What’s Buzzin’ at Georgia Tech?
Fall 2020 Webinar Series

Parent & Family Programs is offering a new webinar series called "What's Buzzin' at Georgia Tech?" This series will serve as supplemental learning to FASET Parents Orientation for new GT families and will also provide valuable resources to returning GT families. Our goal is to continue to provide relevant and helpful information to support student success at Georgia Tech.

Note: Sessions may be added later throughout the semester.

Tuesday, August 18 at 12:00 pm EST
Welcome to the Yellow Jacket Family
Presented by John Stein, Vice President of Student Life and Brandt-Fritz Dean of Students Chair
Join this webinar to learn more about Georgia Tech and supporting your student as Dean Stein welcomes all of our new and returning Yellow Jacket families. He will discuss the importance of encouraging your students to socialize safely, testing availability on campus, and recommendations to prepare for the first few weeks of class. This session was recorded and can be found by visiting this link:
https://parents.gatech.edu/gt-parent-family-programs-virtual-recordings

Thursday, August 20 at 3:00 pm EST
Campus Safety and Awareness
Presented by Jessica Howard- Sergeant-Community Outreach and Troy Walcott- Administrative Division Captain, Georgia Tech Police Department
Ensuring the safety of our students, faculty and staff is vitally important to us and we want to ensure you are equipped with the tools, knowledge and resources necessary to maintain
safely in and around the Tech community. This session was recorded and can be found and can be found by visiting this link: https://parents.gatech.edu/gt-parent-family-programs-virtual-recordings

Tuesday, August 25 at 12:00 pm EST
Center for Student Engagement
Presented by Quinn Foster (they/them), Director for Student Organizations; Victoria Redmon (she/her), Coordinator for Student Organizations; Sarah Strohmenger (she/her), Director for Civic Engagement
Here’s one of the best kept secrets about all colleges & universities: students who are involved outside of the classroom do better in class, get the most out of college, and are best prepared for life after graduation. Join this conversation to learn about why co-curricular involvement is so important to GT students and how you (or your student) can get involved!
Microsoft Teams Attendee Link: https://bit.ly/3l34Vz4

Wednesday, August 26 at 12:00 pm EST
Finding Community and Getting Involved with the Inclusion, Advocacy, and Support Departments in the Division of Student Life
Presented by Dean Stephanie Ray (she), Director of Student Diversity Programs/Associate Dean; Karen Yiu (she), Program Director, Student Diversity Programs; Dani Lechner (she), Program Coordinator, Women’s Resource Center; Camilla Brewer (she), Program Coordinator, LGBTQIA Resource Center
Does your student have questions about being a person of color at Tech? Are they queer and/or trans and looking for community? Do they want to take a deep dive into gender equity and representation of women in STEM? Then join staff from the LGBTQIA Resource Center, Student Diversity Programs and Women’s Resource Center as they share ways your student can get connected with programming, celebrations and communities that center these experiences.
Microsoft Teams Attendee Link: https://bit.ly/2E5Ahnz

Thursday, August 27 at 3 pm EST
Stamps Health Services
Presented by Dr. Ben Holton, Senior Director, Stamps Student Health Services
Presentation will cover the services offered at Stamps Health Services and review changes that are being made in response to COVID-19.
September

**Tuesday, September 1 at 12:00 pm EST**

**Dining Operations this Semester**

*Presented by Carolina Amero, Senior Director of Auxiliary Services, Scott Willis, Dining Services, and Ryan Greene, Director of Auxiliary Services.* Learn about the changes in dining operations, the many safety precautions Georgia Tech Dining is taking to keep your students safe, and the resources for students who have dietary restrictions.

**Microsoft Teams Attendee Link:** [https://bit.ly/34t6QXG](https://bit.ly/34t6QXG)

**Wednesday, September 2 at 12:00 pm EST**

**Mental Health and Well-Being at Georgia Tech**

*Presented by Dr. Tiffiny Hughes-Troutman, Director, Center for Assessment, Referral and Education (CARE); Caroline Dotts, Associate Director of Healthy Lifestyle Programs, Campus Recreation Center (CRC); Dr. Carla Bradley, Director, Counseling Center; Joi Alexander, Director, Health Initiatives*  
Welcome to Georgia Tech! The Campus Recreation Center (CRC), Center for Assessment, Referral and Education (CARE), Counseling Center, and Health Initiatives are excited to welcome you on campus and to discuss the many opportunities to help you thrive at Georgia Tech. The first year of college and adjusting to college life can be a challenge for many students and their families. Moving from a different state or country, leaving family and important friendships, living on your own and challenging classes can all take a toll on our mental health and well-being. Fortunately, there is great support on campus. In this panel we will discuss the benefits of self-care and seeking well-being and mental health services on campus to succeed at Georgia Tech academically and mentally. You will also meet members of our collective mental health team. We look forward to seeing you there!


**Thursday, September 3 at 3:00 pm EST**

**Author Talk with Marjorie Savage - You’re on Your Own (But I’m Here if You Need Me): Mentoring your child during the college years.**

Marjorie will discuss the new and revised 3rd edition of her book for parents of college students, *You’re on Your Own (But I’m Here if You Need Me): Mentoring your child during the college years.* The event will be moderated by Laci Weeden, Director of Parent & Family Programs. Please join Laci and Marjorie as they share advice and ideas for supporting your student’s and your family’s experience, both on campus and at home, during this year of transition and change in higher education.
Marjorie Savage is an Education Specialist in the University of Minnesota’s Department Family Social Science. She has worked with college parents and families for more than 25 years and has been recognized nationally and internationally for her writing, speaking, and research on the relationships between students and families during the college years.

Microsoft Teams Attendee Link: https://bit.ly/3iMppda

Tuesday, September 8 at 12:00 pm EST
Understanding Housing During a Pandemic
Presented by Dr. Jenny Cotton, Executive Director of Housing & Residence Life; Dr. Sheree Gibson, Director of Residence Life; Chris Taylor, Senior Director Housing & Residence Life Facilities; Ryan Greene, Director of Auxiliary Services and Interim Associate Director of Housing Administration
The Department of Housing and Residence Life has made significant changes in the way they support residents during this time. Learn about the changes for this fall and how your student can get the most out of their residential experience.
Microsoft Teams Attendee Link: https://bit.ly/2YtpCua

Welcome to the Georgia Tech Library
Presented by Jason Wright, Communications Manager, Georgia Tech Library
Tour the brand new Georgia Tech Library with public events Librarian Catherine Manci. She’ll walk you through the recently renovated and reimagined Library Next, including Price Gilbert Memorial Library and seven-story Crosland Tower. Tour highlights include spacious, naturally lit reading rooms, the Data Viz and retroTECH labs, Multimedia Zone, Faculty Research Area, and Scholars’ Event Network, including a black box theater. After the tour Library staff will be on hand to answer any questions about the space or the steps we’re taking to fight the spread of COVID-19.
Microsoft Teams Attendee Link: https://bit.ly/2Q2TCbS

Tuesday, September 15 at 12:00 pm EST
Thinking Holistically about your Student Success
Presented by Stephanie Aluko, Exploratory Advisor, Undergraduate Advising & Transition and Beatriz Rodriguez, Assistant Director, Academic Coaching & Success Programs, Undergraduate Advising & Transition
The Undergraduate Advising & Transition unit provides respectful, responsive, and informed support for students to identify and achieve their academic and professional goals. The support ranges from services like Academic Coaching to Exploratory Advising. Exploratory Advising helps students explore all of the programs offered at Georgia Tech to
create a degree plan that matches their interests and career goals. Academic Coaching works with students to enhance the learning process and to acquire study strategies that maximizes academic performance. In this webinar, families will learn how these two services support students while at Georgia Tech.


**Wednesday, September 16 at 12:00 pm EST**

**Office of Disability Services: An Overview of Services Available**  
*Presented by Annie Jannarone, Assistant Dean of Students/Director and Sarah O'Shea, Disability Services Coordinator*

Many students experience health concerns that could impact their academic pursuits. Students may not realize that their situation could rise to the level of disability accommodations, but many will, particularly in light of COVID-19. In this webinar, students and families can learn more about services available, what accommodations are, and how to register with the Office.


**Thursday, September 17 at 3:00 pm EST**

**Tutoring & Academic Support**  
*Presented by Dr. Linda Green, Director, Tutoring and Academic Support, Office of Undergraduate Education*

Join this webinar to hear from the Tutoring and Academic Support team and the resources available to ensure your student’s success. We support undergraduate students in achieving their academic goals with individual and group study sessions that foster self-regulated learning, enhance academic skills, and promote student well-being. 1-to-1 Tutoring is available to all students and covers over seventy different courses at primarily the 1000- and 2000-levels. We also offer group study with PLUS (Peer-Led Undergraduate Study) sessions which build course knowledge and skills in a relaxed, collaborative environment. All of our services are free for all Georgia Tech students!


**Tuesday, September 22 at 12:00 pm EST**

**Tech Talks with Dean Stein**  
*Presented by John Stein, Vice President of Student Life and Brandt-Fritz Dean of Students Chair*

Join this webinar with Dean Stein to learn about the current campus community and hot topics. A Q&A chat session will be available at the end of his session.

**Wednesday, September 23 at 12:00 pm EST**

**Academic Engagement Programs at Georgia Tech**

*Presented by Chris Reaves, Executive Director of Academic Engagement Programs; Recha Reid, Interim Assistant Director of Student Innovation and Undergraduate Research; Allyson Tant, Program and Operations Manager for Academic Engagement Programs; Christina Wan, Assistant Director of Summer Sessions Initiative; Kari White, Associate Director Academic Engagement Programs*

Join us for this combined session from GT’s Academic Engagement Programs, which includes Student Innovation Programs, the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP), iGniTe Summer Launch Program and Living Learning Communities. The session will explain how students (and parents) can be involved in the various programs offered, as well as explain the work of these programs on campus.


**Thursday, September 24 at 12:00 pm EST**

**Hazing Prevention Webinar: Understanding Hazing and Student Safety**

*Presented by Fraternity and Sorority Life*

Georgia Tech Fraternity and Sorority Life knows that parents and guardians are an important part of helping us end the cycle of hazing. We want to make sure that you feel equipped with the tools and resources to help us address hazing. We would like to invite you to participate in our Hazing Prevention Webinar: Understanding Hazing and Student Safety which will take place during National Hazing Prevention Week.

We invite parents and families to participate in a 45 minute webinar where we discuss signs of hazing, ways to report hazing, and how to discuss hazing with your student. We hope that parents and families leave the webinar more informed and confident in address issues of hazing. **Microsoft Teams Attendee Link:** [https://bit.ly/31gEDkL](https://bit.ly/31gEDkL)

**Thursday, September 24 at 3:00 pm EST**

**Georgia Tech Arts**

*Presented by Kelly Pierce (she/her), Marketing Manager and Elizabeth Geiger (she/her), Marketing Specialist for Georgia Tech Arts*

The mission of Georgia Tech Arts is to embed creative experiences into the lives and learning of Georgia Tech students, the broader campus community, and the greater Atlanta region. Students can attend an event, collaborate with their peers and visiting artists, and share their creativity. Find out about the opportunities that await your students, and enjoy videos of some of the world-
renowned artists with whom we’ll be collaborating. **Microsoft Teams Attendee Link:**

**Tuesday, September 29 12:00 pm EST**

**Going Global With Georgia Tech**
*Presented by Ashlee Toomey-Flinn, Education Abroad Scholarships Advisor and Cassy McInnis, Exchange Advisor*

Here at Georgia Tech, having an international experience is an important tradition that helps students to develop into good global citizens, hone their academic and professional skills, and prepare to work in a global economy. During this session, we’ll discuss how to get started with studying and interning abroad, what types of programs are available, address finances, and also provide updates to programming in light of COVID-19. We’re excited to engage with you and hope that your student will take part in these high impact programs!

**Microsoft Teams Attendee Link:** [https://bit.ly/3iP3DFR](https://bit.ly/3iP3DFR)

**Wednesday, September 30 at 12:00 pm EST**

**Supporting First-Year and Second-Year Student Success @ Georgia Tech**
*Presented by Dr. Steven Girardot, Associate Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education (moderator); Mr. John Stein, Vice President of Student Life and Brandt-Fritz Dean of Students Chair; Dr. Beth Spencer, Director of Undergraduate Academic Advising; Dr. Carrie Shepler, Director of Instructional Activities and Student Experience, School of Chemistry and Biochemistry; Dr. Ed Greco, Academic Professional, School of Physics; Dr. Enid Steinbart, Director of Advising and Assessment, School of Mathematics; Ms. Monica Sweat, Director, Division of Computing Instruction, College of Computing*

The first two years at Tech establish the foundation for a successful undergraduate experience. This panel will include faculty and administrators from the Office of Undergraduate Education, Division of Student Life, College of Sciences, and College of Computing who will share insights and strategies for succeeding (and thriving) during this important period. Panelists will also highlight resources that help support student success.

**Microsoft Teams Attendee Link:** [https://bit.ly/3iQPLL9](https://bit.ly/3iQPLL9)

**October**

**Thursday, October 1 at 3:00 pm EST**

**Georgia Tech-Lorraine Information Session**
*Presented by Allie Crain, Outreach Coordinator, Georgia Tech-Lorraine*

Did you know that your student can spend a semester taking courses at Georgia Tech-Lorraine, Tech's campus in France? Tune in to learn more about this opportunity!

Wednesday, October 7 at 12:00 pm EST
Campus Center Project Update
Presented by Dr. Lindsay Bryant, Sr. Director and Kate Curnow, Communications
An update on the Campus Center Project - We are now in phase II of construction, so many critical services are in temporary homes while the Student Center is renovated. See our new Phase I buildings and get a sneak peek at the new Student Center facility.
Microsoft Teams Attendee Link: https://bit.ly/3iOsABe

Week of October 14 – Homecoming Week

Tuesday, October 13 at 12:00 pm EST
Georgia Tech History & Traditions
Presented by Janet Kinard, Vice President of Engagement, Georgia Tech Alumni Association, TE 97, MS ME 99
Delve into the world of Georgia Tech's past. Learn our history high points and how many of our beloved traditions began. Georgia Tech students and alumni rally around our traditions new and old, and they provide an important point of connection. Join us so you’ll be able to name all the wild animals that have roamed campus, when Buzz made his first appearance, and how the Ramblin' Wreck came to be. Microsoft Teams Attendee Link: https://bit.ly/2FG3iqP

Wednesday, October 14 at 12:00 pm EST
Expand Your Professional Network Now By Connecting with the Georgia Tech Alumni Community
Presented by Emily Laurence, Student Organizations Coordinator and Abbey Callahan, Senior Manager Student and New Alumni Engagement
The Georgia Tech Alumni Network is 165,000+ strong and the Alumni Association is here to provide resources and support. But what do they do to support current students? The Student Alumni Association connects students to alumni through mentoring, alumni presentations, and networking sessions. Learn about how we can connect your student to this large network of alumni who are willing to support them during their time at and after Tech. Microsoft Teams Attendee Link: https://bit.ly/3g9AIdZ
Week of October 19 – GT Family Appreciation Week

Tuesday, October 20 at 12:00 pm EST
Tech Talks with Dean Stein
Presented by John Stein, Vice President of Student Life and Brandt-Fritz Dean of Students Chair
Join this webinar with Dean Stein to learn about the current campus community and hot topics. A Q&A chat session will be available at the end of his session.
Microsoft Teams Attendee Link: https://bit.ly/34bPLRO

Thursday, October 22 at 3:00 pm EST
Multi-generational Family Philanthropy at Tech and Beyond
Presenter(s) and Titles of Presenters Emily Takieddine, Director of Development for Parent Giving and Student Life and Will McKenna, Parent Fund Coordinator
From Tech’s Parent Fund to the Family Legacy Endowment, now is the time to talk to and involve your children in family philanthropy, whether you give away $100 or a million dollars each year. This session will give you an overview of philanthropy at Tech, focusing on the Parents Fund, and discuss the Family Legacy Endowment, the ultimate graduation gift for your Tech student, one which will last a lifetime.
Microsoft Teams Attendee Link: https://bit.ly/3g7od2x

More programming will be added later for GT Family Appreciation Week! We LOVE our GT families!

Wednesday, October 28 at 6:00 pm EST
Student Leader Panel
Presented by Parent & Family Programs and Student Leaders
Hosted by Parent & Family Programs, student leaders from the Division of Student Life will share their GT experiences, tips, and suggestions to support your students.
Microsoft Teams Attendee Link: https://bit.ly/3aQTaah
November

Wednesday, November 11 at 12:00 pm EST
Georgia Tech Career Center
Presented by Michael Laughter, Educational Outreach Manager, Career Center
The Georgia Tech Career Center helps students from all majors not only get work, but also find out how work works. We'll share the resources and opportunities in this session that students will have from their first day here at Tech. We can help you launch and sustain a satisfying and successful career, so you'll want to join us to find out how.
Microsoft Teams Attendee Link: https://bit.ly/3l5VXRE

Tuesday, November 17 at 12:00 pm EST
Tech Talks with Dean Stein
Presented by John Stein, Vice President of Student Life and Brandt-Fritz Dean of Students Chair
Join this webinar with Dean Stein to learn about the current campus community and hot topics. A Q&A chat session will be available at the end of his session.
Microsoft Teams Attendee Link: https://bit.ly/3hcVKcJ