know when they are experiencing serious problems. Some warning signs are: a drop in academic performance, an increase in sadness or anxiety, calling home more or less frequently than usual, physical complaints, depression, eating problems, alcohol- or drug-related problems, and a lack of social supports. If you see these signals do not hesitate to ask your student how they are doing, or call the Counseling Center to find out how you might get your student needed help.
- **Identify Resources:** This is particularly important if your student has a previously identified physical or mental health-related condition or requires ongoing treatment or medication. Find out where important resources are for your student. Do not be shy about calling these resources if you or your student need help.

Your role as parents and family members is a key element in enhancing and enriching the experience of your student throughout their years at Georgia Tech.

For more information about the Counseling Center or to consult with one of our staff about how you can develop and maintain your own healthy and helpful relationships with your student, visit [counseling.gatech.edu](https://counseling.gatech.edu) or feel free call 404-894-2575 and consult with our staff. Follow us on Twitter @GTCounseling.



## Health Initiatives

Health Initiatives cultivates a thriving environment that enhances lifelong well-being among students and employees who live, learn, and work in the Georgia Tech community. The department influences and empowers the campus community to practice healthy lifestyle behaviors by providing inclusive and innovative prevention-based programs, individual and group support services, and co-curricular learning experiences through strategic collaboration. Students have access to health education programs, workshops, and events that promote holistic wellness. In addition, nutrition consultations, and programs that follow an Intuitive Eating philosophy and Healthy at Every Size approach. VOICE - sexual violence prevention, and victim-survivor support which includes education and advocates that are confidential and are available to support students 24/7. Georgia Tech has signed on to be a part of the Culture of Respect Collective, which was created by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) to assist institutions in assessing our policies, practices, and procedures related to sexual violence.

Health Initiatives is located on the second floor, Suite 232 in the Stamps Health Services building. Call 404-894-9980 or email [healthy@gatech.edu](mailto:healthy@gatech.edu) with any questions or concerns you might have. Please visit [healthinitiatives.gatech.edu](https://healthinitiatives.gatech.edu) for more information regarding the programs and services outlined above.

## Stamps Health Services

Staying healthy in college can contribute to a student's academic success, level of intellectual engagement, overall well-being, and general satisfaction with the college experience.

Stamps Health Services is a state-of-the-art 40,000 square foot facility located in the Joseph Brown Whitehead Building at 740 Ferst Drive, next to the Campus Recreation Center (CRC). Health Services is a multispecialty outpatient ambulatory care center providing medical care and health education to students and their spouses or domestic partners. You can find Stamps Health Services on the web at [health.gatech.edu](https://health.gatech.edu). Services include Primary Care, Women's Health, Psychiatry, Nursing, Pharmacy, Immunizations, Travel Medicine, Allergy, and Diagnostic Laboratory & Radiology.

## Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP)

The Georgia Institute of Technology offers a Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) for students and their dependent(s) who do not already have insurance. This plan includes comprehensive covered benefits (medical, dental, vision, prescription) and worldwide travel. The plan is administered by United Healthcare Student Resources (UHCSR). The following students are required to have student health insurance that meets the minimum standards set by the University System of Georgia: all graduate students receiving a Full Tuition Waiver as part of their graduate assistantship award, all undergraduate, graduate and ESL international students holding F or J visa, all undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in programs that require proof of health insurance, all graduate students receiving fellowships. For mandatory students, the charge for the SHIP is applied automatically to the student's account along with tuition. Mandatory students who already have health insurance may apply to waive the SHIP coverage. SHIP may also be purchased by students taking four or more credit hours under the voluntary



plan, including Language Institute, J1 scholars and OPT students. There is a 30-day open enrollment period at the start of each semester to enroll for student insurance coverage, under the voluntary plan, or for mandatory students to add spouse/domestic/dependent coverage, visit [health.gatech.edu](https://health.gatech.edu) or [uhcsr.com/gatech](https://uhcsr.com/gatech) for more information.

## Immunization Records

Incoming students must satisfy the immunization requirements and submit their immunization records to Stamps Health Services. It is highly recommended that students complete this before the first day of class. Satisfying this will prevent a registration hold from being placed on a student's account. For more information on health and medical requirements, visit [health.gatech.edu](https://health.gatech.edu).

## Other Insurance

Stamps pharmacy offers a wide range of prescription and over-the-counter medications. The pharmacy accepts most prescription insurance plans, and can fill prescriptions from physicians outside of SHS.

**Stamps Health Services** 404-894-1420 [health.gatech.edu](https://health.gatech.edu)



## Campus Safety and Security

Providing a safe and secure environment is Georgia Tech's top priority. Faculty, staff, and administrators devote significant resources to the provision and maintenance of a safe and secure campus community. As members of the campus community, students also play a role in contributing to the well-being of their peers as well as themselves.

### Police Department

The Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) has more than 90 certified police officers with the vast majority assigned to directly patrol the campus, and is staffed twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. In addition, there are more than 500 emergency phones and more than 2000 security cameras strategically located across campus. GTPD offers a range of free safety classes including crime prevention 101, self-defense, Citizens Police Academy, and Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events. The Georgia Tech Annual Security & Safety Report, at [police.gatech.edu/Georgia-tech-annual-safety-security-reports](https://police.gatech.edu/Georgia-tech-annual-safety-security-reports), includes statistics of crimes and helpful information about the campus. For more information, visit [police.gatech.edu](https://police.gatech.edu).

### LiveSafe

LiveSafe is a free Android/iOS application that turns mobile phones into personal safety devices. This safety app was tested and selected by our students. It offers a number of safety features that will help our students stay safe on campus, such as Go Safe, a family and friend GPS tracker with a built-in panic button that will notify GTPD with the user's phone GPS location. Users can also send anonymous text messages and pictures to GTPD by using the yellow "Send a Tip" option if they do not feel comfortable calling police. The LiveSafe app also features other valuable resources such as the Stinger/Trolley bus tracker, campus maps, and campus phone numbers. The best thing about LiveSafe is the fact that it is FREE and takes less than two minutes to set up. Students are encouraged to download the application on their mobile phone using the Google Play store or the iTunes store.

### Emergency Management

Georgia Tech is committed to providing emergency response plans to ensure the safety of the Georgia Tech community. The Emergency Management & Communication division of the Police Department conducts emergency training for the community; develops and maintains the Emergency Operations Plan; assists with individual facility plans; and plans and conducts realistic exercises to test plans. For more information on Georgia Tech's Emergency Management initiatives, refer to the website at [prepare.gatech.edu](https://prepare.gatech.edu).

### Campus Emergency Notification System

As part of its ongoing effort to safeguard students, faculty, and staff, Tech has implemented an emergency communications system that includes the Georgia Tech Emergency Notification System (GTENS) and the outdoor audio Siren Warning System (SWS). The GTENS system allows students to receive time-sensitive emergency messages in the form of e-mail, voicemail, and text messages. GTENS also connects with the department's social media accounts, campus digital signage and the main Institute website. Note that this system is reserved for only Georgia Tech students, faculty and staff. **Parents are encouraged to find the latest emergency information on the Department's twitter account [twitter.com/gtpdalerts](https://twitter.com/gtpdalerts).**

All students receive alerts by email. In order to receive alerts by text message and voicemail, members of the campus community are asked to provide a cell phone number. While participation in the text and voice messaging notification is optional, enrolling is strongly encouraged. The information that students supply is considered confidential and will not be shared. Students will be contacted through GTENS only in the event of an emergency. Students can find instructions for how to sign up for text and voice mail campus alerts by visiting [prepare.gatech.edu](https://prepare.gatech.edu).

### Emergency with Your Student

During your student's time at Georgia Tech, we may need to contact you regarding an emergency. Our ability to do so depends on the accuracy of the emergency contact information we have in our system. Please urge your student to register your emergency contact information including cell phone number, home phone number(s), personal e-mail addresses, as well as your employer's name and phone number. This information is confidential. It is the student's responsibility to update your contact information by using the BuzzPort student portal, [buzzport.gatech.edu](https://buzzport.gatech.edu).

We also encourage our families to talk to their students and create a plan for how they will communicate with each other in the event of an emergency on campus or natural disaster. Making these plans now and reviewing them from time to time, will be helpful should an emergency ever occur.

**Georgia Tech Police Department** (404) 894-2500 (Dispatch) [police.gatech.edu](https://police.gatech.edu)

Check out: **Facebook/GaTechPD, Twitter/GaTechPD, TikTok: [gatechpd](https://www.tiktok.com/@gatechpd), Instagram: GaTechPD**

## Money Matters

### Planning Ahead

You may access the Georgia Tech Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid, Cost & Return on Investment webpage for up-to-date Georgia Tech cost information at [finaid.gatech.edu/costs/return-on-investment](https://finaid.gatech.edu/costs/return-on-investment). This tool is for planning purposes only and may help determine approximately how much money your student requires to attend Georgia Tech and how much financial aid he or she needs to meet that goal.

### Tuition and Fees

For tuition and fee information, visit the Bursar's Office website [bursar.gatech.edu](https://bursar.gatech.edu).

The site includes the following topics plus many more:

- Final Fee Payment Deadlines
- Understanding Your Student's Account
- Payment Options

### Invoice and Payment Information

The Bursar's Office is responsible for assessing student tuition and fees, collecting payments, and billing. The Bursar's Office does not mail invoices. Students may access their student account by logging into BuzzPort and clicking the **Pay Now** link to the Bill+Payment portal. Secure online payment by electronic check or credit card can be made through the portal and students may



also authorize parents to view their bill and make payment through the portal. Visit [bursar.gatech.edu/content/parent-payment-instructions](https://bursar.gatech.edu/content/parent-payment-instructions) for Parent Payment instructions. Payments made online through the portal are reflected immediately on the student account.

Students and parents may also access the portal directly by using the Student/Parent Pay Now links on the [bursar.gatech.edu](https://bursar.gatech.edu) Home Page.

## Top Things to Know As a New Student Parent/Family Member

- All communications regarding the student account are sent directly to the student's GT email address, not to authorized users.
- It is the student's responsibility to verify that their account is paid in full no later than the Final Payment deadline for the semester.
- Students must grant access for authorized users (parents and others) to view and make payments to their account using the Bill+Payment portal. Authorized users will be sent their own unique login credentials.
- The Bursar's Office does not mail invoices. The student's account activity and invoices may be viewed online through the Bill+Payment portal.
- Final Payment deadlines are posted one year in advance on the Bursar's Office calendar at [bursar.gatech.edu/content/bursar-calendar](https://bursar.gatech.edu/content/bursar-calendar). Familiarize yourself with the Final Payment deadlines for each term your student attends Georgia Tech.
- Class schedules may be cancelled for students failing to pay their account in full by the Final Payment deadline.
- All payments, including payments from 529 Plans, must be timed to arrive prior to the Final Payment deadline.

## Outside Scholarships

If your student is receiving an outside scholarship:

- ensure the donor makes the check payable to **Georgia Institute of Technology**
- include the student's GT ID number and full name on the check

Mail checks to:

Attn: Outside Scholarships, 225 North Avenue, NW; Atlanta, GA 30332-0460

If possible, time scholarship checks to arrive prior to published Final Payment deadlines.

## Refunds

- Refunds and overpayments are electronically disbursed by direct deposit to the student's checking or savings account.
- Failure to provide direct deposit information may result in delays of receiving refunds since a check will be mailed instead. Register for direct deposit by following the instructions here: [bursar.gatech.edu/content/direct-deposit](https://bursar.gatech.edu/content/direct-deposit).

## Georgia Tech Tuition and Fee Payment Plan

- The Georgia Tech Payment Plan allows students to defer a portion of their term charges.
- A \$75 enrollment fee per term is due when signing up for the Payment Plan. In addition, a down payment may be required at enrollment based on current term charges.
- During the enrollment process, students agree to make the scheduled deferred payments via credit card or automatic deduction from a checking or savings account.
- Failure to make the installments as agreed will result in withdrawal from Georgia Tech.
- More information regarding the GT payment plan may be found here: [bursar.gatech.edu/content/georgia-tech-payment-plan](https://bursar.gatech.edu/content/georgia-tech-payment-plan)

For more information regarding billing, your student's account, payment options, etc., please visit [bursar.gatech.edu](https://bursar.gatech.edu) or contact the Bursar's Office by e-mail at [bursar.ask@gatech.edu](mailto:bursar.ask@gatech.edu) or by phone at 404-894-4618 during normal business hours.

## Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid

Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid advisors are available to assist students and parents in identifying and applying for financial assistance when family resources are insufficient to meet educational expenses. Our office offers individual financial aid advising assistance by email, over the phone, or in person. If you have a question about financial aid, including scholarships, grants, loans, and work study (need-based campus employment), or would like help with any part of the financial aid process, please contact us.

## What is Financial Aid?

Financial Aid includes scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study. Financial Aid funds may come from federal, state, institutional, and private sources.

There are two basic types of Financial Aid:

- gift funds—money that does not need to be repaid
- self-help funds—money that is borrowed and must be repaid, or earned through working while enrolled in eligible hours

Co-op, internship, and audit hours are not considered to be eligible for Financial Aid.

Financial Aid advisors are available year-round to answer your questions, inform you about the full range of financial aid resources available to students and parents, as well as help you apply for financial aid. We encourage students and families to visit the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid website for more information at [finaid.gatech.edu](https://finaid.gatech.edu). Students may view the status of Financial Aid requirements through GT Oscar at [oscar.gatech.edu](https://oscar.gatech.edu).

Students and families should be familiar with financial aid deadlines, to view aid deadlines visit [finaid.gatech.edu](https://finaid.gatech.edu). Returning students must also reapply for financial aid each year.



## First Year Summer 2022 Students Financial Aid

If your student will start Georgia Tech in Summer 2022 and wants to be reviewed for Financial Aid, please view our Summer page to ensure they submit the required documents

[finaid.gatech.edu/apply/summer-first-year](https://finaid.gatech.edu/apply/summer-first-year)

Please note, Summer 2022 is in the current 21-22 FAFSA aid year. Fall 2022-Summer 2023 is the 22-23 FAFSA aid year.

## Returning students interested in Summer 2022 Financial Aid

If the student has already started at Georgia Tech and plans to enroll for Summer 2022 and wants to be reviewed for financial aid, please have them review our Summer page at

[finaid.gatech.edu/apply/returning-undergraduate/summer](https://finaid.gatech.edu/apply/returning-undergraduate/summer)

Financial Aid Office: Bill Moore Student Success Center, 3rd floor

Phone: 404-894-4160 Fax: 404-894-7412 [finaid.gatech.edu](https://finaid.gatech.edu)

## BuzzCards

All Georgia Tech students are required to have a BuzzCard for identification. New students will be asked to submit a photo of their choice online to be presented on the BuzzCard. As a part of the online photo submission process, students are required to present state or federal issued identification before they can receive their first BuzzCard. Students may use their BuzzCard to swipe or tap for meals at dining halls as well as for access to athletic events and various campus services and facilities. Funds may be added to the BuzzCard Fund account and the account can be used as a declining balance debit card that is accepted at many campus locations including vending machines, laundry facilities, and stores.

For more information, visit [buzzcard.gatech.edu](https://buzzcard.gatech.edu) or call 404-894-2899.

## Career Development

The Career Center is Georgia Tech's central office for assisting students with all aspects of career planning and job search. Our mission is to provide leading-edge career education so that all Georgia Tech students are positioned to launch, navigate, and sustain satisfying and successful careers that make a meaningful contribution to society. In the Career Center, we define "career" broadly, reflecting the diverse interests and goals of Georgia Tech students. As Georgia Tech's largest resource of professional readiness and career exploration, we strive to unleash potential.

We serve students through advising, counseling, professional skills building, experiential education (co-ops and internships), and full-time employment opportunities. Students utilize the CareerBuzz system through the Center's website to view and apply for internships, co-ops, and full-time positions. The Center's advising and counseling staff also collaborates across campus with faculty, academic advisors, and career advisors in the Institute's six Colleges to ensure that students of all majors and levels have their career development needs met.

The Career Center's employer connection coordinators collaborate across campus as well, ensuring a "one-stop shop" experience for the many employers interested in recruiting Georgia Tech students. The employer relations team maintains connections with more than 1,600

employers worldwide, ranging from small privately-owned enterprises and start-ups to major multinational corporations and governmental agencies.

The Career Center's services include:

- Career counseling for students needing assistance defining a career path or exploring career options related to their major.
- Individual career advising and interactive group workshops for developing job search skills, including resume writing, networking strategies, job search approaches, interviewing techniques, and salary negotiation.
- Co-op and internship programs offering students the opportunity to explore career directions and gain paid work experience related to their fields of study for one or more semesters.
- Career fairs for all majors, attracting hundreds of employers hiring for internships, co-ops, and full-time positions.
- The annual Resume Blitz in which more than 150 corporate recruiters volunteer their time on campus to conduct resume reviews with students.
- The annual Mock Interview event in which recruiters from nearly 100 companies volunteer their time on campus to conduct practice interviews with students and provide on-the-spot feedback.
- Employer information sessions and networking opportunities.
- Advising and programs, including workshops, panels, information sessions, and fairs

It's never too early for your student to participate in the programs of the Career Center. We encourage them to seek the advice of our staff of experienced career counselors, co-op and internship advisors! For more information, visit [career.gatech.edu](https://career.gatech.edu) or call 404-894-2550.

## Global Learning Opportunities

### Office of International Education

The Office of International Education is here to help your student engage with the Georgia Tech global community both in Atlanta and throughout the world. We hope that you will encourage your student to explore the many ways that they can enhance their Georgia Tech experience by joining the International Plan, studying and interning abroad, or getting involved in the many on-campus events, programs or initiatives celebrating the diversity of the GT Community.

### Education Abroad

Georgia Tech's program offerings allow students to choose programs that fit into their curriculum, comfort level, and budget. Programs range from a few weeks to a full year with options for students to study with their professors in an international setting or enroll with one of Tech's 70 partner institutions. Most programs charge the in-state tuition rate. Please note that Georgia Tech – Lorriane is an international campus and has its own tuition structure. Furthermore, most students enrolled in a study abroad program take their regular scholarships, grants and loans with them when they study abroad. Each year OIE awards about \$230,000 for students to study abroad-making study abroad more accessible to students who would not otherwise be able to participate. For more information, visit: [ea.oie.gatech.edu](https://ea.oie.gatech.edu).



## Global Research and Internship Program

The Global Research & Internship Program (GRIP) assists Georgia Tech students in finding and securing global internships and research positions. These global opportunities are related to a student's major and allow them to develop professional skills in a cross-cultural setting. The positions are generally full-time and range from six weeks to a full year. Past students have obtained internships in industry, research, non-profit and start-up companies. GT students have participated in global work opportunities in 68 countries! Participating in a global internship helps to make students competitive in their future education and career pursuits.

For more information, visit: [grip.oie.gatech.edu](https://grip.oie.gatech.edu).

## International Plan

The International Plan (IP) is an academic program designed to help undergraduate students develop global competence as part of their Georgia Tech degree. Program requirements include 26 weeks studying or interning overseas, completion of three globally focused courses, demonstrated foreign language proficiency, and international culminating capstone. It is recommended that students join the IP as incoming first-year students. IP graduates are recognized with a special designation on their Georgia Tech diplomas. For more information, visit [ip.oie.gatech.edu](https://ip.oie.gatech.edu).

## International Students & Scholars

Professionals within International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) provide resources and advocacy for the large and diverse population of international students and scholars at Georgia Tech. ISSS strives to prepare international students to study in the U.S., educate and assist students in maintaining their immigration status, and prepare students for life in the U.S. after Georgia Tech. For more information, visit: [iss.oie.gatech.edu](https://iss.oie.gatech.edu).

## Global Leadership Living Learning Community

OIE's Global Leadership Living Learning Community (GL) is a community for first-year students from all majors. GL students enjoy being around people from different backgrounds and nationalities and typically want to study, work, or research abroad. GL students live and study together, making Global Leadership a great way to build community with faculty, staff, and peers. Students take a required 3-credit course together as a community in the fall semester. This project-based course allows small teams of students to look at the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, determining what leadership looks like related to each goal in a particular regional and cultural context. During the spring semester, students choose between 10-15 Georgia Tech classes with each student selecting one. For more information, visit: [globalleadership.oie.gatech.edu](https://globalleadership.oie.gatech.edu).

- A large percentage of GT undergraduate students (56%) study or intern abroad prior to graduation.
- With 5657 F-1 and J-1 students, GT ranks 30th nationally for hosting international students (among doctorate-granting universities in the US).
- Over the past five years, the 6-year graduation rate for students who studied abroad averaged 98% compared to an 85% graduation rate for students who did not study abroad.
- GT hosted 77 exchange fellows in 2018-19 through programs like Fulbright.

For more information about the Office of International Education, visit [oie.gatech.edu](https://oie.gatech.edu) or call 404-894-7475.

## Office of International Education

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## Student Resources

### Division of Student Engagement & Well-Being

While a dedicated focus on academic pursuits is key, success in college is also determined by a student's level of connection and involvement with the campus community, as well as how much they practice the various dimensions of wellness. The Division of Student Engagement and Well-Being complements the classroom experience and promotes student success at Georgia Tech through a comprehensive portfolio of activities, functions, and programs that: facilitate life transitions, enhance and support learning, cultivate leadership and civic responsibility, and respond to the holistic needs of students from various backgrounds and identities. For more information visit [students.gatech.edu](https://students.gatech.edu).

### Offices of Student Life and Dean of Students

The Offices of Student Life and Dean of Students provides the life-long learning opportunities and services that help students succeed and make the most of their Georgia Tech experience by developing student leadership, cultivating healthy lifestyles, facilitating student transition and support and nurturing cultural awareness and the educational growth of students. The Offices of Student Life and Dean of Students provide advocacy and comprehensive support for students. This office assists students in the resolution of problems, provides information and referrals to campus resources, and promotes initiatives that address students' needs and interests. For more information, visit [studentlife.gatech.edu](https://studentlife.gatech.edu) or call 404-894-6367.

### Office of Disability Services

The Office of Disability Services collaborates with students, faculty, and staff to create a campus environment that is usable, equitable, sustainable and inclusive of all members of the Georgia Tech community. We see disability as an aspect of diversity that is integral to society and the Georgia Tech community. If students encounter academic, physical, technological, or other barriers on campus, Disability Services staff is available to collaboratively find creative solutions and implement reasonable accommodations. For more information, visit [disabilityservices.gatech.edu](https://disabilityservices.gatech.edu) or call 404-894-2563 (Voice) / 404-894-1664 (TDD).

### Office of Information Technology

All incoming students are required to own laptops that can be carried to class. Barnes & Noble @ Georgia Tech provides educational discounts to students purchasing hardware, software, and peripherals as well as trained personnel who can assist with technological needs. ResNet (the Residential Network) provides comprehensive support, including telephone and onsite technical assistance, to residents of the on-campus residence halls. Georgia Tech's Office of Information Technology (OIT) Support Center is available for questions about hardware configurations and can help troubleshoot software applications. For more information, visit [oit.gatech.edu](https://oit.gatech.edu) or call 404-894-7173. Visit [sco.gatech.edu](https://sco.gatech.edu) to learn more about Student Computer Ownership.

### Parking and Transportation Services

All students are eligible to register for a parking permit. Parking permit assignments are made on a space-available basis according to priorities established by the Institute. Georgia Tech offers extensive on-campus transit services to accommodate student needs twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. For more information, visit [pts.gatech.edu](https://pts.gatech.edu) or call 404-385-7275.

### Student and Campus Event Centers

The Mission of the Student and Campus Event Centers is to build a strong sense of campus community by offering a wide variety of high-quality services, well-managed facilities, educationally relevant programs, and leisure-time activities that are the best in the nation. The newly renovated Student Center opens in Fall 2022 to add more space for events on campus along with the Exhibition Hall, Pavilion, West Village, Historic Academy of Medicine, and Outdoor Spaces. For more information on facilities available and campus programs planned by Student & Campus Event Centers and Student Center Programs Council, visit [studentcenter.gatech.edu](https://studentcenter.gatech.edu).

## Life Outside the Classroom

It is important that your student invest time and energy inside the classroom to be successful. Involvement in out-of-class activities are also important and, as studies show, increase student satisfaction with the overall college experience. Students who get involved in campus activities are also more likely to graduate. At Georgia Tech, there are many ways for your student to be involved and get connected to Georgia Tech.

### Alumni Association

[gtalumni.org](https://gtalumni.org) 404-894-2391

The Alumni Association offers current Georgia Tech students several opportunities outside the classroom to become leaders, contribute philanthropically, and build personal connections with Tech alumni while in college through organizations such as Student Ambassadors, Student Foundation and the Student Alumni Association.

### Georgia Tech Arts

[arts.gatech.edu](https://arts.gatech.edu) 404-894-2787

Georgia Tech Arts serves the campus community by facilitating connections with exceptional artists from around the world, and by supporting students in the development of their own creative practices. We envision an arts-infused campus that supports the active collaboration of art, science, and technology while providing students the creative tools, experiences, and inspiration to improve the human condition. Through a blend of performances, exhibitions, installations, residencies, and support for student and faculty creative development, Georgia Tech Art places art at the epicenter of supporting the Strategic Objectives of the entire Institute. Visit us at [arts.gatech.edu](https://arts.gatech.edu) and follow us @gatecharts.



## Athletic Association

**ramblinwreck.com** 404-894-5400

The Georgia Tech Athletic Association is a nonprofit organization responsible for maintaining the intercollegiate athletic programs and events at Tech.

## Office of Leadership Education and Development

**leadership.gatech.edu** 404-385-2291

Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) provides leadership education to students in the kinds of knowledge and skills essential to becoming visionary and skilled leaders in the twenty-first century.

## New Student & Transition Programs

**transitionprograms.gatech.edu** 404-894-6897

New Student & Transition Programs offers a variety of programs and services to support undergraduate orientation, transition, and overall student success. Programs include FASET Orientation, Connect First-Year Leadership Organization and Wreck Camp.

## Student Alumni Association

**gtsaa.com** 404-385-1095

Sponsored by the Alumni Association, the Student Alumni Association provides students a balance of college life and real-world preparation by offering personal connections with Georgia Tech alumni outside the traditional classroom including mentoring, seminars, networking events and more.

## Students' Temporary Assistance and Resources (STAR)

Students' Temporary Assistance and Resources (STAR) is a network of campus services and organizations dedicated to providing under-resourced students the help they need to pursue a fulfilling college experience. The five points of the star are food, finances, clothing, housing, and campus connections. For more information, please visit **star.studentlife.gatech.edu**, call 404-894-STAR (7827), or email Steve Fazenbaker (director of STAR) at [steve.fazenbaker@gatech.edu](mailto:steve.fazenbaker@gatech.edu).

## Center for Student Engagement

**studentengagement.gatech.edu** 404-894-3458

With a holistic view of student development, the Center for Student Engagement invests in the empowerment and support of registered student organizations which catalyze belonging and an engaged campus community. We are guided by the values of Active Citizenship, Collaboration, Inclusion, and Organizational Advancement. The Center for Student Engagement aims to support a campus community that provides all Georgia Tech students safe and meaningful engagement opportunities.

## Civic Engagement

Through programs such as Alternative Service Breaks, Jumpstart, and the MLK Day of Service, as well as over 70 service-based student organizations, students are able to meaningfully engage in reciprocal relationships with community partners to promote positive social change at the local, national, and international level. **civic-engagement.gatech.edu**

## Student Media

Since 1911, the Institute has been covered with student news by the Technique newspaper, a publication that depicts news and events of the day from a student perspective. It is through our 8 publications (student newspaper, yearbook, literary magazine, undergraduate research journal, free speech publication, online media, and non-commercial FM radio station) that Tech celebrates the creativity and student perspective of the written and spoken word, visual interpretation and freedom of expression of our students. **studentmedia.gatech.edu**

## Fraternity & Sorority Life

The Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life advocates for and facilitates the education and development of our community necessary to achieve a safe, innovative and positive fraternal experience. The Institute has a strong 133-year history of Fraternity and Sorority Life currently represented by 4 councils and 50+ total chapters. Georgia Tech understands the positive influence of "being Greek" and how it impacts student success. Greek organizations at Georgia Tech strive to provide personalized and lasting relationships among their members through leadership, service, and social activities. **greek.gatech.edu**

## Student Organizations

Student organizations promote and strengthen student belonging and engagement at Georgia Tech through leadership development and community building for student organization members and leaders. Georgia Tech has nearly 550 active registered student organizations.

**student-organizations.gatech.edu**

## Student Government Association

**sga.gatech.edu** 404-894-2814

The purpose of the Student Government Association is to enhance the quality of student life at Georgia Tech by providing student participation in the governance of the Institute.

## Student Diversity and Inclusion

### LGBTQIA Resource Center

**lgbtqia.gatech.edu** 404-385-4780

The LGBTQIA Resource Center provides programs, events, advising, workshops, and resources for students, faculty, and staff who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, and asexual, as well as those who are allies.

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## Student Diversity Programs

**diversityprograms.gatech.edu** 404-894-2561

Student Diversity Programs provide an intentional approach for meeting the needs of underrepresented and underserved populations by coordinating and planning educational experiences that foster interaction and learning across groups. Through its programs and services, the Office assists the entire campus community in appreciating and embracing the rich cultural diversity that exists within the Institute.

## Veterans Resources Center

**veterans.gatech.edu** 404-385-2064

The Veterans Resource Center promotes student learning and development, and supports degree completion for students who are veterans, military, reservist, guard members, and dependents by providing comprehensive support services that enhance and complement the academic experience.

## Women's Resource Center

**womenscenter.gatech.edu** 404-385-0230

The Women's Resource Center works to provide a supportive and welcoming campus environment and provides programs, resources, and referrals on issues specific to women students at Georgia Tech.

## Mail Call

We encourage parents to stay in regular contact with their students while they are attending college at Georgia Tech. Sending a card, letter, or care package is a great way to keep in touch with your student and brighten their day! To make sure any mail you send is received, please follow these labeling instructions. All mail can be picked up at the customer service desk at the Post Office, which is located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Student Center. Students can find their mail information on **BuzzPort**.

### Addressing Mail and Packages

The correct address format for mail and packages addressed to a student is:

Student's Legal Name  
351 Ferst Drive  
3##### (Box Number) Georgia Tech Station  
Atlanta, GA 30332-0450

*Note: On-campus residence halls cannot accept deliveries.*

For more information about mailing a letter or package to your student visit, [studentcenter.gatech.edu/georgia-tech-post-office](http://studentcenter.gatech.edu/georgia-tech-post-office)

# Important Dates 2022-2023

## Fall Semester 2022

Friday-Saturday, August 12-13 ..... New Students Move-In, **Official Housing Move-In**  
Monday-Saturday, August 15-20 ..... Returning Students Move-In  
Monday, August 22 ..... **First Day of Class**  
Monday, August 29 ..... **All Fees Due by 4 p.m. EST**  
Monday, September 5 ..... **Official School Holiday-Labor Day**  
Friday-Sunday, September 16-18 ..... **Family Weekend 2022**  
Monday-Tuesday, October 17-18 ..... **Fall Break**  
Thursday-Friday, November 25-26 ..... **Thanksgiving Holiday**  
Monday-Tuesday, December 5-6 ..... **Last Day of Class**  
Thursday-Thursday, December 8-15 ..... **Finals Week**  
Friday, December 16 ..... **Fall Commencement**  
Friday, December 16 ..... **Students not returning for Spring 2023 move out by noon**  
Saturday-Wednesday, December 24-28 ..... **Winter Break/Campus Closed**

## Spring Semester 2023

Monday, January 2 ..... **New Year's Day-Campus Closed**  
Wednesday, January 4 ..... **New Students Spring Housing Move-In**  
Friday, January 6 ..... **Returning Students Spring Housing Move-In**  
Monday, January 9 ..... **First Day of Class**  
Monday, January 16 ..... **Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday-Campus Closed**  
Tuesday, January 17 ..... **All Fees Due by 4 p.m. EST**  
Monday-Friday, March 20-24 ..... **Spring Break**  
Monday-Tuesday, April 24-25 ..... **Last Day of Class**  
Thursday-Thursday, April 27-May 4 ..... **Finals Week**  
Friday, May 5 ..... **Spring Commencement**  
Friday, May 5 ..... **Graduate Students not returning for summer 2023 move out by Noon**  
Saturday, May 6 ..... **Undergraduate Spring Commencement**  
Sunday, May 7 ..... **Graduating students move move out by Noon**

*\* All dates, events and deadlines are subject to review and revision.*

**Please check the following websites for more dates and information.**

**Georgia Tech Main Calendar** ..... [gatech.edu/calendar](http://gatech.edu/calendar)  
**Alumni Association Calendar** ..... [gtalumni.org/calendar](http://gtalumni.org/calendar)  
**Athletic Association Calendar** ..... [ramblinwreck.com/all-sports-schedule](http://ramblinwreck.com/all-sports-schedule)  
**Office of the Bursar Calendar** ..... [bursar.gatech.edu/calendar](http://bursar.gatech.edu/calendar)  
**Office of the Registrar Calendar** ..... [registrar.gatech.edu/home/calendar](http://registrar.gatech.edu/home/calendar)





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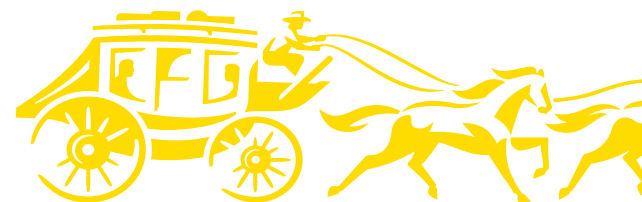
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