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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 & Family Programs staff, we wish you and your student a successful year.

With Yellow Jacket Pride,

Laci Weeden
Director, Parent & Family Programs

Tyler Barker
Coordinator, Parent & Family Programs
GEORGIA TECH PARENTS FUND
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For more information, visit parents.gatech.edu/parentfund
Parent & Family Programs

The goal of Parent & Family Programs—which includes all family members of Georgia Tech students—is to support student success. Parent & Family Programs facilitates two-way communication between parents and the Institute, hosts events such as Family Weekend and Sibs Day, and provides opportunities for parents and families to get involved.

Parent & 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.” We can help you navigate Georgia Tech and assist you and your student with any questions or concerns you may have.

Stay Connected

Good communication with parents is vital to providing the highest quality student experience at Georgia Tech. Parent & 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 & Family Programs and the Institute by subscribing to our electronic monthly newsletter, ParentNews. Visit the Georgia Tech Parent & Family Programs website, 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 each edition of ParentNews and are posted regularly on the Georgia Tech Parent & 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)?
- 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 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.
Conversation Starters

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.
Switching Seats

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.
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 depressing 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.

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**Week of Welcome 2020 – welcomehome.gatech.edu**

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**New Student Convocation**

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The Corq app connects GT Students to engagement opportunities throughout the year.
With over 50 Greek organizations at Tech, approximately 25% of students are members of fraternities and sororities. Excelling with academics, involvement, philanthropy, service, and Yellow Jacket spirit, joining a Greek organization provides friendships that go beyond student’s undergraduate years at Tech. Information about recruitment, our chapters and the Fraternity & Sorority Life staff is available at greek.gatech.edu.
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. From healthy dining choices to on-campus counseling services, healthy lifestyles are a priority at Georgia Tech and are needed to be successful.

**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.

» Anticipate that your student may call home to let off some steam, share worries or sort through situations out loud. Use these moments as opportunities to let them do their own problem-solving by listening, asking questions, and affirming your belief in their decision-making.

» If your student seems to be depressed or anxious, encourage them to talk to a counselor at Counseling Center (counseling.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.

» Encourage your student to check out numerous programs and services at the Campus Recreation Complex (CRC), which is one of the best campus recreational facilities in the country, to keep them active, relieve stress, and meet other students.

» 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 Study Abroad Fair where students can learn about the international opportunities open to them. Remind your student to stop by the Study Abroad Fair on September 29 from 10am-2pm.
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). 2nd year students and above 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

» 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 2021.
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**

» 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 & Family Programs Facebook page for special programming for students not going home. You can also email 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 the Center for Academic Success, which conducts workshops on preparing for exams and offers other academic/tutoring support services on campus.

» 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 Life/VP and Dean of Students Office is a great resource.

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**It’s that time of the year again: flu season.**

Ensure that your student stops by Stamps Health Services for an annual flu shot to keep healthy during the upcoming flu season.

The vaccine is free to students who have paid the health services fee.
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 Exhibition Hall food court.
The best way to get to know your new school is by joining Georgia Tech's largest student organization, the Student Alumni Association (SAA).

The Student Alumni Association strives to enhance the Georgia Tech experience for each student by instilling pride, preparing for success, and building loyalty for the Institute.

Tour local Atlanta Companies such as Coca-Cola, GE, Chick-Fil-A, and more with Jackets on the Job

Network with GT Alumni with Dinner Jackets, Mentor Jackets, and Expert Jacket programs

Build on key skills outside the classroom with the Get Ready with the Real World Events

Learn and participate in Georgia Tech traditions

 Discounts at local businesses like Zocalo, Sweet Hut, and Waffle House
Maximize Your Campus Experience

Housing & Res Life
Build your community.
Find support and connection.
Live with your fellow jackets.

Dining Services
Find a flexible meal plan.
Dine at 28 locations.
Use dietician services.

Stamps Health
Primary health services, pharmacy, immunizations, and more. Enroll in health insurance.

BuzzCard Center
Your key to access campus.
Use your BuzzCard to access meal plans, CRC, and other essential services.

Student Center
Community hub for food, resources, and more, from postal services to student-run events. Modified offerings while under renovation.

Campus Recreation
Cultivate an active and healthy community.
Connect through fitness classes, outdoor adventures, sports, swimming, and more!

Parking & Transportation
Use campus transit to get around, to the airport, or your groceries. Purchase a parking permit.

Bookstore
Get course materials. Technology needs at a discount. Show your colors with Tech spirit gear.

Visit campusservices.gatech.edu for more.
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.
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.

» Encourage your student to speak with their academic advisor if they have concerns about their major.

» Second year students should begin to select a major, refine career options, and begin defining their purpose. Encourage your student to participate in the many employment and graduate school fairs, workshops, and services sponsored by the Center for Career Discovery and Development.

» Second and third year students should seek an internship or co-op in their career field. The Center for Career Discovery and Development can assist your student in this process.

» 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.

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**January 2021 Calendar**

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Don’t forget to register for Family Weekend in February parents.gatech.edu/familyweekend
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.
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 them to visit or attend programs by the Office of Student Diversity Programs, Women’s Resource Center, and LGBTQIA Resource Center. These programs 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, fall, or summer 2021.

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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. ASB’s longest partnership has been with Beaches Habitat for Humanity in Jacksonville, Florida which was the first service break trip offered after ASB formed as a student organization!
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.

» Send care packages complete with snacks, multi-vitamins, and encouraging words before or during mid-terms to give your student a little boost.

» Send a text or email to say hello and let your student know you care and you are there if they need you.

» 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 to learn more.

» March is Women’s Awareness 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.

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- Daylight Savings Time Begins
- Application Deadline for Georgia Tech Lorraine Fall Application
- Mid-Semester Break from Instruction
- Mid-Semester Break from Instruction
- Palm Sunday
- Application Deadline for many Fall Study Abroad Programs
- Last Day to Drop with a “W”
- Inventure Prize Final Round
- St. Patrick’s Day
- Mid-Semester Break from Instruction
- First Day of Spring
- Vernal Equinox
- First Day of Passover
- St. Patrick’s Day

Other important dates include:

- Mid-Semester Break from Instruction
- Mid-Semester Break from Instruction
- Palm Sunday
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.

» 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.

» 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, 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.

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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.
### 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.**

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- **Remind your student to take a minute to say **THANK YOU** to professors, peer leaders, resident advisors, academic advisors, student organizations advisors, and other mentors who helped them this year.**
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 Life/VP and Dean of Students Office is a great resource.

» 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.
Handbook for Georgia Tech Families

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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 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. 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 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.

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.

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-advise

College of Computing
cc.gatech.edu/about/administration/academic

College of Engineering
coe.gatech.edu/undergraduate-academics

Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts
iac.gatech.edu/students/undergraduate/academic_advising

Scheller College of Business
scheller.gatech.edu/programs/undergraduate/academic_advising

College of Sciences
cos.gatech.edu/undergraduate-degree-programs

Degree programs and requirements, course descriptions, and other important academic information are online at catalog.gatech.edu.

Academic 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.

Academic Advising & Transition Programs
All entering students are assigned an academic advisor depending on their declared major at Georgia Tech. Undecided students are assigned an academic advisor within their declared college. 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

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. We are the hub for several programs and activities, including the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, student innovation programs including The Inventure Prize, Living Learning Communities, Summer Session Initiatives and more. For more information, visit 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 or email 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 both fall and spring 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.
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 or call 404-894-4500.

Living Learning Communities
Living Learning Communities are an academic strategy that link academics to on-campus living. 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. 2020-2021 Living Learning Communities include: Explore, 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 llc.gatech.edu or call 404-385-8543.

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 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 pggp.oue.gatech.edu or contact Shannon Dobranski at 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 and compete in the InVenture Prize for cash awards and other prizes. For more information, visit innovation.cae.gatech.edu. Twitter: @InnovatorsGT, Instagram: @InnovatorsGT, Facebook: @GTInnovation

Summer Session Initiatives
Students can take a variety of major and minor classes throughout the summer terms. Summer minor options include Industrial Design, Economics, Spanish, Chinese, French, Earth and Atmospheric Science, Leadership Studies, Linguistics, Middle East and North African Studies, Social Justice, Computing & Intelligence, Sociology, Sustainable Cities, Women, Science, and Technology, and History. There are three summer terms: Maymester, Early Short Summer, Late Short Summer, and Full Summer. For students who are unable to take classes on campus, there are a variety of online options as well. 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 to view a list classes offered in summer. Summer.gatech.edu 404-385-5719 summer@gatech.edu Twitter: @GTSummerSession, Instagram: @GTSummerSession

Tutoring & Academic Support
Academic Support Programs supports students in their academic pursuits with one to one tutoring in over 135 courses, helpdesks for math, physics, chemistry, and computing for engineers, and Peer-Led Undergraduate Study (PLUS). For more information, visit tutoring.gatech.edu or call (404) 894-1945.

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 Undergraduate Research Ambassadors (URA), Spring Symposium, President’s Undergraduate Research Awards and the Research Option. For more information, visit urop.gatech.edu or call (404) 385-8543.
Living on Campus

Georgia Tech Housing
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 buildings are an integral part of campus life. 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 of our residential communities provide residents with a safe neighborhood designed to help them be successful in their studies. 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.

Housing includes
Each student in a traditional or suite style room will have a desk, desk chair, wardrobe, dresser, and extra-long twin bed. Apartments contain all of 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.

What to Bring
Most students bring too much. For a list of what to bring, visit our website, housing.gatech.edu, and 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 receive mail or get packages sent to them via their Campus mailbox which is located in the Exhibition Hall (unless they reside in the Graduate Living Center or Tenth and Home Apartments.) Students can look up their mailbox number using BuzzPort.

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.

For more information visit, housing.gatech.edu or email information@housing.gatech.edu or call 404-894-2470.

Dining on Campus

Georgia Tech Dining Services
The goal of dining services on campus is to deliver experiences that enrich and nourish the lives of students, faculty, and staff that visit dining locations. With options that span from Asian inspired fare to southern cuisine, we are able to serve every guest with a quality dining experience. Dining Services 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 once size fits all. The meal plans were designed with students in mind. 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. Additionally, they offer a catering program available to students, faculty/staff, and large group functions. A student catering guide is available with options created specifically for student events and meetings.

A major focus of empowering students to make healthy lifestyle choices, which is an essential part of Georgia Tech Dining Services’ mission of enriching and nourishing lives. The dining team is constantly finding innovative ways to incorporate healthy options to provide well-rounded menus. There are locations that specialize in allergen-friendly meals and approximately 75% of recipes on the menus feature at least one of the following nutrition highlights: plant forward, whole grain, vegetarian, and vegan to accommodate the dietary needs of all students. Georgia Tech Dining Services features a wide variety of healthy marketing and promotional programs throughout the year that features our health inspired menu selections and encourage healthier choices.

Dining Services has a commitment to local purchasing, sustainable practices, and waste minimization. The focus is to purchase local, seasonal, responsibly raised, grown and sourced
products whenever possible. Our culinary team adapts with the seasons, rotating many of our menu offerings to reflect what is at peak season within our region. Waste minimization is accomplished by reducing, reusing and recycling. Practices have been implemented to conserve natural resources, ensure operational efficiencies and ensure our transportation programs reduce fuel usage and emissions. The dedication to these practices allows Dining Services to serve the Georgia Tech community in an efficient way.

Services for Health and Well-Being

Stamps Health Services

Staying healthy in college can contribute to a student’s academic success, overall well-being, and general 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 health 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. 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). For some students the Student Health Insurance Plan is required, but for most students it is optional. Students are NOT automatically signed up for the Student Health Insurance Plan unless they are required to have it. 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 or 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.

Insurance Cards

All students must bring their health insurance cards to all visits. Referral appointments cannot be made without proper insurance information. For questions about insurance, call 404-894-0633.

Pharmacy 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.

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 and well-being educational programs, events and workshops, nutrition services, sexual violence prevention, education, and response.

Health Initiatives is located on the second floor of Stamps Health Services. Call 404-894-9980 or visit healthinitiatives.gatech.edu for additional information.
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 GT 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.

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.

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 two hundred emergency phones and more than 1900 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/GT公安/ga安全安全报告, includes statistics of crimes on campus. For more information, visit 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.

**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.

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.

**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. 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.

**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/cost-return-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. 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 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 Home Page.

**Georgia Tech Police Department** (404) 894-2500 (Dispatch) police.gatech.edu
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:
Georgia Institute of Technology, Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid
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.

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

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 or call 404-894-2899.

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. Students may view the status of Financial Aid requirements through GT Oscar at finaid.gatech.edu/Oscar.

Students and families should be familiar with financial aid deadlines, to view aid deadlines visit finaid.gatech.edu/application-guide-0. Returning students must also reapply for financial aid each year.

First Year Summer 2020 Students Financial Aid
If your student will start Ga Tech in Summer 2020 and wants to be reviewed for Financial Aid, please view our Summer page to ensure they submit the required documents https://finaid.gatech.edu/summer-lss-disbursements.

Please note, Summer 2020 is in the current 19-20 FAFSA aid year. Fall 2020-Summer 2021 is the 20-21 FAFSA aid year.

Returning students interested in Summer 2020 Financial Aid
If the student has already started at Ga Tech and plans to enroll for Summer 2020 and wants to be reviewed for financial aid, please have them review our Summer page https://finaid.gatech.edu/summer-semester

Financial Aid Office Bill Moore Student Success Center, 3rd floor
Phone: 404-894-4160 Fax: 404-894-7412 finaid.gatech.edu
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.

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 hiring 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
- Assistance in identifying and applying for prestigious fellowships providing funding for undergraduate or graduate study or research in the U.S. and abroad. 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 or call 404-894-2550.

Global 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 beginning in fall 2020 the Georgia Tech–Lorraine campus will charge an out-of-state fee of $6055 to out-of-state students. 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: oie.gatech.edu/study-abroad.

Global Research and Internship Program

The Global Research and Internship Program (GRIP) facilitates overseas work and research experiences for Georgia Tech students. Global Internships are related to a student’s major/career interests and allow them to develop professional skills in a cross-cultural setting. The research and industry work that students take part in are full-time and range from 6 weeks to a full year. The GRIP staff advise students on resume writing, networking and finding finding internships along with facilitating pre-departure preparation and offering support for students while abroad.

For more information, visit oie.gatech.edu/gip.

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 oie.gatech.edu/ip.

International Students & Scholars

Professionals in International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) serve as a resource and advocate for the large and diverse population of international students and scholars at Georgia Tech. International student advisors strive 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 oie.gatech.edu/issss.
Global Leadership Living Learning Community
OIE’s Global Leadership Living Community (GLLLC) is a housing community for 150 first-year Georgia Tech students. In this community, students gain knowledge and skills, equipping them to problem-define and problem-solve in international and global contexts. Students take a project-based course that allows small, rotating teams of GLLLC 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.
For more information, visit: globalleadership.oie.gatech.edu

Georgia Tech is an extremely diverse community, with students, faculty, and staff from a variety of national, regional, ethnic, and religious backgrounds. OIE provides opportunities to interact with this community through activities like International Coffee Hour, International Education Week (IEW), Culture Fest, Georgia International Leadership Conference (GILC), cultural organizations, and many more. Find more information on ways to ‘go global’ while in Atlanta, visit oie.gatech.edu/Go_Global.

- A large percentage of GT undergraduate students (56%) study or intern abroad prior to graduation.
- With 5,248 international 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 or call 404-894-7475.
Student Resources

Divison of Student Life
The Division of Student Life 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 Office of the Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students provides 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 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 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 or call 404-894-7173. Visit 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 or call 404-385-RIDE (7433) or 404-385-PARK (7275).

Student Center
The Mission of the Student Center 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 Student Center building is currently under renovation, but most services are still available in temporary locations in our new facilities. For more information on temporary locations and the future of Student Center facilities, visit 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 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 404-894-2787
Georgia Tech Arts serves as a home for artists, students, and faculty working at the innovative and inspiring intersection of art, science, and technology. Georgia Tech Arts weaves art into the learning and research of students and faculty across the Institute and invites the entire community to join in these encounters. Through a blend of professional performances, exhibitions, installations, residencies, and support for student and faculty ideas, Georgia Tech Arts places art at the epicenter of supporting the Strategic Objectives of the entire Institute. Student tickets are just $10 for the Georgia Tech Arts Series.

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.

Campus Recreation Center
crc.gatech.edu 404-385-PLAY(7529)
The Campus Recreation Center (CRC) promotes well-being and offers a number of programs and activities for Georgia Tech students. The state-of-the-art facility includes a fitness center, basketball courts, pools, outdoor turf fields, and an indoor climbing wall.

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.

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.
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, Welcome Home Month, and Wreck Camp.

Student Alumni Association
gtsaa.com  404-385-7343
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.

Student Diversity Programs
diversityprograms.gatech.edu  404-894-2561
Student Diversity Programs provides an institutionalized approach for meeting the co-curricular needs of students by coordinating and planning educational opportunities that enhance interaction and learning across diverse groups.

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.

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 132-year history of Fraternity and Sorority Life currently represented by 4 councils and 53 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.

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 sending 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 mailboxes are located on the second floor of the Exhibition Hall. Students can find their mailbox number and combination on BuzzPort.

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

Student’s Legal Name
350 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

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Culminating In A Project-Based Capstone Course
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leadership.gatech.edu
Important Dates

**Fall Semester 2020***
- **Saturday–Sunday, August 8-9**: New First Year Students Move-In
- **Saturday–Sunday, August 15-16**: Official Housing Move-In
- **Monday, August 17**: First Day of Class
- **Monday, August 24**: All Fees Due by 4 p.m. EST
- **Monday, September 7**: Official School Holiday–Labor Day
- **Tuesday, November 24**: Residents not living on campus for Spring 2021 must move out by noon
- **Friday, December 11**: Fall Commencement Ceremonies
- **Friday–Saturday, December 11-12**: Spring Commencement Ceremonies

**Spring Semester 2021***
- **Friday, January 1**: New Year’s Day–Campus Closed
- **Sunday, January 10**: Spring Housing Move-In
- **Monday, January 14**: First Day of Class
- **Monday, January 18**: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday–Campus Closed
- **Monday, January 19**: All Fees Due by 4 p.m. EST
- **Thursday–Thursday, April 29-May 6**: Finals Week
- **Friday, May 7**: Residents not living on campus for summer 2021 must move out by noon
- **Friday–Saturday, May 7-8**: Spring Commencement

*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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With Textbook Direct, eligible students may charge up to $1600 per term in allowable course materials to their student account through the first Thursday of classes.

**Here’s How to Activate:**
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Click the ‘Registration-OSCAR’ button
Click the ‘Student Services & Financial Aid’ link
Click the ‘Bookstore Authorization’ link
Select ‘Authorize’ from the drop-down menu and click ‘Submit’

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Education pricing means we give you the best deal on computer hardware. Pick up an iPad, Mac, or a PC, show your Buzz card, and save hundreds!

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