



# 2023-2024 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, OCTOBER 20-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023**

Parent and Family Programs collaborates with numerous campus partners every fall to welcome our families for a special weekend. Year after year, we look forward to coming together with more than 3,500 participants to celebrate what makes Georgia Tech a great place to be.

Join us this year for Georgia Tech's 35th Family Weekend! Activities include: presentations by faculty and staff, College and School receptions, Family Fun Night, Family Tailgate, GT vs. Boston College 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](https://parents.gatech.edu/family-weekend) to learn more about discounted hotel rooms, football tickets, and other helpful information.



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

Register online beginning Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at [parents.gatech.edu/familyweekend](https://parents.gatech.edu/familyweekend)

Registration closes Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. or when capacity is reached for events.





Fraternity and  
Sorority Life

**24%**  
of undergraduates  
are affiliated

**52**  
chapters

**4**  
councils

**39**  
houses

**3.6**  
all Greek GPA

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& the joining process at

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



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@gt.mpc, @gt\_nphc

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.

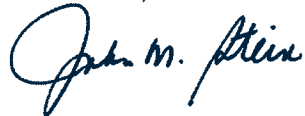


Georgia Tech places the highest value on each student's academic, social, and professional development. We have a proud history of fostering the personal and professional achievement that transforms today's outstanding students into tomorrow's extraordinary leaders.

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 use 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,

**Ashley Arnold, M.Ed.**

Assistant Director, Parent and Family Programs





Community Service | Leadership Development | Building Diversity

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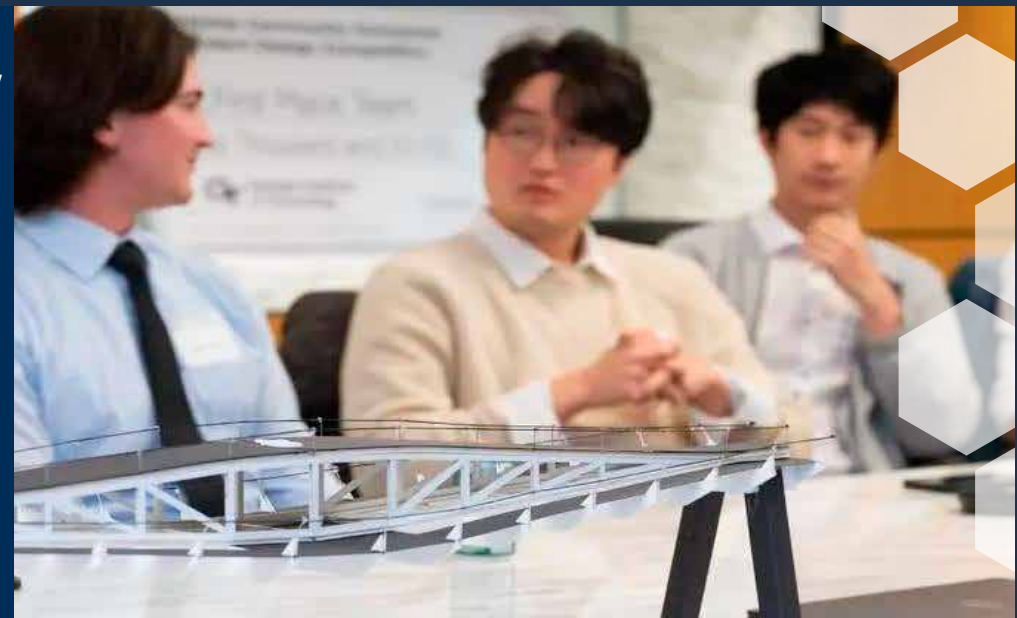
## FOR STUDENT LIFE & LEADERSHIP

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/parentfund](https://parents.gatech.edu/parentfund)



Supporting Traditions | Health & Well-Being  
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# Contacts



## Emergency Contacts

Center for Mental Health Care  
& Resources . . . . . 404.894.2575 . . . mentalhealth.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



- 404.385.1396
- parents@gatech.edu
- GeorgiaTech.ParentsProgram
- gtfamilies
- parents.gatech.edu



## 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, parents.gatech.edu, and select the “Stay Connected” link.

## Parent Volunteering

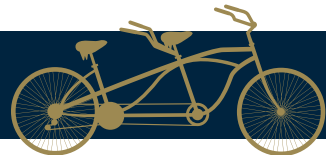
Georgia Tech offers many opportunities for parents and families of Georgia Tech students to be actively involved on and off campus through volunteering. Parent volunteers are valuable in interacting with parents of prospective students by offering advice and support. Volunteer opportunities are announced 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 (GTPD) 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 connects your student to activities, events, student organizations, and engagement opportunities throughout the year! Students can also access this digital resource at [engage.gatech.edu](http://engage.gatech.edu).

## 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: [policylibrary.gatech.edu](http://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, it 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 the 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 take 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 make 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 have a completely different meaning for students.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Grade Substitution Deadline for all Summer Sessions and Deadline to Request Leave of Absence for Fall 2023
2	3 School Recess Guru Purnima	4 Independence Day School Recess	5	6	7	8
9	10 FASET #3 (Virtual) Computing, Design, Engineering. Ivan Allen	11 First Year Semester Abroad FASET (in person) all major	12	13 Global at Home (FYSA): Classes start FASET #4 (in person) Computing, Engineering, Sciences	14 FASET #5 (in person) Business, Computing, Design, Ivan Allen, Sciences	15 Cross Registration Application Deadline
16 Grade Mode Deadline  Late Short Summer Session: Last day to withdraw with a 'W'	17 FASET #6 (In person) Business, Computing, Design, Engineering, Ivan Allen	18 FASET #7 (Virtual)- International Session for Business, Computing, Engineering, Sciences	19 Muharram	20 FASET #8 (In Person)- Business, Computing, Engineering, Sciences	21 FASET #9 (Virtual)- Business, Computing, Engineering, Sciences	22
23 Parent's Day	24 Final Instructional Classes for Full Summer	25 Last Day of Classes for Late Short Summer sessions	26 Reading Period - All Day (Full and Late Short Summer Transfer FASET#1 (in person)- Engineering, Computing  Tisha B'Av and Eid al-Adha	27 Final Exams: Full and Late Short Summer Reading Period - 8am-2:40pm (Full and Late Short Summer) Transfer FASET #2 (in person) - Business, Design, Ivan Allen, Sciences	28 Summer Exams Begin	29 Final Exams: Late Short Summer, Full Summer Thesis Deadline for Ph.D. and M.S. Degree Students Summer 2023
30	31	 <b>DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR FAMILY WEEKEND!</b> Registration opens on August 1, and closes on September 26 Family Weekend Registration has SOLD OUT in past years due to limited capacity, so you are encouraged to register early. <a href="https://parents.gatech.edu/familyweekend" style="color: white;">parents.gatech.edu/familyweekend</a>				
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.





# August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		<b>Family Weekend Registration opens</b> International Plan App. Fall Priority Deadline Reading Period 8 a.m.-2:40 p.m. Deadline for Out-of-State Tuition Waivers	Reading Period - 8 a.m.-2:40 p.m. (Full and Late Short Summer) Global at Home (FYSA): Classes end	End of Summer Term Global at Home (FYSA): Mini-Conversations		
Final Exams: Late Short Summer, Full Summer						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Grade Submission Deadline	Grades available for all Summer sessions at 6 p.m.		Degree Confirmation Date for Summer Candidates	Phase II Time Tickets (6 p.m. Est)	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Phase II Registration (Through 8/25)	First Year/ Transfer Overflow (Virtual) - All majors Rock, Ramble and Roll Yellow Jacket MegaMixer	CRC RecFest Taste of Tech Square	Grad Expo RATS Night at the Library Fall Exchange (in person) - All major	House Party at Bobby Dodd	SCPC's Welcome Party National Aviation Day
First-Year Students Move In		Week of Welcome — <a href="http://welcomehome.gatech.edu">welcomehome.gatech.edu</a>				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
New Student Convocation	First Day of Classes First Day of Classes Pictures	International Opportunities Open House			Registration Schedule Change Deadline	Women's Equality Day
Week of Welcome						
27	28	29	30	31		
	Fall Fee Payment Deadline (4 p.m.)		Raksha Bandhan			

## 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 the Center for Mental Health Care & Resources during walk-in hours or online at [mentalhealth.gatech.edu](http://mentalhealth.gatech.edu) for help finding connections on-campus and feel more in tune with Georgia Tech.
- » Encourage your student to schedule free tutoring to help them achieve their academic goals.



September 2023






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 the Center for Mental Health Care & Resources. [mentalhealth.gatech.edu/](http://mentalhealth.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 3 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- » 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 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Georgia Tech vs Louisville @Mercedes-Benz Stadium International Plan App. Final Deadline, App Deadline for Georgia Tech Spring Exchange Programs, Photo contest deadline	2
3	4 Labor Day Official Institute Holiday	5	6 Janmashtami	7	8	9 Georgia Tech vs SC State @Bobby Dodd Stadium
10 Grandparents Day	11 Patriot Day	12	13	14	15 GT Night @ Six Flags Rosh Hashanah	16 Georgia Tech vs Ole Miss @Oxford, Miss
17 Rosh Hashanah	18	19 Ganesh Chaturthi	20 Inductional Plan Induction Ceremony	21	22	23 Georgia Tech vs Wake Forest @Winston- Salem, NC Autumnal Equinox Fall Begins
24 Yom Kippur	25	26 Registration for Family Weekend closes	27	28	29 Sukkot begins	30 Georgia Tech vs Bowling Green @ Bobby Dodd Stadium



October 2023



# Family Weekend

*A Tech Family Tradition Since 1989*





# 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 [ramblinwreck.com](http://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 Center for Mental Health Care & Resources 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 2024.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

# October 2023

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 App. Deadline for Georgia Tech - Europe Spring	2 Progress Report Deadline Fall 2023	3 Education Abroad Fair	4	5	6 Sukkot ends	7 Georgia Tech vs University of Miami @Miami Gardens, FL
8	9-10 Fall Break- No Classes Columbus Day		11	12	13	14
15 OIE Administered Scholarship Deadline Navaratri begins	16-18 GRIP EXPO			19	20  Georgia Tech Family Weekend	21 Georgia Tech vs Boston College @Bobby Dodd Stadium
22 Family Weekend	23	24 Navaratri ends	25	26-28 Homecoming		28 Georgia Tech vs UNC Chapel Hill @Bobby Dodd Stadium
29 Withdrawal Deadline to withdraw with a "W"	30	31 Halloween 				



November 2023

## 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.







# November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 All Saints' Day	2 All Souls' Day	3	4 Georgia Tech vs University of Virginia @ Charlottesville, VA
5 Daylight Savings Time Ends	6	7 Election Day	8	9	10	11 Georgia Tech vs Clemson @ Clemson, SC  Veteran's Day
12 Graduate Thesis Deadline  Diwali	13	14	15	16	17	18 Georgia Tech vs Syracuse @Bobby Dodd Stadium
	International Education Week					
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving	24	25 Georgia Tech vs UGA @ Bobby Dodd Stadium
			No Classes - Student Recess		Official Institute Holiday-Community Restaurants Closed	
26	27	28	29	30		

## Tips

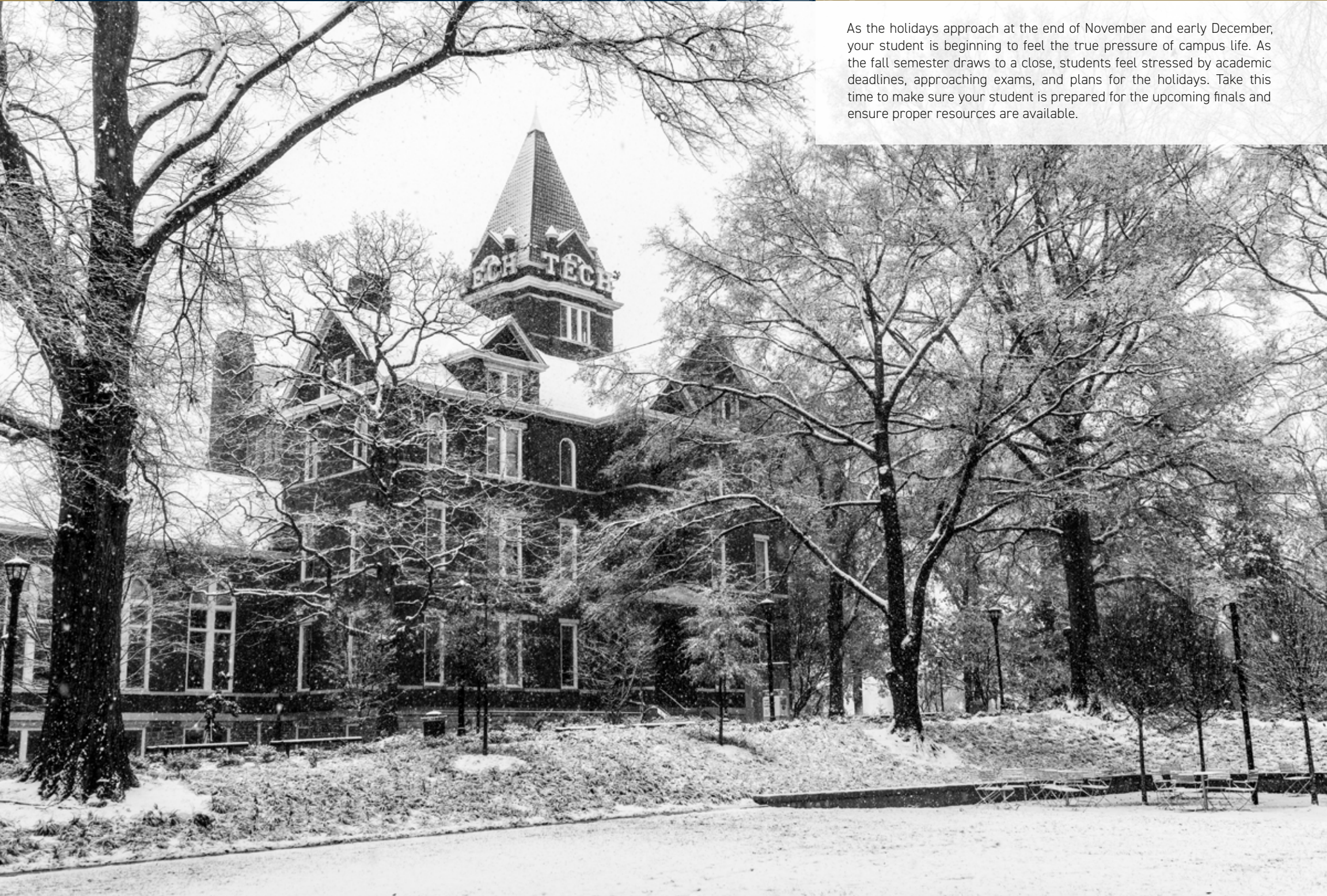
- » November is host to International Education Week ([iew.gatech.edu](http://iew.gatech.edu)) and is a great time for your student to learn about the numerous international initiatives on and off-campus.
- » The Thanksgiving holiday provides a nice break to help your student refocus their energies for 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.



December 2023

## Closing the Gap

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.





# December 2023

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 in time they will adjust. 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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 International Plan Spring Application Deadline  RWTH Aachen Summer Research Exchange Deadline	2
3	4 Final Instructional Class Days	5	6 Reading Period- All Day	7 Reading Period 8 a.m.-2:40 p.m.  Hanukkah begins  Final Exams	8	9
10	11 Graduate Thesis Deadline  Relaxation Fest & Midnight Breakfast  Final Exams	12 Reading Period- 8 a.m.-2:40 p.m.	13 Final Exams- Graduate Thesis Deadline for Ph.D. and M.S. Candidates Fall 2023	14 End of Term	15 Fall Commencement (Master's/Ph.D)  Hanukkah ends	16 Fall Commencement (Bachelor's)
17	18 Grade Submission Deadline	19 Grades Available online after 6 p.m.	20	21 Degree Confirmation Date for Fall 2023 Candidates  Winter Begins	22	23
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa begins	27	28	29	30
	Winter Break - Campus Closed					
31 New Year's Eve						



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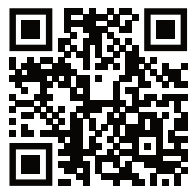
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# January 2024

## Keeping Up the Tempo



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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.



# January 2024

## 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. Students interested in exploring options for majors, minors, or certificates can work with an Exploratory Advisor by making an appointment in Advisor Link or stopping by Undergraduate Advising & Transition.
- » 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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day Kwanzaa ends Official Institute Holiday - Campus Closed	2	3	4 New Students Move-In	5 Spring 2024 Phase II Registration Begins	6 Returning Students Move-In
7	8 First Day of Spring Classes GRIP Spring 2024 Registration Deadline	9	10	11	12	13 Last day to drop without a 'W' Spring 2024
14	15 Official Institute Holiday Martin Luther King Jr. National Holiday	16	17 Spring Fee Payment Deadline 4 p.m.	18	19	20
21	22 Lunar New Year	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



February 2024

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.
- » Encourage your student to visit the Center for Mental Health Care & Resources 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 2024, fall 2024, or summer 2025.

# February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Application Deadline for many AY/Fall Exchange Programs	2 Groundhog Day	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Chinese New Year
11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13 Fat Tuesday	14 Valentine's Day Ash Wednesday	15 OIE Administered Scholarship Deadline	16 Application Deadline for GeorgiaTech - Europe Summer	17
18	19 President's Day	20 Spring 2024 Progress report deadline for 1000 and 2000 level courses	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		





March 2024





# 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 Center for Mental Health Care & Resources 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 [diversityprograms.gatech.edu](http://diversityprograms.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 about applying now. 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.

Women's Action Month

# March 2024

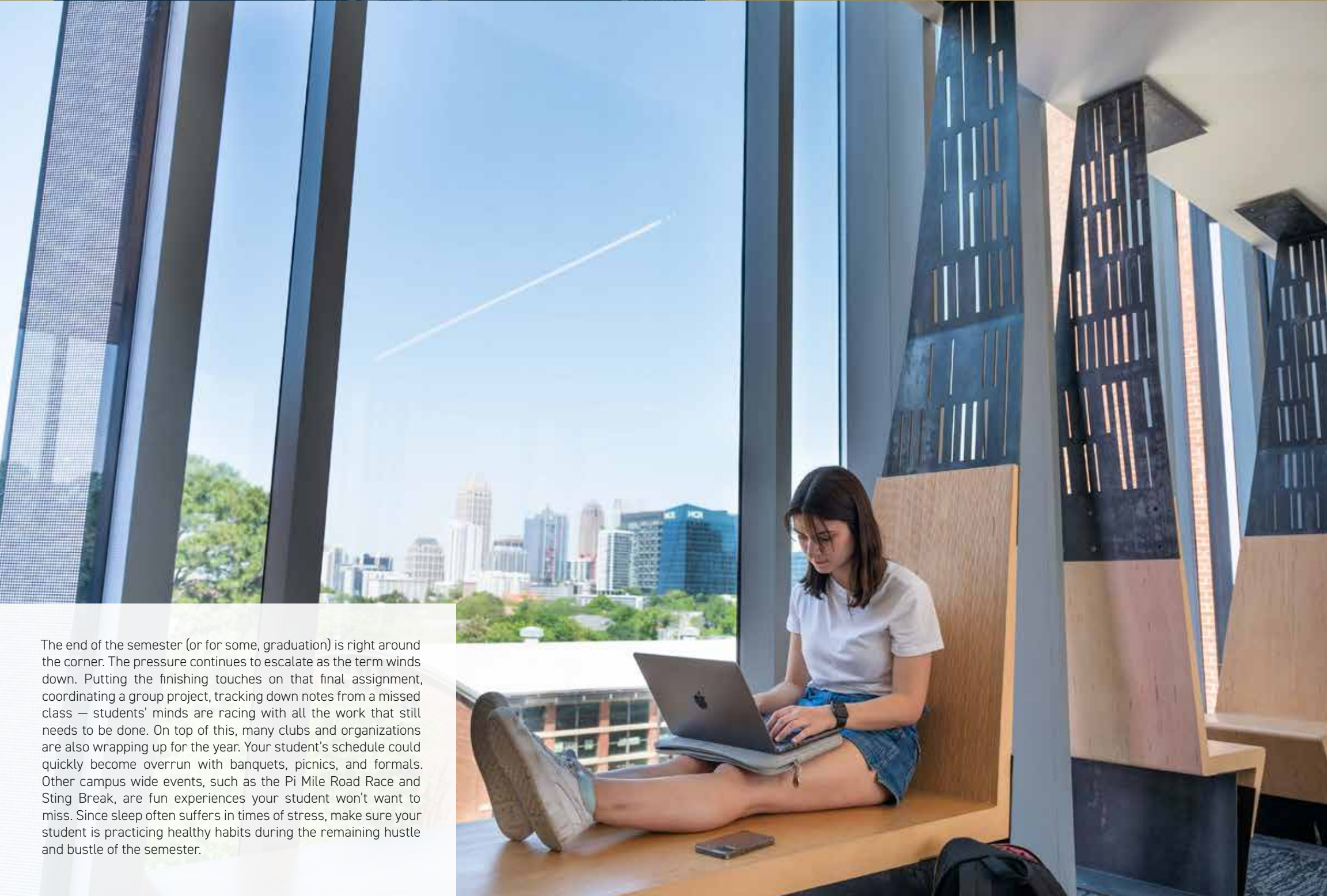
Diversity and Inclusivity Month

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



April 2024

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.



# April 2024

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.
- » 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 into 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).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Georgia Tech - Europe Spring Application Opens  April Fool's Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Last Day of Ramadan  Eid al-Fitr	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Earth Day  First Day of Passover  Final Instructional Class Days	23 Final Instructional Class Days	24 Reading Period All Day	25 Reading Period 8 a.m.-2:40 p.m.  Final Exams	26	27
28	29 Midnight Breakfast + Relaxation Fest  Final Exams	30 Reading Period 8 a.m.-2:40 p.m.  Last Day of Passover				





May 2024

## 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.







# May 2024

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 students to work and make money to take back to school.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 International Plan Summer Application Deadline	2	3 Spring Commencement (Ph.D's & Master's)	4 Spring Commencement (Bachelor's)
			Final Exams			
5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13 GRIP Summer Registration Deadline	14	15 First day of Summer class	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day Official Institute Holiday	28	29	30	31	



**June 2024**



**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.






# June 2024

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 Life/VP and 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.

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	15 OIE Administered Scholarship Deadline
16 Father's Day	17	18	19 Juneteenth Official Institute Holiday (Observed)	20 First Day of Summer	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						