



**PARENTS FUND
ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19**



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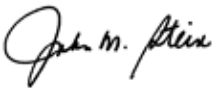
It's hard to believe that another school year has almost ended. It seems like yesterday that the freshness and energy of a new school year was upon us with the promise and excitement that the beginning of an academic year always brings. Commencement is right around the corner, and it has been an exciting year full of innovative student programming that was a result of your generous support of the Parents Fund.

The Parents Fund for Student Life and Leadership provides the Institute with valuable resources needed to promote student health and well-being, community engagement, and campus connectivity. I have the pleasure of seeing your generosity at work, affecting both individuals and the community as a whole. You have played an important role in shaping student development beyond the classroom, and that impact is felt across campus and beyond.

I want to thank you for your gift to the Parents Fund and to thank the members of the Parents Board for their counsel in distributing those resources to our deserving student programs. With your continued support I know the future will remain bright and that together we will accomplish great things for our students!

In closing, I would like to thank Dan and Mary Schafer for their efforts and dedication in their role as co-chairs of the Parents Board!

Sincerely,



John M. Stein,
Vice President for
Student Life and the
Brandt-Fritz Dean
of Students Chair



Dear Parents,

During the past four years as our daughter has attended Georgia Tech, we have had the privilege to serve on the Georgia Tech Parents Board. Most recently, we have enjoyed our work as co-chairs of the Board and would like to share with you what that time meant to us as a family.

Our service allowed us to experience firsthand the impact of the Parents Fund on campus. We have heard from student leaders and representatives from student organizations who showed us how Georgia Tech is changing their lives. We met with students who traded a spring beach vacation for participating in an Alternative Service Break to help people rebuild after natural disasters. We heard from students who help plan campus events that host thousands of students and work to build an inclusive campus culture.

These stories motivated us to support the Institute through the Parents Fund, but it was our daughter, Amanda, who inspired us to do even more. As we watched her grow and flourish at Georgia Tech, we decided to create a Family Legacy Endowment in her honor. This will allow her to continue to make a difference on campus long after her graduation in May. You can learn more about this incredible program on page 9 of this report.

In a very short time, we will become parents of a Georgia Tech graduate. We will be forever grateful for the excellent education our daughter received. We have been fortunate to see her strive for --and reach-- her highest aspirations, and we are thankful that we could support her, along with so many deserving students, through the Georgia Tech Parents Fund. As we look to the future, we are excited for all of the great things still to come for Amanda, for your students, and for the Institute.

We hope that you will continue to support the Parents Fund as we welcome Anne Chow and Bob Moore, who will take on the role as the next co-chairs of the Georgia Tech Parents Board for the 2019-20 academic year. We would also like to thank you and your students for helping us and our daughter create wonderful memories and an enduring place in our hearts for Georgia Tech.

Sincerely,



Dan and Mary Schaefer
Parents Board Co-Chairs 2017-19



Mary and Dan Schaefer
2017-19 Board Chairs



Anne Chow and Bob Moore
2019-20 Board Co-Chairs

Highlights from an amazing year!



Because of the support of so many engaged Tech parents, this year we were able to award \$170,000 in grants to student organizations through the Georgia Tech Parents Fund Grant Program. These grants support a wide variety of campus initiatives, providing students with enriching experiences outside of the classroom.

In the 2018-19 academic year, the Parents Fund received vital philanthropic support from more than 400 households. As of April 1, with three months remaining in the fiscal year, we were more than 90 percent of our annual goal of \$275,000 with an average gift of \$486.



Whether it is \$250 or \$25,000, we hope that you will continue to give at the level that works best for you and your family. Your gifts are having, and will continue to have, a profound impact on the lives of Georgia Tech students, now and in the future.



To learn more about the Georgia Tech Parents Fund or to make a gift today, visit www.parents.gatech.edu/parentfund



In addition to grants for student organizations, the Parents Fund supports important initiatives across campus. One of these is the Student Temporary Assistance Resources, or the STAR program.

STAR provides students with vitally important services in times of urgent need. This includes food, clothing, housing, financial assistance, and more. Below are just some of the ways the STAR program is touching the lives of Georgia Tech students.

Klemis Kitchen serves as a food pantry for Georgia Tech students whose financial challenges limit their access to proper nourishment.



The **Campus Closet** provides students with business attire for career fairs and job interviews.

Gowns for Grads furnishes graduation regalia for graduating students who otherwise would not be able to celebrate with their peers at Commencement.



"Because of the generous support we have enjoyed from volunteers and donors, STAR is able to help minimize the negative impact students experience when faced with food insecurity, a crisis housing situation, or a need for funds to cover an emergency expense. Additionally, STAR is able to help students take steps to preclude future financial crises by connecting students to part-time job opportunities, and by partnering with other support services on and off campus."

Steve Fazenbaker, STAR Programs Coordinator

The Parents Fund is the primary source of financial support for several key programs that empower students in their efforts to lead, serve, and succeed. There are countless stories of those who have benefited from opportunities made possible through donors' generosity. Here are just a few of them:



"We were so lucky to be able to work with two amazing homeowners as well as a great and helpful organization, WARM (Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry, an organization helping to rebuild the Wilmington, NC area after recent hurricanes). I am so grateful to have been given the opportunity – it really embodied the Georgia Tech motto of Progress and Service, and reminded me why I love this school and this organization."

Daniella

Alternative Service Break attendee, Winter 2018

"Without the Parents Fund, Pridefest would not have been nearly as successful or wide-reaching. Pride Alliance is extremely grateful for the opportunity to educate and connect Georgia Tech students about LGBTQIA acceptance, which would not have been possible without the Parents Fund."

Kathleen

Pride Alliance, Fall 2018



"Without Parents Fund dollars, we wouldn't have been able to attend the East Coast Asian American Student Union National Conference. I feel like it was one of the most valuable experiences I've had, and I would have missed out on a lot of life lessons and introspection without the funding."

Jeanne

East Coast Asian American Student Union,
Spring 2019



"We are thrilled to do our small part to support the Parents Fund and the programs they sponsor that are of the students, by the students, for the students."

Basu and Sharmistha, Parents Fund Donors, Fall 2018

"The annual American Institute of Chemical Engineers conference provided me with a number of exciting and new opportunities. I learned about polymer work from an industrial perspective and expanded my industrial network for future career opportunities. I gained a historical perspective on flow battery systems for my final thesis project that helped me understand the direction of my future research. I also presented my new research to the battery community and made a new collaboration connection. Overall, this was the most valuable conference I have attended throughout the course of my education, which would not have been possible without the assistance of the Parents Fund."

Krysten, AIChE Annual Meeting Attendee, Fall 2018



"We enjoy giving to the Parents Fund, as the programs the Fund supports enhance the outside-the-classroom experience for Georgia Tech students. Many of the programs supported -- Alternative Service Break, Midnight Breakfast, etc.-- would not otherwise occur if not for the Parents Fund support."

Rob and Laura, Parents Fund Donors, Spring 2019

"The Georgia Tech community benefited from Cure your Cravings in several ways. First, Cure your Cravings allowed China Care to provide a unique cultural experience to the Georgia Tech community. Our event provided authentic Chinese cuisine, which cannot be found anywhere else on campus. Through this, China Care was able to broaden the cultural horizons of the community, and our student performances provided an avenue for other groups and clubs in the Georgia Tech community to showcase their talent and hard work."

Singhei

China Care Club, Spring 2019



Thank you to all of our donors who have given to the 2018-19 Georgia Tech Parents Fund this year. There is still time for your donation to count this year!

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Thank you to all our donors!

With a Family Legacy Endowment, you can create a Georgia Tech legacy for your student.

With a little planning today, you can honor and surprise your student with a graduation gift like no other.

It is called a **Family Legacy Endowment** and it creates a permanent endowment fund, the revenue from which provides income every year in your student's name to the Georgia Tech program most meaningful to them, leaving the principle to grow year after year.

Once established with a minimum commitment over five years, you, your family, or friends may contribute to it at any time. The Georgia Tech Foundation holds and manages the fund. Each year, an income allocation from the endowment will be awarded to the area your student designates, whether it is a student organization, undergraduate scholarship, research lab, or academic program.

For more information about a legacy endowment, contact Emily Takieddine at 404-385-0527 or via email at emily.takkieddine@dev.gatech.edu.



Thank you to the following families that have created Family Legacy Endowments in honor of their students this year:



The Hardt Family
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The Ciaramello Family
The King Family
The Padden Family
The Schaefer Family

Dear Friends,

It's been an incredible year of parent engagement and support, thank you! We are proud to share that we have reached 90 percent of our annual goal and there is still time for you to help! If you have not given, take the time today and visit www.parents.gatech.edu/give to make a gift today!

Consider a Family Legacy Endowment as a graduation gift to your student, and help them make a lasting impact on Georgia Tech year after year!

Your gift to the Parents Fund could also be eligible for your company match. Take a moment and find out today. More information is available at www.gtalumni.org/matchinggifts. Just be sure to designate your gift to the Parents Fund – this is an easy way to make your gift go even further!

To all Georgia Tech parents, we are grateful for your support.
Go Jackets!



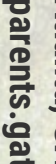
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